

ADDENDUM 2

Item No: 1

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Application type: full planning application

Location: Hadrian Yard A B And C Hadrian Way Wallsend Tyne And Wear

Proposal: Erection of a new workshop building (55m x 270m x 41m) at Yard C to accommodate welding and fabrication activities (Re-Submission to amend windows)

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RECOMMENDATION: Application Permitted

INFORMATION

The following information has been received from the applicant responding to issues raised during consultation:

Jobs and Employment

The workforce at Hadrian Yard varies weekly depending on the specific project being undertaken and the current project stage. There are currently around 450 people working within Hadrian Yard, which is a mix of payroll workers, agency workers and local contractors. Smulders anticipate a further 100 extra workers will be needed for contracts beginning in 2024.

Since last year, 80 new employees have been hired on payroll. There are also currently 45 payroll vacancies still open.

It is worth noting that Smulders have recently completed a significant contract in support of the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm. Smulders fabricated offshore transformer modules which will collect power from the wind farm's 60 turbines, located in the Moray Firth.

Lighting

Following comments received from neighbouring residents regarding lighting from Hadrian Yard, Smulders have set timers on the external lights to come on at 6:30am and to turn off by 5:00pm in line with the current shift start and end times. The lights have been fitted with sensors to ensure they turn off automatically when there is sufficient ambient light so in reality they are currently only on for a short amount of time as there is sufficient ambient lighting during the rest of the day to keep them off. Additionally, Smulders plan to rotate the existing external lights further downwards to further reduce the impact.

Smulders have commissioned a lighting study (required by Condition 17 of the existing Planning Permission). It is anticipated that this will be finalised and submitted by the end of January 2024. A Lighting Management Plan will also be provided in accordance with the additional conditions proposed by the Planning Officer.

Hard Surfacing Works/ Dust

As set out in the submitted cover letter, works in relation to the provision of hard surfacing within the wider site have also been on ongoing since May 2023. These works have been undertaken in accordance with Schedule 2, Part 7, Class J of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. However, for completeness, Smulders have agreed to submit a separate application in respect of these works.

It is acknowledged that a prolonged spell of dry weather earlier in the year (May/ June) in combination with the ongoing groundworks resulted in dust emanating from the site. Whilst Smulders made efforts to minimise the impact of the dust by spraying water and keeping the construction site damp, the dry weather inevitably resulted in dust becoming airborne. The hard surfacing works will significantly reduce any future dust emissions from the site.

At present, about 60% of the land has been tarmacked (see picture below).



A separate application for the hard surfacing works is currently in preparation and will be submitted to the Council by the end of January 2024.

Noise

The Production Team have been instructed that the acoustic door at the western elevation must remain closed during fabrication works in accordance with existing conditions. Smulders have confirmed that this requirement is now being adhered to. A Noise Validation Survey is due to be undertaken by the end of November 2023 and a report submitted by the end of January 2024.