

DELEGATED PLANNING APPLICATION REPORT

Ward: Coley

App Ref: 230441/CLP

Address: Site to the East of, Admirals Court, Reading, RG1 6SW

Proposals: Proposed new air quality monitoring station

Case Officer: Sian Hickey

Date received (valid from): 4 April 2023 **Target Decision date:** 5th July 2023 (ext)

Introduction and Proposal

The application site is a grass verge parallel to Rygor (8-9 Rose Kiln Lane, Reading), positioned behind the road barrier. The application site is not listed, nor is it located within a conservation area. The surrounding area is residential and commercial.

The proposal is for a new air quality monitoring station to be installed on the grass verge behind the existing road barrier. The monitoring station will form part of the UK-wide Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN). The cabinet housing has dimensions of 1.5m x 0.65m x 1.5m (l x d x h), therefore would have a footprint of 0.975m² and a volume of 1.463m³. The housing is to be sited on a 150mm deep concrete plinth of dimensions 1.62m x 0.8m.

Plans Submitted

The agent supplied the following plan/documents received 4th April 2023:

Proposed Plans titled PR5 Air Quality Monitoring Enclosure

Location Plan at scale 1:1250

Location Plan at scale 1:75

Proposed Block Plan at scale 1:75

Proposed Block Plan at scale 1:500

Access Site Plan at scale 1:150

Supporting letter dated 20/09/2022

Photograph

Relevant Planning History

None

Summary of Consultations

No consultations are required for an application of this type. However, RBC Environmental Health were consulted on the proposal and confirmed their involvement with the site and have raised no concerns.

Relevant Planning Policy and Guidance

National Planning Practice Guidance.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO).

Assessment

A Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development has been submitted as the applicant considers the proposal falls within permitted development rights.

The proposal must be assessed to ensure that it complies with the conditions of Class A, Part 19 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, which relates to 'general development by the Crown.

The relevant conditions of the GPDO for a proposed air quality monitoring station are as follows:

A. The erection or construction and the maintenance, improvement or other alteration by or on behalf of the Crown of—

(a) any small ancillary building, works or equipment on Crown land required for operational purposes; **N/A**

(b) lamp standards, information kiosks, passenger shelters, shelters and seats, telephone boxes, fire alarms, drinking fountains, refuse bins or baskets, barriers for the control of people and vehicles, and similar structures or works required in connection with the operational purposes of the Crown. **COMPLIES**

Interpretation of Class A

A.1 The reference in Class A to any small ancillary building, works or equipment is a reference to any ancillary building, works or equipment not exceeding 4 metres in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity, **COMPLIES**

Recommendation

Evidence has been provided to demonstrate that a Certificate of Lawfulness should be granted for the proposed air quality monitoring station.

The proposal has been assessed against the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Class A, Part 19 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. It can be confirmed that the proposed operation would be lawful for planning purposes on the basis of the plans and documents received 4th April 2023:

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Therefore the Local Planning Authority can issue the applicant with a Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development.



Location Plan (not to scale)