

Environmental Management Programme (EMP)

Site Address: Daisy Barn, Treacle Lane, Rushden, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 0SL
Planning Reference: 25/01598/DOC

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1. Introduction

This Environmental Management Programme sets out the measures that will be implemented during construction to avoid, minimise, or mitigate adverse impacts on the local environment and community. It complements the Construction Method Statement and will be adhered to by all contractors and sub-contractors working on site.

2. Objectives

- To minimise disruption to neighbouring residents
- To prevent pollution of air, soil, and water
- To manage construction waste responsibly
- To ensure compliance with planning conditions and best practice (BS 5228:1997 and relevant guidance)
- To protect biodiversity and heritage where relevant

3. Key Environmental Aspects and Controls

3.1 Noise & Vibration

- Compliance with BS 5228:1997
- Plant fitted with silencers and well maintained
- No idling of engines
- Restricted working hours
- Vibration monitored near sensitive structures

3.2 Dust & Air Quality

- Damping down and spraying during dry weather
- Sheeting of lorries transporting loose materials
- Stockpiles covered or dampened
- Wheel washing facilities at the site exit

3.3 Water Management

- No discharge of contaminated water into drains or watercourses
- Spill kits provided on site
- Surface water managed with temporary drainage and silt traps

3.4 Soil & Contamination

- Stripped topsoil stored separately and reused where possible
- Unexpected contamination reported immediately

3.5 Waste Management

- Segregated skips for recyclable, non-recyclable, and hazardous waste
- Licensed carriers for off-site disposal
- Monthly waste transfer notes maintained

3.6 Traffic & Access

- Access routes agreed with Local Planning Authority
- Signage erected to guide construction traffic
- On-site parking provided for workforce
- Deliveries restricted to agreed hours

3.7 Ecology & Biodiversity

- Works timed to avoid bird nesting season where possible
- Tree/hedgerow protection measures
- Minimal use of external lighting to reduce wildlife impacts

3.8 Community Liaison

- Site Manager contact details displayed

- Advance notice of major activities provided to residents
- Complaints log maintained and reviewed weekly

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- Site Manager: Overall responsibility for EMP implementation
- Environmental Officer (if appointed): Monitoring compliance and reporting incidents
- Contractors/Sub-contractors: Compliance with EMP requirements

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- Weekly site inspections covering noise, dust, waste, and housekeeping
- Records kept of wheel washing, deliveries, and waste transfer
- Incidents reported to the Local Planning Authority within 24 hours

6. Review and Updates

- EMP will be reviewed monthly by the Site Manager
- Updates agreed with the Local Planning Authority if required