

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: PLANNING CONTROL AND CONSERVATION Henry Thomas	From: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Alan Stone Ext 4108
	Date: 16 th February 2026
Our Ref: 6574/26	Your : 26/00219/FP Ref:
Subject: Full Planning Permission: Erection of two storey church following demolition of existing single storey church and creation of pedestrian access. Evangelistic Church , York Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5HJ	

Comments:

Thank you for consulting Environmental Protection on this application.

Whilst I do not have too many concerns over this proposal given the location, there appears to be a large number of air source heat pumps on the rear elevation. Looking at the elevational drawings and block plans, these appear to be of differing sizes.

I can see no information in relation to these units. Please can we obtain such information?

In addition to obtaining this information, I would make the following comments.

Contaminated Land:

The Environmental Protection and Housing Team would have no objections to the proposed development in relation to land contamination.

However, I would recommend the following condition.

Land Contamination condition

In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development, it shall be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment shall then be undertaken by a competent person, in accordance with BS10175:2011. A written report of the findings should be forwarded for approval to the Local Planning Authority. Following completion of remedial measures a verification report shall be prepared that demonstrates the effectiveness of the remediation carried out. No part of the development should be occupied until all remedial and validation works are approved in writing.

Reason: To protect human health and to ensure that no future investigation is required under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Local Air Quality:

North Herts Council have specific air quality planning guidance that can be found at <http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/pollution/air-quality/air-quality-and-planning>

Application of the guidance to a development of this scale and location defines the site as being a MINOR scale development and so the following condition is recommended to ensure that appropriate local air quality mitigation is provided. As set out on the plans, we would look to secure the two EV charging points.

Regards
Alan Stone