

North York Moors Railway

Application for Carriage Care facilities in Pickering. Planning ref 17/01281/MFUL

Environmental Statement – Noise management

BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1 The NYMR wants only to be a good neighbour and will work in partnership to minimise any inconvenience to others.
- 2 The project and its operation have been designed to:
 - a. separate noise sources from sensitive receptors (key neighbours) primarily through care in the design and positioning of activities
 - b. control any identified noise at source through appropriate choice of equipment and process
 - c. where possible, reduce noise impact from current operations by taking them under cover, (although current carriage maintenance and workshop operations have not given rise to complaints from Undercliffe residents in recent years).
 - d. ensure consultation channels are in place should key neighbours have concerns regarding noise or similar environmental issues.
- 3 The carriage care buildings, the stable and repair facilities, have been positioned as far as practically possible to provide the greatest possible distances between the development and the nearest residential property. The respective minimum distances from the nearest residential property boundary measured at the development western boundary are 45 metres to the carriage stable building and 71 metres to the repair facility. A landscaped wetland area occupies much of the intervening space.
- 4 The access road and the entrance bridge over the Pickering Beck is designed for cars and light vehicles. For materials deliveries vehicle access will be limited to medium sized HGV's. There will be no access to the site for larger and articulated HGV's. Materials deliveries will be limited to normal working hours.

CARRIAGE STABLE

Carriage cleaning, fitness to run inspections and light maintenance.

Normal working hours within the carriage stable facility will be 07.00 – 18.00. The routine examinations and light maintenance work envisaged to take place within the carriage stable is currently undertaken in the open air directly opposite existing residential properties in Undercliffe, Pickering. Transfer of this work to Trout Farm will reduce this activity in front of Nos 2 to 31 Undercliffe.

Work activities within the carriage stable are not expected to generate significant sound detectable beyond the site western boundary. The primary activities to be undertaken within the carriage stable are:-

- **Stabling**
Passive use involving no activity, soundless – will create a barrier between key neighbours and to the east the existing sound of passing trains and road traffic from the Undercliffe / New Bridge Road.
- **Inspection and Examination**

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The buildings are basically of traditional construction and the foundations will be mass or reinforced concrete. It is not envisaged that any of the works will be of unreasonably noisy nature, for instance, no piling works are envisaged.

Most major deliveries of materials or removal of spoil will be undertaken by rail, reducing lorry movement onto and off the site.

The Contractor will be required to adopt noise minimisation best practice at all times as prescribed in BS 5228-1:2009.

The contractor will be required to liaise with key neighbours regarding any noise or environmental issues likely to arise during construction.