

Air Quality Statement

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Local Policy

The Manchester Core Strategy (2012), makes reference to air quality throughout the document and includes a specific policy, EN 16 'Air Quality', which states the following: The Council will seek to improve the air quality within Manchester, and particularly within Air Quality Management Areas, located along Manchester's principal traffic routes and at Manchester Airport. Developers will be expected to take measures to minimise and mitigate the local impact of emissions from traffic generated by the development, as well as emissions created by the use of the development itself, including from Combined Heat and Power and biomass plant. When assessing the appropriateness of locations for new development the Council will consider the impacts on air quality, alongside other plan objectives. This includes cumulative impacts, particularly in Air Quality Management Areas.

Whilst this policy seeks to improve air quality within Manchester's AQMA it also applies across the District in order to assist air quality across Manchester remaining at acceptable levels. It should be noted that other policies within the Core Strategy will guide the location of development in order to reduce the need for private transport and encourage the use of decentralised and renewable energy and green infrastructure to reduce both emissions and their impact still further.

Policy DM 1 'Development Management' also includes a reference to air quality, stating that all development should have regard to effects on amenity, including air quality.

Proposed Development

The proposed development is a change of use from industrial and storage to a climbing centre as indicated in Planning Application reference 123326/FO/2019

Construction and Demolition

The extent of demolition and construction works externally is limited to works inside the existing industrial unit and formation of a concrete base at the side of the building. This base is for the cycle storage and waste storage in Euro Bins.

There are no changes proposed to provide mechanical ventilation and extraction. The existing space heating system shall be retained.

The contractors shall be instructed to carry out no burning of waste on site.

Travel

As part of the Transport Plan a Travel Plan shall be created that highlights the alternative means of transport such as cycling and public transport available in the locality for employees and the public / customers using the facility.

There is no increase in the provision of car parking on site.

The use of Heavy Goods Vehicles will reduce in comparison to the original industrial storage use of the site.