

Port Talbot Steelworks: Highline Deconstruction

Revised Deconstruction Method Statement: Supplementary Information

February 2023

Introduction

1. This Briefing Note has been prepared by Turley on behalf of Tata Steel UK Ltd. It follows the Prior Notification for Demolition application (ref: P2021/0498) at Port Talbot Steelworks. It relates to the deconstruction of the highline conveyor structure, comprising gallery girders and associated infrastructure.
2. This Briefing Note sets out the additional information requested by the Council regarding a revised method of demolition in May 2021.

Additional Information

3. The below summarises the additional information requested from the Council on 11 May 2021 (see Appendix A). We trust that this, to be read in conjunction with the submitted Deconstruction Method Statement, is sufficient to grant prior approval for the deconstruction. It is important to note that any such works are carried out in accordance with wider CDM and Environmental Permit requirements in place for the Steelworks site.

Contact Details

4. Tata Steel will be accountable for air quality and dust on the site and its boundary. The Structural Site Manager and Environmental Manager will be informed of any environmental issues through Tata Switch Board. The contact details of the site manager will be displayed around the site.
5. If community members have any environmental concerns involving Tata Steel, they can contact the free helpline on 0800 138 6560, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are also able to submit an online form, which is available [here](#).

Head Office Contact Information

6. The Head Office for Tata Steel in the UK is based in London. The contact details will be displayed around the site. Please see the contact details below:
 - Address: 18 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7HS
 - Phone number: 02077 174444
 - Email: feedback@tatasteelurope.com

Recording Dust and Air Quality Complaints

7. Tata Steel will record all dust and air quality complaints and take appropriate measures to reduce emissions in a timely manner. Tata Steel has three ways of receiving and logging complaints, from Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Tata Steel online portal and the Community Support Helpline.
8. All complaints are logged in the TSPUK system. These are investigated thoroughly through established internal processes, and measures are implemented to prevent occurrences. Tata Steel record the measures that are implemented to prevent air / noise issues.

Availability of Complaints Log to the LPA

9. All complaints are logged on the database and are made available to the Local Authority, when requested.

Recording Exceptional Incidents

10. Tata Steel will record any exceptional incidents that cause dust or air emissions, either on or off-site. Action will be taken to resolve the incident and logged accordingly.
11. In the event any exceptional instances happen, an Environmental Incidents Form (EIF) will be raised, investigated, and addressed. The internal environmental incident database is used to capture all on-site incidents.

Daily Inspections

12. Tata Steel will complete inspections and audits, as per CDM documentation. The Air Quality Management Plan is approved by the regulator (NRW). Tata Steel have a continuous PM10 system on the site boundary. As soon as this is triggered, project work will be stopped.

Construction Working Hours

13. Deconstruction operations will be limited to 08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri, 08:00-13:00 Saturday, and no deconstruction operations will take place on Sundays and Public Holidays, without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.
14. If activities are conducted outside of these hours (in agreement with the Council), the local community will be informed via social media channels. NRW and the Community Support Helpline will also be informed.

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Appendix A: Requirement for prior approval P2021/0498

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED
DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995
SCHEDULE 2, PART 31:-**

DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED

Name and address of the applicant

**Tata Steel UK Limited
C/o Agent**

Name and address of the agent

**Miss Jadine Havill
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DATE REGISTERED: 11 May 2021

APPLICATION NO: P2021/0498

LOCATION: Port Talbot Steelworks , Grange Road, Margam, SA13 2NG

PROPOSAL: Prior notification for the demolition of the highline conveyor structure comprising gallery girders and associated infrastructure.

THE NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY IN PURSUANCE OF ITS POWER UNDER THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACT AND ORDER HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE METHOD OF DEMOLITION AND PROPOSED RESTORATION OF THE SITE IS REQUIRED.

Conditions

1 That prior approval of the authority is required to secure a revised method of demolition to include:

1. Display the name and contact details of person(s) accountable for air quality and dust issues on the site boundary. This may be the environment manager/engineer or the site manager.
2. Display the head or regional office contact information
3. Record all dust and air quality complaints, identify cause(s), take appropriate measures to reduce emissions in a timely manner, and record the measures taken.
4. Make the complaints log available to the local authority when asked.

5. Record any exceptional incidents that cause dust and/or air emissions, either on or off-site, and the action taken to resolve the situation in the log book.
6. Undertake daily on-site and off-site inspection, where receptors (including roads) are nearby, to monitor dust, record inspection results, and make the log available to the local authority when asked.

The following should also be adopted in relation to noise from the demolition:

Demolition & construction operations shall be limited to 08:00-18:00 Mon-Fri, 08:00-13:00 Saturday, and no demolition & construction operations shall take place on Sunday and Public Holidays without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority

The reason for the above is to protect the amenity of the locality, especially for people living and/or working nearby, in accordance with Local Planning Policy.

Signed: 

Ceri Morris – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 7 June 2021

NOTES TO DEVELOPER:

(1) It is recommended that if bats are discovered during demolition works, work should stop immediately. CCW should be contacted as a WG licence may be required to continue. Bats are European protected species and are afforded protection under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

(2) It is recommended that vegetation clearance or works to buildings with nesting birds should avoid the bird breeding season 1st March to 31st July inclusive in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

(3) Please note that any works carried out without compliance with the conditions attached to this approval will be entirely at the risk of the persons involved and may result in formal action being taken by the Local Planning Authority.