

## **Appendix 6c: Anchorsholme Park Planning Application**

### **Response to issues raised by local residents.**

#### **Pumps above ground**

UU have always identified that there would be control buildings and other facilities above ground, and the previous approved application has such a building. The detailed design has identified an optimum solution with the pump motors above ground, located within an extended building but with a much reduced area of hardstanding. The vast majority of the pump (which are approx 12m long) is below ground. The location, form and finish of the building has been approved in the previous application. The revised building has adopted the finishes and form.

Noise modelling detailed in the Environmental Statement has demonstrated that levels will be acceptable.

The existing station which is wholly underground presents significant health and safety issues which cannot be accommodated within today's design and workplace standards.

#### **Ground levels**

There has always been an intention to re contour the park the ground levels have been raised generally in the order of 0.5 to 1m, with an isolated area up to 2m, to provide interest features and to support the amphitheatre and provide shape around the MUGA. This is considered to benefit the appearance of the existing relatively flat park.

There are a number of comments regarding the mounding and the potential for anti-social behaviour but we note the Police observations that "Natural surveillance is considered within the landscaping plan to ensure that no areas are concealed from view as planting gets established, to deter crime and anti-social behaviour."

#### **Bowling Club location**

The bowling club location was approved in the initial application, and is unchanged. The demolition of the bowls club and maintenance building was necessary to provide working space for the construction of the pumping station. The location was agreed with BBC to achieve proximity of the bowling club to the one remaining green, and to integrate the maintenance building into single building.

#### **The Amphitheatre**

The amphitheatre has been promoted by BBC to provide a facility for outdoor events. It reflects similar arrangements in other parks. The timing and nature of events will be managed by BBC.

### **Fencing around the Pumping Station Compound**

We have proposed 1.5m high fencing in the application but note the concerns raised by the Police. We can adopt 1.8m if that is deemed acceptable. Details can be approved under planning condition.

### **Decommissioned Structures**

The 2 existing vent stacks on the promenade serve the main tunnel and will be required on completion of the project. They were incorrectly identified for decommissioning in the ES.

It is our intention to abandon the existing pumping station within the period 2020 to 2025, which would allow the access building to be removed and the land returned to the Park.