

3-5 New Street, Salisbury SP1 2PH

Planning Application for Material Change of Use

Air Quality Assessment

Introduction

Wiltshire Council has designated the area of Salisbury city centre within the ring road as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

The Strategic planning Core Policy on Air quality states

Core Policy 55

Air quality

Development proposals, which by virtue of their scale, nature or location are likely to exacerbate existing areas of poor air quality, will need to demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate emission levels in order to protect public health, environmental quality, and amenity. Mitigation measures should demonstrate how they will make a positive contribution to the aims of the Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire and where relevant, the Wiltshire Air Quality Action Plan. Mitigation may include:

- i. landscaping, bunding or separation to increase distance from highways and junctions
- ii. possible traffic management or highway improvements to be agreed with the local authority
- iii. abatement technology and incorporating site layout/separation and other conditions in site planning
- iv. traffic routing, site management, site layout and phasing
- v. where appropriate, contributions will be sought toward the mitigation of the impact a development may have on levels of air pollutants.

Assessment

This proposal involves no alterations to the property, no increase in its size and no actual change of use; it remains in the existing residential use, simply being split in two, as it already is physically.

It is, therefore, considered that it does not fall within the requirement of Core Policy 55, being unlikely to exacerbate existing poor air quality.