

UPDATE REPORT

**BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
READING BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: 10th October 2018**

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Ward: Abbey

Application No.: 181606/DEM

Address: Central Swimming Pool, Battle Street, Reading, RG1 7NU

Proposal: Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of Central Swimming Pool down to ground level.

Recommendation:

As in main report.

1. **Public consultation response** (Further to paragraph 4.7 of the main report)
 - 1.1 An observation has been received on 10/10/18 from an occupier of Bishops Court, to the south of the site, summarised as follows:
 - Concerned about the potential the demolition of such a significant building may have on the amenity of the local area.
 - Expect to see a detailed Method Statement and Risk Assessment outlining how the demolition works are going to be undertaken and what mitigation measures will be put in place to keep noise and vibration impact down to an absolute minimum.
 - All measures should also be included in a Section 61 agreement between the developer and the Council under the Control of Pollution Act 1974.
 - 1.2 Officer response: As per the main report (sections 4i, 4ii & 6v in particular) the amenity of nearby occupiers is considered to be protected during the demolition works. A detailed risk assessment, method statement and traffic management plan has been submitted and considered satisfactory by specialist officers, with the various measures stipulated by the applicant being required to be complied with via recommended condition 2.
 - 1.3 Although no Section 61 prior consent application under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 has been received by colleagues in the Environmental Protection team, this is not a statutory requirement. Moreover, this is separate legislation from the planning process and, if required, can be managed by this separate legislation in the future. Furthermore, as already mentioned from a planning perspective, the various measures the applicant has committed to will also be required to be complied with via recommended condition 2.

Case Officer: Jonathan Markwell