

Joseph,

Apologies, I think that we may have signed off our case without actually communicating a response. I can confirm that our Commercial team has reviewed the location and considers that fugitive odour emissions will not cause any significant issues. My amenity/nuisance focussed colleagues have reviewed the case and logged a 'no adverse comments' action without any detailed notes.

From my perspective, whilst a nail bar will handle potentially contaminating materials, quantities are very small, and they are not contaminants until they have been inappropriately/accidentally released in significant quantity. From an air quality/health (exposure to pollutants) perspective, there may in principle be some detriment for nearby residents in terms of an additional small contribution to their background exposures, but this will not be sufficient to justify an objection. In practice, this is a commercial use which would fall within the anticipated range for a retail unit, and a material objection would only arise in respect of a new exposure of unusual magnitude, or via a pathway which transmits emissions to a specific nearby receptor in a very directed way. This is not likely to be the case for this application.

No objections arise on commercial/pollution/amenity grounds. I note the public objection to need (/market saturation), but this would of course be a policy matter falling outside the remit of Environmental Health. It suffices to say that the aggregation is not considered likely to have a material impact on background exposures for local residents when considered against statutory limits, albeit that it is acknowledged that harms might occur in aggregate that UK legislation currently judges to be negligible (in contrast to WHO advice).

I trust that this meets with your requirements – again, my apologies for the delayed communication.

Best Regards,

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