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DM/26/0781

Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/04/2026 1:28 PM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/26/0781
Address:	Unit A1, A2 And A3 Consort Way Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9TJ
Proposal:	Proposal change of use from E(G) to E(D) to allow for the creation of a new Padel Tennis Centre within the recently completed building.
Case Officer:	Joanne Fisher

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Comments Details

Comments:	I have reviewed the submitted Desktop Noise Impact Assessment by Acoustic South East, Ref J4188 and dated 25 March 2026. The proposed development comprises a commercial leisure use within an established industrial estate, with the potential for impulsive noise sources associated with paddle tennis activity (e.g. ball impacts and player vocalisation). In such circumstances, I would ordinarily consider BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 the most appropriate standard for the assessment of noise impact at nearby residential receptors. The submitted assessment instead relies on World Health Organisation community noise guidance and Sport England Artificial Grass Pitch guidance. It is noted that these documents are not specifically intended for the assessment of noise from indoor
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commercial leisure uses, and they do not provide a direct comparison with background noise levels in the manner set out in BS 4142.

However, the predicted noise levels presented within the assessment are so low as to suggest it would be unnecessary to request any further data. The nearest residential receptors are located at distances of approximately 120 m to 335 m from the site and are separated from the proposed use by multiple intervening commercial and industrial buildings. The predicted external sound pressure levels at residential façades from the proposed are exceptionally low, with value of 7 dB LAeq (free-field) at the highest. Even allowing for reasonable uncertainty within the modelling assumptions, such levels would be well below typical background noise levels within an industrial context and are unlikely to be perceptible or give rise to an adverse impact on residential amenity.

In light of the very low predicted noise levels, the separation distances involved, and the established industrial nature of the surrounding area, I do not consider it reasonable or proportionate in this instance to require additional background noise monitoring or a full BS 4142 assessment. On this basis, Environmental Health is satisfied that the proposed use would not result in unacceptable noise impact, and I have no objection to the application.

Kind regards