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DM/26/1498

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 23/06/2026 11:10 AM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/26/1498
Address:	21 Victoria Gardens Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9NB
Proposal:	Variation of Condition 2 pursuant to planning permission DM/25/3134 (retrospective planning application for change of use from Use Class B2 (general industrial) to Use Class B8 (storage and distribution), relating to hours of use'.
Case Officer:	Andrew Clarke

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Comments Details

	I have reviewed the submitted Noise Impact Assessment by Acoustic South East, Ref: J4186, dated 07/05/2026.
	The report is well prepared and applies BS4142:2014+A1:2019 appropriately.
Comments:	However, I am concerned that Lamax's have not been considered, particularly given the very close proximity of dwellings immediately adjacent to the site, and the proposed extension of operating times to nighttime hours. The assessment relies on BS4142 rating levels, which are appropriate for assessing overall noise impact. However, it does not consider the maximum noise from multiple individual events (LAmx). This is particularly important given the proposed

operation from 04:00 hours, when residents are likely to be asleep. In such circumstances, I would ask that consideration be given to max noise levels in accordance with BS8233, as these are more closely linked to sleep disturbance than averaged noise levels.

In this case, while drivers will not unload, and reversing alarms will be disabled, vehicle movements will still give rise not only to engine noise, but also to associated short-duration activities such as doors closing, engine start-up, engine idling, and driver activity within the yard, such as talking. These events are likely to be experienced as distinct and perceptible noise peaks at nearby dwellings. Whilst the application of on-time corrections within the assessment is technically correct, it has the effect of averaging these events over a longer period and does not reflect how they will be perceived in practice at sensitive times of night.

Given this, the report as submitted does not demonstrate whether the maximum noise levels associated with these activities have been considered at the nearest residential receptors, or whether they are acceptable in the context of sleep disturbance.

I would request that the applicant's acoustic consultant give further consideration to maximum noise levels (LA_{max}) at the nearest receptors, in line with BS8233, so that the potential for sleep disturbance during the early morning period can be appropriately assessed before a final position is reached.

Kind regards