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DM/25/1581

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 11/07/2025 9:41 AM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/1581
Address:	Burgess Hill Transfer Station And Civic Amenity Site Fairbridge Way Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 8AR
Proposal:	Installation of a fire suppression and prevention system
Case Officer:	Peter Davies

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Comments Details

Comments:	I have reviewed the submitted Noise Impact Assessment prepared by SLR Consulting Ltd, dated 4 June 2025, in support of the proposed installation of a Helios Fire Suppression System at the Burgess Hill Household Waste Recycling Centre.
	The report appropriately excludes assessment of noise impacts during emergency activation of the fire suppression system. This is considered acceptable and justified. In the event of a fire, the protection of life and property would take precedence over any short-term noise concerns, and as such, emergency use scenarios do not require further acoustic evaluation.
	The assessment focuses on routine testing and maintenance operations, which are the only regular noise-generating activities associated with the system. These include weekly pump station testing, wet tests, occasional water infill, and generator testing. All such activities are scheduled during daytime hours.

The methodology applied in the report is robust and consistent with BS 4142. It includes appropriate time corrections for short-duration events, screening corrections for topography and building mass, and consideration of contextual factors such as the existing industrial and commercial noise climate. The cumulative specific sound levels at the nearest noise-sensitive receptors are predicted to be below or comparable to background levels, indicating a low impact. Given the time correction for the event, I would make it clear that the testing may be audible at times, particularly during quieter periods, however the predicted levels are not expected to result in adverse effects. The short duration and infrequency of the events reduce the likelihood of disturbance.

Environmental Health is satisfied that the assessment demonstrates a low impact and that the proposed development is unlikely to result in adverse noise impacts on nearby sensitive receptors. There is no objection to the proposal on noise grounds. It is noted that the submitted report explicitly states that testing of the fire suppression system should only take place during daytime hours, and in fact recommends that such testing be limited to between 07:00 and 19:00. Therefore, it is considered appropriate that a planning condition be attached to ensure these hours are maintained for routine testing, as follows:

1. No routine testing of the Fire Suppression System or any associated components shall take place before 07:00 or after 19:00 on any day.
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Kind regards