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DM/25/1114

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 13/01/2026 3:22 PM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/1114
Address:	Hambrook School Marle Place 171 Leylands Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 8HY
Proposal:	Part retrospective application for the proposed installation of play equipment and boundary fence as well as a retrospective timber framed summer house (Amended plans and noise assessment received 26.11.2025 and 04.12.2025).
Case Officer:	Stefan Galyas

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Comments Details

Comments:	I have reviewed the submitted noise impact assessment - rev2, ref: WA/0525/NA-828-rev2, prepared by Walnut Acoustics, dated 25th November 2025 in support of the above planning application.
	The assessment concludes that noise levels from the proposed use will remain below relevant thresholds for both external and internal residential amenity, with low observed adverse effects expected at the nearest noise-sensitive receptors. The conclusions are based on a worst-case scenario of 10 students using the area simultaneously, with a mix of normal and raised voices.
	I would make it clear that the assessment relies on operational constraints (e.g., maximum group size, hours of use) that are not currently enforceable unless secured by planning condition.

Additionally, the existing 2.4m boundary fence is assumed to provide 10 dB attenuation. This is a reasonable estimate, though the report makes it clear that the actual performance may vary depending on fence condition, and therefore the fence will need to be maintained. In a similar vein, the report notes that poorly maintained equipment could generate tonal or impulsive noise (e.g., squeaks, metal-on-metal contact), which may be more disturbing than continuous noise. Therefore, the equipment will also need to be maintained.

Based on the report, I would raise no objection to the proposed development, subject to the following conditions being secured through planning:

1. The rear garden play area shall only be used between the hours of 09:00 and 15:00, Monday to Friday
 2. No more than 10 students shall use the play area at any one time
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Kind regards