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Sent: 04 September 2026 15:30:48 UTC+01:00
To: "Hamish Evans" <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Hi Hamish

The difficulty I have with this request is that the applicant has provided a noise impact assessment report and this includes recommendations to reduce the noise impact on those closest residents to within acceptable levels. The proposed solution has not been assessed by a qualified acoustician and the calculations in the email below are not reliable. This is because the product data for the acoustic barrier indicate a sound reduction index and not a real-world sound transmission reduction. This is why acoustic reports are so important. I would recommend that the proposed solution is put through the same modelling by a suitably qualified acoustician, such as the author of the original report, so that the actual benefit of acoustic screen can be quantified.

I also note that the original report was based upon practice session timings of 17:30 to 20:30. The proposed hours of use has been noted in Steven Lewis's email of 27/07/2026 as 9:00am to 9:00pm from April to October. This slight increase in the evening is accepted.

Regards

Adam

From: ross.tad1412 <ross.tad1412@gmail.com>
Sent: 27 August 2026 16:57
To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>; H Collins <howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Hi Hamish

I have left a message on your voicemail in an attempt to explain this so if you get chance tonight please could you call me. I won't be around tomorrow but do please call Howard on 07837 504231 instead.

The weights are the website on not in the correct order so the relevant weights are as below. I have confirmed this with Elite this afternoon

Single 5.5kg
Budget 6.3kg
Full 13kg

None of these will achieve the 4kg/m² but this is the reason why we had to look for lightweight options, because no cricket net structure will support the 4kg/m² weight. We had to find something to meet the noise reduction requirements without the weight.

I have focused on the noise impact tables (tables 7.3 & 8.2 on the original acoustics report) and ensuring that we would not be significantly adding to the ambient noise levels. This is surely the point to all of this, keeping the noise levels down for our local residents.

The 3 products all offer significant reductions in db levels. The highest reduction being the single blanket which has a 43db reduction. The target level was 50db which leaves a noise level of 7db, which is equivalent to an adult breathing.

We opted for the full blanket, simply for the practicalities of taking it up and down at start and end of season as requested by the parish council. It offers a 37db reduction leaving a noise level of 13db. Google describes this as equivalent to leaves rustling!

I hope this explains why we believe we have met and gone beyond the requirements of cancelling potential noise from the nets.

Kind Regards
Ross

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>

Date: 27/08/2026 14:59 (GMT+00:00)

To: "ross.tad1412" <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>, H Collins
<howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>

Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Dear Ross,

Apologies, it is the one that is named Budget Single Blanket. The Noise Impact Assessment at 8.1 states that 'To maintain sufficient acoustic performance, the barrier should have a minimum surface mass of 4 kg/m².' From the information you have submitted it appears that the budget single blanket at 1.2m L x 2m H and 13kg so would be the only one to comply with that requirement in the Noise Impact Centre. I have assumed that the budget single blanket is 13kg from the weight description. I have

attached the acoustic protection summary that you provided. By my calculations the single blanket and full blanket options don't provide the recommended minimum surface mass.

I hope the above is clear.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Hamish Evans

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From: ross.tad1412 <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>

Sent: 27 August 2026 12:24

To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>; H Collins

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Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Hi Hamish

Bit confused here. We cannot see a budget full cover option from the website we sent you. The options are as follows

Single

Single H10

Full

Full HT

Budget Single

Could you confirm where you are seeing a budget full cover option?

We are happy to use any of these options!

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----- Original message -----

From: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>

Date: 27/08/2026 11:19 (GMT+00:00)

To: "ross.tad1412" <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>, H Collins
<howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Dear Ross,

Thank you for the below. From the information you have provided it appears you are proposing the full cover, however it appears that the only option that complies with the noise assessment is the budget full cover option. Please could you confirm which option is proposed and amend the submitted information accordingly?

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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From: ross.tad1412 <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>
Sent: 21 August 2026 14:25
To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>; H Collins
<howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Thanks Hamish. We haven't submitted an amended noise assessment as we now meet the requirements of the original. Hopefully not necessary for anything further.

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Date: 21/08/2026 11:22 (GMT+00:00)
To: "ross.tad1412" <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>, H Collins
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Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Dear Ross,

Thank you for the below email. I have sent it on to our Environmental Protection team. I don't believe an amended noise assessment has been submitted and have asked the EP team whether they think this is necessary.

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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From: ross.tad1412 <ross.tad1412@gmail.com>
Sent: 19 August 2026 19:06
To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>; H Collins <howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Apologies, document didn't attach on the original mail

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "ross.tad1412" <ross.tad1412@gmail.com>
Date: 19/08/2026 19:01 (GMT+00:00)
To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>, H Collins <howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Hi Hamish

Will this give you the required level of detail? I have attached details of the product we propose to use and indicated where on the net system they will be in place.

Please let me know if you require anything further

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Date: 18/08/2026 09:17 (GMT+00:00)
To: H Collins <howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>, "ross.tad1412" <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>
Subject: RE: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Dear Howard,

Thank you for the below. Please could you provide the details as separate documents and show them on proposed plans, that way I can upload them to the planning file.

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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From: H Collins <howardanthonycollins@gmail.com>
Sent: 13 August 2026 13:27
To: Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Cc: Steven Lewis <steven.m.lewis78@gmail.com>; ross.tad1412 <ross.tad1412@googlemail.com>
Subject: KHCC noise mitigation solution

Dear Hamish,

We have identified an alternative noise proofing solution [here](#) and would appreciate your thoughts (and/or Environmental Health's) so we can proceed by August 28 to address this final issue. Thanks.

For context, the green barriers are 2 metres high by 3.6 metres wide and would hang between the net and the safety fencing, to be put up at the start of the season (end of April) until early September.

We are also consulting the Parish Council for their views and will keep all parties posted on opinions and developments.

Please advise any and all next steps or outstanding issues for us to resolve to bring this to a close by your 28/8 deadline.

Thanks for all your help along the way.

Regards

Howard
KHCC

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