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To: "Andrew Horrell" <Andrew.Horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Consultee Comments for Planning Application DM/26/0872

Andrew

Thanks for the additional information.

Drive-through and delivery noise

The updated report has addressed the issue of maximum noise events from scooters and provides a contextual assessment of likely impacts.

I still have some concerns regarding internal LA_{max} levels and potential sleep disturbance, and I do not feel that these have been addressed – however, the limited number of predicted events and the comparison with the existing noise climate does suggest that significant adverse effects seem unlikely.

On this basis, I am not raising an objection, but if you are minded to approve the application, consideration should be given to a complaints triggered condition as a backstop should problems arise:

If noise complaints are received by the Local Planning Authority relating to night-time operations (23:00–07:00) associated with the use hereby approved, the operator shall, at the written request of the Local Planning Authority, undertake a noise assessment to identify the source and level of noise arising from the development. The assessment shall include measurement of maximum noise levels (LA_{max}) at the nearest noise-sensitive receptors and shall be carried out in accordance with a methodology to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. Where the assessment identifies that noise from the development is causing adverse impact at nearby receptors, a scheme of mitigation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved mitigation shall thereafter be implemented and retained.

I don't think that this condition would duplicate stat nuisance provisions, as it would operate inside the planning regime to safeguard residential amenity by addressing specific LA_{max} noise events associated with the development, rather than relying on the higher threshold of stat nuisance, and the intention is to provide a proportionate mechanism to investigate and mitigate potential impacts before they escalate to nuisance level.

Car door slams

"Regarding the EHO's comments on door slamming nearest to the resident's windows, am I right in understanding that the EHO is requesting the 5 parking spaces on the

image below to be coned off during nighttime hours? Or are they referring to the 2 disabled parking spaces fronting London Road?"

I was referring to the applicant's last response, in which they stated:

2) The second consideration is that the 42dB level for door slams is only valid for **the parking space nearest to the resident's windows (26m)**. If we moved a couple of parking spots farther away from the residential property, we would be at the 38m range, where door slam LAmax level would be around 38dB. There are other parking positions where the building is screening towards the resident property, so even lower levels would be expected. So again, conditions are highly variable and unpredictable, but if we considered the absolutely (and highly unlikely) scenario of all customers parking at **that nearest parking position**, it will still be within the guidance limits and target levels. Taken as a combined point the concerns expressed are not founded. Regards the table – could the reference be clarified. If it relates to the predicted numbers this is the stores estimate of the number of customers expected, but these are combined with the observed numbers of customer movements made on site during our survey and we use that as the basis of the prediction.

They seem to be saying that only one parking space is close to the 45dB level, so I am asking if that can be coned off at night to prevent its use. If they can provide a description/plan of the space they are referring to, we could use a simple condition to address this.

Happy to discuss any of this.

Regards

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Nick,

Following your comments in relation to the above application (McDonalds East Grinstead) I have received the attached amended noise report from the agent.

Kind regards,

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