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Subject: DM/26/1771 - Land Off Scamps Hill Scaynes Hill Road Lindfield

Dear Jane,

Hope you're doing well.

As the Case Officer (Katherine William) is currently on leave, we thought it would be helpful to respond directly to the comments regarding the Environmental Noise Assessment. We trust the below clarifies the points raised and assists with providing the formal consultee response.

Please see below the responses from the noise consultant:

1. Can the applicants please explain the statement made in section 10.4.1.
Perception is important context to consider, and it not defined by a fixed threshold. In this situation the future residents are new, and the sources are existing. In general, it is expected that there is an element of choice by potential residents to move to this location, compared to other quieter locations away from industrial noise sources. This typically *reduces the negative perception* of, and level of annoyance caused by, the existing sources. This may amount to a level of acceptance by future residents, and therefore a compromise in noise may be made. The opposite effect is more likely when a new source is introduced close to an existing resident, where a negatively driven increase in perceived noise may be caused by the introduction of new, potentially unwanted, sources.

2. The BS4142 assessment in section 10 was made without monitoring sound levels from the industrial estate as the commercial sound sources were not operating at the time of the survey. An attended survey was attempted on 12 January but wasn't possible due to heavy rain and noise from a pump truck on Lewes Road. The BS 4142 assessment was therefore done by making assumptions regarding the models of external plant present, activity on site and the operating hours of some of the businesses. The assessment has assumed that there will be no nighttime activity on site and information regarding some of the businesses was not considered to be relevant and so was not included in the assessment.

The BS4142 assessment has been made using model predictions based on experience with similar items of plant, the survey technician's observations, and the unattended data.

Please also refer to 10.4.6.

"The results in Figure 6 (road traffic noise only) highlight that the location of the survey Monitor Position 3 (Figure 4) falls into the 55-60dB range, values which are higher than the sound pressure measurements at that location. This is an indication that road traffic noise is dominant and highlights contextually there was little noise generating activity on the enterprise park. This is in line with the survey technician's observations."

In addition monitor position 3 overlooks the enterprise park where the night-time sound pressure levels are significantly reduced compared to the daytime, and generally correlate well

over time with the night-time data from other positions which is demonstrated in the level-over-time graphs presented in the appendix. This also indicates there is no significant night-time activity specific to the enterprise park during the night-time. Note these are also the worst-case periods for each position (excluding adverse weather).

The Council would normally expect noise from an industrial site to be monitored continuously over a week to allow daytime and nighttime noise and the potential impact on future residents to be properly assessed. It is worth noting that in the past noise complaints regarding the industrial estate have been received from current residents in the area.

Please see comment regarding reference time periods used in BS4142.

3. Road noise from Scamps Hill was monitored 7-10 January, but the area was adversely affected by a storm and so data from 9 and 10 January was excluded from the assessment. This information together with data from the industrial site was used to generate a noise model to show how future residents will be affected. I feel that this model is not representative as the data used is rather limited as discussed above. I would welcome the acoustic consultant's comments regarding the points made about noise from the industrial site and from the road. Despite the adverse weather, the data used in the assessment covers a 24-hour weekday period as a minimum which is typically sufficient for categorisation of sources. With regard to the industrial sources, the typical reference time period for assessment in BS4142 is 1-hour during the daytime and 15 minutes during the night-time.

4. The report notes that to meet acceptable internal noise levels, windows to homes may need to remain closed. There are several references to the need for good acoustic design at this site however an Acoustic Design Statement has not been provided. Please will you raise this with the applicant.

23448-1 (dated 29th January 2026) provides an initial assessment and design information to be used as an acoustic design statement.

5. I also note that each home will be provided with an ASHP and that noise from these units has not been taken into account in the acoustic report. Please can you bring this to the attention of the applicant.

If considered necessary, a suitably worded condition could secure further assessment of ASHP.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

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