

Stefan Galyas

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Attachments: Re: Hurstwood Sports Group - Ref: DM/25/1185; DM.25.1185 St Francis Padel -vs 2.docx

Hi Stefan,

As discussed, the comments made in the attached email from the applicant have already been considered in my comments to you dated 20 November 2025 (also attached).

I addressed the issues raised with current guidance available to assess noise from sport in my comments, together with the views of a planning inspector made in June 2025 relating to an appeal regarding a similar application: Appeal Ref: APP/X1735/W/25/3359465. The inspector noted the differences in noise produced by the different sports and questioned the value of the Sport England guidance when assessing noise from padel. They also concluded that the nature of noise from tennis and padel was “discernibly different” and therefore not “sufficiently comparable”. The arguments are laid out in more detail in my previous comments together with justification for requesting a BS4142 assessment citing Technical Note for BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 produced by the Association of Noise Consultants:

noise from ‘recreational activities’ can be assessed using BS4142 if the sound is ‘broadly commercial’

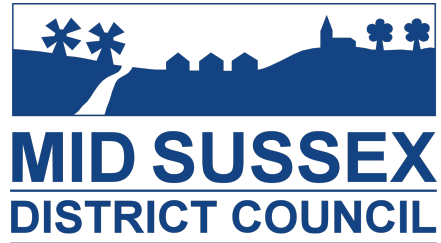
The applicant has provided information relating to a different proposal further away from the development site currently under consideration but has declined to provide a BS 4142 assessment. I would like to make the following addition points to support my request for a BS4142 assessment for this development:

- LAeq and LMax modelling alone does not reflect the perceptual impact of hundreds of impact events per hour. LMax only captures the single highest peak and cannot replace a proper character assessment as undertaken by BS4142.
- Much of the applicant’s justification focuses on internal noise levels and glazing performance, but the primary planning concern is outdoor amenity and façade impact, which BS4142 directly addresses.
- The cited Reigate and Banstead Borough Council application (where there is a railway line between the proposed courts and residential dwellings) does not set a precedent. Many authorities are now asking for BS4142-style assessments for padel because it is the only tool that deals with impulsive noise in a structured way.
- Without BS4142, the assessment omits character corrections entirely, leaving a gap in understanding how intrusive the padel impacts may be during extended daytime use.
- A short, proportionate BS4142-style assessment is reasonable and would provide the missing evidence on impulsivity, intermittency and audibility, none of which are adequately covered by the applicant’s existing material.

The applicant has slightly reduced the hours of operation for the site applied for but without the further information requested I cannot comment further.

Kind regards,

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