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Subject: Re: Whitemans Green co-op West Sussex
Attachments: ACE Plant Housing.png

Hi Andrew,

apologies for the late response on the below, I have been on holiday and then speaking with the refrigeration contractors to get some further information.

Speaking with them, they are now going with a different acoustic housing, please see attached. This isn't noted in the noise report but please see below for the response from the acoustic engineers;

"Thanks for your call the other day and for the email below. Following our review of the NSL acoustic report, our assessment resulted in criteria of 45 dBA during the daytime and 35 dBA at night which are 4 dBA and 5 dBA higher than the respective criteria from NSL. Our proposed mitigation has therefore been designed to achieve the levels that we have identified as suitable rather than the unnecessarily low levels in NSL's report.

I have reviewed the local authority's planning portal and found a pending decision for 'New plant in rear yard within new ACE acoustic enclosure'. The associated documents include a Plant Noise Guidance report so, unfortunately, the Council have been provided with this. In order to reduce the likelihood of protracted negotiations I recommend that we contact the Council either directly or via the planning consultant, to advise them of the situation and we provide a more appropriate Acoustic Impact Assessment shortly."

Please can you review the above and let me know your thoughts?

Kind Regards

Steve

From: Andrew Horrell <Andrew.Horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 August 2025 15:45
To: Steve Norton <Steve.Norton@db3group.com>
Subject: RE: Whitemans Green co-op West Sussex

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To Mr Norton,

DM/25/1794 – Co-operative, Whitemans Green, Cuckfield - New plant in rear yard within new ACE acoustic enclosure. Construct new single storey flat roof extension. New Steel security door. New ventilation. New external LED lighting to replace existing. Shop front repairs and decorations. New car park repairs and walkways

Many thanks for the updated existing plans from earlier today that was much appreciated.

As you may have noticed our environmental health team have commented on the proposal.

They have stated the following:

“The acoustic report submitted isn’t complete. I recommend that the applicant either submits a full report demonstrating that the new plant will not have a significant impact on residents, or that they accept a condition setting an acceptable noise level from the plant that will need to be discharged before the development can be brought into use. Post completion testing will be required to discharge the condition.

With regard to the external lighting to be provided, please can the applicant provide further details. What I am trying to establish is whether or not any residents in the immediate locality will be affected by the proposed lighting. I would normally consider a location like this to be an E2 zone as specified in the ILP guidance note for the reduction of obtrusive light, however I understand Cuckfield is within an AONB and is therefore an E1 zone. I would like to know the predicted illuminance (in lux), in the vertical plane at the windows of any dwellings in the vicinity that might be affected by the proposed lighting so that I can assess the impact”.

If these details can be provided that would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Hi Andrew,

apologies for the delay in responding as I have been on holiday. The existing plan has been updated to remove the 'proposed' notes.

The works that form part of the new application is the new extension and new replacement external plant.

Kind Regards

Steve

From: Andrew Horrell <Andrew.Horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
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I am in receipt of the above new application.

I am getting in touch because our environmental health team have been in touch and they are not clear on what they are commenting on in relation to the submitted floor plans as the existing plans which I attach states for example 'new chiller, new freezer' etc.

If this could be cleared up that be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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