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Subject: RE: DM/26/1941

Hiya,

Sorry I thought I'd sent it:

The application proposes the installation of an air source heat pump to the side of the property.

The submitted MCS 020 assessment predicts a sound pressure level of 39 dB(A) at the nearest neighbouring habitable room window. This marginally exceeds the 37 dB(A) criterion used for permitted development purposes and consequently planning permission is required. The exceedance is limited to approximately 2 dB(A).

I note that the site is located adjacent to the A272 Bolney Road, which is the dominant source of environmental noise in the locality.

Reference has been made to the England Noise and Air Quality Viewer published by Extrium on behalf of Defra, which indicates strategic road traffic noise levels at the side and rear of the site of approximately 60-65 dB LAeq during the daytime and 50-55 dB LAeq during the night-time period. These levels are substantially greater than the predicted sound level from the proposed heat pump.

In the context of these existing noise levels, I consider that the marginal exceedance of the MCS criterion would not, in this instance, indicate a significant adverse impact on neighbouring residential amenity.

Accordingly, I do not object to the proposal.

Thanks,

Ollie

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Ols,

Peter Davies in planning is awaiting a response for the above, is this one of yours?

Thanks,

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