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Consultee comments

Dear Sir/Madam,

A consultee has commented on a Planning Application. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 19/09/2025 2:47 PM from Oliver Benson on behalf of Environmental Protection.

Application Summary

Reference:	DM/25/1546
Address:	13 Beaconsfield Close Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 9AT
Proposal:	New windows and doors to be added to existing warehouse. (Updated Plans recieved 16.09.2025 with further details on windows and doors)
Case Officer:	Peter Davies

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Comments Details

Comments:	Following confirmation from the applicant that all new glazing will be Pilkington Optiphon, with a Weighted Sound Reduction Index (Rw) of at least 42 dB, the proposed changes to the building envelope have been reassessed from an environmental health perspective.
	The development involves the removal of one existing door and a large roller shutter, and the addition of eight new windows, four roof lights, and two new doors. Based on estimated acoustic values for the existing building fabric and the roller shutter, the changes are expected to result in either a slight net gain or slight net loss in overall sound insulation. However, neither outcome is considered acoustically significant in terms of actual change of noise breakout.
	Roller shutters are understood to be a weak point acoustically, and its removal, even taking into account an increase in glazed area, is

likely to maintain or slightly improve the building's overall acoustic performance, given the proposed use of high-performance glazing, particularly where windows and roof lights are unopenable.

While acoustic modelling could provide more definitive data, it is not considered necessary or proportionate in this case given that the sound reduction change offered by the building is highly unlikely to be significant, provided the glazing the applicant has suggested is installed. A condition securing the acoustic specification of the new elements is therefore recommended.

Recommendation: Approve with the following condition:

All new windows and roof lights shall be unopenable and shall achieve a minimum Weighted Sound Reduction Index (Rw) of 42 dB. All new doors shall also achieve a minimum Rw of 42 dB.

Kind regards