

Steven King

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Sent: 05 February 2025 14:51
To: Steven King
Subject: Fwd: Tower Close/Whittaker House, East Grinstead

Hi Steven,
Please see below the response from Jalal at Katasonica.
As I had hoped, this has no adverse impact on the acoustics of the property, in particular Flat 1.
I trust that this and my earlier email is sufficient to answer your concerns?
Thanks and Regards
Jim

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Hi Jalal
Wow! A fantastic fast and comprehensive reply!
Many thanks indeed.
Cheers
Jim

[REDACTED]

Hi Jim,

I am well, thank you. I trust you are well as well.

As you expect, it is simply not a problem. Please see response below:

The fencing onto 24 Moat Road isn't a concern for sound reduction from road traffic noise sources because there are already multiple boundary fences and/or walls between the amenity area of Flat 1 and Tower Close road to the North, and they are generally expected to be maintained by their respective owners. The South facing boundary (onto Norton House car park) is the important aspect to be considered in terms of noise which is addressed below.

The photos of the external amenity boundary for Flat 1 on the drawing No. TOC-395 dated 08-11-2024, generally show a 1800mm high close-boarded timber fence enclosing the external amenity area and there is no form of gap or hole in the fencing, which is expected to have the same sound reduction (which is conservatively 10 dB) as a brick wall boundary (timber cladding would not add or remove any sound reduction performance) as both types of boundary are expected to have a minimum surface density of 10 kg/m².

A conservative 10 dB noise reduction provided by the boundary wall and/or fence has been taken into account in our Acoustic Design Statements (See Table 15.3 (Facade ID 3) and Table 15.4 with reference to KataSoniKa Report Timestamp: 30 April 2024 08:53:00 BST & See Table 14.3 (Facade ID 3) and Table 14.4 with reference to KataSoniKa Report Timestamp: 26 March 2024 12:08:00 GMT) for the external noise levels outside the facade of Flat 1 and external amenity area of Flat 1, so, both Acoustic Design Statements are still fully relevant and valid.

Regards,

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Sent: 05 February 2025 09:34

[REDACTED]
Subject: Tower Close/Whittaker House, East Grinstead

Hi Jalal,

I trust this finds you well?

Could you please help out with a comment on the following matter?

I recently submitted an improved drawing to the planning officer for the boundary treatments in order to discharge the last planning condition for this project.

He has picked up on the fact that the original drawing showed a brick wall to the full perimeter of the garden area outside Flat 1. The as built situation is slightly different as the brick wall only extends half way down one elevation of the garden area and the other two elevation plus the remainder of the part brick wall side have been enclosed with an 1800mm high timber fence. This can be seen on the attached drawing which has actual photos of the site within it.

The planning officer has asked whether this change in the boundary material will have an adverse effect on the acoustic assessment for Flat 1.

I know that you took measurements on site when the building was in place and at that time the boundary which is now a fence was a rough hedge and no brick wall. I expect that the fence will provide a similar acoustic barrier to the hedge and that you will therefore be able to provide a simple "not a problem" type reply to this, without having to carry out any further investigation or assessment work but please let me know if it is a problem and if so what can be done to address it. Ideally, I would like to be able to forward your reply to this email to the planning officer so that he can see that we have diligently investigated his concerns.

Please see attached the original and approved planning drawing together with the drawing which has been submitted in order to discharge condition 9. The later drawing accurately represents the as-built situation on site (apart from the metal fence at the front of the site which needs amending on the drawing but has no impact on this matter).

Happy to discuss as required?

Thanks and Regards

Jim

