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SITE:

OATHALL COMMUNITY
COLLEGE, APPLEDORE
GARDENS, HAYWARDS
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PROJECT:

REPLACEMENT 4-BAY
CRICKET PRACTICE
FACILITY

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NOISE ASSESSMENT



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1.0 EXISTING IMPACT

- 1.1 As the site is operated as a large school, the noise levels experienced throughout the day could be considered ***moderate / high*** on an intermittent basis. This includes general activity as well as the use of the sports facilities.
- 1.2 After school, as the site is in a built-up area, the noise environment would then be lower, typically characterised by;
- [a] occasional road / traffic noise
 - [b] occasional recreational activity [afterschool sports clubs, nearby playgrounds, pedestrians]
 - [c] residents operating within their boundary – house / garden
 - [d] general ambient environmental noise – wildlife, wind etc.
- 1.3 Given the nature of the surrounding area and the absence of dominant industrial or commercial noise sources, the existing sound environment could be described as ***moderate / low***.
- Cricket*
- 1.4 Noise generated from the operation of a cricket pitch is expected to arise from the following sources;
- Ball striking the bat
 - Vocal communication between players / instructions from the coach
 - Appeals and general sporting activity
 - Spectators cheering / clapping / informal conversation
- 1.5 Based on the above, cricket should be regarded as a ***low-noise*** outdoor sport, characterised by intermittent sound events rather than continuous noise sources.
- 1.6 The school currently use the site after hours and at weekends with no notable complaints / issues.

2.0 PROPOSED IMPACT / MITIGATION

- 2.1 The noise associated with the development is not new as there are existing cricket facilities on site.
- 2.2 Whilst evening noise levels are more sensitive, the use of the cricket facilities into the evening are not expected to be of concern as;
- [a] cricket activity remains intermittent
 - [b] spectator numbers are expected to be small – could be limited if required
 - [c] No amplified sound / music is proposed
 - [d] cricket activity is seasonal – typically April to September, during this time general activity shall be increased, helping to mask any noise produced by the extended use.