

License application 155176 The Old Police Station

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Dear Sarah,

I have reviewed the license application submitted reference number 155176

A noise survey has been submitted which does not adequately assess the noise sources and impact upon the nearest noise sensitive receptors

The main points being:

1. Location of noise sensitive premises. The boundary of nearest residential premises, Garden House, adjoins the site at the south-west corner. It is noted that there is a window on Garden House upper storey directly overlooking the rear of the proposal site where the outdoor seating area is proposed. The distance from the proposed external seating area to the boundary of the site is approximately 12m, not 35m as used in the report to calculate noise impact. Likewise, the distance to the extraction unit and fan maybe less than the figures used to calculate noise impact. It is estimated that the distance from the extract unit to the residential boundary is around 25m rather than 32m used in the noise impact calculation. The distance to the inlet fan will also need to be checked.
2. The noise impact from the external area has been based on 16 people. However, the proposed Ground floor plan submitted in respect of the planning application shows seating in excess of this figure (24+). There is no indication of hours of use for this area and nothing to suggest that the area will be limited in numbers of people attending, therefore the level of noise is likely to be considerably higher than suggested in the assessment provided.
3. Information supplied in respect of the sound pressure levels for the extractor and supply fan does not include manufacturers information on octave bands and therefore no assessment has been provided of the tonality of the fan. The tonal element of this equipment must be considered in any noise attenuation proposal to ensure any BS4142 correction necessary is sufficiently applied. Mitigation measures suggested may not be appropriate given the need for renewed calculation and assessment. Attenuator performance in octave bands would need to be specified. Careful consideration must given to how the attenuators are deployed to ensure effectiveness.
4. An acoustic barrier at the boundary may not be fully effective at protecting residential amenity and it is noted no barrier calculation was supplied.

Unfortunately, as the noise assessment submitted is inadequate the licensing of the premise to operate is likely to give rise to nuisance and therefore, I am therefore obliged to submit an objection on these grounds. If you would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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