

Good morning Leanne,

Please can you forward our response below to Environmental Health? Hopefully this will satisfy their concerns.

'Thank you for your comments regarding the potential noise issues for the out of hours provision. Hopefully the following explanations will alleviate any concerns.'

The operation of the property as a therapy facility, linked to the school, provides an appropriate environment for the quiet and calm activity that is required. Within school hours the building will operate as a therapy facility for the school and will not become an extension of the classroom environment. Therefore, no additional pupil noise will be experienced.

Your letter refers to "unsocial hours" of operation. The 'out of hours' provision refers to the operation of the facility outside of term time school hours, which may include day times up to 9pm. Whilst half of the road is residential in nature, the other half is industrial and commercial in nature and so will itself be a source of potential noise. With this in mind, we believe that the low levels of noise that a therapeutic facility may create, will not adversely affect what is termed in your response as a noise sensitive area. Evening appointments would cease at 9pm, which it is considered is not out of keeping with existing residential comings and goings.

The nature of the provision is therapeutic, and not commercial, therefore the volume of visitors to the facility, is not considered to be excessive. The schools current parking facilities will be used for visitor parking to the facility, so the building will still act as a noise shield for car generated noise.

We'd be happy to answer any further concerns you may have but believe the above should satisfy any concerns and allow a positive resolution to our application.'

Kind regards

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