

Dear Planning Team,

Thank you for consulting the Pollution Team on the above prior-application proposal.

I have now considered the scheme based on the submission/drawings and I can advise that information submitted is insufficient to fully assess the proposal against potential environmental noise/nuisance impacting on the neighbours.

The proposed seeks a retrospective application to retain an extraction system that is already in situ. The application is supported with drawings and details of the existing components of the extract system. However, there are no details regarding the level of noise and odour associated with the unit and any appreciation of the impact on local residents. Noise and odour impact are material considerations that must be considered prior to the determination of the application, as there must be a reasonable degree of certainty that nuisance will not be caused to residents in the long term.

In order for the Pollution Team to fully consider this application, the applicant should provide an acoustics assessment of the existing extraction unit, including detail of any mitigation measures and antivibration isolators in place or proposed. Extraction units are often associated with odour complaints if not adequately neutralised. The applicant should provide details of measures in place or proposed to ensure that its use does not cause odour nuisance. The details should be based on the latest guidance for noise and odour from kitchen exhaust systems.

Once the additional information is provided, I will be happy to provide a revised consultation response.

I hope this helps.

Regards

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NB: My working hours is 18 hours and varies over the working week.