

Site Address: 106 Park Lane, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3HN

Proposed Development: Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of Planning Permission 05/52998/007 to retain use of premises as Children's Dance School (use Class D1) between 1615 hours and 1900 hours Monday to Friday and 0900 hours and 1600 hours on Saturday, and to include extension of D1 useage for a Play School between 0700 hours and 1545 hours Monday to Friday.

Thank you for consulting the Environmental Protection team on the above variation application.

We have considered the proposal from a noise perspective and recommend planning consent be refused on noise grounds in order to avoid significant adverse effects. This is because there is likely to be an unacceptable impact on external amenity at the nearest bordering residential property. The reasons for this include,

- 1) Noise from children can be variable and unpredictable in nature, and may have identifiable characteristics which could be more annoying at lower sound level than continuous sounds. Repeat exposure to this type of noise on a daily basis could make the noise less tolerable over time.
- 2) The cumulative impact of the noise arising from existing uses within the vicinity, plus the new noise source may make the noise less tolerable. Existing noise sources include noise from the nearby primary school, from the dance school during the evening and from road traffic noise. The premises subject of this application would effectively be in continuous use between 0700-1900 hours.
- 3) In respect of the adjoining residential property, there is no alternative external amenity space that could be used by the residents during the hours of the proposed Play School.
- 4) The front of the bordering residential property faces on to a busy road, and hence it is expected that it is exposed to medium levels of road traffic noise. Therefore, it is even more critical to protect the external amenity space.

We do not believe that the noise could be successfully mitigated through physical barrier(s) and/or via planning condition(s).

Regards

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