

Please find my comments for the application APP/21/01071 below, thank you.

Thank you for consulting Environmental Protection on the application of 43 dwellings, with access from Lower Road and associated landscaping, open space and allotments to the south of Lower Road, and west of Old Manor Farm, Havant.

I have reviewed the Noise Impact Assessment by 24 Acoustics submitted as part of the application documentation and note concerns from noise due to the proximity of the A3(M), A27 and the adjacent railway line.

This preliminary noise assessment indicates that certain measures will be taken to protect internal noise climates such as acoustic glazing and windows closed, but it is not clear from this application what proportion of the development will require windows closed.

ProPG the Planning advice guidance for acoustics says the following :

NOTE 5 Designing the site layout and the dwellings so that the internal target levels can be achieved with open windows in as many properties as possible demonstrates good acoustic design. Where it is not possible to meet internal target levels with windows open, internal noise levels can be assessed with windows closed, however any façade openings used to provide whole dwelling ventilation (e.g. trickle ventilators) should be assessed in the “open” position and, in this scenario, the internal LAeq target levels should not normally be exceeded, subject to the further advice in Note 7.

I note that this is the preliminary noise assessment and that the report points to further design work taking place at the detailed design stage but I would like to understand whether the internal noise climate was assessed with the trickle vents open on the noisiest facades, especially with respect to the LAMax levels at night, as they look to be very high externally.

I would also like further details of the design and layout of the properties, to understand the specifications and mitigation measures proposed to achieve these noise levels, and any acoustic barriers that may be effective to ensure that acceptable noise levels within the dwellings and the curtilages of the dwellings are not exceeded.

I would also require a Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) due to the close proximity of sensitive receptors to the site.

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