

Thank you for this, as you will note I have withdrawn and resubmitted this application to allow the variation and discharge of some other conditions, within the new application is a description of the various conditions and the activities behind them, I have copied this below for clarity as it does not seem to appear on the HBC website, unfortunately couldn't find Mrs Haywoods email so would be grateful if you could copy this to her

2, We would like to vary this permission to allow the use of a crane to move pontoons around the site, when in use this crane will be visible above the fence line as is the crane in use in the boat yard next to the site

6, we believe this condition was placed to avoid undesirable activities in the yard area, however we believe the marine based activities of Solent Marine will be considered acceptable in an industrial area designated for marine based activities

7a, A parking layout has been provided for discharge of this condition

7b A refuse bin storage and collection area has been designated for discharge of this condition

2, As stated to allow use of a crane essential to the activities of the occupant A 30 ton crane would be in operation to move and store pontoons (the boom of which would be lowered when not in use)

6, The exterior yard of the site within the green area shown on drawing A110 attached to this application only (this does not include the front parking area and is all within the fenced area) would be used for the completion of manufacture, repair and storage of manufactured product (Pontoons)

The processes involved in this activity will be

Manufacture of floats by pouring hand mixed and small machine mixed concrete based mix into steel moulds

On limited occasions when repairs / alterations are required to pontoons steel cutting and welding may be undertaken

Storage of pontoons which will be stacked but will not exceed the top of the fence line

With regards to the points raised in the environmental response I would like to make the following comments

The normal operating hours of the business are 8am till 6pm, up to 6 days per week however on limited occasions my client may require to work late or on Sundays and thus would be willing to except outside working limited to 8am till 8pm It should be noted that this is no more than the working hours of the previous occupant of the site.

With regard to activities proposed in the outside area these are described in the new application (as above)

The kind of concrete / cement mixer in use would be a normal small site concrete mixer I have checked the decibel rating at source of these machines and this is 84 dba (as per Travis Perkins H & S technical info for concrete mixer hire)

With regard to welding and cutting/grinding these tools (which would be used on an occasional basis for repairs / alterations) have a rating at source of 85 dba (same source)

It should be noted that these tools and much noisier tools are already in extensive use on the adjoining boatyards within the industrial area, both indoor and outdoor, It should also be noted that a large crane is in use in the boatyards as previously stated.

The previous working occupant of the site used tools such as cutters crushers and jack hammers on a regular daily basis which have dba outputs at source in excess of 130dba. My

clients proposed use is quieter than the units surrounding him and substantially quieter than the previous occupants use.

Also of significance is the expected practice of sound reduction over distance i.e a reduction of 6.02 decibels at the double distance points from the point of noise generation.

The nearest residential property to the site is well over 100m away and on that basis the expected noise level (From my clients site only) at that point is unlikely to exceed 50dba without accounting for fencing treelines etc which will lower this further. In reality I would expect existing background noise is already in excess of this

Whilst I understand noise is a very controversial issue for some local residents, this application is not likely to make a difference to the background noise levels already present in an industrial area and is likely to be a substantial reduction of the noise generated by the previous occupant, surely with the previous history of the site this applicant is not only ideal but deserves the support of Havant Borough Council, local councillors and residents.

Finally whilst researching decibel levels for this application I note with interest the following dba levels which I feel puts this noise issue into context

Quiet stream 50 dba
Conversational speech 60 dba
Normal street noise 70 dba
Noisy office 80 dba
Food blender 90 dba
Lawnmower 100 dba
Passing truck 100 dba
Car horn 110 dba.

Best Regards
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