

Planning Application Reference: APP/26/00092

Description: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 7 No. Flats (Use Class C3)

Location: 21 Park Parade, Havant, PO9 5AA

The above application has been reviewed by Environmental Health (pollution). The submitted Auricl Noise Assessment Report (dated 16 January 2026) includes a robust baseline environmental noise survey; however, the report does not identify or assess commercial noise sources in the vicinity of the development. As the application is made under Class MA of the General Permitted Development Order, the principal acoustic consideration is noise impacts from commercial premises on future residential occupiers.

The report in its current form does not appropriately assess commercial noise, and the proposed mitigation relates only to general ambient noise and traffic noise. It therefore does not demonstrate that potential commercial noise will be effectively controlled.

It is recommended that the applicant be required to submit a commercial noise assessment, undertaken by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant. The assessment must include identification and evaluation of all relevant commercial noise sources in the vicinity (such as external building services plant at nearby premises, operational noise from commercial units, servicing and delivery activity, and any other noise-generating commercial operations), measurements where appropriate, and an evaluation in accordance with BS 4142:2014+A1:2019. Other guidance may be used to contextualise impacts at the receptor locations.

Where necessary, the report must provide a scheme of appropriate noise mitigation for the proposed residential units.

The report proposes upgrades to ensure that the separating floor/ceiling between the ground floor commercial use and the first-floor dwellings meets the airborne sound insulation standard in Approved Document E (ADE). Given the potential for elevated commercial noise transfer, the separating construction should achieve +5 dB above ADE, and therefore a minimum performance of 53 dB DnT,w + Ctr will be required.

Kind regards,

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