

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 form 7 No. Flats (Use Class C3) at first and second floor levels, with associated new dormer windows and openings, and cycle storage and part conversion to form new lobby at ground floor.

Location: 21 Park Parade, Havant, PO9 5AA

The Auricl document entitled '21 Park Parade Havant Noise Assessment Report' (dated 26 March 2026) has been reviewed.

The noise assessment is unacceptable for the following reasons:

- Whilst road traffic noise is not within the scope of prior approval application under class MA, the report includes an inappropriate noise mitigation scheme as it determines that opening windows cannot be relied upon for background ventilation to achieve compliance with internal noise levels in BS8233, then reports that open windows can be relied upon as an overheating strategy as noise levels in Approved Document O shall not be exceeded.
- BS8233 noise levels must be achieved to prevent sleep disturbance, it is not accepted that the noise thresholds in approved document O relax WHO and BS8233 noise thresholds.
- The BS4142 assessment of the condensers at the pharmacy at number 17 is unacceptable. The determination of the source data is not robust as it is based on an estimation of general noise level from condensers, without any information from the manufacturer or direct measurements. A review of google maps shows the condensers are at floor level and wall-mounted, this introduces reflective surfaces (Q factor) which have not been considered in the assessment. The assessment states that the background noise level is 57dB, however this is the measured 16hr LAeq detailed earlier in the report.
- The assessment of internal noise sources does not consider worst-case occupiers such as a gym or dance studio.
- The development building is structurally attached to the existing gym and boxing gym, however noise transmission from these uses has not been assessed. There are concerns for structure-borne and air-borne noise transfer.
- The proposed tenancy agreement would be difficult to enforce and would unreasonably rely upon future occupiers to employ acoustic consultants to

assess activities. It would not be practicable to assess whether noise break out exceeds 25dBA in private dwellings.

The report is not acceptable in its current form.

The following information is required:

- Determination of appropriate purge ventilation strategy to ensure BS8233 and WHO internal noise level criteria are met.
- Assessment of noise transmission from the adjoining gym and boxing gym, and recommendations of appropriate noise mitigation measures where necessary
- Resubmission of further BS4142 assessment to included reliable determination of specific noise source and representative background noise level data, determination of noise impact from the condensers, confirmed operating times of plant, consideration of uncertainty and recommendation of appropriate noise mitigation measures where necessary.

Kind regards,

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