

**Planning Application Reference: APP/26/00284**

**Description: Change of use from residential dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to Day Nursery (Use Class E), including alterations to the kerb to enable an "in and out" system.**

**Location: 102 Bedhampton Road, Havant, PO9 3EZ**

Environmental Health (pollution) has concerns that the proposed development introduces significant risk of resulting in material adverse noise impacts to nearby residents, unless the proposed use is fully restricted to inside of the building only with no use of the external amenity to the rear.

The Design and Access Statement proposes restricting hours of operation to 8am-6pm as the only means of noise control and justifies these means as being sufficient as neighbours are likely to be at work. However, no consideration has been made for retirees or people who work from home and no noise impact assessment has been submitted to support the application.

Whilst it is understood that care guidelines may include a requirement for nursery children to experience a portion of outside play each day, the location is considered unsuitable for external use given the number of children proposed to attend (40), the proximity to residential dwellings, and the nature of the noise source. Further noise mitigation measures to manage use of the external amenity area are not anticipated to be sufficient.

Environmental Health (pollution) would only support the application subject to an appropriate condition prohibiting use of the external amenity area. Without such a condition, refusal is recommended due to the sensitivity of the area and potential for adverse noise impacts resulting in the site being unsuitable for the proposed use.

Kind regards,

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