

Planning Application Reference: APP/26/00376

Description: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to 2 No. Flats (Use Class C3)

Location: 21 Park Parade, Havant, PO9 5AA

When assessing the potential for commercial noise impacts from the adjoining retained commercial unit, all lawful uses within the permitted use class E must be considered. The Auricl Noise Assessment report dated 21 May 2026 identifies that the proposed sound insulation scheme is not expected to effectively mitigate noise from some uses within Class E such as a gym or use with amplified music.

The proposed mitigation strategy of introducing a tenancy agreement, or the restriction of uses within class E, are not viable as the retained ground floor element does not fall within the remit of the prior approval application to change use of adjacent commercial areas to residential.

With respect to the above, Environmental Health (pollution) recommends refusal at this stage based on noise concerns as the submitted information does not demonstrate that future occupiers shall be protected from commercial noise. The noise report indicates a reasonable likelihood that guideline internal noise levels detailed in BS8233 and WHO community noise guidelines are expected to be exceeded if certain uses within the permitted class E occupy the adjacent commercial unit.

To overcome the objection the applicant must provide information to demonstrate that an enhanced sound insulation scheme can effectively mitigate noise from all lawful uses within class E.

With regards to potential noise from gym use, LAmix events and structure-borne noise transfer must be considered, particularly in relation to noise incidents arising from impacts such as heavy weights being dropped.

Kind regards,

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