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Subject: Your Ref: DC/25/1652; RE: Flame Grill, 3-5 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DY
Attachments: Your Ref: DC/25/1478; RE: Flame Grill, 3-5 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DY

Categories: Consultations

Dear Planning,

I write further to the above consultation and comment on behalf of HDC Environmental Health & Licensing Commercial Team. The application seeks the installation of a new extract-ventilation system at the rear of the property to serve the commercial food business and is a resubmission of previously considered DC/25/1478.

All consideration made in relation to appropriate kitchen extract-ventilation in terms of odour and noise is made with reference to NETCEN/EMAQ+ guidance document titled 'Control of Odour and Noise from Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Systems' (2018), which will be referred to as 'the Guidance'.

The premises is sited in the primarily commercial heart of the village, although domestic properties located around 50 meters to the east and northeast; 30m to the south; 35m to the west; 16m to the southwest; and a flat immediately above the application premises, where a section of the duct run transits its rear fascia .

It is noted that the design and information provided in relation to odour control appears identical to that submitted in support of DC/25/1478 with little additional detail given. To this end, those comments made by this Service related to odour submitted remain relevant and are attached for your reference. In summary, the plan drawings show inconsistencies in the layout of the plant and filtration components, particularly with regard to recommendations made in the Guidance; confusion regarding the stack height/efflux position, which will impact natural dispersion of contaminated plume; the design as presented being significantly different from that verbally discussed with the Applicant; and a lack of fundamental performance information in relation to active odour control.

Application of the Appendix 3 risk assessment for odour in the Guidance indicates that a 'high-level' of odour control will be appropriate, suggesting that an effective system would include fine filtration or ESP following by activated carbon filtration rated with a 0.2-0.4 second residence- or 'dwell-time', or a system offering equivalent control. A copy of the assessment was attached for the Applicant's reference in the comments made in response to DC/25/1478. It is unclear if the system as proposed meets this performance requirement.

Additionally, it has been noted that the 'PROPOSED ELEVATIONS AND SIGN: P-06' drawing presents part of the premises dressed as a fried-chicken establishment. If this is a factual intended development for the premises, then it must be noted that this would change the grease loading of the untreated airflow being extracted, which could potentially leave both the design as currently proposed or verbally discussed previously as being inadequate to effectively remove odour. The intention of the applicant in this regard should be established.

In relation to the potential for noise disturbance from the installation, it is pleasing to note that the application is now accompanied by a noise impact assessment prepared by the DAA Group. However, this Service holds concerns over the accuracy of the document: It appears that an overly optimistic noise reduction has been calculated, compounded by the study assuming control measures and fittings being present which are not referred to in the wider application or shown on the provided drawings.

To this end, this Service OBJECTS to the application due to insufficient consideration being given to preventing noise and odour disturbance from negatively impacting local amenity.

If there is anything in this email that you do not understand, or if you have any other questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact this Service or myself directly.

Kind regards.

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Subject: Your Ref: DC/25/1478; RE: Flame Grill, 3-5 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DY
Attachments: Odour RA DC-25-1478 (06-10-25).pdf; Ventilation Planning Guidance.pdf

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The premises is sited in the primarily commercial heart of the village, although domestic properties located around 50 meters to the east and northeast; 30m to the south; 35m to the west; and as close as 16m to the southwest.

It is pleasing to note the extraction design will now offer an unimpeded vertical discharge, although the height of the stack termination is not clear from the P-07 drawing, as it seems to have been presented as both above and below ridge height.

Additionally, the layout of components including the filters does not appear to match what is or could be installed inside the premises due to size constraints/currently fitted canopy – My previous discussion with the Applicant suggested that these would be located externally, with the duct-run elbowing downwards on exit for the building to offer more space for the plant before turning back to vertical towards termination. These points above should be confirmed by the Applicant or their agent.

The design includes grease, coarse filters and activated carbon, although the specific odour control performance of the system has not been presented. Application of the Appendix 3 risk assessment for odour in the Guidance indicates that a 'high' level of odour control will be appropriate, suggesting that an effective system would include fine filtration or ESP following by activated carbon filtration rated with a 0.2-0.4 second residence- or 'dwell-time', or a system offering equivalent control. A copy of the assessment is attached for the Applicant's reference.

It is unclear if the system as proposed in the Application meets these requirements and this will need to be confirmed – To this end, this Service OBJECTS to the Application as further detail and consideration is required. A guidance sheet indicating the information that this Service requires for effective assessment of the system is attached for the applicant's reference.

Additionally, the submitted documents in support of the Application make little reference to the potential for noise from the operation of the extract-ventilation system impacting neighbouring domestic properties. The proposals include a silencer intended to be placed in the duct run (although its location is not indicated on the drawings); anti-vibration mounting; and frequency data for the mechanical plant supplied by its manufacturer, but not the specific noise impact of the system as a whole.

This Service therefore recommends that an assessment is undertaken of the fan plant and extract ducting when considered as a whole, to ensure that for the life of the development, noise emitted shall not exceed background levels as measured at a position closest to the nearest residential dwelling. The assessment shall be undertaken in accordance with BS 4142: 2014 (or subsequent superseding equivalent) using current best practice and shall include daytime and night-time noise measurements to be based on a 1 hour L_{Aeq} and a 15 Minute L_{Aeq} respectively; as well as full spectrum analysis to confirm that there is no tonality or other acoustically distinctive features present in the noise. Any additional steps required to mitigate noise identified in the assessment shall be detailed and implemented, as necessary.

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