



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Development Control
FROM:	Environmental Health and Licensing
REFERENCE:	DC/26/1152
LOCATION:	Unit 2, Redkln Close, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5QL
DESCRIPTION:	Variation of Condition 2 of previously approved application reference HU/206/02 (Change of use from light industrial to storage and distribution) to extend the current operating hours.
RECOMMENDATION:	Based on current information objection to extending hours to 1700 hours on Saturday's – further information required

Noise

Environmental Health have reviewed the Acoustic South East report titled 'Application to Extend Working Hours', dated 09.07.26, and we have the following comments to make.

Main Comments

1. We note that the following is stated in section 1 of the above report 'The operating hours within the main building are 06:00 to 18:00 hours Monday to Friday with reduced hours for a Saturday'. We also note that similar comments in relation to hours of use are stated in the DMH Planning Statement.
2. Environmental Health (EH) are in receipt of noise complaints in relation to external activities from the current Safeguard UK operations and when EH first engaged with Safeguard on this matter in 2025 we were verbally informed that their internal operations were 24/7. This therefore differs to operating hours current being sought.
3. We note that the report provides detail on an internal noise monitoring survey and then when modelled with roller shutter doors open and closed the report concludes that the noise from internal activities will not have having a determinantal impact on nearby residential amenity which is welcomed.
4. The concern we have however is that, in our view, the main source of the above-mentioned noise complaints are HGV/LGV, mobile plant and pallet truck movements in the yard area closest to the off site receptors (Manton Court).
5. With the above comment in mind, the fact that a noise impact assessment has been provided in support of the application is welcomed, given the close proximity of the offsite receptors to the yard area and the fact that the main cause of complaints are activities associated with the yard we would however expect an element of the noise assessment to include an assessment in accordance with BS4142 (Method for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound). An assessment in accordance with BS4142 does not however appear to have formed part of the noise assessment.
6. We appreciate that side of the yard closest to Brewers currently have permission to operate until 1700 hours on Saturday's with the side of the yard closest to Safeguard currently having permission to operate until 1300 hours on Saturdays and that the planning permission and construction of Manton Court development postdates the construction of the commercial units. However, in our view the pattern of activity of the yard has changed since these permissions were granted with a much more intensive use, including a large proportion of HGV's movements, now operating. We are of the view therefore that extending the hours of the yard area to 1700 hours on Saturday's would be the agent of change and should be assessed accordingly.
7. Giving the findings of the noise assessment we are not against the principle of the change in hours for internal use, in order to protect nearby residential amenity (Manton Court) unfortunately we do not support the increase in hours of the yard area to 1700 hours on Saturday's.

Additional Comments

8. When figures 6.2D, 7.2D and 8.2D in the above report are enlarged they become illegible, we would therefore be grateful for copies of these figures in a higher resolution. We note that the Table section 6.2.5 makes reference to receptor locations 1 to 8 and whilst there are eight locations on the figures they have not been numbered.
9. We also note the comment in section 7 'Therefore, there is no reason why the additional working pattern for a Saturday afternoon and 06:00 to 18:00 hours for the Sunday should not be permitted for Safeguard working inside Unit 2'. We understand that permission is being sought for internal activity from 0600 to 1800 hours every day of the week, this comment in the report therefore

contradicts this. We would grateful therefore if the applicants acoustic consultant can confirm that the above-mentioned noise modelling has been based on the pattern of internal use which this application seeks.

Suggested Conditions

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DEPARTMENT:	Environmental Health and Licensing
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DATE:	10/09/2026
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