DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
DISC/26/0332
Christs Hospital School, The Avenue, Christs Hospital, West Sussex, RH13 0LJ

DESCRIPTION:
Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 33 (Noise Control Scheme) to approved application DC/24/0063

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/24/0063	Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/21/1524 (Proposed two-storey extension to the existing sports centre to provide two new swimming pools, spa facilities, two class studios, a fitness suite and cafe. Construction of a six-lane, all-weather running track with eight-lane sprint track and ancillary athletic facilities and floodlighting. Construction of a 3G artificial grass pitch with floodlighting. Relocation of spoil on land to the east. Creation of an unlit outdoor adventure area with 15 stations east of the new track. Associated car parking for 272 cars, and a new permanent access to Christ Hospital Road, closure of the existing Infirmary Drive access with conversion of disused section of drive to a sprint track. Erection of associated equipment store, fencing and lighting) Relating to Water Neutrality and related Habitat Regulation Assessment.	Application Permitted on 08.05.2024

PLANNING ASSESSMENT
Planning Application DC/24/0063 was granted consent on 08 May 2024. This permission was for the following:

Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/21/1524 relating to Water Neutrality and related Habitat Regulation Assessment.

Consent is sought to discharge the details reserved by condition 33.

Condition 33:

Regulatory Condition: *No externally located fixed or mobile loudspeakers shall be operated until a scheme of noise control has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be written by a suitably qualified person and shall include but not be limited to;*

i. A plan for all locations at which fixed or mobile external loudspeakers are to be sited, including for large events;
ii. Details relating to the number of occasions in any 12-month period when fixed or mobile loudspeakers are to be employed;
iii. Details of management responsibilities during use of the external loudspeakers;

iv. *Details of proposed noise control measures, including monitoring, that will be implemented to ensure noise and disturbance to local residents is managed and minimised;*
v. *Details of a complaint recording and management plan.*

The scheme shall not rely on BS4142 as the metric for compliance and must take due account of the bass frequency characteristics and the likely resulting noise levels within adjoining or close by residential properties. The approved scheme shall thereafter be maintained and adhered to for the duration of the use hereby permitted.

Reason: To ensure the protection of the amenities of nearby residents and in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

The applicant has previously applied to discharge Condition 33 however the application was refused by Officers due to the fact that the Noise Management Plan submitted (Revision D – 08/09/2026) referred to the playing of 'incidental music' during sporting events, which Officers felt was unnecessary to the intended use of the site. The applicant has now submitted an updated Noise Management Plan (Revision E – 01/10/2026) which removes all reference to the playing of music through the PA speakers, instead stating that *'an outdoor mobile PA system will be used solely to convey speech announcements and commentary to the audience'*. There is still expected to be no more than 12 events in any 12-month period and each event expected to last around 4 hours. The loudspeakers remain in the same location, facing southeast away from the nearest properties to the north.

The revised Noise Management Plan has been reviewed by the Council's Environmental Health Officer who has advised that it provides an appropriate management framework to reduce noise by keeping the use of the PA system to the minimum necessary for events.

The requirements of the condition have therefore been satisfied.

Recommendation: Application Permitted

POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE STATEMENT
Statement pursuant to Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received, in order to be able to, where possible, grant permission.

Plans list for: DISC/26/0332
(The approved plans will form Condition 1 on the Decision Notice of all Permitted applications)

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

Plan Type	Description	Drawing Number	Received Date
Supporting Docs	Noise Management Plan REV E	NONE	01.10.2026

DELEGATED

Case Officer sign/initial Sophie Moore Date: 10/11/2026

Authorising Officer sign/initial	Adrian Smith	Date:	11/11/2026