



HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Development Control
FROM:	Environmental Health and Licensing
REFERENCE:	DC/26/0322
LOCATION:	Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX
DESCRIPTION:	Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.
RECOMMENDATION:	More Information
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION: Comments relating to below information: Aval Consulting Group's Air Quality Assessment dated 19 December 2022	

MAIN COMMENTS:

What is the anticipated increase in AADT, and what proportion of students and staff currently attending Sites 1 and 3 will have access to public transport or dedicated school bus services when travelling to the proposed new site?

Has the referenced air quality dispersion modelling been completed? If not, when is it scheduled, and when will the results be made available? Please provide the outcomes of the modelling and outline the proposed mitigation measures that will be implemented in response to the findings.

It should be noted that the most recently recorded concentration at Steyning 4N was 15.7 µg/m³ in 2024, not 20.1 µg/m³.

Given that this development is a school, where many occupants will be children, who are particularly vulnerable to poor air quality, the applicant should ensure that the site layout and building design minimise pollutant exposure and promote effective dispersion. This includes optimising building orientation, integrating green infrastructure, and locating public spaces away from pollution sources.

These design considerations are essential to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of future users of the site.

An Interim Planning Guidance on the consideration of the Environmental Act Pm2.5 target in planning decisions was published in October 2024. Applicants are advised to provide evidence in their planning applications that they have identified key sources of air pollution within their schemes and taken appropriate action to minimise emissions of PM2.5 and its precursors as far as is reasonably practicable.

1. How has exposure to PM2.5 been considered when selecting the development site? *Applicants are advised to consider the following in their application:*
 - Site proximity to people (particularly large populations and/or vulnerable groups, e.g. schools, hospitals, care homes, areas of deprivation) and the impact of the development on these,
 - Site proximity to pollution sources and the impact of these on users of the development,
 - Exposure and emissions during both construction and in-use.
2. What actions and/or mitigations have been considered to reduce PM2.5 exposure for development users and nearby receptors (houses, hospitals, schools etc.) and to reduce emissions of PM2.5 and its precursors? *Applicants are advised to explain (with evidence where possible) why each measure was implemented. Or, if no mitigation measures have been implemented, why this was not proposed. Actions can refer to, but are not limited to, the following:*
 - Site layout,
 - The development's design,
 - Technology used in the construction or installed for use in the development,
 - Construction and future use of the development.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

n/a

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DEPARTMENT:

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DATE:

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