From: John.Griffiths
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To: Planning
Subject: Your Ref: DC/25/1900; RE: Hen And Chicken Worthing Road Southwater

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 replacement commercial kitchen extract-ventilation system at the existing food business.

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 located in the primarily domestic area on the outside of the town of Southwater. Domestic dwelling as located as close as 20 metres to the east and within 40 metres to the south of the efflux point of the proposed extraction stack.

The Application is supported by a specification report for odour control prepared by Purified Air and this Service accepts the proposals as presented. The report has correctly identified through the use of the Guidance's Appendix 3 Risk Assessment that a 'High-level' of odour control would be required at this site and the performance specification subsequently proposed is considered appropriate. To this end, this Service has No Objection to Application.

However, this Service makes the following recommendations in relation to the ongoing maintenance of the proposed system and abate the potential for noise disturbance from operation of the plant, should the Application be Permitted:

1) Noise from the operation of the extract-ventilation system as a whole, for the life of the development, shall not exceed background levels as measured at a position closest to the nearest residential dwelling. In order to achieve this, units should be designed/selected, or the noise from the units attenuated so as to maintain the existing noise climate and assist in reducing 'ambient noise creep' (the gradual increase in background noise levels in a built up area due to consecutive small increases). Daytime and night-time noise measurements to be based on a 1 hour LAeq and a 15 Minute LAeq respectively, in line with BS 4142: 2014 (or subsequent superseding equivalent).

2) The ongoing cleaning, service and maintenance regime for the installation will be undertaken in line with manufacturer's recommendations, details of which shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority and include the intended frequency of any cleaning, servicing or replacement of critical fittings, filters and components.

3) Within 3 months of the date of commissioning the new plant, a noise assessment shall be submitted which demonstrates the plant noise levels for daytime operation 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) and current best practice and shall include 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 shall be detailed and implemented, as necessary. The post installation noise assessment shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The details as approved shall thereafter be permanently retained.

Furthermore, given that there are domestic properties located close to the site, this Service also makes the following recommendations for Conditions to minimise disturbance during the undertaking of works at the premises, should the Application be Permitted:

<u>Demolition and/or Construction Phase</u>

a) Suitable assessments should be made to identify any asbestos contained within the building and controls put in place to ensure safe removal and disposal where necessary.

b) A licensed waste removal contractor should remove all clearance debris and construction waste from site.

c) No burning of materials should take place on site.

d) Hours of construction activities (including deliveries and dispatch) should be limited to 08.00 – 18.00 Monday until Friday, 09.00 – 13.00 Saturdays and no activity on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

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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