APPLETON TOWN PLANNING

The Planning Inspectorate
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11th July 2025

Your refs: APP/Z3825/W/25/3364754
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Dear Mr Dunn,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Appeals by Prestige Packaging Solutions Ltd
Site Address: Bridge Farm Coolham Road, Coolham, HORSHAM, RH13 8GP

Please accept this letter as the appellant's response to the LPA's written statement and the representations from the Interested Parties. It is not my intention to repeat the Appellant's case, but to simply re-iterate a few points to clarify matters raised in the representations.

Dealing first with the LPA's statement, it is not disputed that members of the Planning Committee can make their own decision based on the information before them. However, where this conflicts with expert evidence, which in this case included an acoustic report and response from their own Environmental Health Officer, then this needs to be justified. No alternative technical evidence has been provided to substantiate the reason for refusal.

The LPA has stated that no noise readings were provided in the acoustic report for the activities within the site. The reason for refusal does not refer to activities within the site, it relates to the effect on residents in the locality and traffic movements on a public highway. The evidence provided in the acoustic assessment is clear and unequivocal based on World Health Organisation Guidelines for Community Noise 1999 which is based on the number of events, not the actual level of the noise. The proposal clearly does not exceed those guidelines.

Turning to the representations, there are just a few points that need to be clarified in response:

- The site has planning permission for the operations that are being undertaken.
- There is no expansion/ enlargement of the site or increase in the number of vehicle movements.
- The extended hours being sought do not conflict with school drop-off/pick up hours

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- The maintenance of the public highway is a matter for West Sussex County Council. To reiterate, this proposal is not increasing traffic movements.
- All existing planning conditions and those imposed should this appeal be successful, are enforceable by the LPA.

I trust the Inspector finds these final comments useful in determining this appeal.

Yours sincerely

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