MEMORANDUM TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND LICENSING – PLANNING CONSULTATION

Application No: DC/24/1157 Case Officer: Kate Turner

Address: Hilliers Garden Centre, Camping World Brighton Road Horsham West Sussex
Proposal: Temporary Change of Use at the Camping World Site from A1 (Shop) to E(d) (Commercial, Business and Service).

Date comments required by: 01/10/24.

Details of the application can be viewed at https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planningapplications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications

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PHLO Comments: 03/10/2024

I have visited the site and spoken with the applicants to discuss this proposal.

The ice rink is to be located inside the existing marquee along with plant. Due to the structure of marquees, they will freely allow the transmission of noise and controls will be necessary to ensure that neighbouring residents are not adversely impacted by noise.

There have been previous temporary Christmas events of a similar nature at this site. To the best of my knowledge this department have not dealt with any serious issues of noise or disturbance in the past.

In October 2016 a detailed noise assessment was submitted to accompany a planning application for ice rink, and Christmas market. The noise report concluded that potential noise impact from generators and chiller units was unlikely to have an adverse impact on noise sensitive properties.

I am advised that background festive music will be played inside the marquee during operational hours. The applicant has submitted a noise management plan designed to control noise and prevent public nuisance. The applicants confirm that the plan will be implemented throughout the duration of the ice rink event with regular monitoring of noise levels.

The applicants are also planning to apply for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for the supply of alcohol. The four licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 are:

- prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- prevention of public nuisance
- protection of children from harm

The Licensing application must be supported by an operating schedule must include information on what steps will be taken to promote the licensing objectives, including noise.

Providing that sources of noise from background music and/or plant are barely audible outside noise sensitive premises, this department have no objections to this application.

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Informative to applicant

The applicant is further advised that compliance with planning conditions does not necessarily prevent action from being taken by the Local Authority or members of the public to secure the abatement, restriction or prohibition of statutory nuisances actionable under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any other statutory provisions.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.



Paul Hobbs
Principal Environmental Health Officer