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Dear Planning,

I write further to the above consultation and comment on behalf of HDC Environmental Health & Licensing Commercial Team. The application seeks the retrospective regularisation of the previously installed condensers serving the business' retail chiller units.

The premises is located in a mixed commercial-residential centre of Southwater village, with domestic properties bordering the application site, including immediately adjacent within 5 metres northwest of the condenser plant location; and a similar distance to the east at the cottages on Andrews Lane.

The application is supported by a noise assessment prepared by Spratt + Hamer dated 14th May 2025, which suggests that a significant level of noise abatement is required to prevent negative impact on amenity. Specifically, the report recommends that mitigation measures should include the construction of an enclosed room around the condensers and subsequent assessment to ensure any reduction is to the satisfaction of the local planning authority.

However, it is noted that the application currently does not propose such a construction feature or any additional noise mitigation measure. To this end, this Service OBJECTS to the application on the basis that the local amenity has not been appropriately protected from noise emitted from the condenser plant while under operation, as identified in the Applicant's own noise assessment.

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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