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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Your Ref: DC/25/1652; RE: Flame Grill, 3-5 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DY
Categories: Consultations

Dear Planning,

I write further to the above consultation following receipt of additional information and comment on behalf of HDC Environmental Health & Licensing Commercial Team. The application seeks the installation of a new extract-ventilation system at the rear of the property to serve the commercial 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 sited in the primarily commercial heart of the village, although domestic properties located around 50 meters to the east and northeast; 30m to the south; 35m to the west; 16m to the southwest; and a flat immediately above the application premises, where a section of the duct run transits its rear fascia.

Since this Service's previous consideration of the application, it is pleasing to note that the proposals are now supported by an odour assessment study prepared by Nendle Manufacturing Ltd. It is noted that the variables used in completion of the Appendix 3 'Risk Assessment for Odour' from the Guidance are found to be appropriate and we support the conclusion that the development requires a 'High-level' of odour control.

However, the document concludes with the recommendation for an extract-ventilation design that incorporates both activated carbon cells and UV Ozone/Plasma techniques to control odour molecules following appropriate particulate filtration. It is noted that the Guidance recommends that a 'high-level' of odour control would require carbon cells offering a mass/airflow rated in the 0.2-0.4 second residence- or 'dwell-time' range, although it is unclear if the system as proposed meets this performance requirement as it is not specifically discussed in the study.

Additionally, the drawings and other documents currently presented do not include any UZ Ozone fitting and therefore do not meet the recommendations of the odour assessment.

In relation to the potential for noise disturbance from the installation, this Service continues to hold concerns over the accuracy of the noise impact assessment prepared by the DAA Group. It appears that an overly optimistic noise reduction has been calculated for the performance of the silencer, particularly in relation to the residential property above the premises; and no reference has been made anywhere in the submission to enclosing the plant at the bottom of the stack to prevent noise breakout, as previously discussed with the Applicant.

To this end, this Service continues to OBJECT to the application due to insufficient consideration being given to preventing noise and odour disturbance from negatively impacting local amenity.

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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