

Braintree District Council

Written Summary of Comments made During ISH2 (Environmental) - 29/09/2022

Longfield Solar Farm [PINS Ref: EN010118]

1. Written Summary of Comments made by Pam Sharp ('PS') (Environmental Health Officer for BDC)

Agenda Item 2 'Main Discussion Points' – Other Points of Clarification – Hours of Working

- 1.1 PS stated that BDC typically imposes hours of construction working limited to 0800 to 1800 Mon to Fri; 0800 to 1300 Saturday with no working on Bank Holidays or Sundays).
- 1.2 Within 11.8.8 of Document reference APP -043- 6.1 Environmental Statement Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration *Accounting for mitigation discussed in the preceding paragraph that will be secured through the OCEMP and the Decommissioning Strategy, construction and decommissioning noise may exceed the daytime SOAEL of 75 dB LAeq,T when heavy ground works take place within approximately 10 m (as indicated in Table 11-12), and the Saturday afternoon/ Sunday daytime SOAEL of 65 dB LAeq,T when within 30 m. Receptors that may experience exceedances of the SOAEL are R1-R3, R5, R9, R10, R15-R18, R21, R23 and R25.*
- 1.3 This being the case then Environment Health would suggest that where the SOAEL is likely to be exceeded at times outside the Braintree District Council typical construction hours, such as when there is heavy ground working taking place at close distances from noise sensitive/residential property that consideration is given to keeping to the Braintree District Council typical construction hours in those circumstances and that this mitigation is considered as part of the detailed CEMP.