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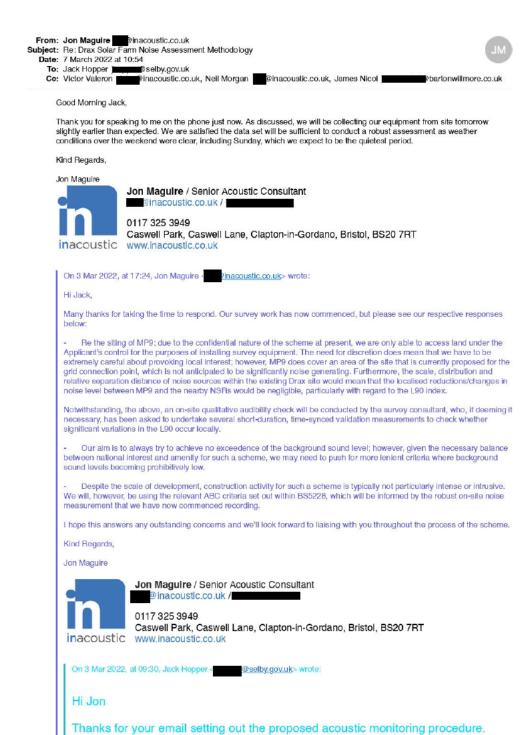
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Overall, the monitoring regime is sufficient in terms of duration and monitoring stations, and reference is made to the relevant BS4142:2014+A1:2019

methodology.

My observations are as follows:

- In terms of monitoring locations, I have some early reservations about the siting of MP9 and whether it will be a true representation of NSRs 2 & 3 due to its proximity to Drax power station. Consequently, there is a risk of elevated noise levels when establishing the representative background levels for the purpose of BS4142 methodology. In general terms, whilst acknowledging occasional difficulties in doing so, it would be preferred if arrangements were made with the occupant(s) of the NSRs with a view to carrying out long term monitoring at the receptor
- With regards assessment criteria, I note the proposed +3dB tolerance when absolute levels do not exceed 30dBA. Whilst acknowledging the scope for context to be considered in due course, the aim should always be not to exceed existing background levels to avoid introducing new noise exposure at NSRs. This should be achieved through good acoustic design in the first instance.
- Depending on the nature of the construction phase I would recommend that consideration is given to BS5228-1&2:2009+A1:2014 assessment methodology to avoid further monitoring at a later stage, although I note the intention to record L_{Aeq.15mins} noise levels.

I hope this helps and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Kind regards Jack

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Sent: 25 February 2022 16:10
To: Jack Hopper < @selby.gov.uk> Cc: Victor Valeron < @inacoustic.co.uk>
Subject: Drax Solar Farm Noise Assessment Methodology

Good Afternoon Jack,

I have been passed on your contact details by Barton Willmore, I understand you are the lead EHO at Selby and will be overseeing this application.

Inacoustic are undertaking the noise assessment for the project, led by myself and our technical director Victor Valeron. Attached is the method statement outlining the approach we intend to take with regards to on site noise measurements. Our aim is to be on site towards the end of next week, to install the equipment and measure for 7 days. The stormy weather has meant we've had several delays so fingers crossed the weeks to follow will be calmer.

I would be grateful for any comments you have regarding our method, if you would like to discuss anything in the document please feel free to contact myself or my colleague Victor (CC'd).

Kind Regards,

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