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Subject: Re: A303 Sparkford to Ilchester - Noise Meeting SPARKFORD TO ILCHESTER DUALLING SCHEME TR010036) Our ref 20014098
Date: 18 February 2019 21:33:08

Thank you for attending the agreed noise meeting on Friday 15 February. I have read the Applicant's response concerning our obligations to maintain the fence and the suggestion that we are endeavouring to secure a new barrier at taxpayers expense to gain planning advantages. We are very surprised and disgusted at this perverse suggestion.

Having supplied you with a copy of the Compulsory Purchase Deed for part of the original park for the existing A303 by-pass you will recall that we do own the palisade fence and row of thorn trees (the original accommodation works) on the Northern boundary with the A303. We are obliged to maintain the 1.8m palisade fence and tree line by the Deed.

No planning conditions are in place for us to maintain this fence in its original form as part of a traffic noise mitigation scheme because this fence was worse than useless thanks to Highways Agency. As you saw, and as explained over 10 years ago as traffic noise expanded, we fixed 8ft x 4ft reclaimed boards on our side of the fence to try and mitigate this. However traffic noise and volumes increased year on year. We have addressed the advisory issues raised by your noise expert who pointed out issues during his visit. Any new planning application will be dealt with at the material time. This could be years ahead.

In relation to the current planning permission following the successful Planning Appeal almost 3 years ago the Local Planning Authority are satisfied that the Noise Mitigation condition imposed at that time had been met. This was approved based on the scheme put forward as follows:-

"2.1 Traffic Noise Impact Assessment 2014

Application 15/01632/COU was supported by a traffic noise impact assessment "*Calculation of road traffic noise at Long Hazel Park, Sparkford, 6 November 2014*" undertaken by the author, and no objection to the application was raised by the council's environmental protection officers. The application was refused on other grounds.

2.2 Remedial works to protect the Lodge sites

The Lodges most exposed to noise from the A303 already exist and are described in this report as 2* and 3*. Steps will be taken to protect residents outside their homes, as well as inside. Peak traffic noise levels outside was calculated in the earlier report from traffic and topographical data. For this report, it was measured at around 60dBA Leq (5mins).

There was already a 2.4m high close boarded fence along the north and east boundaries of the site, creating an effective barrier to noise from the A303 to the north of the site. This will be extended around the western boundary.

A 24m long 2m fence will be erected on top of the existing earth bank on the western boundary between the north west corner of the site and an oak tree. It will be made of treated tannalised feather edged board 15 cm wide x 1cm thick tapering to 0.6cm, overlapped by 2.5cm. The boards will face into the park to achieve a valuable reduction in traffic noise levels.

In order to preserve residential amenity, gardens and patios will be located so as to benefit from the barrier to noise provided by the lodge structures.

2.3 Remedial works to reduce noise levels inside the Lodges

Before its revision in 2014, BS 8233 advised the following daytime noise criteria for internal residential areas:

- *Living rooms during the daytime – 35 dB LAeq,16h.*
- *Dining rooms during the daytime – 40 dB LAeq,16h.*
- *Bedrooms - 35 dB LAeq, 16h, during the day (for rest).*

Lodges 2* and 5* (shown on the plan at Appendix A) were both manufactured around 2009 by Wessex to a build standard specified by BS 3632: 2005. This standard was upgraded in 2015. Measurements inside show a 5min Leq at peak traffic times of around 31dBA.

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Dear Sir,

**DISCHARGE OF PLANNING CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PP REF: 15/01632/COU
LONGHAZEL CARAVAN PARK, HIGH STREET, SPARKFORD**

I refer to the application for the discharge of planning conditions that was validated 3 January 2017.

The details required by condition 3 (Noise Protection) attached to the above planning permission are acceptable to have discharged said condition.

With regard to condition 4 (drainage) I am unable to part discharge condition 4. Its wording provides for the drainage scheme to be provided before any of the mobile homes have been occupied. A way forward would be to seek to vary condition 4 through submission of a S73 application.

I trust that the above comments are of help. I have put a copy of this letter on the planning file.

Regards,

Lee Walton

Planner"

The newest section of 2m fencing on the bank was observed and discussed at the sound meeting and has Local Planning Authority approval. I have now used soil and turf to remedy the settlement voids on the bank below the fence.

The 2.4m high older fence comprises the original 1.8 palisade fence backed with 8 x 4 sheets of ply/composite board which is being maintained and has been attended to.

We are at liberty to site the six BS6362 Holiday lodges along the boundary closest to the A303 which are not subject to noise conditions. However the amenity areas for these Lodges and the Park generally are exposed to external traffic noise in excess of WHO guidelines in places. The Planning Inspectorate has flagged up this issue. We are committed to siting the holiday lodges as part of our business plan but once sited and having tested the market for uptake we do need a plan B if this venture does not work, hence our comments RE: the new NPPG about change of use. We think the Applicant has jumped the gun and has attempted to rubbish our rightful and good intentions with this loose talk, despite maintaining its position of standing behind the Design Module and burying its head in the sand on the issue of increasing traffic noise.

Finally please note I have cleared the footpath connecting the High Street with the A303 today if the Site visitors on 19 February require access to it.

Kind regards
Alan and Pamela Walton

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