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Subject: HERITAGE & NOISE: PORTWAY HOUSE Class MA: PL/2025/09973 and PL/2026/00652: New Access etc

Dear Becky,

Thank you for speaking with me earlier.

I am grateful for your time and for explaining the Council's current position on the determination timetable.

I understand the pressure created by the 27 May expiry date, and the Council's approach to extensions of time.

However, I would respectfully ask that the Class MA application is not determined adversely before the applicant has had a fair opportunity to provide the focused acoustic clarification now being prepared.

On **noise**, our position is that Public Protection's concerns are capable of being addressed by clarification of the existing acoustic evidence and, if necessary, by a proportionate planning condition.

We are not seeking to recast the proposal or submit a materially amended scheme. The immediate intention is to provide a short, technical response to the specific points raised, so that Public Protection and the case officer have a clear basis on which to proceed.

In that context, I would be grateful if the Council would treat the forthcoming acoustic note as clarification of the existing submission, rather than as a further amendment package.

It is plainly in all parties' interests for the application to be determined on a properly informed basis, particularly where the outstanding issue is technical and potentially capable of resolution.

On **heritage**, I also wanted to record the position as I understand it. There is presently no formal heritage consultation objection to the Class MA application, no Building Preservation Notice, and no listing.

I understand that Andrew Minting has referred, or intends to refer, Portway House to Historic England for consideration. That is of course noted, but unless and until there is a listing or BPN, the Class MA application must be determined on its present statutory footing.

Against that background, I would suggest that a refusal next week would be premature, particularly if based on matters which are either capable of technical resolution or not yet formally before the Council as a substantiated heritage objection.

We will move with speed and purpose on the acoustic clarification.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could hold off preparing any refusal recommendation until that clarification has been received and considered.

I see there is a Southern Area Planning Committee scheduled for 21/05/26 – might that be something to consider?

Please can this email be placed on the Planning Register?

Kind regards,

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