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Our Ref: 6058/L1

Dear Lee,

Re: Weavers Meadow, Hilperton

The following comments have been received from the planning office at Wiltshire Council relating to the noise assessment carried out by Hunter Acoustics 6058/EFA1 dated 24/06/2025:

"... regarding Condition 14 (External Noise Levels), the report concludes that measured levels in Plot 128 marginally exceeded the upper guideline of 55dB for external spaces, with readings at 56dB. While it is acknowledged that some construction elements, such as walls and gates, were not fully installed at the time of measurement, the current results place us at the upper threshold of the guideline. As 56dB is above the requirement set by the condition, I am unable to discharge Condition 14 at this stage.

To move forward, I would need additional measurements demonstrating that the requirement for Condition 14 has now been met, ideally once all relevant construction works are complete. Please arrange for these updated measurements and submit them for review. Once we have confirmation that the external noise levels comply with the condition, we will be able to issue a decision notice accordingly."

Plot 128 was selected for acoustic commissioning tests as it was indicated to be the most critical garden with respect to road traffic noise.

The following levels were measured:

Date	Period	Position
		Plot 128*
Friday 20 th June 2025	Daytime $L_{Aeq,7hr}$ (dB)	56
Saturday 21 st June 2025	Daytime $L_{Aeq,16hr}$ (dB)	56
Sunday 22 nd June 2025	Daytime $L_{Aeq,16hr}$ (dB)	53

Measured garden noise levels of 56dB $L_{Aeq,T}$ were recorded on Friday and Saturday, with 53dB $L_{Aeq,T}$ measured during Sunday. Garden noise levels on Sunday meet the planning condition requirement of 55dB L_{Aeq} .

Garden noise levels on Friday and Saturday exceeded the planning condition requirement by 1dB.

1dB can be considered a negligible and within the accuracy range of a Class 1 Sound Level Meter, as well other field measurement / repeatability tolerances. 3dB change in sound levels is considered a 'just noticeable difference'.

At the time of the commissioning some garden walls and gates were not complete. The noise model in our original noise assessment demonstrated that 55dB $L_{Aeq,16hr}$ would be met in Plot 128.

We would therefore argue that this 1dB excess should not be considered significant and would not justify further measurements on site to as this should be deemed compliant to discharge Condition 14.

Regards,



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