

NOISE IMPACT STATEMENT

Rear Courtyard, Outdoor Seating and Mobile Catering Trailer
The Pour House, 28A St John's Street, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1BN

Applicant: Sarah Watts Ltd, trading as The Pour House

Site address: 28A St John's Street, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 1BN

1. Introduction

This statement addresses the potential for noise impact arising from the existing courtyard seating and the proposed mobile catering trailer at The Pour House. It is submitted to demonstrate that noise has been properly considered as part of this application, and to set out why a specialist acoustic assessment by a qualified acoustician, of the kind envisaged by Wiltshire Council's Local Validation Checklist for developments involving fixed mechanical plant, vehicle movements, deliveries or live music, is not considered necessary or proportionate in this case.

2. Relevant Triggers and Why a Specialist Assessment Is Not Required

The Local Validation Checklist identifies a Noise Impact Assessment as potentially required for developments involving the installation or operation of mechanical equipment or electrical building services plant, or which generate noise or vibration through deliveries, servicing, vehicle movements, or live or recorded music. None of these circumstances apply to this proposal:

- No fixed mechanical plant is proposed. The trailer's electric ovens and refrigerators are contained, domestic-scale appliances, ventilated naturally through an opening roller shutter, with no external flue and no mechanical extraction fan;
- No deliveries are received at the rear of the property. The constrained access and egress of the private car park behind the site means that deliveries for the trailer, in common with deliveries for the existing bar operation, are received at the front of the premises from St John's Street. No delivery vehicles enter or manoeuvre within the courtyard;
- No live, recorded or amplified music is played in the courtyard or from the trailer. This is a condition of the premises licence variation granted on 21 May 2026, agreed with the Council's noise and public protection team, and is strictly observed;
- The courtyard is used for seated conversation between customers only, within the premises' existing permitted hours.

On this basis, the noise sources associated with this proposal are limited to voices and general customer activity of a kind already generated by the lawful drinking establishment use of the premises, rather than any new category of noise source requiring specialist acoustic measurement.

3. Existing Management Measures

The applicant already operates a number of deliberate management measures to protect neighbouring amenity from noise at unsociable times, which will continue to apply to the courtyard and the trailer:

- Glass bottles and other recyclable waste are only emptied during the day; no glass emptying or removal of noisy waste takes place at night;
- Cleaning activities such as vacuuming are not carried out at night;
- The courtyard and premises close to customers by 9.30pm, in accordance with Condition 2 of 13/01343/FUL as varied by PL/2023/04622, well within the hours normally associated with residential disturbance;
- CCTV covers the courtyard, with active monitoring of customer behaviour by staff;
- The courtyard is enclosed and substantially screened by walls, fencing, parked vehicles, mature trees and vegetation, which provide a degree of acoustic as well as visual buffering to neighbouring land.

4. Conclusion

Given the absence of fixed mechanical plant, deliveries, vehicle movements or music associated with this proposal, and given the management measures already in place, it is not considered that a specialist acoustic assessment by a qualified acoustician, in accordance with the relevant British Standard, is required or would be proportionate to the scale of this development. The noise impact of the proposal is considered to be no different in kind from that already lawfully generated by the existing drinking establishment use, and no unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenity is anticipated.