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**Subject:** Comment on Planning No. 3/2021/0488

Dear planning department,

I was unable to access your on line comment mechanism as it was non functional, so I would ask that this email be taken as my responses to the above planning application.

I would like to correct a few issue that I have noticed within the planning paperwork.

1. The noise study is from 2018 and is probably not as relevant as it is being presented.
2. In the noise study it makes assumptions that there is continuous noise from elsewhere therefore negating the impact from this premises.
3. Noise impact is minimal with the building's doors closed but only if they are.
4. The "old" entrance is said to be not much used, now there is a larger main entrance, but it is.
5. Hours of business restrict impact by being closed for all Sundays and bank holidays and half of Saturdays but only if that is true.
6. There are minimal to no complaints about the noise because we have tried to deal directly with Mr Grimes.

We have always tried to be constructive and discuss the noise issues we have had with Mr Grimes directly, rather than going down the more formal route - although this was necessary once. We have had to ask on several occasions to

have noise related issues resolved. They are for a while, but resurface regularly especially in the warmer days and months. As soon as the works opens its doors then the noise level increases significantly and is on top of the other ambient noises of the area.

To be perfectly frank - we knew we were moving in next to a small light industrial area and we expected some noise of course. We looked at the planning permission of the units, which clearly stated that there would be no works and therefore no noise at all on a Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday and any bank holiday.

**THIS IS ALMOST CONSTANTLY BROKEN.**

We support local businesses wherever we can and we are glad that this is a thriving concern. However the desire for the workforce to work all days of the week and beyond the prescribed time on a Saturday means that it is often relentless. Also when the weather is warm there is OFTEN a time either front doors, or worse side doors, are open for the benefit of the workforce. This increases the noise levels to unacceptable. Mr Grimes agrees with this but I assume he is not always there to enforce it.

The proposition to erect an encompassing fence - whilst welcome for some of its length near the building (for sound absorption) - would actually restrict the ability to get out of our drive. Especially since the pathway was put in with the large curb several of the vehicles here do not have the ability to get out of the driveway and we exit through the main entrance instead. The state of the potholes are also a risk of damage to our road vehicles (the Land Rover is the

only one not troubled by these). It would make life very difficult if the entire length of the fence were to be erected. The smaller entrance by our house is also still regularly used by cars, vans and heavy goods vehicles - especially some larger vehicles which often manoeuvre in front of the driveway to get in and out. Whilst I cannot find any paperwork to this effect the original house documents from the estate agents, said that the house would have use of 2 parking spaces when necessary on the adjacent site. This would clearly be impossible if the fence prevented it.

Essentially we are in essence not against the unit being there operating but we have very strong concerns that the restrictions placed on the hours, the open doors and the days that no work should be carried out is already being constantly broken. I worry that with a permanent change of status there is no impetus to bother keeping to the regulations as set out.

Either there needs to be a mechanism to ensure the restrictions are actually applied, or this is a temporary agreement with feedback from us, to say whether the restrictions are actually being adhered to, before anything is made permanent. We would also want to ensure the continued access to the driveway which we are concerned will be severely compromised.

Yours Faithfully,

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