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Subject: RE: Noise Assessment Addendum for Planning Appeal - UNITS 25&26, THE PARADE, Shrewsbury

Alex,

While the comments of the individual are right to be considered the council must be reminded that he is not an acoustic consultant – and therefore has incorrectly interpreted the BS4142 standard (that isn't really designed for this type of assessment but was used as a optional approach along with the community noise guidelines.

- The report is still valid as it considers daytime noise (7am-11pm) and therefore while the restaurant stay within these time limits the report is valid.
- We haven't seen plans for the outdoor kitchen and therefore cannot comment. If one has been added for whatever reason then this will require a new assessment.
- The time of day is correct – a 24hr measurement was taken from 1pm to 10.40am the following day to collect representative background data. An attended assessment was then taken at an adjacent restaurant while they were almost full. This was then used as the potential noise impact from the proposed area as breakout noise from open doors – with the assumption that members of staff would need to constantly enter and exit the main restaurant to serve the external guests. The external measurement was also taken when the area was full. 3dB was then added to both to cover for 'increased rowdiness'.
- The number of covers was based on number for seats there during the assessment period. Is the 65 covers a guess from the complainant? If so the venue can refute this. If there are higher numbers of covers this would increase the noise level but it would still, regardless, fall into the 'low chance of adverse impact' in accordance with BS4142 and still be below the 50dBA external limit value in accordance with the WHO Community noise guidelines. Either way, without specific figures from the council, the site would be compliant. 45dBA is the night-time limit which is not relevant unless the restaurant wants to have people in the area past 11pm. A doubling in the noise energy (which would be likely from going from a group of 30-60) would be a 3dB increase. Without calculating any barriers, diffraction to the NSR façade etc this would be below the 5dB above background require to increase the BS4142 categorisation (which only really applies to industrial noise) but would also be 3dB below the external limit values in accordance with the WHO Community Noise Guidelines 1999.
- The night-time level of +8dB is irrelevant unless the restaurant is now looking to be open past 11pm – the application was for up to 9pm externally.
- An enclosure does not channel noise 'upwards' unless it is reflective surfaces. Enclosures are normally designed to absorb sound and would therefore assumingly be made of acoustically absorbative materials. There would be no point in them being reflective anyway as this would increase internal noise as people constantly have to raise their voices to be heard.
- The author of the note has nothing to support the accusation that the area would not be a quiet restaurant area. The application was not for this to be an outdoor bar area.

Kind Regards

