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JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT
REMOVAL OF CONDITION 6 OF H14-0106-20 – ACOUSTIC FENCE

Application H14-0106-20 was approved on 15th July 2020, with a Condition attached to erect an acoustic fence along the Northern boundary which needed to commence to the front of Rosecott Farm house to continue in an Easterly direction up to the edge of the paddock.

This application is to remove the need for the acoustic fence following discussions with the Planning Officer, Environmental Protection Officer and acoustic fencing contractors.

Since the permission our client has occupied the site of Rosecott Farm and has a separate Planning Permission for a large two storey extension. Therefore, the Northern boundary will remain as existing with mature hedges and trees, within the domestic curtilage.

Following on from the domestic boundary in an Easterly direction my client has increased the height of the existing fence to 2.6m measured from inside the yard and again after the fence the client has sited lorry bodies at a height of 2.9m high towards the paddock fence and painted green. Between the clients fence and the neighbours trees and hedge there is a ditch at a distance of 3.5m. Therefore, we do not feel there is a justification for our client to erect the acoustic fence as requested. The fence and lorry bodies are shown on drawing 01C.

Our client has spoken to various companies and suppliers regarding the need for an acoustic fences all of whom have come back and said an acoustic fence of 1.8m-2m high will not provide any significant sound attenuation for the distance it is required.

During a site visit readings were taken at the front of our clients site with a reading of 80dB(A) and a further reading was taken in our clients yard 60m awa from the road at 60dB(A). The readings were of traffic noise from the immediate road.

The nearest neighbouring property is some 70m away from our clients boundary therefore, while my client is working on site and manoeuvring the lorries we can not see how this will be more than 80dB(A) which is average road noise levels taken.

We have been in contact with Steve Branson of SHDC the Environmental Health Officer and he has confirmed that no formal noise complaints have been raised since our client has occupied Rosecott Farm. Therefore, if the operations that my client undertakes at their yard were that severe surely a formal noise complaint would have been made.

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