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Norfolk County Council

For the Attention of Michael Zieja

**Re: FUL/2023/0005 Beeston Regis: Land off Holt Road, Sheringham, NR26
8TW: Creation of a new recycling centre**

I have the following concerns regarding this planning application and at this stage I am making a holding objection in relation to the lack of information on lighting and on clarifications which are requested on some noise impacts including at outdoor activity centre.

Lighting

No information on the impact of lighting proposals on residential amenity appears to have been provided. Details of hours of use for lighting are also requested. As site access is expected from 07.00 hours, it is envisaged that external lighting would be required in the winter when vehicles access the site. It is noted that lighting is at distance from residential receptors, which is positive in terms of lighting impacts.

Noise impact

I have reviewed the Environmental noise assessment by Adrian James Acoustics ref 13497/1

Construction noise - I have made comments on reducing the permitted construction hours in the section. Sections 6.2.2 and 6.3 indicate a satisfactory outcome for predicted construction noise activities at the nearest receptors.

Road traffic noise Operational noise off site road traffic noise

Sections 7.2 and table 11 detail negligible increases in offsite road traffic noise summarised in table 11 page 25 and statement no significant site traffic impact is expected. As such, I believe this outcome is satisfactory.

Operational noise

Maximum noise levels - I would request further detail on the noise levels at the 4 receptors (in figure 14) on the expected maximum noise levels, for example from site activities such as impact noise, as I have not found calculations to illustrate this aspect.

4 noise receptors/locations were assessed –

R1 being outdoor woodland use by the outdoor activity centre.

R2 at the activity centre accommodation.

R3 and R4 are residential properties.

The outcomes of BS4142 noise assessment results in Tables 16 to 18 on page 32 are favourable at the 4 receptors assessed. One receptor has a positive rating the 'all sources' scenario which is Receptor 1 at the outdoor centre woodland area) Here the report describes that the predicted rating level exceeds the representative background sound level by 3.6 dB. However, I would agree that given the nature and context of this receptor and that it is below the threshold above which BS 4142 states that adverse impacts may occur.

I have a query regarding noise impact on other activity centre land to the west of the proposed recycling site – the archery, games and caving areas, as shown in figure 4 Noise mapping on the potential noise impact has been provided in Figures 15, 16 and 17 on pages 30 and 31. Noise prediction maps give a visual overview of the noise levels of the 3 noise assessment scenarios (All sources, deposits only and service vehicles only.) However, the outdoor activity sites to the west are not marked on these noise maps. In addition, I would request that further information is provided to demonstrate the numerical /actual noise levels predicted at outdoor centres the archery and games areas.

I would suggest considering providing a 2.5 metre noise barrier to the west boundary of the proposed recycling site as this is likely to be beneficial in reducing noise to the outdoor centre's archery, caving and games areas (shown in figure 4 of the noise assessment.) I note that the noise prediction maps are currently show noise without the potential mitigation effects of additional site fencing to the west boundary of the site.

Construction site hours

I have noted the proposed construction site working hours in the Environmental Noise Impact Assessment on page 13 section 4.2.2 which are beyond the standard working day expected. I would recommend that the construction working hours are limited to 08.00 hours to 18.00 hours on Monday to Friday and 08.00 hours to 13.00 hours on Saturday. Activity and access on the site for quiet works/site access from 07.00 hours may be possible and this can be discussed further.

Potentially Contaminated land

Further consideration is required regarding potentially contaminated land and a site investigation and/or condition is likely to be required, considered the previous land in the area. Contact details for my colleague have been provided and arrangements will be made to forward his comments as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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