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To: Peter Barnett
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Hi Peter,

The original noise report modelled the noise from the installation using spectral data for the plant where possible. The spectral data was not provided. Now look at Table 4 of this original report, the title of which is “required insertion loss of louvres”. This implies to me that the acoustician was of the opinion that acoustic louvres were required. I am not sure why but there may have been something in the spectral data that formed this opinion.

The report advised the following:

The predictions do not include attenuation provided by the louvered screen

around the external plant area within the noise model. We advise that louvers

are selected which obstruct the view from the external plant area to the

residential properties and that the inner facing of the louvers is lined with a

sound absorbent material. Companies such as Noico can provide suitable

louvers. By breaking the line of site between the source and receiver a barrier

attenuation of at least five decibels can be expected, this has been applied to

the results of the noise model.

With regards to the NPPF and the Noise Policy Statement for England 2010. The aim should be to reduce any noise “as far as reasonably practical.” This concept can be found in the Environmental Protection Act 1990, where, in some circumstances, there is a defence of “best practicable means” in summary statutory nuisance proceedings.

The applicant’s acoustic consultant in his original application outlined what he considered was reasonably practicable to control noise from the plant and this is what the guidance requires. Putting a lower level of protection for what ever reason now would be contrary to this guidance and the acousticians reassessment of noise provided to support this change gives no reason for his change in opinion.

I would therefore object to the application.

Regards

Michael Lavender

From: Peter Barnett
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Hi Michael

Have you reached a view on the proposed louvres?

Thanks

Peter

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