Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 20/04/2025 12:15 PM from Dr LUCY BARNES.

Application Summary

Address:	Oaklands Business Centre 64 - 68 Elm Grove Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Application to Vary Condition 4 (hours of business) of previously approved WB/771/86 to state: The use hereby permitted shall take place between the hours of 08.00 and 22.00 on Monday to Friday and between the hours of 10.00 and 18.30 on Saturdays and Sundays and not at any time on Bank or Public Holidays. (Condition 4 of WB/771/86 currently reads: The use hereby permitted shall not be operated on Sundays or Public Holidays or at any time otherwise than between the hours of 8.00am to 6pm on Mondays to Fridays and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays.) Machinery shall be operated, processes shall be carried out and deliveries shall be taken at or dispatched from the site only between the hours of 08.00 and 18.30 on Monday to Friday, and not at any time on Saturday or Sundays or on Bank or Public Holidays.|cr||cr|ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION: Change of use from dairy to light industrial units with ancillary office accommodation at first floor level.
Case Officer:	Jo Morin

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Customer Details

Name:	Dr LUCY BARNES
Address:	37 The Drive, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 5LN

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other - Privacy Light and Noise
Comments:	I would like to register a strong objection to this proposal on multiple considerations including previous decisions, noise, disturbance, smells, overlooking, loss of privacy and light. There have been several attempts to remove or adjust the limits to the hours of operation within Oaklands Business Centre since the 1990s. These were all refused. However, a temporary application to extend the access to the premises for cleaning, administration and office work was granted. Although not made

permanent, on many occasions since then, the offices overlooking the rear of our property have been in use late at night and 'out of hours'. As a result, we have experienced being overlooked from the offices at the back when in our home at night, into our rear bedroom, kitchen and back garden. Our garden is very small and short so that the wall of Oaklands building is only approximately 7 metres from our back door.
This close proximity activity out of hours invades our privacy when getting ready for bed at night, using our kitchen and garden. Light from the offices glares directly into our home via our bedroom window and garden until late. On occasion I have stopped to open the bedroom blind to see where the light was shining in from and puzzled as to why Oaklands seemed to be in use out of hours. This is intrusive and unwelcome in our residential area.

I work as a consultant anaesthetist at a local NHS hospital. I often work 24 hour shifts on call and sleep is very important to be able to work effectively. Interruption to sleep from noise or light at any time of the day would make this impossible.

Noise comes from Oaklands in different forms. Often as droning intrusive background noise which is audible in our house and in the back garden in particular. At times there is loud banging and thumping. Sometimes music or voices. Also output from an extractor fan straight into the back gardens in our row of houses. Also at times there are staff walking about on the roof of Oaklands, able to see directly into my kitchen and garden, or sitting out overlooking the gardens and houses, speaking in loud voices and on occasions loudly swearing. This is intimidating and prevents us from enjoying our gardens. It alarms our pets and sets our dog barking when people are walking around on the roof.
Gardens from five properties no 37 - 45, The Drive are very short and small (less than 7 metres long) so we experience these disturbances and physical vibrations from the property at close vicinity.

This proposed extension of hours constitutes a huge 64% increase in their operating hours.
As residents, our entire relaxation time at home after work and at the weekends would be impacted by the activities in Oaklands. This is unacceptable and not in keeping with daily life in a residential area. I would suggest that businesses who want to carry out operations into extended hours should find an industrial estate.
Thank you for your consideration.
Dr Lucy Barnes