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Dear Mr Barnett

Ref. AWDM/1097/11
West side & rear extension to existing factory unit.
No 6 Marlborough Road, Lancing Business Park, Lancing.

I have taken the opportunity to view the proposed development on the Councils website and have also met with the owner at his place of business. After studying the plans and conversation with the owner I would like to say that I have no serious objections to his proposal. However, there are a number of issues I would like to raise for consideration prior to the final assessment.

The proposed development puts the south facing rear elevation of the factory unit to within 3m. of the boundary fence. I would like to suggest that instead of the gable ending of the roofs as shown, that this detail is altered to show the roofs hipped. This will go some way to lessening the overbearing appearance of the development from the rear gardens of the residential properties in Lancing Park. I raised this idea with the owner during our conversation and he seemed to be open to the suggestion to the point that he informed me that he would discuss it with his Architect.

I trust that the proposed development will incorporate latest technology in acoustic insulation to mitigate the levels of noise coming from the factory unit as there have already been instances where these levels have exceeded what would be considered acceptable, not only in the level of noise but also for the timings involved.
I also have concerns regarding night-shift working. The business has obviously grown sufficiently to justify this expansion, does this mean that there is more of a likelihood of 'out of hours' working?

Finally, can it be confirmed that the fire escape doors shown on the south facing rear elevation are solely that and are not to be wedged in the open position to assist in air flow through the factory unit.

I hope that these concerns are given due consideration during the assessment process and assist your department in coming to a conclusion that not only satisfies the proposer but also the local residents.

Yours sincerely

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