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Subject: AWDM/0912/26: Gymnasium, Oceans View Business Park

Hi Peter,

there are no EH objections in principle, however, we need to ensure that noise from the use does not negatively impact nearby residents, particularly as they want a 5am start. .

The Noise Policy Statement England 2010 sets out the Government's policy on noise management. .

Why do we need a Noise Policy Statement for England (NPSE)?

- 2.1 Noise is an inevitable consequence of a mature and vibrant society. For some the noise of city life provides a desirable sense of excitement and exhilaration, but for others noise is an unwanted intrusion that adversely impacts on their quality of life, affecting their health and well being.
- 2.2 The management of noise has developed over many years as the types and character of noise sources have altered and as people's attitude to noise has changed. The Noise Abatement Act came into law in 1960 and the Report from the Committee on the Problem of Noise was published in 1963 (the Wilson report). Since then, examples of noise management can be found in many areas including reducing noise at source; the use of the land use and transport planning systems, compensation measures, the statutory nuisance and licensing regimes and other related legislation.
- 2.3 Furthermore, the broad aim of noise management has been to separate noise sources from sensitive noise receivers and to 'minimise' noise. Of course, taken in isolation and to a literal extreme, noise minimisation would mean no noise at all. In reality, although it has not always been stated, the aim has tended to be to minimise 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.

You can see that the aim is not to stop all noise, rather the aim is to minimise noise as far as reasonably practicable. and this is where the noise management plan would help.

The main noise issues that could cause problems are early morning vehicle movements and amplified music. I would recommend that parking spaces close to residential property are coned off in the early hours so customers drive to the spaces away from the houses. I would also look at how potential disturbance from amplified music can be mitigated, particularly if windows are open for ventilation. I have attached a copy of the ANC's Pro PG Guidance for Gymnasiums. Page 57 has advice on music noise control.

The applicant knows their routine and class timetable and what this may involve so the noise management plan should be based on this, focusing tighter controls during sensitive hours in the day. I would be happy to look at and comment on the noise management plan, which should be a condition of any permission.

Kind Regards

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