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Subject: Re: Hutchins & Carter Yard, Alton PLAN/JD/EH156 - Noise Assessment

Dear Mark

Thank you for your email and response to my comments for the above application.

In principle I have no objection to the proposed recycling centre, but I wanted to ensure that any potential noise impact from the use of the site has been fully considered before a decision is made on the application. I appreciate the site is located on a well established industrial area and as such the area is typically subject to relatively high ambient noise levels.

Although the noise climate of the area is dominated by noise from traffic using the nearby A31, which I acknowledge is unlikely to alter on a Saturday, my concern remains that a weekday background noise level may not be representative of noise levels on a Saturday due to less activity taking place on the surrounding industrial estate. I consider any potential impact due to a reduced background noise level on Saturdays would be most significant to location 1 - Lynch Hill Cottage. Previous assessments carried out close to Lynch Hill Cottage suggest background noise levels may be below 50dBA in the vicinity of the dwelling. An example of such levels can be seen in chart 1 of the noise report submitted with the previous planning application for the Hutchins & Carter yard [available here](#)

My thoughts on industrial operations within the industrial estate on Saturdays remain the same and the majority of the units you list in your letter dated 4th May 2012 do not operate on Saturday morning. My contact with the following premises shows their operating times as being:

- Existing Hutchins & Carter facility - currently only opens on Saturdays by prior arrangement
- Gardner Denver Ltd, which owns Welch-Ilmvac, only operates Monday to Friday
- Mike Watson Transport does operate during Saturday morning
- Conquip is permitted to operate on Saturdays until 2pm, but does not always open and when it does it operates reduced activities on Saturdays
- Esdevium Games Ltd only operates Monday to Friday
- Cranford Controls only operates Monday to Friday

Despite the above and my concern about Saturday working I do acknowledge that your assessment assumes plant is operating 100% of the time during operational hours which is unlikely to be the case. In view of this together with your comments, the current permitted hours of operation for the site and the predominantly industrial nature of the area, I agree that noise is unlikely to significantly harm residential amenity.

Regards

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