

Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)**2020/90311 - Land south of, Helme Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9****Discharge conditions 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 on previous permission 2018/92937 for erection of 50 dwellings and associated works****Date Responded:**
12 Sep 2020**Responding Officer:**
Richard Hume**Responding Ref:**
WK/202003284**Condition 13 - Noise Assessment and Mitigation Scheme**

In our previous response dated 25 Sep 2020 we recommended that condition 13 was not discharged because the boundary treatments plan submitted at that time, which included the location of the required acoustic barrier, conflicted with the previously recommended (in a WYG acoustics report) approved location.

An email from Damon Fletcher of Barratt & David Wilson Homes dated 25 Sep 2020 has now been received. This email refers to previous emails going back to July 2020 (which he attaches) and the previously submitted boundary treatment plans. There are references to the boundary treatment to the side of plot 117 which advised is shown as a stone wall topped with timber fencing to be used in place of the timber acoustic fence and mentions the this change to stone is needed for improved durability because of its proximity to the highway. This is exactly the unacceptable discrepancy from the approved noise mitigation measures that we referred to in our previous response. The details of this part of the boundary treatment are clearly shown on the plan we previously referred to and we carefully examined it. Because its design completely fails to provide the required noise mitigation it is completely unacceptable as an acoustic barrier. When we first assessed this, we would have accepted it if it has been considered to be a suitable acoustic barrier.

Recommendations

Because there have been no revised proposals to replace the previously unacceptable proposals I again consider that the information submitted is still insufficient for the requirements of condition 13 and therefore recommend that condition 13 is not discharged at this time.