Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)		
2024/91923 - adj 9a High Street, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9ES		
Discharge conditions 3-7, 9, 11, 12 on previous permission 2023/90918 for erection of detached dwelling (within a Conservation Area)		
Responding Date: **29 July 2024**	**Responding Officer:** **Mohammed Nasim**	**Responding Ref:** **WK202422545**

Note - These comments relate to Condition 9 - Noise ONLY

Comments

Condition 9 - Noise

The applicant has submitted a Residential Noise Assessment authored by Nova dated 17 June 2024 Ref NP-011179. It considers the neighbouring uses as shown in figure 2 and described in para 2.2 and the potential for this impacting upon the development site.

A background noise survey was conducted between the 24th and the 27th of May 2024 (which was a Bank Holiday period when activities within the beer garden or any internal events are likely at higher capacity), from 2 measurement positions (MPs) as shown in figure 2 and a summary of the findings from both MPs is shown in table 2. Comment is made that distant traffic and commercial noise is present but not significantly dominant in the environment, hence the background noise level is consistent and low in level throughout the monitoring period. Consideration has also been given to the entertainment noise in para 2.5 stating live music may be slightly audible but that this can be adequately controlled by the façade sound insulation of the proposed development.

In order to meet with the internal requirements of BS8233, glazing and ventilation is specified in table 5. Typical construction would provide the required level of sound insulation but it is advised to double board the ceilings to prevent the transfer of low frequency noise via the roof. Comment is made about the possibility of overheating and whilst this is outside of the remit of Environmental Health, it is imperative that any fixed mechanical system installed does not exceed the internal noise levels as per BS8233. The external amenity area meets with the external requirements of BS8233 and no mitigation measures are required.

The findings of the report are accepted.

Recommendations

Condition 9 - Noise

The findings of the report are accepted. However, we recommend the condition is not discharged until all of the mitigation measures within the Residential Noise Assessment authored by Nova dated 17 June 2024 Ref NP-011179 are implemented and retained thereafter.