Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)		
2025/92139 - The Old Dewsbury Library, Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HN		
Alterations to former library to form 14 apartments with associated internal and external works (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)		
Responding Date: **09 February 2026**	**Responding Officer:** **Mohammed Nasim**	**Responding Ref:** **WK202602459**

Comments

Noise

The applicant has submitted a Residential Noise Assessment authored by NOVA Acoustics dated 17 December 2025 Ref NP-013247 which describes the proposal and identifies the neighbouring acoustic environment as shown in figure 2.

A noise survey was undertaken between the 26th and 29th of October 2025 from a single monitoring position (MP1) at the front and again between the 7th and the 10th of November 2025 from a single monitoring position (MP2) at the rear as shown in figure 2. A summary of the findings is shown in table 2 with comment made that the acoustic environment to the front is characterised as moderate to high in level, with noise primarily influenced by road traffic on the surrounding network, particularly the A638 and Wellington Road whereas at the rear, the acoustic environment is low to moderate when the neighbouring licensed premises beer garden is closed (The Squash Club). When open, the noise levels at the rear façade will increase.

The report considers the hours of use using library data for a live amplified band, and with reasonable assumptions on the level of sound insulation based upon the construction of the building, predicts the level of breakout noise. However, the predicted internal breakout noise levels were considered negligible when compared with the noise generated by activity within the external beer garden and are therefore not the controlling noise source for the assessment.

Distance corrections have been applied and mitigation in the form of glazing and ventilation is specified dependent upon the façade as shown in table 9. Para 6.4 states further mitigation will be required where rooms are to be located within the roof space and there are no voided loft space and recommends roof construction details for the first floor.

There is no external amenity area.

The findings of the report are accepted. A condition is recommended to secure the mitigation measures proposed.

Recommended Conditions

NC1 Implement Agreed Noise Mitigation Measures – Condition

Before the development is first brought into use, all works which form part of the sound attenuation scheme as specified in the Residential Noise Assessment authored by NOVA Acoustics dated 17 December 2025 Ref NP-013247 -

a) shall be completed; and
b) written evidence to demonstrate that the specified noise levels have been achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

If it cannot be demonstrated that the noise levels specified in the aforementioned Noise Report have been achieved, then a further scheme shall be submitted for approval of the Local Planning Authority incorporating further measures to achieve those noise levels.

All works comprised within those further measures shall be completed and written evidence to demonstrate that the aforementioned noise levels have been achieved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development is first brought into use.
Reason: To protect the amenity of occupiers of the proposed development from noise or disturbance from nearby noise generating premises to accord with the aims of Policies LP24 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapters 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.