Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)		
2025/92229 – 3 - 5 Westgate, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HE		
Alterations to convert office (class E) to 2 flats (class C3)		
Responding Date: **03 March 2026**	**Responding Officer:** **Mohammed Nasim**	**Responding Ref:** **WK202605079**

Comments

We note this is a retrospective application.

Noise

The applicant has submitted Sound Insulation test certificates from Paul Horsley Acoustics dated 09 April 2025 Ref PH/J3332-1 which show that the sound insulation for the separating floor between the 1st floor flat lounge and the ground floor retail unit along with the separating floor between the ground floor retail unit and the basement meet with our requirements (43dB $D_{ntw+}C_{tr}$ (Building Regs) + 10dB = 53dB $D_{ntw+}C_{tr}$) and this is accepted.

As the proposal sits on a busy A-Road and is opposite the bus station, we would need to protect the amenity of the occupiers from road traffic noise and any other sources of noise typical of a High Street. No information has been submitted to support this. We recommend a condition for a Noise Impact Assessment to be submitted.

Recommended Conditions

NC9 Noise Assessment Report and Mitigation Scheme - Condition

Before construction work commences, a report specifying the measures to be taken to protect the development from noise from all significant noise sources that are likely to affect the proposed development e.g. road traffic/commercial premises etc. shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall:

a) Determine the existing noise climate
b) Predict the noise climate in living rooms (daytime), bedrooms (night-time) and other habitable rooms of the development
c) Detail the proposed attenuation/design necessary to protect the amenity of the occupants of the new residences (including ventilation if required).

The development shall not be occupied until all works specified in the approved report have been carried out in full and such works shall be thereafter retained.

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.