Consultation Response from: KC Environmental Health (Pollution & Noise Control)		
2025/93355 - Land off Woodward Court, Mirfield, WF14 0PY		
Erection of 75 residential dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, highways and drainage infrastructure		
Responding Date: **07 August 2026**	**Responding Officer:** **MN**	**Responding Ref:** **WK202623776**

Noise

The applicant has submitted a Noise Impact Assessment authored by SLR dated 03 July 2026 Ref 403.067073.00001 v3. It identifies the local acoustic environment, primarily the neighbouring school and multi-use games area (MUGA) along with the local road traffic network.

A baseline noise survey was undertaken between Friday the 19th and Tuesday the 23rd of June 2026 from 2 monitoring positions as shown in figure C. Location 1 is at the school boundary and location 2 is at the junction with Hepworth Lane. A summary of the results is given in tables D for location 1 and E for location 2.

Section 5 looks at the potential impact of the school on plots 1 to 5 and the graph in figure D shows some exceedances when the school is open but there are also some exceedances on Sunday afternoon which whilst acknowledged, are unexplained. No information is given on whether this is from the use of the MUGA which may have some community use and so we ask that this be clarified.

The report proceeds to justify the school time exceedances as infrequent and short lived with the BS8233 external criteria being achieved for most of the assessment period and, where exceedances do occur, they are minor in magnitude, brief, and unlikely to result in any noticeable adverse effect. The principle of Caveat Emptor must also apply when moving to a neighbouring school and so this is accepted.

A recommendation is made for a 1.8m high solid acoustic timber fence to be installed which may help to mitigate noise levels further.

Section 6 considers the impact of road traffic with table F showing the internal levels will meet with the requirements of BS8233 with deemed standard double glazing and this is accepted.

The findings of the report thus far are accepted but we seek an explanation on the weekend exceedances as stated. The Planning Officer is advised to base their decision on any information received when determining the application. If acceptable, then a condition is recommended to secure the mitigation measures to protect amenity.

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 Noise Impact Assessment authored by SLR dated 03 July 2026 Ref 403.067073.00001 v3:

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.