

Hi Claire,

I have reviewed the further documents submitted, the key discussion point is on the methodology and assumptions made particularly around whether a background assessment should be undertaken or absolute sound levels used.

There are arguments for both methods to be used and it depends on the relevant documents used. Whilst previous versions of BS4142 define some terms the current version does not and refers to other documents including WHO guidance and Planning guidance.

Assessing this from the point for the local authority I would argue that the primary focus of a noise assessment is to protect our residents and ensure that any potential impact on the environment is considered.

BS4142 should be taken as a whole in the context of its purpose, highlighting particular sections can result in that part being taken out of context.

Ultimately this proposal is for the development of industrial units in a currently predominantly residential area which is relatively quiet when compared to other parts of the district.

With regard to the consideration of the properties to the east of the site, whilst the reasoning submitted by the applicant is reasonable it would be prudent to demonstrate that by assessment prior to the site being brought into use.

I would recommend that the condition proposed by Cass Allen would give greater protection to the existing environment.

Many thanks,
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