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Posted by email to karen.mcculloch@rugby.gov.uk

Dear Ms McCulloch,

Ref: Planning Application R21/0823

**LAND NORTH OF TRITAX SITE - LAND NORTH OF COVENTRY ROAD, COVENTRY ROAD,
THURLASTON**

**For: Extended landscape mound to that approved under planning permission R20/1026
on northern boundary of Zone D Parameters Plan, with 3.5m high acoustic fence.**

This document is Thurlaston Parish Council's (TPC) submission with regard to planning application R21/0823.

This submission concerns three bunds and an acoustic fence. Their purpose is to provide limited visual screening and acoustic insulation to reduce noise pollution. The proposals will therefore assist in mitigating the impact of noise which will emanate from Zone D (warehouse, energy centre, staff vehicle parks) when it is occupied in accordance with application R16/2569.

Within Stantec's theoretical analysis we question the validity of their data and its interpretation. Two issues require further consideration:

- We question the accuracy of the calculations with regard to noise received at the Thurlaston settlement because we do not consider measurement position P4 (north of Zone D) is genuinely representative of Receptors 1, 2, 4 and 5. It is mainly Receptor 4 (south of Zone D) which is relevant to Thurlaston.
- The assessment assumptions only seem to assess the impact of Unit 3 in Zone D, rather than the whole complex. It must be recognised that, until the Potsford Dam Link is developed, there will be an adverse impact on traffic flows because the B4429 / Thurlaston roundabout will be used by traffic travelling into and out of the complex. The applicant is requested to declare assumptions for HGV, LDV and motor car traffic volumes/hour in/out of Symmetry Park and their consequential noise impact on the Thurlaston settlement.

The implementation of R16/2569 conditions 37 to 39 need to be fulfilled and these will require the developers to make holistic pollution assessments for the whole site pre and post implementation. We note that the Applicant states:

Care has been taken to reduce uncertainty as far as reasonably possible. However, it should be recognised that in any environmental sound survey and assessment process uncertainty exists.

Therefore, should the fully deployed Symmetry Park fail to meet acceptable noise abatement levels the Applicant should be asked to explain what additional acoustic screening would be introduced to mitigate excessive noise.

Conclusion

This planning submission concerns three bunds and an acoustic fence to mitigate the impact of noise emanating from Symmetry Park Zone D. Their purpose is to provide limited visual screening and acoustic insulation to reduce noise pollution.

- (a) TPC supports the proposals with a caveat that the Applicant should validate their noise abatement proposals using real pre and post implementation data. These data can then be used to assess objectively whether the applicant's proposals have been successful and therefore judge whether they meet theoretical expectations. Tacit with this are proposals to mitigate excess noise should this be required.
- (b) Notwithstanding (a) above TPC requests that RBC should undertake their own independent holistic measurements of noise pollution arising from the whole of Symmetry Park.

We respectfully request that you acknowledge our representations, and in the meantime, we would be grateful if you would keep us informed of any new information supplied by the Applicant.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Keith Boardman
Chairman Planning Subcommittee
Thurlaston Parish Council