

Christine Chapman - Tooheys Lidcombe - Modification to Noise Limits - Mod 4

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Glenn

Good morning. Further to your request for comments regarding the proposal Council makes the following observations and recommendation as follows:

- Based on the information provided it difficult to determine how/why the original noise criteria was placed on the development consent that was issued in 2007. Based on this it is unclear whether or not the non-compliance identified in the recent acoustic reports is due to a variation of the internal operation or is due to a change in the use of the premises
- Based on the reports provided the noise measurements taken during the compliance report exceed the noise criteria, however the exceedance is not as high as the predicted noise level due to peak demands. Once again based on the information provided it is hard determine if this is consistent with information/noise levels at the time of the original consent.
- The noise reports demonstrate that consideration was given to installing a noise barrier to attenuate noise from the loading dock however the report provides that the predicted attenuation achieved by the barrier would be minimal and not effective.
- According the information the proposed modification is to increase the noise criteria for the site by 13dB (A) to be in line with the current predicted noise levels.
- As the site is currently subject to an Environmental Protection Licence issued by the EPA under the provision of the Protection of the Environment Operation Act 1997. This licence contains noise limits for the site in line with the original limits contained in the consent. It is assumed that this application has been referred to the EPA for comments/concurrence.
- It is my understanding that to date council has not received complaints from residents regarding noise from the site however this does not mean that noise from the site is not an issue. Consideration should also be given to potential for the changes to the noise criteria resulting in the operation /truck movements increasing which in turn may comply with the criteria but cause new complaints from residents.
- The limited number of complaints could also be a result of the site emitting noise levels consistent with those measured in the compliance report with the predicted noise levels only being emitted on a small number of occasions.

Council Recommendation:

Based on the history of the site and the limited (or no) complaints being received, Council does not oppose the proposed modification however as the premises is subject to an Environmental Protection licence noise limits contained on the approval for the premises should be in accordance with the licence and/or the recommendations of the EPA.

Further consideration should also be given to ensuring that the operation of the site including the number of truck movements and noise emitting activities are restricted inline with the current operation of the site.

Regards

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