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**PROPOSAL:** Proposed change of use of agricultural and amenity building including alterations to west elevation to a wedding venue with associated parking facilities - amended information received 3 November 2022

**LOCATION:** Sedgfield House Ainderby Steeple Northallerton North Yorkshire.

This service has carefully considered the noise assessment reports submitted by the applicant (March, October, December 2022) and the contents of the Blue Tree Acoustic review commissioned by local residents. Based on the data provided and the conflicting information, serious concerns remain regarding the potential impact the venue will have on amenity even with the proposed mitigation measures installed. Given the allegations in the Blue Tree review around inaccuracy of values used, incorrect attenuation factors (63Hz octave band) and unrepresentative sound levels used for foreground amplified music there are significant concerns that the conclusions made in the NJD reports are not accurate and representative for a venue such as this.

A Noise Abatement Notice served under section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is currently in force due to noise nuisance witnessed by officers from the Environmental Health Department at various events held over the Summer of 2022.

None of the reports contain real time data of noise produced by a 'live event' (the background data collected on the 12<sup>th</sup> August which coincided with a small wedding event is not representative as no complaints were received from residents as a result of this event at the venue). Given the number of events held in 2022 this failure to collect real time data makes it difficult to evaluate what the real noise footprint at the venue during a live event is and if the proposed mitigations will be sufficient. It is my assessment that real time data should have been collected and used to demonstrate the proposed measures are indeed effective.

I have personally witnessed noise nuisance coming from the application site, my contemporaneous notes state "I can hear music, the most prominent element being the bass (from the amplified music)". In terms of Cadna modelling the values used for both the 63Hz and 4kHz are not presented and therefore it is not possible to assess the data provided effectively. Given amplified and live music are one of the main concerns, the omission of this data does raise significant concerns about the proposed mitigation proposals.

Internal trading sound levels used in the various calculations to assess attenuation of the building structure and proposed additional measures as well as predicted calculation for resultant levels at ESR's are not from this site, but a site based in County Durham. Given these figures are simulated and not based on the reality of the site, again it is very difficult to assess what the true situation is. Anecdotal evidence suggests that noise issues remain at the site from which the modelled internal trading sound data was sourced.

Given the lack of confidence in the information so far provided, I believe we have insufficient reliable information to assess the potential noise impact from this site and its proposed use.

Regards

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