

PLANNING REF : 242575
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr Greg Hares
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COMMENTS:

We live on the border of this industrial estate, their car park is next to our property. Holmes Dodsworth, who occupy units 7 and 8, have been a constant source of noise nuisance, since moving in 3 or so years ago.

They have been breaching the current planning hours, for the entire time. They make noise as early as 3AM in the morning. There are constant HGV movements at unsociable hours.

In the winter, they start their delivery vehicles up, from 5:30AM, and leave them running.

Despite leasing with the new owners of Heron Industrial estate, nothing has changed. It's only since they have sought planning, that the noise has reduced.

There were never any noise issues, prior to them renting the units.

They have clearly operated, and taken the lease, knowing the restrictions, and never sought to operate within the permitted hours.

Asking to operate from 5am to 11pm, is not acceptable. Firstly, they already operate outside of these hours, with no regard for the neighbouring residential properties. Secondly, on the basis that they haven't adhered to current planning restriction, for business hours, I can't see how they will going forward, if anything, they will just abuse the restriction further.

It worries us, that this is just the start, of the new owners of the site, changing the hours for the whole site.

We bought our property, knowing the current restrictions. Our son suffers from ADHD, Autism and other sensory 'disabilities'. He is registered disabled with Wokingham Borough Council, and attends a school for children with additional needs. The noise from the industrial estate has disrupted his (and our) sleep on many occasions. These kind of disruptions have real consequences for his well being, and have detrimental effect on all of us.

I don't believe that the type of business Holmes Dodsworth operate, is suited to a residential area.

I would also reiterate, they took the lease on those 2 units, knowing they weren't suitable for their needs, and are now trying to seek 'retrospective' permission to operate from an unsuitable site.

There must have been good reason for the current restriction to have been put in place, decades ago. At that point in time, there weren't nearly as many residential properties in the vicinity. Now the area has expanded, and the surroundings have become more urbanised, including reduction of speed limits.

To allow a business, that by its very nature, is noisy, and needs to operate at unsociable hours, within an larger domestic environment, is at odds with how the surroundings have changed, to reflect the amount of residential development and increased local foot traffic. Not to mention, that they also border a primary school.

To allow them to continue, does not set the right precedent, and in my view, will encourage other businesses on the site to 'abuse' the system.