

PLANNING REF : 260613
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Croft
: Charlton Lane. Swallowfield, Reading, Berkshire
: RG7 1RT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Charles Andrew Pailthorpe
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COMMENTS:

Class B8 specifically refers to storage and distribution of goods.
Class B1 (C) specifically refers to light industry appropriate in
a residential area. With B1(c) specifically becoming E g) (iii)
any

industrial process, being a use, which can be carried out in any
residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by
reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust or
grit. The current noise level clearly exceeds the accepted levels.
If the Class is changed from B1 (C) to B2 then this allows wider
industrial processes totally inappropriate for a residential area
especially one being so close to houses.

Item 27 in the application document refers to the use of 100 mm
spray-on Styrofoam for sound reduction however this is not a
standard or ideal acoustic treatment and is not an acceptable
standalone practice for soundproofing in most building-code or
best-practice contexts. Styrofoam has low mass and poor
sound-damping properties compared with materials specifically
designed for soundproofing.

Clearly the capacity of the company to reduce their noise levels is
ineffective and therefore this application should be rejected as
there is undoubted detriment to the amenity of the area.