

MEMORANDUM

From:	Emma Choules	To (Case Officer):	PLANNING
Service	Enforcement & Safety	App No:	242846
Address:	18 Rectory Close, Wokingham, RG40 1TH		
Proposal:	Householder Consultation		
Site Visit Made:	No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☒ Recommend approval but with condition(s) & reason(s) **stated below**;
- ☐ Recommend approval with no conditions
- ☐ Recommend refusal for the reason(s) **stated below**;
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**.

Comments On Proposal

Potential noise

The proposal is for the installation of an air source heat pump, detailed as a Vaillant, aroTHERM Split 7kW model (A7/w55). Air source heat pumps have the potential to create noise nuisance detrimental to the amenity of the neighbouring residential premises.

Some noise generation technical data of the proposed unit has been provided as well as some spatial information, but no noise impact assessment has been provided.

For a householder application, we would have regard to a passed MCS 020* assessment, were one submitted, as an alternative to a noise impact assessment based on measured data.

In this instance we have no such information. Therefore, in the absence of additional supporting information I am recommending a condition, derived by calculation from the details provided.

*MCS 020 v1.3 dated 19/06/2019

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Please use this section to detail any conditions that are required to make this development acceptable in planning terms. All conditions should be accompanied by reasons.

The sound level of the plant/equipment hereby approved, (an aroTHERM Split 7kW model - A7/w55) shall not, when in operation, exceed a sound pressure of 48dB at 1m from the unit.

To protect the occupiers of nearby premises from unreasonable noise levels. Relevant policy: NPPF Section 15 (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment), Core Strategy policies CP1 and CP3 and Managing Development Delivery Local Plan policy CC06.

Date: 20/12/2024

Signed: E Choules