

PLANNING REF : 243244
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Pitts Lane
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: RG6 1BT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ian Raine
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/03/2025

COMMENTS:

The acoustic report confirms that the ambient nighttime noise level has been measured at 36dBA. This is within the range of 30 - 40 dBA I referred to in earlier comments. The report also appears to confirm the manufacturer's data for the noise emitted by the plant.

The report states that the outdoor living area at 38 Pitts Lane is approximately 5m from the plant on the east elevation. That is incorrect. The outdoor living area at 38 Pitts Lane starts immediately adjacent to the boundary. The drawings are not dimensioned but the outdoor living area at 38 Pitts Lane is probably no more than 3m from the plant on the east elevation. The report also fails to recognise the windows at ground and first floor on the south elevation of 38 Pitts Lane at the rear which are facing and in direct acoustic line of sight with the plant on the east elevation of 36 Pitts Lane.

The report states that the AC unit on the east elevation must operate in low noise mode. What guarantees are in place to ensure this? The acoustic calculations provided cannot be interrogated.

Reference in the report to the WHO statement that, "An interim target (IT) of 55 dB L night, outside is recommended in the situations where the achievement of NNG is not feasible in the short run for various reasons" is irrelevant. The installation of air conditioning units in a dwelling is not a requirement in the UK and is entirely a matter of personal choice. Therefore, any mention of a higher interim target where it is not feasible to achieve the Night Noise Guidelines for

Europe should not be a factor in this case. If it is not feasible to achieve the NNG in a case where the installation is entirely a matter of personal choice, the installation should not be permitted. Since such an installation is entirely a matter of personal choice, it should be carried out in a manner that causes no inconvenience or nuisance whatsoever to neighbours.

I maintain my objection and repeat my original request that should the authority be minded to approve the application, a condition should be included that there should be no increase in ambient noise level at the property boundary at any time.