APPLICATION NO:
CON/2001/4014

LOCATION:
Len Russell Powerboats Fox Lane, Eversley Cross Hook.

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APPLICANT:
Rmc Aggregates Southern Ltd C/O Stephen Redwood

PROPOSAL:
Consultation from Hart District Council on application to vary condition12 of consent HDC 12724 to permit use of whole of lake by powered craft.

EARLIEST DATE FOR DECISION: **11/06/2001**

APPLICATION WILL HAVE EXPIRED ON:
18/06/2001

CASE OFFICER: **Elaine Connor**

OBJECTION

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Date June 25, 2001
My ref. CON/2001/4014
Your ref. SUE/01/00612/COU

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Dear Ms Atkins

RE: PROPOSED USE OF REMAINING PART OF LAKE FOR POWERED CRAFT - RELIEF OF CONDITION 12 OF PLANNING PERMISSION HDC-12724 AT BLACKWATER VALLEY WATERSPORTS, FOX LANE, EVERSLEY CROSS, HOOK, HAMPSHIRE

I refer to your letter of 17th May 2001 informing us of the proposed application at Blackwater Valley Watersports.

We wish to bring it to your attention that many of the local residents who live within the vicinity of the Blackwater Valley Watersports facility have written to us expressing their grave concern at the proposal to permit the use of the whole of the lake for use by motor powered craft.

Wokingham District Council therefore wish to object to the application due to concern about the impact of the use of motorised craft.

Wokingham District Council are concerned that the use of the lake by motorised craft will cause undue noise disturbance to the residents of the Wokingham District which would be detrimental to their living conditions.

I hope that this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely

JOHN MITCHELL
Development Control Manager

WORK SHEET FOR : Elaine Connor

Application Number : CON/2001/4014

Applicant : Rmc Aggregates Southern Ltd C/O Stephen Redwood.

Location : Len Russell Powerboats, Fox Lane, Eversley Cross, Hook.

Proposal : Consultation from Hart District Council on application to vary condition12 of consent HDC 12724 to permit use of whole of lake by powered craft.

Site Notice Displayed ? : YES ☐ NO ☐ DATE ☐

Date of Neighbour Notifications : .....

Date of Site Visit : .....

Date Registered : 21/05/2001

Earliest Date for Decision : 11/06/2001

Latest Consultation Date/Site Notice Expiry Date : 11/06/2001

This application will have expired on: 18/06/2001. You need to make a decision 1 day prior to this date for this application to count as determined in less than 8 weeks.

Consultation Responses :

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Dear Sir/Madam

Application No: CON/2001/4014

Location: BLACKWATER VALLEY WATERSPORTS, FOX LANE, EVERSLEY CROSS, HOOK.

Proposal: PROPOSED USE OF REMAINING PART OF LAKE FOR USE BY POWERED CRAFT.

You wrote giving your observations on this proposal and these have been taken into account in making comments to Hart District Council, in whose area the site is located.

The Wokingham District Council have raised objections to the proposal and I enclose a copy of the letter we issued to Hart District Council on 25.6.2001.

Yours faithfully,

John Mitchell

Development Control Manager

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2nd June 2001

Ms E Connor
Planning Officer
WDC.

CON/2001/4014

Dear Ms Connor,

Application to extend the use of water for motorised Watersports
Harts DC ref SUE 01/00612/COU

Mrs Muriel Long has advised me that you are the officer who has been asked to comment on behalf of WDC to the above planning application from Harts DC. This letter is to ask that you consider objecting to this plan.

The attached letter 'To Residents' gives much of the history to this application. I also attach our own letter of objection and two from other residents who have copied me.

The noise from this operation makes enjoyment of our property at weekends almost impossible. As you will see it is not an overall 'decibel' noise but a constant whining hum, like sitting in a dentists chair, broken by reverberating 'thump' thump' and crescendo as the craft rise out of the water on the equivalent of water 'wheelies'. This type of activity is not suitable for a residential area.

The noise seems even worse in our area because it is coming into an area with little ambient noise. We also believe that the topography of the area, with the escarpment of the Ridges behind us may be a contributory factor. The noise is especially prevalent at weekends and Bank Holidays when ambient noise is at its lowest. To allow more water to be used for this purpose is just not acceptable.

If for any reason you feel unable to object to this application would it be possible for you to enter into discussion with Harts DC on the overall problem to bring this awful noise pollution under control. The jet skis are the worst offenders, and were not envisaged when the original plan was allowed. They should be beside a motorway not an Area of Special Landscape Importance. We would like permanent access to environmental officers at the times when the problem is manifest so that it can be recorded. Currently, because the problem presents mostly at weekends and Bank Holidays there is no way that we are able to get the authorities to take action.

Your help on this matter would be much appreciated. Should you want to discuss it further with me I would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely

Anne Davies.

Greenacres
Lower Sandhurst Road
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Email- minder@beeb.net.

Dear Resident

Application to extend the use of water for motorized water sports. Blackwater Valley
Applicant: RMC Aggregates (Southern) Ltd.
Relief of condition 12 of planning permission HDC12724

Some of you may have received notification of the above planning application from Harts DC while others may be unaware of it. May I please take this opportunity to give you information relating to this application?

History.

This application relates to lakes on the Hampshire side of the Blackwater River, created where RMC finished gravel extraction some 12 years ago or so. As part of the after-uses for the site, RMC applied to Harts DC for planning permission for the lakes to be used for water based recreation.

When the original permission was given, it included permission for motorized water sports on two out of the four lakes created by RMC. It was specified on the accompanying plan that this would be water skiing. The other two lakes were to be used for non-motorized boating and fishing. At the time the permission was granted jet skis were not envisaged and indeed it is doubtful that they had even been invented. Since the lakes have been used by Backwater Valley Watersports jet- ski use has become a large part of the activity.

From our property at least, the noise from these jet-skis is often very intrusive. This may not be in terms of measured decibels, but it is definitely so in terms of the invasiveness of the type of high-pitched noise in an otherwise quiet area. At the lakeside it is noticeable that the perceived noise at the lakeside does not seem so intrusive because of surrounding ambient noise e.g. water lapping, trees blowing and general noise of activity around.

I have on occasions complained about this to RMC and Harts DC, and tried to reach some sort of understanding or monitoring of the situation- sadly to no avail. Last year however I was able to establish that some of the water being used did not in fact have planning permission for motorized use and indeed actually had planning permission *to the contrary*. This caused some consternation among the 'powers that be' that, despite receiving complaints, they had overlooked this important fact. In addition, they had given permission for the lakes to be joined together to create one big lake without considering the consequences!

As a result further application has had to be made to extend the use for motorized water sport to include all the water. It would be possible however to isolate the area in question.

The current position

At present Harts DC have imposed a ban on use of this area of water, although Blackwater Valley Watersports has ignored this on occasion.

Whilst the refusal of the current application would not stop the use of jet-skis outright, it would reduce the amount of water currently being used, and thus might effect some slight improvement. It would certainly prevent the situation getting worse as the new linking of the lakes will give greater scope for activity, as there is now a fast circuit available around the lake.

What next?

I have been informed that I am the only person that has complained about the noise and whilst strictly this may be the case, I know from talking to other people that I am not the only person to be bothered by it.

This planning application gives us all a chance to make our feelings known. Harts DC has intimated that they may find it difficult to refuse the application. If the level of objection is high however they will be required to take account of this.

Please therefore of you feel able to would you write and object to this extension to the water to be use for motorized water sports?

You may like to include the fact that it is currently disturbing the enjoyment of your property/garden.

You may feel that you would also like to request that some consideration is given to monitoring/ controlling the activity and that we are given access to out-of-hours facilities to have it checked when it is especially loud (usually at a weekend when nobody is on duty)!

Future.

I currently sit on the Local Liaison Group for Gravel extraction at Manor Farm, Finchampstead and Chandlers Farm, Eversly. As a result I am already involved with RMC to a considerable extent. If I know that I have the support of residents I am happy to continue to request that consideration be given as to how this noise from the permitted use may be controlled e.g. by the use of bunding.

Please consider the position and if you feel able to do so **write immediately** to register your objection to further extension to the area of water that can be used for motorized water sports. **This must be done by June 7th. 2001.** Objections to:-

Planning Department,
Ref SUE/01/00612/COU
Hart District Council,
Civic Offices,
Harlington Way,
Fleet,
Hants
GU51 4AE

If you would like me to continue to press for further action to reduce the noise that we already have to contend with please send me a copy of your letter so that I can convince the authorities that I speak for residents and am not a lone voice.

If we can halt this current planning application and show that we care about noise pollution in this area it may be that we can get further improvement in the 'status quo'.

Sincerely

Anne Davies.

Greenacres,
Lower Sandhurst Road.
Finchampstead,
Wokingham
Berks. RG40 3TH
29th May 2001

Hart District Council,
Civic Offices,
Harlington Way,
Fleet, GU51 4AE

Dear Sirs,

Ref SUE/01/00612/COU

We would like to object to the above application on the grounds of unacceptable noise nuisance.

When the original permission was given it included permission for motorized water sports on two out of four lakes created by RMC on the Berkshire/ Hampshire borders. It was envisaged, this would be used for water skiing. The other two lakes were to be used for non-motorized boating and fishing. At the time the permission was granted jet skis were not envisaged and indeed it is doubtful that they were in existence. They are now however constantly in use, often just 'buzzing' around. They are particularly noisy when they are driven so as to lift out of the water. We do not feel that this is correct in this area. Jet skis belong on lakes adjacent to motorways, not to an Area of Special Landscape Importance.

From our property at least the noise from these craft is often very intrusive. This may not be in terms of decibels but in the invasiveness of the type of high-pitched noise in an otherwise quiet area. On occasions when we have gone down to the lake it has been noticeable that the perceived noise at the lakeside does not seem so intrusive because of surrounding ambient We have on numerous occasions complained about this and tried to reach some sort of understanding or monitoring of the situation- sadly to no avail. Last year however we were was able to establish that some of the water being used did not in fact have planning permission for motorized use and indeed had planning permission to the contrary. We are appalled that this situation has been allowed to continue without this fact being noticed. You have now given permission for the lakes to be joined together to create one big lake! The effect of this will be horrendous and will introduce even greater scope for speed.

As we have been told that motorised water sports must include jet skis, and that there is no way of adequately monitoring noise levels, particularly at weekends when the problem is greatest we must ask that this application is refused.

Yours sincerely

Anne and Jeremy Davies.

Pithers Cottage
Lower Sandhurst Road
Finchampstead
Berks
RG40 3TH

31 May 2001

Planning Department
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet
Hampshire
GU51 4AE

Dear Sirs

REF: SUE/01/00612/COU

In connection with the above planning application, I am writing to register my objection for the following reasons:

- The Blackwater Valley is an area of special landscape importance which dictates that the landscape and the associated natural habitat are protected wherever possible. This may be contrasted to the area between junction 11 and 12 of the M4 where jet skis operate on lakes in a relatively barren expanse of land.

- When I purchased my property last year, one of the principal reasons was the semi-rural location it enjoyed. Whilst it is not overtly intrusive, the noise generated by the jet skis which currently use one of the lakes creates a background hum which can be heard in the vicinity of my property. The noise level is particularly noticeable at weekends – the time when, as a family, we most value the peaceful location of our home.

Finally, to the extent that you feel unable to reject the application in question, I would like to seek an assurance that you will implement procedures to monitor the level of activity, in particular at weekends and on Bank Holidays.

Yours faithfully

G Atkins

CC Mrs A Davies

Planning Department
Ref SUE/01/00612/COU
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet
Hants
GU51 4AE

Finchampstead
Berkshire
RG40 3TF
2 Blackwater View

Tel: 01252 879110

1st June 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Relief of condition 12 of planning permission HDC12724

I am writing in connection with the request by RMC Aggregates (Southern) Ltd to extend the use of water for motorized water sports in Blackwater Valley. We have recently moved to the area and have become concerned at the level of noise created by powerboats and jet skis using the lakes during the summer months. The jet skis seem to be the main culprit being both highly audible and annoying in the on/off nature of the sound as the riders are constantly on and off the throttle. The noise is not only intrusive but is a constant feature from morning to evening at the weekends.

I believe to extend the use of the water would exacerbate an already unpleasant feature of living in a beautiful and (generally) quiet part of the Hampshire/Berkshire countryside and significantly increases the noise pollution experienced in the area. This letter formally lodges my opposition to this extended use of the water at Blackwater Lakes. I would be happy to participate in any further dialogue and consultation regarding the use of the Lakes in order to express my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Morgan

Cc: Anne Davies

Jeremy Davies

From: "Wilma Jordan" <wjordan@cwcom.net>
To: <minder@beeb.net>
Sent: 09 June 2001 21:07
Subject: Blackwater Valley

Just to say we have objected to the extended use on grounds of noise and wildlife.
Wilma Jordan, Abberley House, Mill Lane, Yateley 01252 879688

J F Illsley
Mill Farm
Mill Lane
Yateley
Hants
GU46 722

4th June 2001

Your Ref: SUE/01/00612/COU

Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet
Hampshire
GU51 4AE

For the Attention of: Mr R G Percival, Head of Environmental Services

Dear Sir

REF: Application to extend the use of water for motorised water sports. Blackwater Valley. Applicant: RMC Aggregates (Southern) ltd Relief of condition 12 of planning permission HDC 12724

I write with regard to the application to extend the motorised watersports.

As Mill Farm is directly down wind of the lake we, at Mill Farm, find the existing noise pollution levels unacceptable from this lake as it is, particularly at weekends and during the week when it is warm.

The jet-skis are the main noise polluter. We are regularly asked, "whatever is that noise?" by guests at Mill Farm.

We thought this area of the Blackwater Valley was supposed to be an area of Natural Beauty with low key leisure activities.

It strikes me that this existing level of noise pollution should, in-fact, be reduced and certainly not be increased. The small number of people who benefit from the jet-skis activities are far outweighed by the larger number of people that are disturbed, be they users of the riverside walks or nearby residents.

I sincerely hope the application for extending the use of this lake is rejected.

Yours faithfully

John F Illsley

cc: Anne Davies

Pithers Cottage
Lower Sandhurst Road
Finchampstead
Berks
RG40 3TH

31 May 2001

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Hart District Council
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Yours sincerely,

Philip Morgan

Cc: Anne Davies

The Old Thatch,
Drift Lane,
Lower Sandhurst Road,
FINCHAMPSTEAD,
Berks
RG40 3TH

4th June, 2001

For the Attention of Ron Percival,
Head of Environmental Services,
Hart District Council,
Civic Offices,
Harlington Way,
Fleet,
Hants
GU51 4AE.

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposal for relief of Condition 12 of Hart DC
Planning permission No 12724

Your notification of the above has been received by us and we wish to raise a strong objection to there being any relief of the above Condition.

When the original planning permission was given we understand that it related to 2 out of 4 lakes with water skiing only being permitted and with the other 2 lakes being kept as quiet areas for boating and fishing. At that time we do not believe that jet skis were in existence but it appears that Blackwater Valley Watersports have encouraged jet-ski use relying presumably on the above permission for water skiing and jet ski-ing seems to have become the major activity resulting in bad noise pollution which in itself is accentuated by the lakes being in a valley. The jet skis can be head when used whatever the weather but the noise is much more intrusive on days when there is little wind.

Certainly from our home the noise is intrusive particularly at weekends producing high pitched intrusive sound in a quite and peaceful valley and affecting our enjoyment of both our home and our garden.

Complaints have been made about the noise disturbance and it now appears that the lakes have been joined together to produce a "circuit" for the jet-skiers resulting in more of them using it and greater noise intrusion and that this use is in direct contravention of the planning permission granted.

For these reasons we would urge no relaxation of the condition and the assistance of the enforcement officer to prevent unauthorised use of jet-skis and would suggest that separations are provided in the lakes to prevent the "circuit" being used. In addition if any use by jet-skis of a restricted area is allowed this

area should be strictly enforced and with such use only being allowed between certain hours and with restricted use at weekends and an out of hours telephone number provided to local residents to enable them to report out of hours anticipated breaches of any conditions made.

Please notify us as to the result of your decision.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. I. J. Hossack and Mrs. R. Smith

Hollyoak
Cricket Hill
Finchampstead
Wokingham
RG40 3TN

Planning Dept
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet Hants
GU 51 4AE

2 June 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION
Ref: SUE/01/00612/COU

I live in Finchampstead and wish to record my objection to the above planning application. This proposal will extend the lake area available for motorized water beyond the current area which is already unacceptable. My concerns are as follows:

The existing noise levels from the motorized craft (motor boats and jet skis) is extremely intrusive. The pitch and variation of the noise level is most unwelcome when attempting to enjoy the normal quiet neighborhood in which I live. During the warmer months people spend more leisure time in their gardens and this is when the intrusive noise is at its worst.

It is apparent that current noise levels are not being monitored by HDC's Planning Department, otherwise I would have expected some enforcement action by now to prevent usage of the enlarged lake which does not currently have planning permission.

Please refuse this application – which generates noise, disturbance and already has anti-social hours of operation.

Yours faithfully

Simon Weeks.

2A Cricket Hill
Finchampstead
Wokingham

Planning Department
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet

June 1 2001

Dear Sir

Your ref: SUE/01/00612/COU

As a Finchampstead resident already detrimentally affected by the Blackwater Valley Watersports Centre, I am most concerned to learn that an extension is sought to allow use of jet skis over an even larger area than already exists. I object to this application.

Please consider the negative affect that any such approval will have on local residents' peaceful enjoyment of their homes and gardens. Whilst I may appear to live sufficiently far away not to be affected by this intrusive noise, you must consider the significant affect that wind-borne noise will have. The current noise level is already wholly unacceptable and any extension, (nearer to my home), of the agreed lake area for jet skis will only exacerbate the situation.

I urge you to reject this unwanted application.

Yours faithfully

E J Kilsby

Moor Green House,
Lower Sandhurst Road,
Finchampstead,
Berks. RG40 3TH

Tel: 01252-873323

2nd June 2001

Planning Dept.
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet GU51 4AE

Dear Sirs,

Application to extend use of water for Motorised Water Sports, Blackwater Valley, Relief of Condition 12 of HDC12724

We understand that permission is being sought to extend the use of Motorised Water Sports in the area to the North of Yately.

As long time residents of this part of the Blackwater Valley we strongly object to any extension of motorised water sports. The following reasons highlight the need for tranquility in this part of the Blackwater Valley.

1. The present usage gives rise to significant noise nuisance, particularly when local residents are trying to enjoy the peace and quiet otherwise available in this part of the world. Noise carries across water and the prevailing wind carries the noise in our direction.

2. Visitors come to this part of the Blackwater Valley because it provides them with an opportunity to enjoy the countryside. Many of these visitors follow the Blackwater Valley footpath whose course runs very close to the areas in which the noise is being created and these visitors can scarcely enjoy a countryside dominated by the noise of jet skis and power boats.

3. Much wildlife, and particularly wildfowl, use the Moor Green Lakes and other lakes in the Blackwater Valley as a refuge and sanctuary. Any loud noise must impact these creatures, particularly at nesting time.

Any increase in the noise level will make matters worse for residents, visitors and wildlife alike. We urge you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

Michael and Petra Johnstone

3 BLACKWATER VIEW
FINCHAMPSTEAD
BERKSHIRE
RG40 3TF

Planning Department
Ref sue/01/00612/COU
Hart District Council
Civic Offices
Harlington Way
Fleet, Hants
GU51 4AE

04 June 2001

Dear Sirs,

Re.: Noise pollution in Blackwater Valley

My family and I moved to the above address two years ago, because of the natural beauty of the area and the tranquillity it offered. This has been taken from us on occasion by the constant whining noise of the motorised water sports taking place on the Blackwater Valley lakes. Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the noise pollution should be somewhat less, as a certain amount of water currently used for water sports does not have planning permission for this activity.

We are greatly concerned to discover that an application to extend the use of the water for motorised sports on the lakes has been lodged and we would like to express our concerns regarding this and trust that you will see that this does not happen.

May I suggest that an officer from the planning department visit the Lower Sandhurst Road area to access the level of noise pollution on a weekend when the motor sports are operating.

Yours sincerely

Mrs SF Walker

3 Crondall End
Chandlers Lane
Yateley, Hants GU46 7SP

June 4th 2001

Dear Sirs,

Ref: Planning Application HDC12724 RMC Aggregates
I wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

1. There will be a significant increase in noise levels if this application is approved. This noise can already be heard some way from the lakes and is particularly irritating when jetski equipment is being used . Increasing the space available to such craft will increase this level of high frequency noise and will be upsetting when we are out in the garden or even have the windows open.

2. Increasing the space available to noisy sport is damaging to the bird life that uses the current quieter lakes and the river and riverbanks to the rear

3. There are no satisfactory plans to monitor, control or reduce noise levels. This will make it difficult for residents to take up complaints with Hart DC especially when so much activity takes place at weekends or at other times when Hart offices are closed.

4. The area surrounding the smaller lakes (that have now been linked to the motorised area) is used by a large number people for quiet walking often with dogs in a pleasant wooded appendage to the Leisure Park situated off Chandlers Lane,Yateley. It seems wrong that the activities of relatively fewer noisy jetskiers should upset such simple pleasures. The best compromise would be to keep them in the space originally allocated to them for motorised watersports.

Yours sincerely

Frank Heckscher

→ Copy to Anne Davies

Hope this will be of some help

South Ridge
Dell Road
Finchampstead
Wokingham
Berks
RG40 3
4th June

Planning Dept. SUE/01/00612/COU
Hart District Council
Fleet Hants.

Ref: Relief of condition 12 - HDC 127

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the above application. This is a quiet valley and for several years the constant buzz of jet skis and speed-boats was a continual source of irritation.

The natural acoustics of this part of the valley are such that distant sound is focused and appears amplified. For instance I can hear spoken comments and shouts from Yateley Sports ground and Finchampstead Memorial Park* whenever there is a football match or fete etc. This unique quality emphasises any nuisance of sound and I have appreciated the peace and quiet of late without realising why the boats had stopped roaring about. I now know that they did not have planning permission.

Also, to permit such noisy activity would detract from the peaceful pursuits of the people who enjoy the BBONT nature reserve this side of the river.

Yours faithfully

G. J. BLACKMAN

* BOTH OVER 1 MILE AWAY!

Copy of letter sent to Planning Dept.

Monk's Hall
Lower Sandhurst Road
Finchampstead
Wokingham
Berks
RG40 3TH

Ref. SUR/01/00612/COU.

4 JUNE '01

Application to extend the use of water for motorized water sports. Blackwater Valley, made by RMC Aggregates. Relief of condition 12 of P.permission HDC12724.

Dear Sir/Madam.

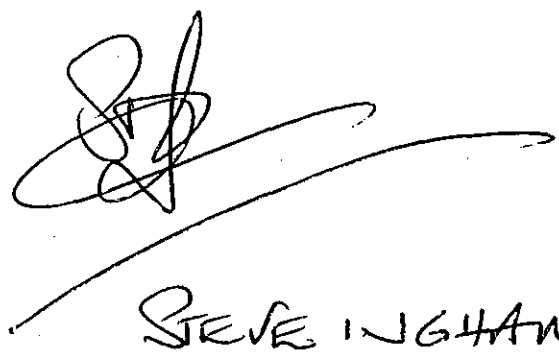
I am writing to raise an objection to the current planning application for the extension to the water to be used for motorised water sports in Blackwater Valley, made by RMC aggregates. Current noise levels are extremely offensive and annoying and any extension will, we assume, add to these.

On purchasing the above property it was on the basis we were moving to the relative 'peace and quiet' of the countryside and not the constant drone of jetski's.

I would be grateful also if I can be

provided with a written reassurance that noise levels are being monitored and that current planning permissions are being adhered to - especially at weekend when noise levels are at there most offensive.

Yours Sincerely



STEVE INGHAM.

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Mr D Haddad
Harts District Council Enforcement,

10th June 2001

Dear Mr. Haddad

Jet ski use at Blackwater Valley Watersports

Thank you for your time on Friday when we discussed the noise problem relating to noise from jet ski use travelling across the valley. I appreciate your comments about the action that you have taken and look forward to hearing from you in the not too distant future.

We are certainly confused about the use of these craft and have always maintained that they should not be on these lakes. I enclose four documents that outline this confusion and indicate RMC and Blackwater Valley Water sports also seem confused!

1. A letter dated 4th December 2000 from Sue Atkins in which I am advised that jet skis have full authority for any use including towboats for water skiing.
2. The letter accompanying the current application, which is permit use of the whole lake for powered craft specifically says that the area will be used for *'personal watercraft and not jet bikes. These boats are no noisier than the water skiing boats currently used on the remainder of the lake.*

   This letter would appear to: -
   a) Differentiate between powered craft and jet bikes (skis) as the application is for 'powered craft and nowhere is any exclusion for jet bikes mentioned
   b) Ignore the fact that jet bikes are used to tow water-skiers at present.
   c) Show complete ignorance of what is at present happening on the lake.

3. A copy of the web site for Blackwater Valley Watersports club. This specifically says that jet skis are not allowed for water skiing and neither are inflatable toys allowed. Blackwater Valley Watersports obviously do not obey even their own rules as jet skis are used for water-skiing and are seen tearing around the lake towing inflatable dinghies.

I would greatly appreciate your clarification and interpretation of this as it is obviously relevant to your work that you should know exactly what the craft are used for. It is the noises of jet skis that are particularly a problem as previously discussed.

Might I ask please that you also look at the declared commercial usage as a sales and servicing site for powerboats. Has planning permission been given for this commercial use?

Yours sincerely

Anne Davies.

c.c. Elaine Connor WDC Planning Department.

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WOKINGHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

To _____

Date _____ Time _____

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

Name _____

Of _____

Phone No. _____ Ext. _____

Phoned		Please call back	
Called to see you		Will call back	
Wants to see you		Urgent	

MESSAGE Mrs Long - very concerned about noise & disturbance

Signed _____

11/6/01

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BACKGROUND PAPERS RE:-

EXTENSION OF MOTORISED WATER SPORTS TO ADDITIONAL LAKE AT BLACKWATER WATER SPORTS, EVERSLEY (RMC SITE)

Thank You

Anne Dunn

- MONTAGE OF PHOTO'S SHOWING EXISTING ACTIVITY AT THE SITE
- LETTERS OF OBJECTION (COPIES, AND NOT ALL OF THEM!)
- APPLICATION PAPERS, PLUS INTERNET PUBLICITY OF EXISTING ACTIVITY.

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