

Environmental Health has reviewed this planning application and key finding stated below:

- A previous application to extend hours (ref: 242575, 2024) was refused following Environmental Health's objection.
- The proximity of residential receptors as was observed that two new dwellings have been built south of the site, increasing residential sensitivity.
- The site also has a history of numerous noise complaints.

On Predictive vs real-world noise: While the Hawkins BS4142 Acoustic Impact assessment followed accepted methodology, it is predictive only and cannot "prove" that nuisance will not occur.

Environmental Health Officer's consultee memo on application ref:242575 noted that Real time monitoring, diary sheets, and noise recordings captured significant sleep disturbance (SOAEL), Observed activities generating noise include Loading/unloading of heavy metals (impact noise, dropping items), Lorries idling pre-delivery, Frequent reversing beepers due to site layout, Pallets being thrown onto trucks etc.

The Mitigation Proposed i.e. Noise management plan is considered inadequate, Rubber matting is proposed however this is insufficient to reduce disturbance.

Environmental Health has reviewed the proposal and acoustic impact assessment and concluded that even on "best behaviour," the operator's activities significantly adversely affect residential amenity. Refusal is recommended in line with Policy CC06 and the Noise Policy Statement for England.

Implications for Current Application 251855 (Extension to 23:00)

The submitted acoustic assessment report is dated July 2025 however detailed monitoring and assessment within is unchanged from last year and does not address the real-world evidence of disturbance.

- Evening hours (18:00–23:00) are already identified as periods when noise levels remain notably above background.
- No additional or effective noise mitigation measures has been proposed.
- Granting extended hours is therefore highly likely to repeat the same issues that led to the 2024 refusal.

The Acoustic Impact Assessment dated 23rd July 2025 does not overcome the objections previously raised. Given the site history, complaints, and documented evidence of SOAEL, the report should be given little weight in decision-making and refusal is recommended.