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Subject: A/84/26/CLE, St Denys Nursery Units 4 - 8 Dappers Lane, Angmering, BN16 4EN

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Dear Kathryn, I've just discovered the cut off date for submitting comments in relation to the above application for a 'Lawful development certificate' for existing office, storage & repairs was 23rd July 2026. For some reason I had got it into my head it was the 30th July 2026. I have been trying to speak with you via phone from 13.24 - 14.48 without success. I do hope my comments can be included in informing the decision with regard to the above application.

Please find my comments below:

1. Context of the application

- 1.1 The scant information in the application about what the certificate is being sought for makes it nigh impossible to know what I am objecting to.
- 1.2 In light of 1.1 I am objecting in the context of how the site is currently being used
- 1.3 The current usage has not been operating for 10 years or more
- 1.4 We moved into the property in February 2025, there were not any issues with the activity on the site until the last 6 months or so, during which time the current activity has escalated and became intolerable
- 1.5 The current permission is in relation to 'light industrial and for storage and repairs of machinery used on site' - this is not the current activity

2. The current activity

- 2.1 The current activity is concerned with maintenance, repair, storage and transportation of 'banger cars' used in competitions offsite
- 2.2 It also appears that the site is used for 'wrecking' vehicles

3. Impact of current activity

Air pollution

3.1 As a consequence of repeated and prolonged revving of banger car engines so exhaust fumes, partially burnt fuel pervade the atmosphere. The noxious smell is awful.

- 3.1.1 This leads to contamination of clothes drying - requiring re-washing
- 3.1.2 Headaches & nausea
- 3.1.3 Restricted use of the garden and ventilation of our home to try to protect respiratory health

3.2 As a consequence of spray painting vehicles and use of solvent just the other side of the boundary fence of our, and neighbours properties

- 3.2.1 Toxic fumes contaminate the air - another reason why our garden cannot be used
- 3.2.2 This also has the potential to impact on physical health

Noise Pollution

3.3.1 Anytime from about 15.00 up to 20.15 Monday - Friday there is activity on the site which causes significant noise pollution Monday to Friday. On Saturday and Sunday it can be anytime from 07.45 to approximately 18.30

3.3.2 The noise pollution is a result of use of:

- > angle grinders
- > hammering on metal
- > transfer of banger cars onto and off low loaders using a crane integral to the low loaders
- > shouting
- > drilling of metal
- > panel beating
- > loud, dull banging
- > buzzing
- > sanding metal
- > use of a sledge hammer on metal
- > use of very noisy machinery

4. Additional Concerns About Current Activity:

Health & Safety

4.1.1 The folks using the site do not wear any protective clothing of whatever nature when undertaking any of the activities. These include such as working with a crane, spray painting, revving of engines [exposure to exhaust fumes]

4.1.2 They do not conduct their business within the parameters of safe practice:

- > walking under the crane when it is in use
- > persons sitting in the banger cars during loading onto the low loader

4.1.3 I was advised to report my concerns the H&SE which I am in the process of doing

Safeguarding

4.2.1 I have seen children around the ages of 10 - 13:

- > in close proximity to the revving of engines ...
- > being on the low loader whilst the crane was in use
- > sitting in banger cars when on the low loader
- > walking beneath the crane when in use
- > helping with tasks such as using the crane

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6. My response to the above

6.1 I submitted my concerns, online, to environmental health on 5th June 2026. I started recording the onsite activities from 8th May 2026

6.2 I was advised to complete diary records on the online form provided and to submit regularly - which I do via email

6.2.2 Completed records have been submitted via email for the following periods:

- > 08.05.26 - 28.05.26
- > 30.05.26 - 02.07.26
- > 06.07.26 - 08.07.26

> 09.07.26 - 18.07.26

Please find copies of the above attached. I also have photographic evidence of the air pollution and activities which I will forward to you in separate emails.

With best wishes,

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Day and Date	Time disturbance started	Time disturbance stopped	Description of the disturbance	Effect of the disturbance on you in your property	Severity: score out of 10 (10 being the worst)
<i>EXAMPLE:</i> 31 February 2023	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> 23.16	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> 23.58	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> Loud, bass-heavy music	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> Woke me from sleeping, couldn't get back to sleep.	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> 9/10
08.05.26 Friday	17.05	about 17.20 The noise was in progress when we returned home	Revving of engine, exhaust fumes	Spoilt pleasure of sitting in garden. Exhaust fumes generated an offensive smell	8
09.05.26 Saturday	08.57	13.00	Intermittent revving of engines, use of sledge hammer, loud banging	Awoke my husband from sleep - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] so sleep very precious - he couldn't get back to sleep. Constant noise very disturbing to our sense of peace. Exhaust fumes - cause of concern re respiratory health	9
11.05.26 Monday	whole of afternoon	about 17.30	Toxic smelling atmosphere - possibly from their use of solvents	Offensive stench raised concerns about health implications - shut all windows and doors and tried to avoid going into the garden	10
14.05.26 Thursday	15.50	about 17.15	Revving of engines, loud banging, use of a very noisy angle grinder	Couldn't sit in garden. Had to avoid going outside as much as possible to avoid the exhaust fumes	10
16.05.26 Saturday	09.45	about 10.00	Revving of engine	As before, re air pollution and so potential adverse impact on respiratory health. Short period of time - however cause of concern	10

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18.05.26 Monday	17.25	about 18.15	Loud banging and drilling. Use of very noisy machinery. Revving of engines	As stated above.	10
19.05.26 Tuesday	11.50	?, we went out	Angle grinding, revving of engine	As stated above - decided to go out to get away from it. Out all day on the 20th and 21st - house guests so needed to get away from it	10
22.05.26 Friday	16.50	?, we went out	Loud banging [from several sources] and noisy angle grinding. Shouting. Spray painting. Loading and moving vehicles onto a large truck that has a crane type structure. The folks never wear any safety gear	As stated above	10
23.05.26 Saturday	08.00	About 12.30	Shouting, loud talking, banging, power sanding, drilling. Lifting and moving vehicles onto trucks. Revving of engines. Again no PPE	This day caused us great distress as we had no idea when it would end and when we could access our garden in peace. We are despairing!	10
27.05.26 Wednesday	15.45	About 18.15	Shouting, foul language. Engine left running, intermittent very loud banging. Drilling and banging at the same time. Repeated & prolonged revving of engine. Moving vehicles onto other vehicles. No PPE	We are emotionally exhausted by the repeated and persistent noise and air pollution. To say nothing of the potential impact on our physical health.	10
28.05.26 Thursday	15.50	About 18.30	Same behaviours as previously reported	As stated above	10

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30.05.26 Saturday	08.00	about 13.15	Revvng of engines, exhaust fumes. Drilling, sanding Loud banging on metal - loading vehicles onto another vehicle so lot of loud clanging noises	Spoilt pleasure of sitting in garden. Exhaust fumes generated an offensive smell. Developed a headache.	10
Away from 16.00 30.05.26 Saturday	Returned home 05.06.26 Friday				
06.06.26 Saturday	10.07	12.15	Revvng of engines	Noise was intrusive and exhaust fumes were very unpleasant	10
06.06.26 Saturday	13.01	13.30	Repeated revving of engines, loud banging, use of a very noisy angle grinder	Couldn't sit in garden. Had to avoid going outside as much as possible to avoid the exhaust fumes	10
07.06.26 Sunday	17.40	about 18.00?	Revvng of engine, banging, clanging metal	As before, re air pollution and so potential adverse impact on respiratory health. Short period of time - however cause of concern	10

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Away from 11.06.26 Thursday	Returned Home 21.06.26 Sunday				
25.06.26 Thursday	10.05	about 11.00	Angle grinding, drilling, revving of engine with associated exhaust fumes, buzzing, shouting, banging	Noise and fumes extremely intrusive	10
Away from midday 25.06.26 Thursday	Returned home mid afternoon 27.06.26 Saturday				
29.06.26 Monday	15.25	About 17.00	Hammering on metal, angle grinding, loud revving of engine with associated exhaust fumes	Noise pollution, air pollution - extremely intrusive	10
30.06.26	16.15	? as we went out to get away from it	Shouting, foul language, drilling, banging revving of engine. - exhaust fumes	As stated in previous submission for May 2026 we are emotionally exhausted by the repeated and persistent noise and air pollution. To say nothing of the potential impact on our physical health.	10
02.07.26	16.59	About 17.30	Drilling, grinding, revving of engine throughout, spraying - sounded like a pressure washer	As reported above	10

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09.07.26 Thursday	17.47	approx. 18.15	Repeated, loud revving of engines, exhaust fumes. Shouting	Spoilt pleasure of sitting in garden. Exhaust fumes generated an offensive smell.	10
10.07.26 Friday	14.15	* after 16.15	Repeated revving of engines so exhaust fumes, drilling, banging on metal, angle grinding, hammering of metal.	* AT 16.15, went inside to the front of the house and closed all the windows to get away from the noise and smells	10
11.07.26 Saturday	08.05	approx. 12.50	Extremely loud & repeated revving of engines lasting for several minutes each time. On one occasion was continuous for 20 mins., grinding	Noise was intrusive and exhaust fumes were very unpleasant	10
11.07.26 cont.			very loud banging / clanging, drilling, hammering, panel beating. Exhaust fumes +++ - partially burnt fuel	Couldn't sit in garden. Had to avoid going outside as much as possible to avoid the exhaust fumes as developed a headache and felt nauseous.	10
13.07.26 Monday	16.40, in progress when returned home so start time???	approx. 18.20	Repeated & loud revving of engine. Fumes terrible - pervaded the whole of the house. Banging, clanging metal - sounded like moving sheets of metal. Shouting	Could not get away from the noise and the air pollution. Noise was very intrusive in the garden and within our home. Exhaust fumes were very unpleasant.	10

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14.07.26 12.00 Tuesday	12.00	approx. 17.50	Repeated revving of engines, over several occasions, and so exhaust fumes. Banging on metal, drilling	As before. However, my husband and I are completing online language courses. We realised our pronunciation was not being accepted because of the background noise.	10
14.07.26 cont.				We now have to do our online language courses when there isn't any activity at St Denys	10
15.07.26 Wednesday	15.35	Don't know as decided to go out to get away from it	The usual revving of engines ...	Had to go out to get away from it	10
16.07.26 Thursday	10.45	Don't know as decided to go out to get away from it	The usual repeated revving of engines ...	Noise pollution, air pollution - extremely intrusive. Had to go out to get away from it	10
17.07.26 Friday	12.25	Don't know, as at 16.30 we went out	Banging, clanging. H&S issues, no PPE. Young person standing under crane hook on low loader when preparing to move cars onto it. Revving of engines +++	As stated in previous submissions we are emotionally exhausted by the repeated and persistent noise and air pollution. To say nothing of the potential impact on our physical health.	10
18.07.26 Saturday	17.49	approx.18.30	Repeated revving of engines & so exhaust fumes. Boy aged approx. 12 - 13 was on the back of the low loader helping to move the crane chains.	We are very concerned about the impact on us but also the H&S issues and the risks young people are being exposed to. The planning officer for the 'Lawful Development Certificate' advised me to contact Arun Council Safeguarding Team.	10

Incident Diary Record of Disturbances [Arun District Council Ref: SR/261213]

Day and Date	Time disturbance started	Time disturbance stopped	Description of the disturbance	Effect of the disturbance on you in your property	Severity: score out of 10 (10 being the worst)
06.07.26 Monday	16.05	Not sure went on for a number of hours	Repeated revving of engines and so exhaust fumes. breaking up of something - very noisy. banging metal on metal, drilling, unloading large objects, shouting. Children on site.	Noise & fumes extremely intrusive. Concerned for safety of children.	10
07.07.26 Tuesday	10.10	We went out at 12.45	Angle grinding, drilling, revving of engine, exhaust fumes, buzzing, shouting, banging	Noise and fumes extremely intrusive	10
	16.20	approx. 18.25	Very Loud banging, hammering on metal, drilling metal, shouting		
08.07.26 Wednesday	13.35	approx. 14.25	Angle grinding, loud dull banging	Noise pollution	9