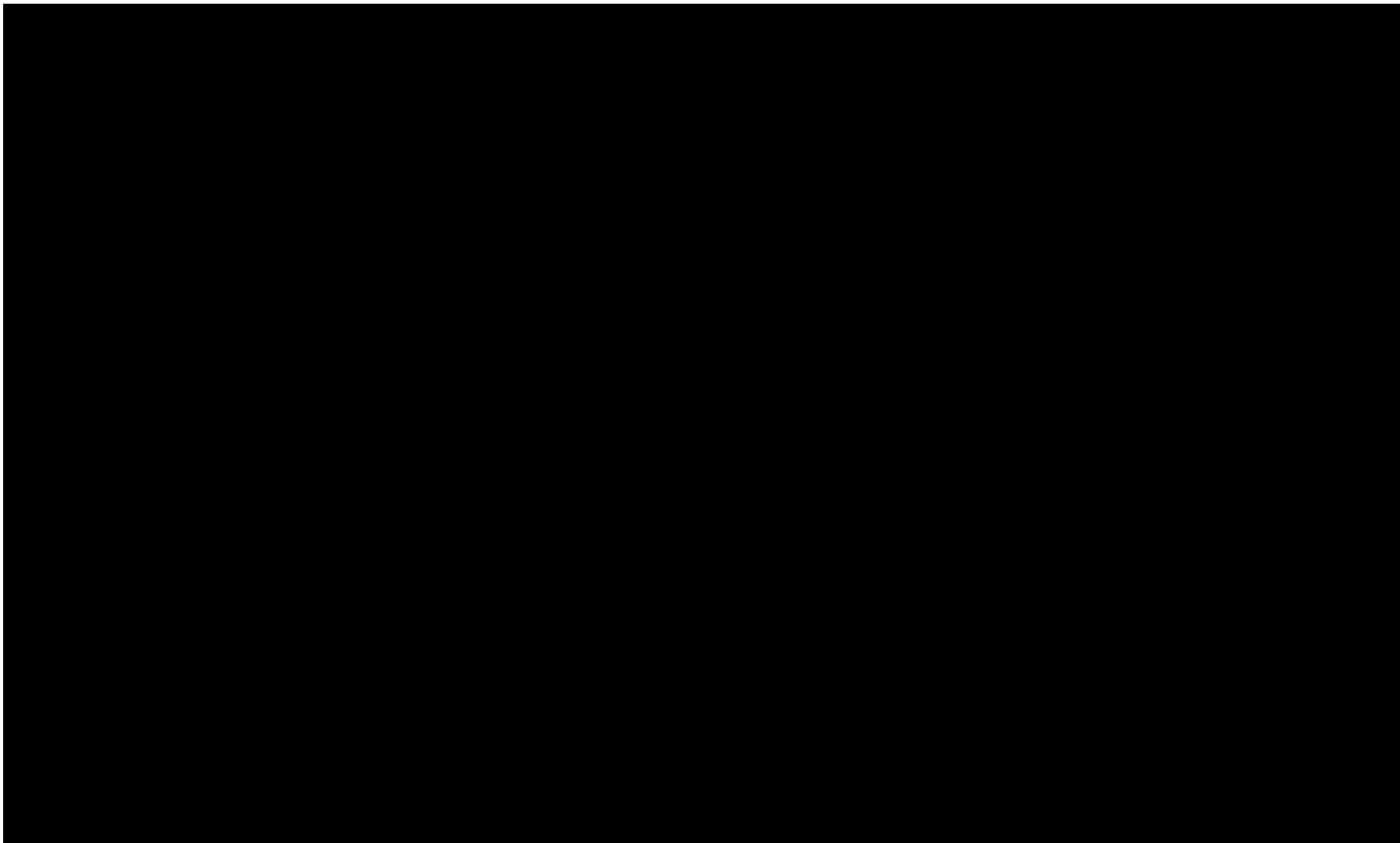




From: Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 July 2020 10:41
To: Planning.Responses <Planning.Responses@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

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From: Cllr. Colin Oliver-Redgate [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 July 2020 08:16

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Dear Ian,

I agree with the sentiments expressed by Ian Parkes, and would advocate a Site Visit as an essential part of this Planning Application, talking to both Parties concerned.

Sincerely

Cllr Colin Oliver-Redgate

[REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:34:57 AM

To: Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>

Cc: Karl Roberts <Karl.Roberts@arun.gov.uk>; Cllr. Colin Oliver-Redgate [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Hello Andrew Wood.

Sorry to chase but I am just wondering if/when I may see or get a response to the comments I made regards the WADAR's acoustic report.

We recently were pleased to have a site visit from Cllr Colin Oliver-Redgate who I think was surprised at some of the things we showed him. I believe he was going to contact you to discuss.

It does seem the issues with this planning application do need to be seen and the documents and reports usually associated with the planning application do not in this case show the full picture. I would be very grateful if an on-site visit by the planning office could be arranged to review the safety concerns and the issues around noise disturbance. I think two hours spent now would change opinions and most importantly could prevent someone enduring serious injury from a horse riding incident which is the result of being spooked by the kennelled dogs.

I would be very happy to discuss any questions you may have about my comments. My mobile number is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you

Ian Parkes

-----Original Message-----

To: Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk> <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: Thu, 9 Jul 2020 10:21

Subject: Re: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Hello Andrew Wood,

Thank you for confirming this, your reply is very much appreciated

Cheers

Ian

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>
[REDACTED]

Sent: Thu, 9 Jul 2020 10:14

Subject: RE: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Thank you,

I have received your comments and they should be on the website to view.

Kind regards,

Andrew Wood

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Sent: 08 July 2020 15:00

To: Andrew Wood <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Hello again Mr Wood,

Sorry to chase you so quickly on this, but I would be very grateful for a reply to confirm you have received the email regards my comments on Wadars Acoustic report. Also if possible could you let me know when it will be added to the other documents related to this planning application for others to view?

Thank you

Ian Parkes

-----Original Message-----

To: Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk <Andrew.Wood@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: Mon, 6 Jul 2020 21:02

Subject: Planning Application - FG/6/20/PL

Hello Mr Wood.

I am emailing you as it appears the comments I wish to make regarding this application have too many characters so can not be submitted via the planning application website.

I have reviewed the Acoustics report submitted by WADARS as part of this planning application and would like to comment upon its contents as I believe the report contains anomalies which if corrected would change the conclusion of the report. I am also worried this report may be being accepted as factually correct, thus leading others to base further decisions on that, when they should not.

My first point is this survey was undertaken to support the WADARS planning application so should not be seen as a true representation of all the facts as it will only focus on those that add support. It has to be viewed as a report bias towards WADARS planning application.

The reports itself seems to base its case on 'computer modelling', within 'limited scenario's' based on 'perceived dog barking' levels. This does not allow for a full understanding of what the noise disturbance really will be. This is weakened further by the fact only one site visit was made on the 13th of May using reference data gathered for just one hour. To have given a true reflection visits should also have been made at other time periods, especially if the report was to include data for these periods. One particularly questionable assumption is only the 10db drop in background noise at night. This is totally incorrect as background noise levels at night can be next to nil with the possible exclusion of occasional wildlife. Due to the importance of night-time levels especially on the possible effect of disturbed sleep, the report results based on these assumptions for night-time periods should be ignored.

The assumption the dog barks will be 'typically short and shape' and that they always sleep at night seems to be an extremely optimistic viewpoint. Dogs are pack animals so when one barks this triggers the others to bark and then it goes in a vicious circle around the dogs for some time. We are not looking at a short sharp disturbances here but prolonged one.

The report also implies the overnight care of the dogs is dependent on people living on site so would require approval for the living accommodation to be built. This would be very much against the development plan for the area and be inconsistent with the recent ruling on White Lodge (A/32/20/PL) which is in the same development area, just a few meters away. Does the dependency between the two mean, no accommodation approval, no kennel approval?

The report states 'Whilst elements of the equestrian centre may be considered as receptors as part of the assessment process. It is queried as to what level of sound stimulus/disturbance might cause interference with either a riding lessons or horse behaviour, as these are unknown areas with minimal published material' – Does this mean that because this can't be modelled this issue is being ignored as it is fundamental to the health and safety of both the horses and the riders and should be a priority consideration as part of this assessment.

The biggest problem with this report is it does not in any way address the issues of the neighbourhood especially with the use of incorrect assumptions that could without too much effort actually have been checked. But then correct information may not have produced the required conclusion the report was commissioned for.

In Conclusion I still have three major objections to the introduction of the kennels at the WADARs site which I don't believe have been properly addressed by this report or any other articles related to this planning application I have seen.

1) The introduction of the kennels will produce significant noise pollution to the neighbourhood, simply based on the fact the background noise in the area for the majority of the time is extremely low. This means the increase in noise will be extremely noticeable and therefore be a disturbance.

2) I also believe the extent of this noise disturbance to the larger neighbourhood is being underestimated. If in the area of Wadars at evenings and weekends it is possible to hear the trains at more than half a mile away, as stated in the report. Will the housing on the A259 and in Ferring north of the railway line also now be getting the disturbance of the dogs barking? If noise travels one way it can travel the other. Are these residents aware of the planning application and the effect it could have on them?

3) This is my biggest concern. At no point in the report or in any other correspondence I have seen, has the Health and Safety issue been answered around the dangers to both horse and riders at Hangleton Equestrian. A sudden sharp bark is known to spook horses as many a rider can confirm. Should such an accident occur who will be liable? Will it be WADARs for installing the kennels, or the council for approving the plans? As we are looking at an accident waiting to happen here.

I hope you understand my concerns based on my review comments made and the need to at least address the three items in my conclusion before any planning consent to this application is given

Thank you

Ian Parkes

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