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Application for variation of condition 3 previously approved under planning application R/221/12 – opening hours.

I have reviewed the previous application in relation to the setting of the opening hours and can find no information as to how the hours were derived.

Dental practices can give rise to complaints from neighbours about noise from drilling, suction devices and other machinery. The nearest noise sensitive properties are the dwellings above the parade.

The only other potential source of noise would be disturbance arising from patients arriving and leaving.

The applicant has stated in the planning statement that “the proposed surgeries will be individually soundproofed to ensure that no noise travels between surgeries or between surgeries and the waiting room or to the flats above.” It goes on to state that “A scheme of soundproofing will be designed and implemented before the proposed development is brought into use.”

On this basis there is no objection to the revision of hours provided the following condition is attached to any permission given:

The change of use hereby permitted shall not begin until full details of a scheme for sound insulation has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The insulation shall be installed before the premises are first brought into use and shall be maintained in an effective manner thereafter.

Reason: To protect the amenities of occupiers of adjoining properties in accordance with Arun District Local Plan policies GEN7 and GEN32

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