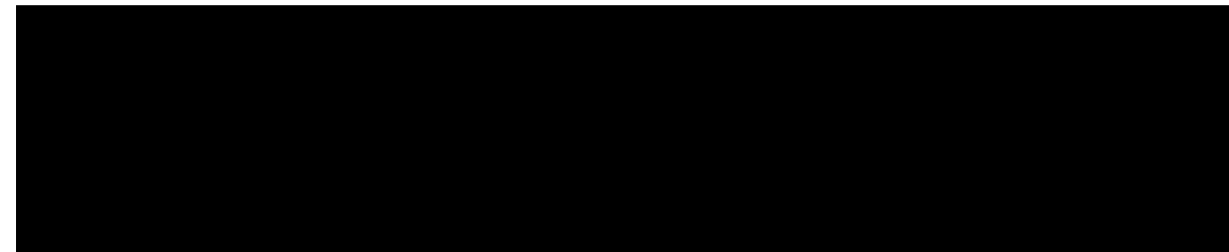


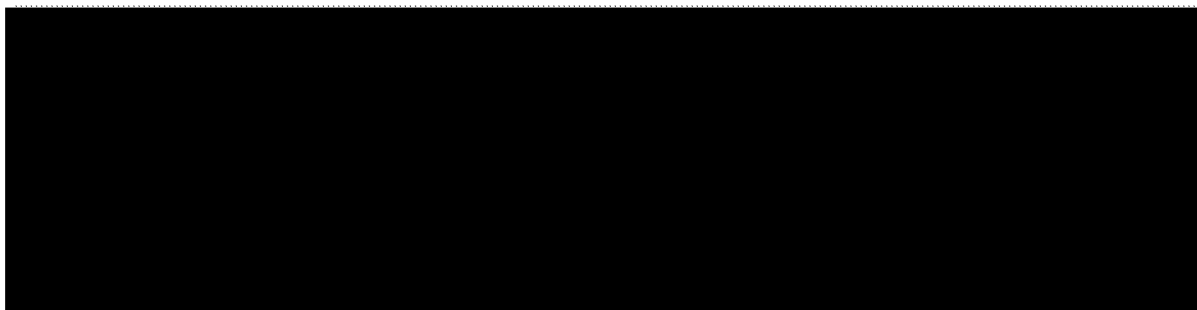


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Dear Neil Crowther and Simon Davis,

Please see as attachment details regarding this matter.

See also link below regarding the Government report in association , on same subject matter.

Yours sincerely,

Dilys Lownsborough

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Observations, Clarifying Details and Requests, Concerning Air Source Heat Pumps. (not to be assessed or assumed as a complaint at this time as any such would be formally presented at a later date as/if found necessary to do so regarding this matter.

Dear Neil Crowther and Simon Davis,

1. Introduction

The enclosed is in addition to my email submission on 8/3/2024 to the ADC Planning Department, regarding ASHPs and attendant matters.

I also request answers to the following: -

1. Why has there been no apparent response in outcome to the objection I posed regarding ASHPs as a speaker at the ADC Planning Meeting on Nov.15th 2023.
2. Why, although commented on for further investigation as subject matter allegedly by Cllr. Billy Blanchard- Cooper in debate at the same meeting, it was not referred to in the Group Head of Planning response report after the meeting as an objection or otherwise.
- 2a) Also, why such recommended attention by an ADC Cllr. has not allegedly been evidenced as included for consideration intervening.
3. Why, as allegedly indicated subsequently, that the evidential details I submitted to the meeting on Nov.15th from both the Daily Mail and the Gov. report from the Department of Energy Security and net Zero and an acoustics expert, have allegedly been dismissed/ignored/not believed.
4. Why it was not listed as Agenda content, for the ADC Planning Committee Meeting on Dec 14th 2023 as an objection from the Nov.15th meeting for discussion, ref. the planning application Y/52/23/PL.

5. Why the details sent in email to the ADC Planning Department on March 8th 2024 regarding this issue received no substantive comment as to any action or investigation, but was uploaded on to the site for Y/52/23/PL without.

2. **Background**

a) Please find enclosed with this document, the *link* to the relevant **Government Report** ref. ASHPs, to assist your enquiries, entitled: -

‘Review of Air Source Heat Pumps Noise Emissions, Permitted Development Guidance and Regulations. Final Report: DESNZ Research Paper Number 2023/046. Date of issue Jan. 8th, 2023. (Approx. 60pages, and approx. 10months prior to the Nov.15th 2023 ADC Planning Committee Meeting)’.

b) It is conceded that ASHPs are considered the sustainable heating source for new dwellings. But the issues relating to noise, and acoustic level compliance, regulations, and the law, need to be addressed in conjunction.

c) I also direct you to the Conclusion section of the above report, which refers to the accumulative acoustic effect from proximity housing... terraces in particular, and the alleged advice for further investigation. Also advising that ‘barriers’ such as fences and hedges are ineffective, in mitigation.

d) The alleged problem with ASHPs is that, in proximity, and producing a sound field above permitted levels of 40dB, which increases by 3dB for every doubling in number of devices/adjacent properties, can only allegedly be mitigated by the elimination of terraced housing.

e) This alleged problem can also be eliminated if all housing is detached, (not semi- detached either), and where the sound field will decay by 6dB for every doubling in distance between sources.

f) Unfortunately, it appears that this solution would have a direct impact on the number and style of properties that can be built on the Boklok sites for Y/3/22/OUT and Y/52/23/PL. As the application has currently been refused for the latter, there is still time for this matter to be properly addressed and details put to ADC Councillors for review. There are already a number of

Pre-conditions that have to be satisfied before development can start for Y/3/22/OUT, so there is allegedly time for a proper investigation to take place there too.

g) It would appear prudent, to seek to resolve any attendant difficulties that may arise, before development commences. Also, because allegedly, such installations, will become law for **all** new developments in England in 2025.

h) Such a potential difficulty without proper investigation and mitigation, may prove a costly error for both a developer and ADC, if it can be shown that this was raised as an issue to the ADC Planning Department, and at an appropriate ADC Planning Committee Meeting and in conjunction, but allegedly ignored in outcome, to the detriment of end users.

3. Personal and Attendant Matters

a), It has recently been brought to my attention, that a member of the public questioned Planning Officer Simon Davis, after the Nov.15th 2023 meeting, regarding the ASHPs details I submitted, (which they would confirm). The response was allegedly, 'That he did not believe it himself' and 'That they ((ADC)) only take note of governmental matters/directives'.

b) By that alleged comment, it appears that both my words and the evidence I presented at the Nov.15th meeting was questioned as allegedly, untrue, unevidenced, or imaginary. If that comment is now denied, an alleged lack of evidence, engagement, and investigation by the ADC Planning Department regarding this since the meeting, is a matter of record.

c) By contrast, the Boklok presentation at the Nov.15th meeting, referenced ASHPs, without any evidential details provided in support regarding compliance, but it was allegedly taken at face value instead.

d) Although the application was refused for Y/52/23/PL at the meeting on Nov 15th 2023 , it was allegedly given another chance for success by the inclusion of it as an Agenda item at the ADC Planning Meeting on Dec14th 2023, so that earlier objections could be withdrawn. Allegedly to the advantage of the applicant, and also allegedly ignoring the many objections of local residents and Yapton Parish Council.

e) The reason for the second ADC Planning Meeting was also allegedly, on the basis that Section 12.7 of the Planning Procedure, as contained in the ADC Constitution had not been adhered to regarding 'officer recommendations' to the councillors at the ADC Planning Committee meeting on Nov.15th 2023 regarding Y/52/23/PL.

Those 2 meetings, with attendant matters, procedures, and outcomes, are currently under review and will be addressed in response later.

f) Because doubt has allegedly been cast regarding the veracity of the comments I submitted ref ASHPs, from an acoustic exponent, the GOV. report, and details from the Nov.13th Daily Mail, both of the latter which are available to all, it was felt necessary to advise ADC Planning Department again, that I presented **true** and verifiable information on Nov.15th 2023 for referencing, investigation and action .

g) I look forward to receiving a response to the requested details, items 1-5 as above, and an indication that this serious matter is receiving the full attention it requires. Also, that the ADC Planning Committee are made aware of this development query and information. Thanking you in advance, for your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Dilys Lownsborough