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**Sent:** 16 May 2014 14:28  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Joanne Davidson; Geraint Nicholas Roberts  
**Subject:** 13/1279 further comment regarding noise

**Main Location:**  
Land To South Of Glan Usk Primary School, Herbert Road, Newport

**Application Description:**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF 249 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING BOUNDARY TREATMENTS, RETAINING WALLS, VEHICULAR ACCESS, PARKING, PATHWAYS AND LANDSCAPING AFFECTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY 407/1**

I refer to the above application passed to Environmental Protection for comment and to the further noise report dated 8th April 2014.

I have concern that the report fails to include a BS4142 assessment or consideration of L<sub>Amax</sub> levels associated with the vacant industrial area (the original noise report included such an assessment in respect of existing industrial activity) The condition quoted within the report is a rail traffic condition and should not be used as a basis for determining the acceptability of industrial noise on the residential site. Further information is therefore still required in order to determine whether the mitigation measures proposed for the development are adequate. Both a BS4142 assessment and consideration of the L<sub>Amax</sub> noise levels should be included.

Additionally, it has been brought to my attention that there is a joinery workshop situated adjacent to the proposed apartment blocks and that noise from this premises is a concern. I confirm that on visiting site recently, noise from the premises was clearly audible on the proposed residential site. I am concerned that this noise source was not identified in the applicants noise assessment as the impact of noise from the premises is significant and in my opinion likely to give rise to complaint in future should the proposed apartments be constructed so close to the source of noise.

I would recommend that the applicant be required to submit further assessment of noise from this source in order to determine the impact of it on the development (in particular the apartment blocks located nearest the industrial estate) and whether it is possible to mitigate for it. I am concerned that it may not be possible to mitigate for the noise, particularly for the apartment blocks closest to the workshop and the applicant may wish to consider altering the site plans (NB a scheme of mechanical ventilation/openable glazing is not appropriate for potential nuisance noise sources).

Regards  
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