

Noise Impact Statement

Analysis of potential noise impacts in respect of the proposal to build a replacement pavilion and to enlarge the existing car park. R.Yendall 25/3/2022

Existing site and noise

The application site resides in a playing field which has residential housing along its southern edge (Hales Close), and a small number of large residential properties to the east on the opposite side of the Wolverton Road.

The field is always open for recreational use by the public and has a long history of use for sports matches and other major events such as the village Fete.

There is a children's play area adjacent to properties in Hales Close, typically used by those up to primary school age. The surrounding grass areas are often used by older children for activities such as football.

Irregular events such as the village Fete can generate significant noise, such as the playing of music or use of PA systems. Other than that, the primary sources of noise are children and the play of cricket and football, as expected from a recreation field of this nature. The car park generates little noise, with vehicle speeds severely restricted by the shape and size of the entrance and car park itself. Peak noise from vehicles passing along the Wolverton Road exceeds that generated by those entering and leaving the car park.

There are no known issues regarding complaints by local residents about noise generated from the site.

Potential noise impact from proposal

Our assessment is that the proposed development would not create significant noise, over and above noise already tolerated on the Playing Field.

- Car park. The enlarged car park and use by nursery visitors would generate additional traffic at times which are currently quiet, but this would still be below the peak seen with evening and weekend sports matches. The configuration of the car park and access would still limit vehicles to very low speeds.

- Activity inside the pavilion. We cannot envisage any activities taking place inside the pavilion which would generate such noise that it creates a nuisance for nearby residents. e.g. functions with music – the nearby sports club and village hall are more suitable venues for this.

- Rear garden. It is intended to use the area behind (east of) the pavilion as a secure garden for preschool children. From experience at the nursery's current location, we already know that the children generate minimal noise and given that distance from nearby properties we are confident that this will not create a nuisance.

- Other activity outside the pavilion. Aside from nursery use, the new pavilion is intended to provide an improved facility for activities which already take place. The nature and frequency of outside activities supported by the pavilion is not expected to see any significant increase.