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From: Colgan, Denis
Sent: 06 March 2025 11:44
To: Jane Curley
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Hello Jane,

RE: Condition 3 –

From our perspective **we recommend discharge** -light impact to residential and acoustic barrier.

Based on the light spillage predicted in the submitted designs, the proposed installation should not adversely impact pre-existing luminance at neighbouring residential properties. It is noted the lighting on the access track is manually turned off and on as required.

The information contained in the Technical Memo: Noise Barrier Specifications and design details can be accepted. The height and positioning of the barrier should comply with that required by the applicant's submitted Acoustic Design Specification V7 Dated 2nd August 2022 Ref: M5041section 4.5 and the barrier positioning as set out in site layout plan 22/02/2022.

Any issues please let me know.

Thanks

Denis

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From: Jane Curley

Sent: 06 March 2025 10:14

To: Colgan, Denis

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Hi Denis

Are you happy with the acoustic fence and lighting scheme now in this revised document? I've copied below the e-mail response that accompanied it from the Agent

The condition requires details of the acoustic fence. It is important to note that the fence is one part of a range of noise mitigation measures including the level change and surrounding buffer to ensure that the noise levels stipulated in condition 7 are achieved. Condition 2 includes acoustic fence panel 303B Sheet 1 as an approved drawing – the product submitted under this DOC is intended to match the approved drawing as best possible and supply the manufacturer detail of this. The letter submitted confirms the Hales fence will have the same or better performance. Condition 3 does not require full details of the acoustic mitigation scheme to be submitted.

Given the above, our view is we have complied with the requirements of the planning application. If anything, the requirement in condition 3 to provide details of the acoustic fence does appear to be superfluous and focussing in on one aspect of a noise mitigation strategy when the overall levels are controlled separately does not make sense as an approach, however we have provided a product detail for you and this matches what is approved.

Ameresco have engaged with a lighting designer to provide further details of the proposed external lighting installation, please see revised document with the lighting design report. Please note they have provided data with every proposed external light illuminated, therefore, looking at the absolute worst case scenario. The majority of the lights will only be used occasionally and it would be an extremely rare situation when they were all on at the same time (if ever). Please refer to the written explanation on page 21.

The light spillage plan demonstrates that the proposed lighting will not increase luminance or glare at the nearest residential or commercial properties.

Ameresco have engaged with an Ecologist to review the proposed scheme and we can

share their comments on receipt. As previous given the low levels of lighting proposed and the fact that for most days of the year the lights will not be operational, it is hoped that the LPA can make an informed judgement on this matter.

Jane

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