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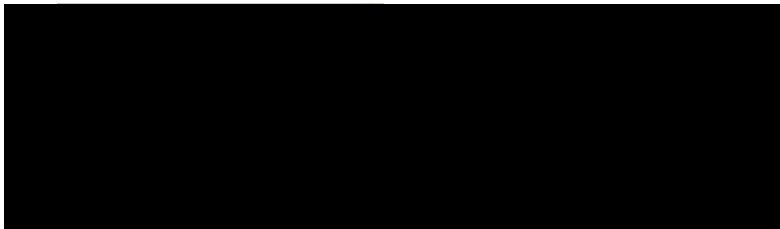
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Response to Clarification Questions, email dated 9th July 2026

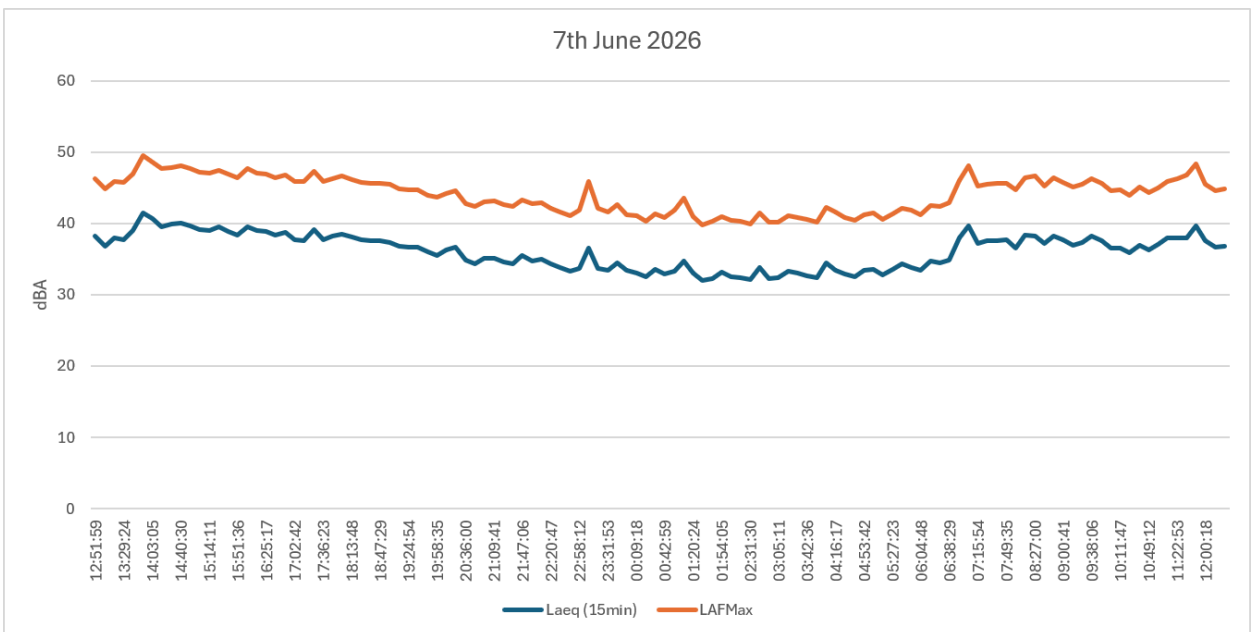
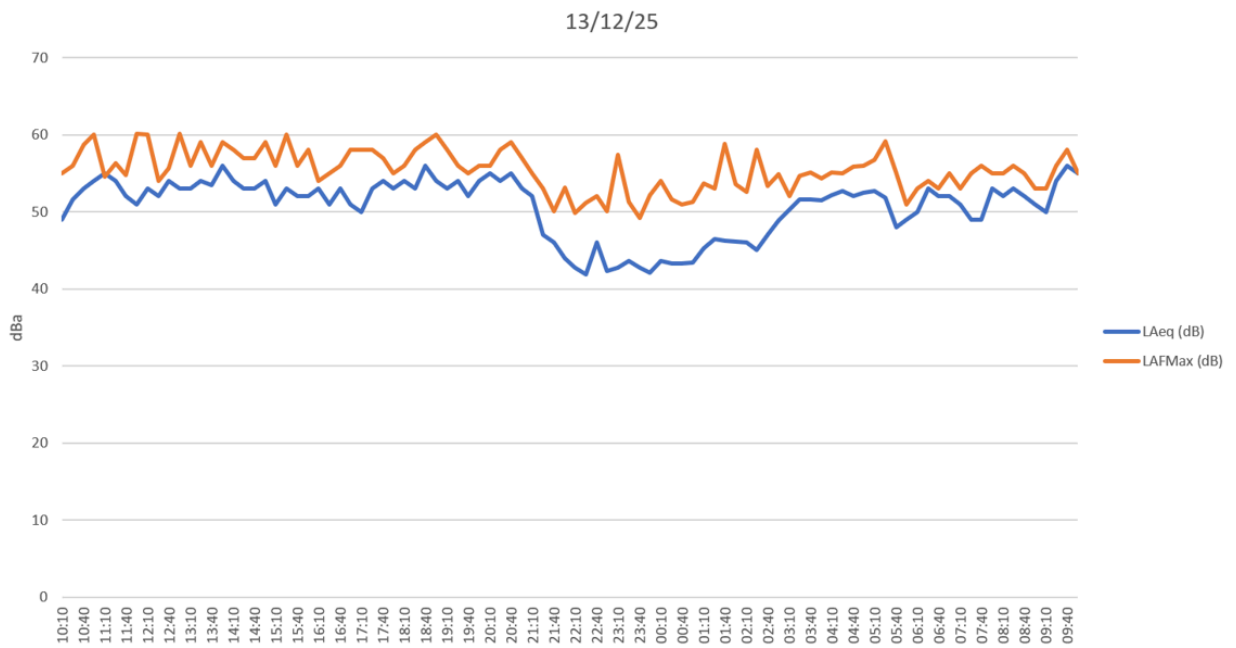
1. ***Can we be provided with all numerical data from the noise monitoring on the 13/12/25 and 7/6/26 ? See attached. No conversation with the shooting club made as the purpose of unattended 24hr noise monitoring is to capture what's happening around the proposed site without the potential for the nearest objector to make overly excessive noise.***
2. ***There is no detail on the number of shots recorded during the monitoring periods. Again, monitoring set up to capture noise over 24hr period.***
3. ***There is no clear data on the sound level of gun shots at the proposed residential site. This should be available to identify via the noise monitoring data? Again, to understand the noise in the area, noise levels were captured over a 24hr period whether shooting occurred or not, as no contact was made with the club and difficult to understand when shooting days occur.***
4. ***There is no obvious advice I can see that shooting was happening during monitoring. The club have disputed 13/12/25 monitoring results as being representative. Did the acoustician approach the shooting club to arrange suitable monitoring dates and times? The shooting club is not consulted as not a consultee, and this provides the ability for them to create abnormal noise emissions from the site during a monitoring event. Surely a noise assessment is an objective assessment across a time period in selected locations to establish the standard noise environment, and not one to afford a noise source with the opportunity to create a noisy event. We have approached, but it has taken 2 months for them to respond and make us aware of a up and coming shooting event which is outside of the normal shooting days.***
5. ***The noise assessment for the previous application is now 12 years old and should not be used as validation for this application in our opinion. It is still relevant as improvements to the shooting club and given improvements to gun noise, should have lowered the noise.***
6. ***There is insufficient data to properly determine the noise impacts which would be experienced by residents specifically in their outside living areas. The use of an average sound level does not adequately represent shooting noise. The noise assessments demonstrate, on two occasions, that the shooting activities are limited and/or intermittent, and from the original assessment, any potential noise levels have been mitigated through a bund and changes to the location of buildings etc.***

7. **Noise is increasingly being recognised as having significant harmful effects on human health, mortality and children's learning.** Residential development and holiday accommodation is an extant use at the site, and this is the baseline for the site, not a vacant army camp.
8. **Agent of change principle has not been sufficiently considered; this development could potentially inhibit the capacity for the shooting club to operate and to develop due to the constraints an adjacent residential development as proposed would have on it.**
"where new residential development locates near to a noise source, has not been equally clear. The previous framework stated that planning policies and decisions should "aim to recognise that (...) existing businesses wanting to develop in continuance of their business should not have unreasonable restrictions put on them because of changes in nearby land uses since they were established;" this has been considered for this site, with a noise impact assessment, appropriate layout, and mitigation. Any significant future change, such as clay pigeon shooting or louder guns from the shooting club could have detrimental impacts to nearby residents nearby and not just from the new site.
9. **Has the shooting club been consulted on the updated NIA.** The shooting club is not consulted as not a consultee, and this provides the ability for them to create abnormal noise emissions from the site during a monitoring event. Surely a noise assessment is an objective assessment across a time period in selected locations to establish the standard noise environment, and not one to afford a noise source with the opportunity to create a noisy event.

Yours sincerely



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