

Dear Lissa,

We refer to your letter of 27 September 2017 with attached representations and would comment as follows:-

Representation from Environmental Health Officer

- We attach an e-mail from the noise consultant.

Representations from neighbouring proprietors

- Mr Addison is VAT registered not for business purposes but to allow him access to the parts for the conversions. The supplier only supplies to VAT registered customers.
- Mr Addison is noted on HiLo roofs website as he has carried out their training course so is therefore noted by that company as being someone who can carry out the conversions.
- The noisy activities (grinding) extend to 2 hours per year per van conversion i.e. Mr Addison realistically will only convert one van per year so 2 hours maximum for grinding. However, we have proposed that up to 4 vans may be converted per year therefore 8 hours maximum for grinding purposes.

We trust the above can be included in the paperwork for the Notice of Review.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 02 October 2017 10:53

To: Shelley Marnoch

Subject: RE: 17 Cathay Terrace, Cullen

Dear Ms Marnoch,

My comments in regard to this remain largely as sent to Mr Addison on 19 July:

“The fundamental mistake is that there is an assumption that the sound of metal cutting will be produced for 20 minutes in every hour. This is confirmed by the statement that increasing the number of vans will increase the cutting to more than 20 mins in the hour – clearly it will not.

With respect of the comment that the predicted level of sound from metal cutting is deemed unacceptable because it exceeds the BS4142 limit, the following may help to explain:

1. The background sound level is that exceeded by 90% of the sound level measured when there is no garage activity, so it is usually quite low. As the average sound level in the area was measured to be 6 dB higher, even with no noisy activities, the average sound level is therefore itself not that far from being 10 dB above background.
2. The assessment process compares the background sound to the average sound during an hour when there is 20 minutes of metal cutting. This is always going to be quite noisy. We then need to add 6 dB to account for intermittency and impulsivity. For these reasons it is not surprising that your activities are more than 10 dB above background.
3. The assessment is made of the highest normal sound emissions over an hour, which (in other situations) would occur every hour, or at least very often.
4. However, if this activity was occurring every hour in your location it would clearly be unacceptable.
5. It was though stated in the NIA that the total time spent cutting amounted to only a few hours a year.
The EHO is not taking this into account.
6. The British Standard 4142 requires a qualitative assessment to be made, in addition to the quantitative assessment. This should take account of other relevant factors.
7. The most important of these is that the noise that you are to produce will only happen a few hours a year. Doing this gives a clear conclusion that the noise impact will be negligible, and no more than typical domestic tasks, such as lawnmowing or hedge trimming.

The issue in this case though is that the planning system fears that giving planning approval will mean they have no power to stop you expanding your activities to a level that will cause a greater impact.”

If you wish me to put this into a formal response please let me know.

Regards,

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Dear Mr McGovern,

We have submitted a Notice of Review on the above application and attach a letter of representation from the Environmental Health Officer in relation to the same.

We would be much obliged to have your comments on the same.

Kind regards,

Shelley Marnoch
Secretary

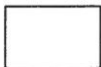


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