

NFPC 20/03555 Objection – Noise

North Ferriby Parish Council (NFPC) objects in the strongest terms to the application on the basis of inadequate noise mitigation for North Ferriby residents.

NFPC contends that the noise mitigation proposed is totally inadequate and residents will be detrimentally affected, particularly at night.

ERYC Public Protection raised 2 crucial concerns:

- 1) The proposed bunds of up to 5 metres high are not high enough to stop noise impacting the lower part of North Ferriby
- 2) There must be no vehicles on site using audible reversing beepers – only white noise

These issues have not been addressed in the revised plans.

The updated plans showing a 2.4 metre high acoustic fence around the lower “shunting yard” will not solve the noise issue for North Ferriby “south” of the railway, and does not extend north of the gatehouse to mitigate any of the noise from HGV’s queueing to enter site.

The indication in the draft operational noise management plan stating that ***“it is not possible to ensure that every vehicle visiting the site will be fitted with broadband reversing alarms”*** is not acceptable. The end user only needs to set this as a minimum standard for it to be achieved and surely they have the resources and ability to do this, just maybe not the will. It is incumbent on ERYC Officers and Elected members to ensure that the noise from this site will not affect the amenity of the neighbouring residents. Already reversing beepers can be heard from the Plot D and complaints are being raised about noise from further afield disrupting sleep. Plot E is closer and will cause far more harm.

In addition, the noise from 20+ queuing uncontrollable 3rd Party HGV’s sitting 24 hours a day, stop-starting to enter the site with cab noise, air brakes and beepers, 150 metres from residents trying to sleep at night has again been conveniently ignored completely. The gatehouse, where drivers are given the expected standards for the site is located after this queue and any assurances given that the site rules will control and prevent noise disturbance is absurd.

The bunds proposed are **up to** 5 metres high, meaning at points that are only say 0.5 metres high. This is demonstrated in the FPCR illustration below and the contoured plans.



They clearly demonstrate the proposed walkway meandering from the Long Plantation to the site and back, but actually creates “vales” that will promote vehicle noise to be channelled north-eastwards, and south-eastwards to homes in Plantation Drive.

Further the planting prescribed, which is not of noise benefit for half the year, will by the applicants thoughts take up to 15 years to materialise – too long for residents to endure disturbance.

All in all, these are completely unsatisfactory proposals for the residents to the north of the village.

Returning to those to the southern part of the site, Wykeland glibly advise that the new maintenance access to the Long Plantation will be just to the north of the railway line. This requires the removal of mature trees, but the impact of this will result in increased noise transmission and is not considered in the assessment.

In summation, the noise mitigation proposals are not good enough to ensure no disturbance to residents, particularly concerning sleep deprivation. ERYC officers must ensure improved additional mitigation before submission to committee, for example, a continuous 5 metre high acoustic fence around the whole of the Southern and Eastern Boundaries on the Applicant’s land. Failure to do so will be in breach of National Planning policies and disrespecting residents. If not correctly and appropriately addressed the application must be recommended for refusal by officers.