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From: Sharon Holman
Sent: 19 October 2021 08:14
To: planning_admin
Subject: FW: Lodge Farm - P/2021/0741 Indoor Air Rifle Shooting Range

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From: Paul Campini <Paul.Campini@wrexham.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 October 2021 03:20 PM
To: Sharon Holman <Sharon.Holman@wrexham.gov.uk>; Toby Zorn <Toby.Zorn@wrexham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Lodge Farm - P/2021/0741 Indoor Air Rifle Shooting Range

Hi Sharon

Based on what I've been told I don't think sound proofing is required. As these are air rifles they are by their very nature considerably quieter than a gun. I'm satisfied that the condition to keep all windows and doors closed as well as the limit on the number of people who can shoot at any one time will be sufficient to prevent noise nuisance.

Regards

Paul

From: Sharon Holman <Sharon.Holman@wrexham.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 October 2021 14:44
To: Toby Zorn <Toby.Zorn@wrexham.gov.uk>; Paul Campini <Paul.Campini@wrexham.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Lodge Farm - P/2021/0741 Indoor Air Rifle Shooting Range

Hi both,

I'm aware that you didn't have any concerns after visiting the site, but the Local Member has mentioned soundproofing for the building. Do you think it is necessary?

Tanks
Sharon

From: Hugh Jones <Hugh.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 October 2021 02:02 PM
To: Sharon Holman <Sharon.Holman@wrexham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Lodge Farm - P/2021/0741 Indoor Air Rifle Shooting Range

Sharon,

Thank you for the information I would like to be reassured regarding noise given that the threshold for statutory nuisance is fairly high. In terms of soundproofing of the building, is there a standard of insulation specified?, can we also condition to ensure no weapons are fired outside the building and also with regards to the numbers using it. As you are aware this family have a very poor record of complying with conditions and I do have some concern. I would wish to see the strongest possible conditioning to ensure protection for residents.

Regards

Hugh

Cynghorydd Hugh Jones

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Ysgrifennwch ataf yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
Please write to me in Welsh or English

From: Sharon Holman <Sharon.Holman@wrexham.gov.uk>
Date: Friday, 15 Oct 2021, 11:13 am
To: Hugh Jones <Hugh.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk>
Subject: Lodge Farm - P/2021/0741 Indoor Air Rifle Shooting Range

Dear Councillor Jones,

Just to let you know what the latest is at Lodge Farm....

You are no doubt aware of the history of outdoor shooting at this site. Both of the applications detailed below were refused and the subsequent Appeals were dismissed following the Hearing.

We have now been presented with an application for a much less intensive proposal for an indoor shooting range, for the use of air rifles, which are quieter than the guns previously considered. The use of the building will be limited to 6 people at a time, will all of the windows and door closed (all to be secured by planning conditions).

The EHO has raised no concerns with the use of quieter guns, inside the building. I am satisfied therefore, that this proposal will not result in a noise nuisance, and I intend to report this application to the planning committee on 1 November 2021, with a recommendation to Grant permission (in retrospect).

Please do let me know if you do have any queries in relation to my recommendation. Please also be reminded that my recommendation is confidential at this stage.

Kind regards
Sharon

From: Sharon Holman
Sent: 17 May 2019 02:19 PM
To: Hugh Jones <Hugh.Jones@wrexham.gov.uk>
Subject: Lodge Farm - P/2019/0046 clay pigeon shooting range P/2018/0776 rifle shooting range

Good afternoon Councillor Jones,

We have now had the opportunity to carry out some noise monitoring in relation to these applications.

P/2019/0046 – Clay Pigeon Shooting

Whilst the submitted noise report states that the maximum noise level of a shot recorded was 46.3dB, our monitoring has many individual shot levels above 60dB. Many of these are around 20dB above the pre-shot background level.

These shots are all shotgun sounds, presumed to be from the clay range at Lodge Farm. There are other shots heard occasionally which, whilst difficult to say for sure that they are gunshots at all, could be the sound of rifles being fired on the rifle range at Lodge Farm. I would consider these less significant as they are only just audible on the recordings.

As well as having recordings of the noise made, the Environmental Protection officer himself witnessed the noise and can testify that the noise was coming from the direction of the Lodge farm clay shooting range.

On this basis, if permission is granted to allow the clay pigeon shooting range to operate unrestricted for up to 8 hours per day Monday to Friday (09:00-17:00), and for 5 hours on Saturdays (09:00-14:00), then I believe it is highly likely that justified complaints that the activity was causing a statutory noise nuisance and / or affecting the amenity of the neighbourhood would be received.

I would also add that if any of the shooting witnessed or recorded so far was not from Lodge Farm, then there is already a significant amount of shooting activity going on in the area. This would support further the need to prevent any shooting activities from Lodge farm.

For this reason, I intend to recommend that planning permission is refused under delegated powers. If you have any queries in relation to my recommendation, please let me know by lunchtime on 21/05/2019 when the application will be determined.

P/2018/0776 Rifle Shooting Range

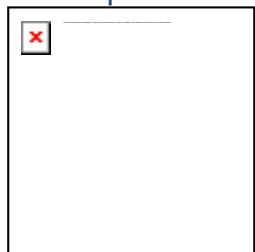
The noise recordings of the rifle range were much less significant and are not considered to have a nuisance impact upon the residential properties. Subject to the restriction of hours 9 to 5 Monday to Friday, and 9 to 2 on a Saturday (no Sundays or bank holidays), I am mindful to support this application on a 12 month temporary basis to allow us to properly monitor the use. I intend to report this application to the planning committee in June.

Please be reminded that my recommendations are confidential at this stage.

Kind regards
Sharon

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