

Lodge Farm planning appeal – request for results of monitoring carried out following complaints received about noise from clay pigeon shooting in conjunction with advising Planning Dept of noise in respect of planning application.

The monitoring was carried out purely to assess for statutory nuisance purposes, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and to determine if there is a likelihood of nuisance being caused from the use of the clay pigeon range at Lodge Farm.

The monitoring location each time was a complainant's property (residential) to the NNW of the shooting range, approximately 1km distance from it.

Part A of these notes are notes made from listening to noise recordings made over a period of one week from a noise recorder installed within the complainants property.

Each time stated is the sound of a gunshot. Shots of a significant/intrusive volume are designated **, with the most significant being followed with the difference in dB level from the lower (background) level pre-shot, to the higher level (actual shot).

Part B of these notes are notes made by Environmental Health Officer Mr Andrew Jordan from personal observations made whilst witnessing the noise in person at the complainants property on the dates and at the times given.

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PART A

Start timeDurationNameFunction

10/04/201913:43:390:01:52SoundSR0.wavNo function

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12/04/2019 11:45:26 0:05:59SoundSR1.wavNo function

Comp states she has window open. Clear of this on recording. She also states that it is not a 12 bore that is being fired but a smaller/quieter bore.

Shot at:

11:47:06

11:47:20

11:47:41

11:48:52

11:49:12

11:49:36

11:50:50 - **Good example/distinction between background and shot. 34.4dB at lowest - gunshot 43.7dB.

11:51:13 - **33.6dB -> 41.0dB

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13/04/2019 10:10:32 0:05:59SoundSR2.wavNo function

Shot at:

10:11:31

10:13:26

10:14:33 - ** Significant 'bang'. 41.8dB-> 56.5dB.

10:14:49 - **

10:15:07 - **

10:15:30 - **

10:15:41 - **

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13/04/2019 10:17:16 0:10:00SoundSR3.wav

Shot at:

10:17:22 - ** Significant bang - 42.8dB - 64dB (some interference from wind which may affect level, but audibly significantly loud).

10:17:58

10:18:00

10:19:08

10:19:44

10:20:12

10:20:56

10:21:43

10:21:45

10:22:28

10:22:30

10:22:48 - **significant bang - 43.7dB -> 61.0dB

10:22:50 - **

10:24:12

10:24:57

10:25:39 - **45.6dB -> 61.4dB

10:26:39 - ** 46.6dB -> 64.4dB

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13/04/2019 10:27:16 0:10:00SoundSR4.wavNo function

10:27:16 - ** 44.7dB -> 69.7dB

10:27:34 - ** 41.2dB -> 65.5dB. **comp comments "that's a 12 bore".

10:28:00 - ** 42.8dB -> 67.1dB

10:28:51 - * noticeably quieter than last few shots.

10:29:17

10:32:50 - ** 41.9dB-> 61.9dB

10:33:03

10:33:30 - **48.1dB-> 59.0dB

10:33:38

10:34:02 - ** 41.2dB - 57.5dB

10:34:05

10:34:41

10:35:15

10:35:17

10:36:12 - ** 48.8dB - 64.1dB

10:36:14

10:36:46

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13/04/2019 10:37:16 0:09:17SoundSR5.wavNo function

10:37:31 - **

10:37:38

10:37:51

10:39:53

10:39:55

10:42:23 - comp comments this is with the window shut

10:44:21 - window shut - 26.9dB - 31.2dB

10:44:26

10:45:00 - comp states window open again. Also 'Quite windy today'.

10:45:10

10:46:13 - comp comments 'that was a little one that one'.

10:46:38
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13/04/2019 10:46:37 0:10:00SoundSR6.wavNo function

Some noises during this period which are indiscernible as shots - mainly due to interference from wind. Shots from rifle range??

10:50:16

10:50:40 **

10:50:43**

10:51:05**

10:51:12**

*comp comments 'this is the 12 bore'.

10:51:27**

10:51:36**

10:52:03**

10:52:10**

10:52:36**

10:52:49**

10:52:59**

10:53:59**

10:54:00

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10:55:17**

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10:56:04**

10:56:25

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13/04/2019 10:56:37 0:06:08SoundSR7.wavNo function

10:57:02

10:57:03

10:57:31

10:57:40**

10:58:07

10:58:09**

10:58:33

10:58:35**

10:59:01

Comp closes window for reference

comp comments time is about 11.00 o'clock and thinks they have now stopped.

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13/04/2019 16:40:38 0:05:59SoundSR8.wavNo function

16:41:25

16:41:27

*comp comments 'thats a 12 bore'.

window opened

16:42:34

16:42:40**

16:42:59

16:43:01**

16:43:15**

16:43:30**

16:44:05** - 40.7dB - 59.6dB ***** best examples from here on *****

16:44:10** - 42.3dB - 68.8dB

16:44:38** - 43.7dB - 61.2dB

16:44:54**

16:45:13** - 39.2dB - 66.5dB

16:45:23**

16:45:43** - 40.9dB - 62.5dB

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13/04/2019 16:48:32 0:05:59SoundSR9.wavNo function

16:48:54**

16:49:02**

16:49:18**

16:49:30**

16:49:57**

16:50:01**

16:50:23**

16:50:28**

16:53:07**

16:53:09**

16:53:30**

16:53:33**

16:54:02**

16:54:05**

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13/04/2019 16:55:15 0:05:59SoundSR10.wavNo function

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16:55:25

16:55:54**

16:55:57**

16:56:32**

16:56:33**

16:56:54**

16:56:55**

16:58:06

16:58:10

16:58:30

16:58:34

16:59:00

16:59:04

16:59:24

16:59:28

Nothing on the second part of the recording

PART B

Notes from PACE notebook during period of monitoring in person:

24 April 2019

Monitoring visit carried out whilst collectng matron. From PACE pocket notebook:-

24/04/19. 13:19. Lodge Farm, Holt. Arrived to collect matron from Wavertree Cottage. Complainant not present. Heard gunshots from direction of Lodge Farm. Carry out monitoring.

13:22 - I

13:23 - IIII

13:24 - I

Sat in car on road in front of comp property. Weather dry, warm and sunny. Very light breeze.

Sound of gunshot audible at monitoring position. Clearly audible.

(comp arrived back at this point, hence short notes made).

26 April 2019

Visited 13:33. Notes from pocket book:-

26/04/19. 13:33. Lodge Farm shooting/clay range monitoring at Wavertree Cottage.

13:38 - II

13:39 - II

13:41 - I

13:42 - II

Weather dry and overcast. No to light breeze.

13:53 - II

13:54 - III

*these shots noticeably quieter than earlier ones.

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13:57 - II

13:58 - I

14:04 - I

14:05 - I

*louder

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14:16 Finished monitoring and left. 14:16 JAJ.

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The louder of these shots / guns being fired were very audible outside complainants property. made me jump when first started. In my opinion over a lengthy period of time this could constitute a nuisance if allowed to go on uncontrolled, as with frequency this would certainly interfere with a persons enjoyment of the outside of their property at this location.