

Good afternoon Katie,

I have reviewed the Clarke Saunders Noise Assessment (Reference AS14584 260619 R1), dated 20 July 2026.

A baseline noise survey was undertaken between 15 and 19 May 2026 at a representative monitoring location. I am satisfied that the survey methodology is appropriate, and that Table 5.1 adequately presents the representative daytime and night-time background sound levels with the existing plant switched off.

The assessment recommends relocating the plant beneath the staircase and installing a removable timber partition to enclose the condensers. The proposed enclosure is required to achieve the insertion loss set out in Table 6.2 of the report.

The assessment concludes that, even with the proposed relocation and enclosure, the plant is unable to fully achieve the target rating level of 5 dB below the representative background sound level. However, the report demonstrates that alternative mitigation options have been considered and that, with all reasonably practicable mitigation measures implemented, the predicted rating level is 1 dB below the representative background sound level including the 3dB intermittency penalty. Given the constraints of the site and the mitigation proposed, I consider this to be acceptable.

A planning condition should be imposed requiring that:

- the plant is installed strictly in accordance with the recommendations, mitigation measures and technical drawings contained within the Clarke Saunders Noise Assessment (Reference AS14584 260619 R1, dated 20 July 2026); and
- a post-installation noise validation assessment, undertaken by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant, is submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The assessment shall demonstrate that the installed plant achieves the noise levels predicted within the approved report. The report needs to be sent to the Local Planning Authority not more than 7 days later of the installation of the plant in the proposed new location.