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Subject: Re. S62A/2024/0070 for site address David Lloyd Bristol Westbury, Greystoke Ave., Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 6AZ.

To: section62anonmajor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

REF. application reference number S62A/2024/0070 for site address David Lloyd Bristol Westbury, Greystoke Ave., Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS10 6AZ.

OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION:

We neighbour the David Lloyd club in Westbury/Southmead. The property is already emitting extremely loud noise from their plant room for their air-conditioning, swimming pool pump, etc. through metal louver vent doors to the rear of their property and facing out towards neighbouring properties and the public woodland area.

Currently, we are aware of at least 5 active formal noise complaints by neighbours against David Lloyd club raised for current nuisance noise levels with Bristol City Council. The surrounding area in the vicinity, being housing and public wood green space away from roads and any development should and has previously been very quiet normally prior to the noise from the David Lloyd Club.

The nuisance noise from plant machinery of the club affects our home and neighbouring properties, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It interferes enormously with our use and enjoyment of our property and garden due to continuous high level of irritating noise and we have had to adapt our behaviour in our own home as we are unable to open our windows or use our the garden due to the noise level from the plant. In the summer this means we have no ventilation in our home if the windows are closed and have to endure either heat or the noise and affects our quality of life. Some of our bedrooms have no alternate ventilation and it is not possible to sleep with the windows closed in the summer. The constant noise is irritating and nauseating, penetrates our property and at night we are unable to sleep. It is a constant drain on us and is affecting our health and wellbeing. This already fulfils a 'Statutory Nuisance' under the Environmental Protection Act S.79 19(g) definition "as noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health and Interference with use and enjoyment of neighbouring property".

To date, following formal complaints to Bristol City council, the council has not taken any objective noise measurement readings to determine the magnitude of the noise or taken any action against the club and were dismissive of our own complaint telling us only to 'shut our windows' as their solution to the nuisance noise.

With reference to the Noise Impact Assessment Document submitted by the applicant, under the referenced Noise Exposure Hierarchy Table. 1 at Page 11, '...having to keep windows closed most of the time because of the noise...' is categorised as a Significant Observed Adverse Effect. The noise from the David Lloyd Club is already at this category and any further development could only add to this noise level. Existing, current continuous nuisance noise levels from the David Lloyd Club should be brought down to acceptable levels for the neighbours and public trying to enjoy the vicinity prior

to any consideration of approval of any further development of the property.

The accompanying Noise Impact Assessment to the planning application contains plan views which are different to the rest of the plans submitted in relation to the Spa garden aspect.

Attempts to communicate with the David Lloyd Club regarding the excessive noise following an initial meeting at the club in June have not been returned. Multiple neighbouring properties have made similar noise complaints as it has been going on for months. A prosecution under Section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is now being pursued against the David Lloyd Club for the current excessive noise.

On 20th November 2024, the vicinity was visited by Bristol City councillors who form Bristol City Planning Development Control B committee (in relation to another matter) and stated 'how loud the plant noise was.' Please see the copy of email below from Bristol City Councillor Caroline Gooch.

Additionally, this application should be put through the local planning system because of the local interest and impact to the community.

In Summary, already existing continuous nuisance noise levels from the David Lloyd Club should be brought down to acceptable levels for the neighbours and public trying to use and enjoy the vicinity prior to any consideration of approval of any further development of the property.

Yours faithfully,

M. Harper,

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Copy of email below from Bristol City Councillor Caroline Gooch:

From: Councillor Caroline Gooch [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 2:27 PM
Subject: RE: Complaint (ref: 50381735)
To: ----->, [REDACTED]

Dear Mr _____,

To add my voice to this as _____'s local councillor,

I would say that the noise is not only present and disruptive according to the government noise , but is present and very disruptive as my residents are having to take medication to sleep. The constant noise, which can be heard inside, with modern double-glazed windows closed is affecting their health. As such it is unacceptable.

In a recent visit to the site by the Development Control B committee in relation to the padel court application, the committee was split over the noise pollution from the padel courts, but all who ventured to the South Western corner of the site, outside of _____'s house commented about **how loud the plant noise was.**

From information provided to me as part of that committee, I now know the sequence of events that occurred to explain the noise. At the end of last year, the original plant must have failed

because a temporary generator was brought in. This was in use when one of David Lloyd's noise surveys was carried out, and led to them throwing out the data due to that temporary generator being so loud. Since the plant has been up and working again it has continuously been 10dB louder than background. That is 10x the sound intensity. And it is 24/7, 365 days a year. Even the bat surveys have picked up bats avoiding the area this year.

Please could you do something about this? I would find the noise intolerable, and I'm sure something can be done to reduce the noise levels with some soundproofing. You can hear it all the way along the footpath at the top of the Badocks Wood Meadow and a good way into the meadow itself.

Kind regards,

Caroline

Cllr Dr Caroline Gooch

Liberal Democrat Councillor - Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze ward

Vice Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee

Member - Health Scrutiny Committee; Development Control Committee B; Downs Committee

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