

Planning Application 20/01658/FUL

Written Submission for the Planning Committee 14/10/20

I would like to clarify a point made in the environmental health email Sent: 01/10/2020 13:01:30 From Tony McEvoy To: Lydia Mather. In conversation with Tony McEvoy I have advised that there has been some improvement as a result of Carbosynth switching off one of the refrigerated containers and trying some temporary mitigation measures. However, the noise nuisance has not gone away. It is not a loud noise but a low humming sound that is very intrusive.

The committee should also be aware that the noise was heard by Tony McEvoy during a visit on Friday 2 October. Early afternoon I sent him a video clip illustrating noise from the site heard in my garden. The weather was poor and I was surprised that I could hear the noise because it has been most often heard on warm calm days and nights. In response to this video Tony visited and later that afternoon I had a call from him to say that he had heard the noise from the lane immediately behind my property. The noise nuisance occurred several days and nights in the following week and I sent another video clip on Friday 9 October. I wonder if changes in the workload/production or deliveries/dispatch at Carbosynth are also causes for the noise to become more noticeable. Perhaps some products require storage at lower temperatures. The noise survey does not seem to consider whether the cooling load at the time was a fair reflection of the loading that could be incurred. I have tried hard to identify the conditions when the noise is worse to provide constructive help but I have no information about loading variability on the refrigeration plant resulting from Carbosynth's activities. It has seemed worse in warm weather and when background noise is low at night but it is commonly there to some degree with the refrigeration switching in and out as necessary. The AHU on Unit 4/5/6 also seems to be a significant contributor but is not within the scope of this planning application, see my comments on 20/01226/FUL. I don't believe Carbosynth know when their plant is noisy because it runs automatically. The primary respite has been wind and other background noises, the quiet days and nights which we get in our rural setting have been most affected.

It seems to me that the solution is to minimise the plant that is required on the site, both in terms of limiting its on time and removing it if the function can be off site.

I understand Carbosynth are considering moving some activities to Slovenia and may not need the refrigerated containers then. That will only improve matters if the refrigerated containers are no longer available on site should needs arise again. To assure this I please could the committee consider placing a condition on approval of 20/01658/FUL: removal of the containers by a date which reasonably allows Carbosynth to move their activities.