

Summary of agent and applicant written statements which collectively are over 500 words

- Jaymeni Patel Design are the acting agents on behalf of the applicant. The content of the application drawings present proposals to alter the existing industrial units in response to the client's brief.
- A significant aspect of the brief is driven by an immediate response to Covid-19 as critical suppliers to combat Covid-19. We have continued to work closely with the client's team to ensure every opportunity is taken to reduce the visual and noise impact on site.
- We have continued to work closely with officers to present, discuss and coordinate appropriate solutions including remedial works.
- It is of top priority the proposals ensure the safety of the staff and local community is maintained along with preserving the quality of the built environment.
- Biosynth Carbosynth is a world-leading expert in the field of enzyme substrates, carbohydrates, and nucleosides, and we support the global scientific community with our specialty products. We are a critical supplier to many international companies producing diagnostic tests and developing new therapies to combat COVID-19. We play an important role in providing key chemicals required to produce tools to tackle the coronavirus outbreak. We also support many pharma and diagnostic companies that are producing key products required to diagnose, control and treat many other diseases.
- Biosynth Carbosynth has grown over the last 15 years from a small local start up to a leading international chemical company. In Compton we employ roughly 100 highly qualified staff and we are proud to continue to attract and recruit local talent. To support the growth of our company the new building at Old Station Business Park expands our research and development capabilities to serve the scientific community.
- We are very aware of our rural location in Compton and the responsibility that comes with it. The board and senior management team takes this seriously and we focus strongly on only having a positive impact on the community. While building the new units, we took measures to minimize the visual as well as the noise impact on the neighbouring properties.
- The findings of a noise survey conducted prior to the construction were considered and noise mitigation strategies applied. We installed quiet air handling technology and timers, and the building and ductwork was painted in green to blend in.
- We were conscious of the need to improve the hedging along the western boundary and have planted 21 mature trees and 5 meters of hedging to reduce the visibility of the site from the neighbouring properties and improve the overall appearance of the site.
- We are in the process of generating more storage capacities off-site, for example the construction of our new warehouse in Slovakia is nearly finalized. In the meantime, we have taken noise mitigation measures addressing the raised concerns.
- Thank you very much for the opportunity to present this statement and to be a part of this committee meeting.