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Your contact is: Richard Eatough, Planning

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning reference 160692: Application for approval of details reserved by condition.
(151663):**

**Condition 2: submission of boundary noise mitigation scheme
Caversham Preparatory School, 14a-16 Peppard Road, Caversham**

You will be aware of the requirement for the school to ameliorate noise concerns when they were granted retrospective planning permission under reference 151663.

I am writing to advise you that the applicant has now submitted information which the Local Planning Authority believes may be sufficient to discharge the above relevant planning condition of the planning permission. We have received an updated noise assessment which is capable of viewing on the Council's website (use reference 160692 to view). Page 19 of the document shows the line of the proposed acoustic fence, which will be sited a minimum of one metre from the boundaries of properties on Derby Road, following the blue line. The Council's Environmental Protection Team has reviewed the report and is content that the proposal will reduce noise levels as far as it is reasonably practical to do so.

The fence itself would be a three metre high 'Kokowall' coconut fence and the link to the relevant product is here:

<http://www.kokosystems.co.uk/kokowall-noise-barrier/>

Officers are of the view that this proposal potentially offers a suitable design of fence which will mitigate noise impact from the school external areas and be acceptable in visual terms. This option also allows for plants to 'colonise' the structure.

I would welcome any views you may have on these details within 14 days of the date of this letter.