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Afternoon Nick

Thank you for forwarding the agent's response dated 16 June 2025 following the initial comments made by Environmental Health on 03 June 2025 in relation to this planning application. Consultation on the premises licence for the café / wine bar on the ground floor has not been finalised but we can confidently predict that both live and recorded music is likely to be reasonably permitted and the question on its potential impact to occupants of the HMO above is relevant.

Environmental Health accept that the *minimum* legal standards on acoustic insulation between the two developments is provided by Part E of the Building Regulations and that the development would seek to meet this standard.

Whilst the additional information on the construction of the dividing floor above the ground floor is welcomed, Environmental Health would request that a sound insulation test between the two developments is carried out to ascertain the level of acoustic protection that this construction would provide, whether there may be any acoustic 'weak spots' (eg chimney breasts flues, service ducts etc.) that run between the floor levels, that Part E Building Regulations compliance is achieved, and if the effects of loud amplified music on the ground floor would cause undue loss of amenity to the occupants of the HMO above.

The sound insulation test should be undertaken by a competent acoustic engineer and a report detailing its findings be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Regards

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