

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

Re: Objection to the proposed paint-spraying business at Unit F Hardys Corner, 2 Vale Road, Northfleet – Planning Application No 2060879

We are writing to strongly object to this planning application and ask the Planning Committee to refuse permission for the proposed paint-spraying business at this location.

Our concerns are not about the business itself, but about the **unsuitability of this particular location and the potential impact the proposed use would have on nearby residents and the surrounding area.**

This would represent a significant change from the existing environment and could have an unacceptable impact on the residential amenity and enjoyment of neighbouring homes.

Air Quality, Fumes and Odour

Paint spraying can generate volatile organic compounds (VOCs), solvents and other airborne pollutants, as well as strong and persistent chemical odours. Even with extraction and filtration systems, there is a concern that fumes and odours could affect neighbouring properties and residents, particularly when windows are open or people are using their gardens. We also have serious concerns for the potential impact on local wildlife, birds and domestic pets. There is concerns that these pollutants could affect animals and birds, either directly through inhalation or indirectly through food chain

Noise and Disturbance

The proposed operation is likely to involve compressors, extraction fans, ventilation systems, spray equipment and other machinery. These could create both continuous and intermittent noise.

The cumulative effect of machinery, deliveries, vehicles and the operation of the business could cause a significant increase in noise and disturbance compared with the existing situation.

Hazardous Materials and Waste

Paints, thinners, solvents and other chemicals would need to be stored and handled on the premises. There is concern regarding accidental spills, leaks, inappropriate storage and the disposal of hazardous waste.

The planning authority should be satisfied that there would be no unacceptable risk to neighbouring land, drainage systems, groundwater or the wider environment..

Fire and Safety Concerns

The storage and use of paints, solvents and other potentially flammable substances also raises legitimate concerns regarding fire safety and the potential consequences for neighbouring properties.

Given the proximity of residential properties, I believe this aspect requires particularly careful consideration.

Impact on Residential Amenity

The combined effects of **odour, fumes, noise, machinery, vehicle movements and industrial activity** would fundamentally change the character of the area and could have a detrimental impact on the living conditions of nearby residents.

A paint-spraying operation is an industrial-type use and, in our view, is inappropriate in such close proximity to residential properties.

We respectfully ask the Planning Committee to consider the cumulative impact of all these factors rather than considering each issue in isolation.

For these reasons, I strongly object to this application and respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

We would also ask the Committee to give particular consideration to the potential long-term impact on neighbouring residents should this industrial use be permitted at this location.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration.

We would appreciate if our details are not in view of the applicants as we have already had issues with them and we feel very vulnerable.

Yours faithfully,

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