

The Environmental protection Team have reviewed the submitted Noise Impact Assessment Prepared by ES Acoustics, Ref: 22315.NIA-RPT.01 Rev B, relating to the proposed installation of four outdoor padel tennis courts at Rochdale Sports Club. The assessment includes baseline noise monitoring, source noise measurements, noise modelling and an assessment of potential impacts at nearby residential receptors. The proposal has been assessed on the basis of court operation between 06:00 and 23:00 hours.

The report concludes that noise arising from the proposed development would remain below the adopted assessment criteria at the nearest residential receptors and would fall within the No Observed Effect Level (NOEL) or No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) as defined by the Noise Policy Statement for England. The conclusions are based on the incorporation of the proposed canopy structures and associated mitigation measures as modelled within the assessment.

Having reviewed the submitted information, Environmental Health is satisfied that the assessment has been undertaken using an appropriate methodology. However, it is acknowledged that padel tennis generates a distinctive impulsive noise character associated with ball strikes, racket impacts and player activity, which can be more perceptible to nearby residents than continuous background noise. In this case, particular consideration has been given to the proximity of residential properties located immediately to the south of the proposed courts.

Given that the acceptability of the development is dependent upon the mitigation measures and operational assumptions contained within the submitted assessment The development shall be carried out in full accordance with the recommendations, mitigation measures and operational assumptions contained within Noise Impact Assessment Prepared by ES Acoustics, Ref: 22315.NIA-RPT.01 Rev B, The approved acoustic canopy structures and any associated noise attenuation measures identified within the noise assessment shall be installed prior to first use of the courts and permanently retained thereafter.