

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY (INC. NOISE) – The proposal is considered to be a sufficient distance from neighbouring properties to minimise any impacts to residential amenities. There are some properties not too far from the site, namely Grange Farm and Stuchbury Farm and the village of Helmdon is also not too far from the site. However, noise as a result of the development is not considered to be significant to warrant refusal of the application. It is accepted that there will be

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some noise arising from the activities at the site, but these are not considered to be significant. The Council's Environmental Health department has however recommended a condition that noisy sports such as shooting are limited to 9am-6pm Mon-Sat and at no time on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The applicant is prepared to accept this however it is not considered reasonable to restrict shooting on Sundays as the weekend is part of the applicants peak operating times. Furthermore rural pursuits including shooting do occur in the open countryside and so it is not unusual for this type of noise to be heard in rural areas. It is however considered reasonable for the times to be restricted so that shooting does not occur in the evening/overnight (which would be unlikely in any case).