

24th May 2024

Petersham Nurseries – Noise Assessment Survey
Ref: APP/L5810/C/24/3339372

This note responds to the points raised in the Inspector’s Pre-Inquiry Note of 22nd May 2024.

1. Evening use of the restaurant

- 1.1 The restaurant was in evening use on the 3rd and 4th May 2023 between 18:30 and 23:00.
1.2 The area of the site that was specifically in operation as a restaurant (i.e. dining area for customers) on 3rd May 2024 during my attended assessment is shown as the area shaded yellow on the plan below. Some customers did go outside to smoke/vape in small numbers, typically one or two people, and remained close to the dining area in the area just to the west of the area shaded yellow.



- 1.3 The number of covers on each date for evening service was as follows:

Date	No. of covers
Friday 3 rd May	52
Saturday 4 th May	80

- 1.4 No amplified music was played inside or outside any part of the building on either date. The Premises Licence (PL062096, November 2022) specifically requires through Condition 11 in Annex 3 that: "11. The Licence Holder shall ensure that no loudspeakers or public address systems are operated or used outside of the premises building."

2. Daytime use of the restaurant

- 2.1 The restaurant was open during the daytime on the dates, times and in the locations described in the table below.

Date	Time	Areas in use during daytime
Friday 3 rd	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1, 2 and 3
Saturday 4 th	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1, 2 and 3 (sunny day so pergola area in use for teahouse customers)
Sunday 5 th	11:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1, 2 and 3 (sunny day so pergola area in use for teahouse customers)
Monday 6 th	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 7 th	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1 and 2 (sunny day so pergola area in use for teahouse customers)
Wednesday 8 th	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1 and 2 (Workshop in floristry area GH3 1030-1200) (sunny day so pergola area in use for teahouse customers)
Thursday 9 th	10:00-17:00	Greenhouses 1 and 2 (sunny day so pergola area in use for teahouse customers)

- 2.2 I am advised by the operations team at Petersham Nurseries that no amplified music was played inside or outside any part of the buildings on the assessment dates.

3. Assessment dates

- 3.1 The noise measurement equipment is battery powered and therefore can only operate for a finite measurement period defined by the capacity of the battery pack: this is approximately six days in duration. I have data from the evening of Friday 3rd May continuously monitoring through to 17:30hrs on Thursday 9th May. This covers two evenings of restaurant trading and four evenings with no activity in the restaurant. Typically only one day of operation and one day with the restaurant closed would be required to allow a comparison, and so having six days of data provides sufficient data for the survey of ambient noise levels close to Rose Bank for comparison of any noise impact from the use of the restaurant.

4. Car parking

- 4.1 The noise assessment states the maximum number of cars in the car park was 10 during my observations of the car park on 3rd May 2024.



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