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Date: 23/11/2015 13:58  
Subject: RE: Fullabrook - check monitoring

Andy

Perhaps the following statement might help:

I have reviewed the noise measurement and analysis procedures carried out by Hayes McKenzie (HMP), on behalf of ESBI, throughout the noise monitoring programmes that commenced in 2012. I have witnessed the installation of monitoring equipment at the agreed locations.

I am satisfied that at all times the agreed procedures have been followed and that the noise assessments follow best practice.

The objectives of my site visits and measurements in July 2015 were :

- 1) to confirm that the HMP equipment remained in the agreed locations and
- 2) to check that the HMP equipment was operating correctly and was accurately calibrated.

These measurements were commissioned by North Devon Council following a request from a resident that some 'check' measurements were carried out.

I appreciate that such a 'spot check' does not provide conclusive evidence that all the equipment has operated correctly over the duration of the surveys. However, In my professional opinion HMP have carried out the monitoring in a competent and objective manner and I have full confidence in their data.

The results of my July 2015 measurements support this view.

A '100%' check on HMP's data could only have been achieved by the Council's commissioning of a duplicate programme of noise monitoring. The likely cost of such a programme over the duration of the recent surveys (February – July 2015) would have been significantly in excess of £50,000.

In my view such costs could only have been justified if there had been reasons to question HMP's competence and objectivity. Had this been the case I would have informed the Council accordingly.

But there were (and are) no such reasons.

I can't really say much more. Hope this of some use.

Regards

Bob

From: Andy Cole [mailto:Andy.Cole@northdevon.gov.uk]  
Sent: 23 November 2015 11:58  
To: Bob Davis  
Subject: Re: Fullabrook check monitoring

Hi Bob

Sorry just realised I have an outstanding action from the previous public meeting.

In the meeting, a question was asked querying the validity of the attached monitoring only being undertaken for a 24/48 hr period.

I explained that the purpose of the monitoring exercise was simply to check that their readings were comparable to yours, that this was able to be done in a relatively short space of time and that I was confident that the monitoring which had been done was acceptable.

Which is fairly straightforward, as Im sure you'd agree.

But, Jeremy (Head of Environmental Health + Housing Services) undertook a commitment in the meeting that we would ask for any additional comments which might further assure the community that the 24/48 hrs was sufficient.

Have you got any additional comment ?

If you havent thats fine, as I think it really is as straightforward as I have stated above but, just for completeness I just wanted to check, in case theres anything else you would like to add..... ?

Andy