

## **Rack Systems – Planning Application Support Notes - 15/01109/MFUL and 15/01110/OUT**

### **General Comments**

1. As a business Rack Systems has been on the industrial estate for 25 years.
2. They employ around 80 permanent local staff and will employ a further 30+ for the new building.
3. The take on young people out of school on apprenticeship style basis to help provide career development.
4. As a business they have exceeded the capacity at the current premises on the site and are sometimes forced to move processes outside.
5. The current site is now constricting the growth of the business.
6. If the development cannot take place the business will be forced to relocate – they already have located a site in Thirsk which is suitable

### **Scale and size of new building**

1. The size and scale of the building has been derived from the laying out of the process machinery and essentially drawing a line around it.
2. No internal space is spare whatsoever
3. The height is identical to the existing building
4. The height is required for one section of the building to contain high level racking similar to what is currently in a building in the site.
5. The proximity of the building to the boundary is determined by the fact that a critical process – a liquid oxygen plant – must be situated between the buildings and be a minimum distance from each of them.

### **Noise**

1. The Liquid oxygen tank is necessary to replace the currently used bottled system which produces some excess high pitched noise.
2. Base readings from the existing processes on the site, as measured by the Councils EH officer, were very low.
3. The new building will essentially shield the nearest neighbour from the existing factory.
4. The existing noisy processes – powder coating plant – will remain in the existing building.
5. The welding extract fans will be moved into the new building BUT will face back towards the existing and not over the fields towards the neighbours as they do at present.
6. It was agreed on site that the new building will provide a definite betterment in terms of noise pollution on the site as a whole from the neighbouring property as it will have a shielding effect.

7. As far as is reasonably practical rack systems would introduce a noise assessment which could be updated if processes change or a change of user is proposed – this could be carried out in conjunction with the EH office of the council.
8. The new building will not exceed the current working hours on the site.

### **Landscaping and Planting**

1. The limit of available space on the site has limited the prospect for landscaping.
  2. Rack systems are looking to improve the hedging around the perimeter of the site to both enhance the visual appearance and help soften the impact of the development.
  3. The existing site hedges are in a state of dis-repair and require work which would be part of this development.
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