

ADDENDUM REPORT

Planning Committee



Item Number: 6.4

Site: St Boniface's College Sports Ground Coypool Road

Planning Application Number: 13/01196/FUL

Applicant: Peninsula Promotions Limited

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Members are advised that further letters of representation were received:

14 letters raising further objections and comments

- On the grounds of noise, smell, crowds of people in the area, parking arrangements, rubbish, unsightly from the public footpath between the bikes and pallets.
- Even indoors behind double glazing the drone of the bikes is clearly audible.
- Noise from the A38 is much lower. Practice sessions will cause even more disturbance.
- The speedway needs to be relocated somewhere more suitable.
- How long will it be before a club house is built with bar and late bar hours and parties?
- Complaints have not been submitted because residents understand it's a temporary arrangement.
- The night for meetings should be fixed so weekends and bank holidays are not interrupted by the excessive noise.
- The residents in Woodford Avenue and Plymouth Road are subjected to this disruption from a noise perspective but also from increased traffic and people parking in Woodford Avenue due to insufficient parking.
- Increasing the times, dates and making it more permanent will be increasing the misery of local residents. The Planning Committee should visit Woodford Avenue and Plymouth Road during an event to truly appreciate the impact this facility has on local residents.
- Allowing changes in operating days will make it impossible to plan weekends to avoid the noise.
- Bank holidays are a time to enjoy with family and friends, but this would be impossible if we have the constant noise of the bikes.
- Is parking being offered free of charge at Coypool for visitors to the Speedway? If so, why?

Two letters that support the proposals

- The extension of time would only be used when there are stoppages during the meeting.
- Running two teams will bring revenue and visitors to the city.
- The additional noise levels would at best be approx 3 minutes duration.

Comment

- This person states they do live close and within ear range of the venue and to date have not been affected by any of the sounds which emanate from the ground. They do think that it brings some diversity to Plymouth and maybe Plympton for the sports supporters.

Conclusion

In respect of parking, visitors to the Speedway are able to park free of charge at the Coypool Park and Ride site out of hours, which is considered to provide ample parking for the Speedway meetings. Some objectors also refer to the speedway now being permanent, although it already is permanent. The flexibility in racing days will potentially make it less certain as to when meetings will take place, but overall this aspect of the proposals is not considered to be harmful. In other respects these further points are not considered to be so significant as to warrant changing the recommendation before members.