



City of Richmond

Memorandum

Planning and Development Department
Policy Planning

To: Mayor and Council
From: Brian J. Jackson, MCIP
Director of Development

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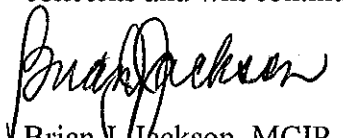
Re: Layfield Plastics Expansion – Response to Noise Concerns

At their regular meeting of August 24, 2011, the Development Permit Panel heard from Mr. and Mrs. Baerg, the owners of 11411 Shell Road in regard to the proposed plant expansion under DV11-581634 by CTA Design Group.

The Baergs indicated that there was a frequent ringing sound which appeared to be associated with the Layfield Plastics existing operation. The Baergs were concerned both with the existing noise and the prospect that the proposed expansion would result in additional noise from the plant.

The City undertook an initial noise test and found that the noise was below City noise bylaw standards. However, Layfield Plastic's Director of Corporate Engineering, Lauren Walker, met with the Baergs first alone and a second time with City staff also in attendance (August 31, 2011) to review the concerns and work together on an appropriate response. At the latter meeting Mr. Walker committed to obtaining the assistance of the appropriate professionals to locate the source of the noise and put in place reasonable measures to reduce the noise from the plant. Mr. Walker has provided a letter to the City reiterating his commitment (**Attachment 1**). Mr. Walker has also indicated that Layfield Plastics will follow up with the Baergs and the City as they work to attenuate the noise from the plant.

Staff are satisfied with the commitments made by Layfield Plastics to take steps to address the noise concerns and will continue to work with the company and the Baergs as necessary.


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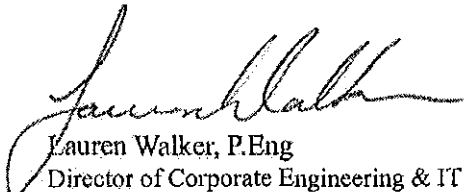
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August 31, 2011

Dear Mr. Brownlee:

We believe that our meeting on August 31st with yourself and our neighbours, Ben and Betty, was productive. We do recognise the concern of our neighbours regarding the noise from our facility at 11120 Silversmith Place in Richmond. Layfield commits that within the scope and timing of the current planned expansions, we will, with the assistance of the appropriate professionals, put in place reasonable measures to reduce the offending noise to lower than the present condition and we will make sure that we comply with the City noise bylaw requirements at our neighbours' property.

Best regards,



Lauren Walker, P.Eng
Director of Corporate Engineering & IT
Layfield Group Limited