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Report

Report subject: Chinese Takeaway in Porton

Report to: Northern Area Committee

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Report Summary

The Chairman of the Northern Area Committee requested that an update be provided to the Committee on any investigations or actions undertaken by the Council's Environmental Health Department in respect of the above premises and therefore this report has been prepared for the Committee.

The Council is aware that objections were made to the planning application for a Chinese take away at Porton in autumn 2005, and two specific complaints were subsequently made to Environmental Services by nearby residents concerning noise from fans and cooking smells.

Investigation at the time revealed that there was noise audible in the garden of one of the dwellings. The proprietor of the take away adjusted the speed of the fan at our request and there has been no further complaint.

Investigation of the cooking smell revealed little evidence apart from a smell immediately outside the premises when the door was open. Investigation of a further complaint passed on by a Councillor in January 2006 revealed no nuisance.

Environmental Services are concerned about the proximity of dwellings but has no evidence of nuisance to date.

The situation is being kept under review and appropriate action will be taken if nuisance does arise. This is more likely in the summer months when windows and doors are open.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.