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Dear Mr Kirkham

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)
STAGECOACH BUS DEPOT, WAKEFIELD ROAD, BARNSLEY
LPA REF: 2011/0856**

Further to the comments made by your colleague Lucy Allen in the Environmental Health team via email on 12 August 2011, which you kindly circulated to us on the 18th August, we duly enclose an addendum to the acoustic report which responds to the comments raised.

In support of the addendum note we wish to make the following observations.

Car Parking

With regard to the Council's Environmental Health team's request that an assessment of the potential for additional noise arising from an increase in car movements as part of these proposals is undertaken, we respond accordingly.

We wish to bring to the Council's attention that there is no additional car parking provision proposed as part of this application. All of the car parking will remain on the site of the existing bus depot and not in the proposed extension to the bus parking area. Notwithstanding this, and the interests of robustness, the Transport Assessment has accounted for a potential maximum increase in car movements of 44% at peak times. This assumption has been modelled to take into account the increase in shift work that may arise from this application.

Stagecoach anticipate that the increase in car movements will not reach the maximum level assessed within the Transport Assessment given that a Travel Plan is in place which encourages staff to travel by non-car modes of transport. For example, Stagecoach operate a shuttle-bus service that collects staff and brings them to the depot and drops them close to home, particularly for the early and late shifts. Additionally, staff can use any public bus service to travel to the depot and other sustainable measures such as car sharing and cycling are encouraged.

In terms of the potential noise generation arising from the additional car movements, Apex Acoustic Consultants have advised that these are unlikely to generate a material increase noise disturbance. This is primarily because the majority of these additional movements will occur during the day when the background noise level is much higher.

We trust that the enclosed is in order and adequately responds to the issues raised. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss any of these points, please do not hesitate in contacting either Simon

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Yours sincerely,



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