

**EXTERNAL RACKING STORAGE SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR INSTALLATION WITHIN THE EXISTING YARD
UNIT 10, MAPPLEWELL DRIVE, MAPPLEWELL, BARNSELY : for THE MARWOOD GROUP LTD**

**METHOD STATEMENT / DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT, DESCRIBING THE INTENDED DAY TO DAY
USE**

The proposed racking system is to be erected in the location shown on the site layout drawing. It will be positioned within the existing yard area and be visually screened from the adjacent residential home by the existing trees (which are to remain), within the planted verge on the site boundary.

The area of yard to be occupied by the racking system, currently has loose equipment stored on the concrete ground. (See photograph of existing yard area). The equipment shown on the photograph is used in connection with the building and engineering industry and items are either hired out or sold from the premises. This naturally involves continuous loading and unloading of these components, on and off lorries, used in the delivery to or from customers.

The hours of operation will not change from those that currently exist.

It is intended to store on the racking, the components that are currently stored on the ground. This will naturally remove an element of congestion within the yard, which should in turn reduce vehicular activity as the yard area will become more practical in terms of loading and unloading.

It is our genuine opinion, that the proposed racking should actually reduce the noise levels within the yard. We believe this will be the case when it is carefully considered, just how this racking will be used.

Naturally the individual components will need to be loaded and unloaded on and off the racking by the aid of a fork lift truck. Logically, the actions of placing the units on or removing off the racking will have to be done in a more controlled manner. If you like, they need to be more delicately handled due to the more precise nature of the storage system. This can only result in a reduction in noise levels.

Currently, as units are stored on the ground, they could easily (and are from time to time) dragged across the concrete which naturally will create more noise disturbance.

We feel the above adequately describes the day to day operations as existing and as proposed and why in our opinion, the racking system should to all intents and purposes, result in reduced noise levels.

We would appreciate due consideration of the above statement and it is hoped there will be no need for a formal acoustic report to be submitted with any application for planning permission.

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