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Dear Residents

Update HMP & YOI Stirling

Please find an update to our work to reduce the impact of noise coming from the Establishment to the houses in Forth Park. We last wrote to you at the end of November with updates on access, fencing, paving and noise mitigation. Since then, significant progress has been made particularly relating to the solution to the windows.

As advised in our last update, SPS commissioned a second Acoustic Survey at HMP & YOI Stirling. Findings from the survey suggested that work carried out earlier in 2024 did manage to reduce the noise, however, additional measures could be considered. Since receiving the feedback, as discussed, our planned mitigations have focused on the installation of a forced ventilation system which would allow the windows to be permanently closed, and this would deliver the greatest noise reduction. Throughout this process we have remained resolute in our determination to ensure the best possible outcome in the quickest possible time.

Our teams are developing a solution which, if found through testing to be suitable, will hopefully achieve a permanent and significant reduction in the decibel levels omitting from those rooms close to Forth Park. This solution is developing and progressing at speed, and we hope to be able to commission works in the very near future, which will provide a solution to ensure we can keep the windows closed.

We continue to work actively to keep noise to an acceptable level and lessen any impact on you. I know there was some noise of late, and we work to deal with individual and specific disturbances as quickly as we can, whilst we continue to work to longer-term general measures.

We last met in September, and I would be keen if suitable with the Residents Association to propose another meeting in HMP & YOI Stirling to continue our positive engagement and share the plans for the further noise mitigation.

As always, I appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we continue to try and get this right for everyone. As advised, we continue to publish significant updates on our website.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Pollock', is written in a cursive style.

Linda Pollock
Deputy Chief Executive