

KIRKLEES DEVELOPMENT TEAM - ADVICE FOR DEVELOPERS

NOISE REPORT – ADVICE FOR DEVELOPMENT

WHY SHOULD I READ THIS?

If your proposed development seeks to:

- a) Locate any noise sensitive premises (e.g. residential or care homes, hospitals and schools) adjacent to existing noisy areas (e.g. industrial or commercial premises or industry (including entertainment venues), busy roads or railway lines etc); or
- b) Alter or provide new industrial or commercial premises or industry (including entertainment venues) near existing noise sensitive premises such that residents in these premises will suffer increased noise levels,

then we will request a Noise Report to be submitted when considering a planning application.

WHAT IS A NOISE REPORT?

A noise report is an assessment of the development to see if noise is a consideration to granting planning permission. Measurements of existing noise levels and the prediction of future noise levels will be required. Proposals for mitigation works or layouts to protect people from noise will need to be put forward if noise is identified to be an issue. If the noise impact is predicted to be excessive and NOT able to be mitigated, then the application may be recommended for refusal.

Measuring and assessing the impact of noise requires specialist equipment and expertise and it is recommended that the person you get to do this work is competent and suitably qualified. Noise Consultants registered with the Institute of Acoustics (IoA) and the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) in the area are available from the websites listed at the end of this leaflet.

DO I NEED A NOISE REPORT?

A Noise report may be required in the following circumstances:

- a) If your development is for new homes, or other sensitive uses (e.g. care homes and schools) and is adjacent to existing noisy areas (e.g. industrial or commercial premises or industry (including entertainment venues), busy roads or railway lines etc).
- b) If your development includes new, or alterations to, existing industrial or commercial premises near existing homes or any other noise sensitive premises. It is recommended that you contact Environmental Services to discuss whether a noise report is required and what the report for your proposed development should contain.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO SUPPLY?

Typical examples of contents of Noise Reports may include:

- An assessment of the existing noise climate.
- Details of any potential sources of noise from the development.
- Details of mitigation measures that will be employed to control noise.
- An assessment of the overall impact.

WHEN SHOULD I DO THIS?

A noise report may take some time to produce and assess, and its findings may have a significant impact on the design and layout of your development so the sooner you submit it, the better. Ideally, you should submit your report with your Planning Application but before you commission a noise report or submit a planning application, you may wish to discuss any noise issues with Environmental Services.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Further information is available from the following Web Resources:

www.ioa.org.uk

www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk

www.planningportal.co.uk

Publications:

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019

Noise Policy Statement for England (NPSE) 2010

ProPG: Planning and Noise Guidance

Planning Practice Guidance - Noise

IEMA Guidelines for Environmental Noise Impact Assessment 2014

West Yorkshire Planning Consultation Guidance - Noise & Vibration 2016

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