

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. homes, hospitals and schools) adjacent to existing noisy areas (e.g. adjacent to busy roads or railway lines); 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 the council may request a Noise Report to be submitted prior to determining a planning application.

WHAT IS A NOISE REPORT?

A noise report is an examination of the development to see if noise is an issue. Measurements of existing noise levels and prediction of future noise levels may be required. Proposals for works or layouts to protect people from noise may also be put forward.

Measuring and assessing the impact of noise requires specialist equipment and expertise. It is recommended that the person you get to do this work is suitably qualified. Lists of noise consultants registered with the Institute of Acoustics and the Association of Noise Consultants in the area are available from Environmental Services, or from the websites listed on the at the end of this leaflet.

DO I NEED A NOISE REPORT?

A Noise report may be required in the following circumstances:

- If your development is for new homes, or other sensitive uses (e.g. care homes and schools) and is located near busy roads or railway lines.
- If your development is for new homes, or other sensitive uses (e.g. care homes and schools) and is located near existing industrial or commercial premises (including entertainment venues).
- If your development includes new, or alterations to existing industrial or commercial premises near existing homes and 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:

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

- More detailed information can be found in our Noise Design Advice Leaflet available from Environmental Services

WHEN SHOULD I DO THIS?

A noise report may take some time to produce and assess. 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. Before you commission a noise report or submit a planning application you should discuss noise issues with Environmental Services.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Further information is available from the following sources:

Web Resources:

www.ioa.org.uk

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

www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/government/en/1021020428537.html

Kirklees Council Contacts:

Specialist Noise Officer or District E H O 01484 226436

Publications: PPG 24:Planning Policy and Noise

Useful Addresses:

Environmental Services

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