

Noise Monitoring and Assessment Policy and Procedure

General statement

Where the generation of nuisance noise from our operations has been identified, our objective is to ensure that all such noise is controlled and minimised where practicable. In order to achieve this, noise monitoring will be carried out.

The results of any monitoring are used to highlight the location and cause of potential nuisance noise from our operations and activities.

To help ensure we give proper consideration to our environmental management responsibilities, and to assist in the determination of the causes and consequences of nuisance noise, all staff are expected to abide by the following procedures and co-operate with management in the execution of this policy.

Definitions

LAeq. Refers to the “equivalent” average sound level measured using the A-weighting which is most sensitive to speech intelligibility frequencies of the human ear.

Nuisance noise. Nuisance noise must be, or likely be, prejudicial to people’s health or interfere with a person’s legitimate use and enjoyment of land. This particularly applies to nuisance to neighbours in their homes and gardens.

Trigger level. The noise level at which additional actions or control measures should be implemented to limit or reduce the effects of nuisance noise.

Noise meter. Electronic device for the measurement and recording of sound levels.

Noise receptor. Location, typically a neighbouring property or premises, at which nuisance noise is heard. These are the locations where the level of noise is most important.

Monitoring procedure

All noise monitoring is carried out by a competent third party, using a hand-held or tripod mounted integrating sound level meter to calculate noise levels at specific locations and at known times of the day. Noise meters used for monitoring purposes comply with BS EN 60804 Type 2 specification, as required by BS5228: Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites: 2009 (+A1:2014).

The company is committed to undertaking remedial measures to address any issues that may be identified within a Noise Survey Report.

Reporting requirements

The results of all noise monitoring should be accurately recorded and documented on a Noise Monitoring Record Sheet. All pertinent information including local weather conditions, details of all activities being carried out on and off site, the time and duration of the monitoring and any remedial actions should all be recorded.

Copies of the record sheets should be maintained for future reference. The information contained in the record sheets can help to illustrate that we have taken a proactive approach to the management of nuisance noise.

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