

Noise Programme



Goal: To promote integrated policies and practices that encourage the effective management and control of noise.

The profile of noise in the UK: To maintain and increase the profile of noise in UK policy making

	Objective	Actions
1	To further the integration of noise in policy making across government	At national level to advocate the need for noise considerations to be included in decision making
		To identify and highlight examples of where noise has and has not been adequately integrated into policy making
		Respond to all relevant government consultations
		To work closely with other noise interest groups in raising awareness of noise
2	To further the integration of noise in policy making at local level	To push for the adequate resourcing of noise requirements
		To make the case for noise to be integrated into local strategic planning
		Respond to all relevant government consultations
		At local level to advocate the need for noise considerations to be included in decision making
3	To maintain and increase public and professional awareness of noise, its effects and adverse consequences	To work closely with other noise interest groups in raising awareness of noise
		To identify and highlight examples of where noise has and has not been adequately integrated into policy making
		To research and disseminate information on noise issues and impacts
		To organise conferences and training events on noise issues
4	To support the establishment of a UK expert committee to inform noise policy development	To raise the credibility of noise issues in the media
		To monitor changes in attitudes and awareness
		To advocate and lobby for resources for an expert committee
5	To promote adequate funding for research into the management and control of noise	To encourage the development and funding of longer term research programmes
6	To encourage the increased understanding of the health effects of exposure to noise	To encourage adequate funding for relevant research
		Dissemination of research
7	To encourage the consideration of noise in education and training	To lobby for noise to be more effectively addressed across the school curricula
		To lobby for and provide training in noise management and mitigation

The management and control of noise: To encourage the effective management and control of noise

	Objective	Actions
1	To encourage a strategic approach to noise management and control for the UK as a whole	To maintain communication with relevant government departments as the Noise Strategy for England is developed To liaise with the devolved administrations and Environmental Protection UK divisions on developing a strategic approach to noise policies To respond to consultations on strategies
2	To discourage the erosion of the UK's remaining quiet areas, both urban and rural.	To liaise with relevant government departments and organisations to ensure provision is made for designation and protection of first round quiet areas in agglomerations To lobby for the adequate protection of quiet rural areas To lobby for the adequate protection of quiet areas of local or regional importance
3	To promote the role of local authorities in noise action planning subsequent to the Environmental Noise Directive	To advocate the dissemination of data to support local authority work
4	To promote the use of quieter road surfaces	Lobby for the use of quieter materials
5	To promote the use of quieter construction techniques	Lobby for amendments to legislation (e.g. Control of Pollution Act) Lobby for the development of quieter construction techniques
6	To support local authorities in effective management of neighbour and neighbourhood noise	Development and dissemination of good practice Provide training Research and information dissemination on issues as they arise
7	To encourage the provision of sufficient resources for consistent enforcement of existing and proposed neighbourhood noise control legislation	Liaison with government To reinforce the benefits of current legislation and to encourage adequate resources
8	To encourage manufacturers to minimise noise impacts	To raise awareness of quieter products, promote the use of quieter products and encourage the manufacture of quieter products To encourage a labelling scheme for products
9	To encourage schemes for better sound insulation in buildings	To raise awareness of sound insulation issues and work for enforcement of improved standards To lobby for the inclusion of sound insulation in existing and planned building codes/guidance

The profile of noise in Europe and internationally: To maintain and increase the profile of noise in European and international policy making

	Objective	Actions
1	Maintain and increase the profile of noise in European policy making	Work with European NGO partners to develop policy and approaches and to lobby in Europe
2	Maintain and increase the profile of noise in international policy making	Work with international groups and lobby for international agreements
3	To support the revision of the Environmental Noise Directive	Work with European NGO umbrella bodies
		Liaise with DG Environment in Europe
4	To lobby for improved controls of vehicle noise at source	Liaison with UK and European experts and support European NGO lobbying work
		Lobby for a lower noise limits such as by revision of Directive 2001/43/EC on tyre Noise, UN-ECE Regulation 51
5	To encourage harmonisation of noise mapping methods and assessment of exposure for second round noise mapping	Work with European NGO umbrella bodies and noise specialists
6	To share best practice within Europe of management of neighbourhood noise	Researching and documenting best practice
		Publicising and disseminating best practice

Legislation and guidance: To encourage the development and implementation of appropriate and workable legislation and guidance

	Objective	Actions
1	To identify gaps and provide input into developing legislation across the spectrum of noise issues	Work with members and wider experts to identify areas requiring input
		Instigate and respond to consultation documents and legislative proposals
2	To maintain and enhance the management of neighbourhood noise through the statutory nuisance process	Work with members and wider experts to identify areas requiring input
		Instigate and respond to consultation documents and legislative proposals
3	To maintain and enhance the management of noise through the land use and transport planning processes	Work with members and wider experts to identify areas requiring input
		Instigate and respond to consultation documents and legislative proposals
4	To maintain and enhance the management of noise through the licensing process	Managing roll out programme for night time provisions for licensed premises
		Work with members and wider experts to identify areas requiring input
		Instigate and respond to consultation documents and legislative proposals