

PROGRAMME:

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DAY 1: Environmental Noise



- 09.30 Registration and Refreshments**
- 10.00 Chair's Introduction**
John Hinton, OBE – President, Institute of Acoustics
- 10.05 Update on Noise Action Planning**
Yvette Bosworth, Head of Noise, Defra
An update on latest policy
- 10.30 World Health Organisation: 'Night Noise Guidelines for Europe'**
Colin Grimwood, Bureau Veritas Government Services Group
Colin will give an overview of the recently published WHO guidelines.
- 11.00 Questions and Discussion**
- 11.15 Refreshment Break**
- 11.35 Noise Action Planning at Birmingham International Airport**
Kirstin Kane, Environment Monitoring Officer
Kirstin will outline the development of the Birmingham International Airport Noise Action Plan, with a focus of the public consultation and community engagement
- 12.00 Railways – Noise Action Plan Options**
Brian Hemsworth – Consultant, BSc, CEng, FIOA
An overview of vehicle based, infrastructure and operational options for rail noise mitigation from a rail noise specialist with extensive UK and international experience
- 12.20 Traffic Noise in Rural Areas**
Dr. Ken Edwards, Chairman, M40 Chilterns Environmental Group
Reporting on a noise survey carried out recently in communities close to the M40 in the Chilterns and South Oxfordshire, Ken will outline the noise impacts and concerns of the M40 Group, and their views on the way forward for noise management in the area.
- 12.45 Questions and Discussion**
- 13.00 Lunch**

- 14.00 Chair's Introduction**
John Hinton, OBE – President, Institute of Acoustics
- 14.05 From strategic noise maps to action plans and beyond: The Scottish Experience**
Nigel Kerr, Glasgow CC, Steve Williamson, Edinburgh CC
- An update on progress on noise action plan implementation from Scottish cities*
- 14.30 Practical protection and enhancement of tranquil spaces in urban areas**
Phil McIlwain, Westminster CC, Stuart Woodin, Scott Wilson
- Many of Westminster's open spaces provide oases of 'relative tranquillity' with potential for enhancement. Westminster Open Spaces Noise Study included developing a scoring system for relative tranquillity based on sounds, presence of nature, sense of personal safety, culture of place and visual attractiveness. Westminster's Noise Strategy includes actions to protect and enhance tranquillity and soundscape quality.*
- 15.00 Refreshment Break**
- 15.15 Parallel Sessions**
Opportunity to share experience and suggest ways forward for improving management of the following:
- a. **Practical Transport Noise Mitigation**
Facilitators – Yvette Bosworth, Defra and Stephen Turner, Bureau Veritas
 - b. **Communicating the END – processes for identifying quiet areas (urban and rural)**
How can we engage non noise specialists (Public, planners, transport)?
Facilitators - Steve Crawshaw, Bristol City Council and Jaspreet Bassi, Defra
- 16.15 Report back from parallel sessions – opportunity for all to input.**
Reports and any outcomes of the sessions will be distributed to delegates following the workshop
- 17.00 Close**
- 19.30 Dinner for Residential Delegates**

DAY 2: Neighbours and Neighbourhoods

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Session 1: Managing noise from events

09.10 Chair's Introduction

Jill Phillips, Wandsworth Borough Council

09.15 The influence of noise impact on Wandsworth Council's licensing policy

John Sibson, Wandsworth Borough Council

Wandsworth undertook a noise survey of the 5 town centres within the Borough in 2004, and was repeated in 2007. The data collected to date has shown a trend of increasing noise levels from licensed premises. It is used to inform and support representations to licensing and planning decision-making committees.

09.45 Managing the impact of noise in pubs and clubs

Ed Foster, Health, Safety and Noise Control Team Manager, Newcastle CC

Ed will outline work with health and safety and environmental health to manage the impact of noise in pubs and clubs

10.15 Questions and Discussion

10.30 Refreshment Break

Session 2: Noise and Licensed Premises

10.45 Controlling noise for Twenty20 World Cup Cricket at the Oval

Clive Bentley, Acoustic Consultant, Sharps Redmore Partnership

Hosting a large number of high profile games in summer, Clive will explain how the challenge to meet noise targets at the Oval was met.

11.15 Experience from WOMAD and other events

Sue Parr, Principal Environmental Scientist, Peter Brett Associates

With experience in managing event noise for both festival organizers and Local Authorities, Sue will share lessons learned to date

11.35 Licensing, Nuisance and the way forward for Entertainment noise

Michael Eade, Principal Consultant, EN Centre
Chris Hurst, Consultant, Three Spires Acoustics

The Licensing Act, Public Nuisance and the way forward for noise from concerts and pubs and clubs.

12.10 Questions and Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Session 3: Noise and Renewables

13.30 Chair's Introduction

Jack Pease, Noise Bulletin

13.35 So what may a typical Micro Wind Turbine sound like while you are attempting to get to sleep in your rural idyll?

David Palmer, Technical Director, Environment, Aecom

Demonstration of the sound from a small micro wind turbine in the context of current proposals for permitted development.

14.05 Know your limits - Is windfarm assessment methodology changing?

Dick Bowdler, specialist consultant

Dick, with extensive experience in wind turbine noise assessment, will take us through what to look for in checking a noise impact assessment for a wind farm –including methods of assessment and some particular inspectors decisions on noise.

14.35 Examination of wind turbine noise issues in the context of recent High Court claims

Susan Ring, Richard Buxton Environmental & Public Law

15.00 Questions and Discussion

15.30 Round-up and Close

Please note: programme and timings are subject to change