

Construction Site Noise Guidance

Hours of Work

Where residential occupiers are likely to be affected by noise, the hours of noisy works should be restricted to:

Monday to Friday	8am – 6pm
Saturday	8am – 1pm
Saturdays after 1pm Sundays Bank Holidays	No noisy work i.e. there must be no site noise audible past the site boundary

You should check with Planning Services (tel. 717000) as there may be additional conditions that affect the site e.g. planning conditions specifying hours of work or the production of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

Publicity

Prior to any works starting, the contractor should inform occupiers of all properties which may be affected by noise, dust or vibration arising from construction works of the nature of the works, proposed hours of work and their expected duration. In particular, it is recommended that a notice be placed in a conspicuous position, ideally agreed with local residents, informing them of the agreed hours of work.

In all instances publicity should include the name and telephone number of a main contact within the contractor's organisation who is able to give further information and deal with any complaints or emergencies that may arise at any time.

Variations from Normal Working Hours

It is recognised that there may be circumstances where the restriction on hours of work (as above) cannot be adhered to. In these circumstances the contractor should justify fully any proposed deviation from this guidance document and provide written justification to the OEHPR before any works start outside normal hours.

Provided the contractor has been able to justify the case to the Office, works may proceed in accordance with appropriate alternative conditions. The Office will confirm all agreed variations in writing to the contractor, where time constraints allow. The contractor should be aware that should a nuisance be witnessed the OEHPR reserves the right to take action to abate the nuisance.

In any instance where it is necessary, or desirable, to deviate from this guidance the contractor should be able to demonstrate that all reasonable steps have been taken to minimise disturbance from the works. Where appropriate, consideration shall be given to:

- 1 Screening to reduce noise levels
- 2 Published 'rest periods' during which noisy operations are temporarily ceased

- 3 The offering of temporary accommodation to residents likely to experience severe and prolonged disturbance
- 4 The provision of public refuges away from severe noisy works

Prior agreement for works involving any deviation from this guidance should be sought from this Office, preferably at least 3 days prior to the works commencing, by telephoning the department. The Office will then confirm in writing, preferably by email, the agreed works and any mitigation measures that should be implemented.

The Office of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation can be contacted by post at Longue Rue, St Martin, GY4 6LD. OEHPR staff are available on (01481) 711161 during work hours and (01481) 725241 outside normal working hours.

In the case of a justified complaint being received by the Office we would have regard to BS 5228-1:2009 – Code of Practice for Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites.

In the absence of prior agreement for noisy works, and where justified complaints are received, the Office may serve legal notice which could require the restriction of hours of works, restrictions on type of equipment and / or working methods.

Additional guidance on the management and control of pollution and noise from construction sites is also available from the Office.

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