

Managing Noise – emerging policy

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- EPUK – noise work
- Noise in emerging policy:
 - Environment
 - Transport
 - Planning
 - Public Health
 - Licensing
- Opportunities for Noise Management



Managing Noise for Healthy Communities

Noise sources

- Traffic – road, rail, air
- Energy – large and small
- Planning –

Localism vs Permitted development

- Licensing/ASBO changes



EPUK – Policy

Our vision:

A cleaner, quieter, healthier world

Policy Committees - noise Specialist members in noise management from local authority, consultancy, industry, academia

Work with: government (local, national, EU); ngos (eg NAS, UKNA, CPRE, EEB, IEEP); professional bodies (CIEH, IOA, UKELA)

England – Noise Policy

Noise Policy Statement England - Defra March 2010

- Noise Policy Vision

Promote **good health** and a good **quality of life** through the effective management of noise within the context of Government policy on sustainable development.



Noise in emerging policy- Environment



Environment White Paper Spring 2011

Noise? Aural environment?
Local environmental quality?

Noise in emerging policy - Planning

New national planning system

- Localism Bill

Greenest ever planning coalition (Wildlife Link, Campaign for Better Transport, Town and Country Planning Association, RSPB) say:

“The purpose of planning must be to further sustainable development. This means bringing about genuine improvements in environmental and social wellbeing, as well as the economy.”



Noise in emerging policy - Planning

● National Planning Policy Framework

- PPS(G)s to be consolidated?
- vague timetable for national policy statements
- ‘suggestions’ called for by CLG

EPUK have called for a:

“National Planning Policy Framework that ensures that sustainable development is central to local and national decision making, and that an equitable planning system is in place that protects the natural environment; reduces carbon emissions; mitigates climate change impact; and promotes a healthy local environment.”

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● National Policy Statements:

- framework for decision making on national infrastructure
- consultations closed on ports; energy; wastewater
- consultation on transport awaited

EPUK concerns:

- focus is on impacts on the natural environment
- patchy reference to noise (and other local environmental) impacts



Noise in emerging policy - Planning

- Wind turbines
ETSU – R – 97?
- Biomass
Air quality?

EPUK advocate:
Location based approaches



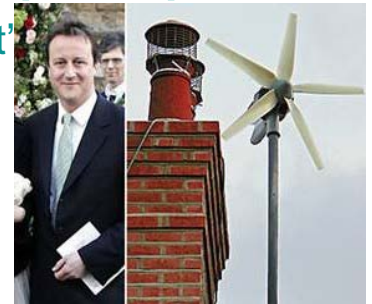
Noise in emerging policy – Planning

Local - Permitted development ?

- small wind turbines/air source heat pumps?

(England - Consultation closed February 2010) Decision 'imminent'

- From March 18th permitted development is allowed for small renewables for non domestic premises in Scotland – but not for “those technologies which generate ongoing noise emissions” – micro wind turbines and air source heat pumps)



Noise in emerging policy – **Planning**

- Permitted development for building reuse for schools?

(England - Consultation closed December 2010)

- Revision of Part E of Building regulations
 - Noise and Your School – IOA sponsored for Noise Action Week

Noise in emerging policy - Transport

Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon – Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen (Jan 2011)

Societal Costs per annum (p.15)

Transport Impact	Societal Cost (£ pa)
Delay	11 billion
Carbon	Up to 4 billion
RT Accidents	9 billion
Health Total	25 billion
Physical activity	Not given
Air Quality	Up to 19 billion
Noise	3 – 5 billion

Noise in emerging policy- Public Health

“There is increasing evidence that environmental noise, from both aircraft and road traffic noise is associated with raised blood pressure and with a small increase in the risk of coronary heart disease.”

Environmental Noise and Health in the UK – Ad Hoc Expert Group on Noise 2010

Up to 108 heart attacks a year in Greater London caused by noise
GLA commissioned research, 2008

91% think quiet areas should be protected – **Ipsos MORI 2008**



Noise in emerging Policy – Public Health

- WHO on noise and health
March 2011



“Traffic noise alone is harming the health of almost every third person in the WHO European Region. One in five Europeans is regularly exposed to sound levels at night that could significantly damage health.”

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/health-topics/environmental-health/noise>

Noise in emerging policy- Public Health

“Economic growth is not the most important measure of our country’s success. The fair distribution of health, well-being and sustainability are important social goals. Tackling social inequalities in health and tackling climate change must go together”

Fair Society, Healthy Lives — Marmot Review Feb 2010

“Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities”
- Policy Objective E

Develop common policies to reduce the scale and impact of climate change and health inequalities

Noise in emerging policy- Public Health

Healthy Lives, Healthy People - Strategy for public health in England

“As well as green spaces, good air quality and reducing noise pollution are important issues for public health and wellbeing. Defra will publish information about local air quality and noise levels empowering local government and communities to take action”



Noise in emerging policy- Public Health

Healthy Lives for Healthy People-

Strategy for public health in England

Workforce for public health



4.89 The Government wants to build on achievements and skills of the current public health workforce. Maintaining a well trained, highly motivated public workforce will be critical to the success of the public health system.

Consultation closes today

Noise in emerging policy- Public Health

Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in outcomes

Proposals for a Public Health Outcomes Framework - *draft*

Domain 2: Tackling the wider determinants of health

Indicators include:

- D.16** % population affected by environmental, neighbour and neighbourhood noise
- to be assessed by a national noise attitude survey every two years

This is a *draft* – consultation closes 31st March

Noise in emerging policy – Licensing etc

- Police reform and social responsibility bill
 - Temporary Event Notices etc
- New look for ‘asbos’
- Live music –
should it be unlicensed



Noise in emerging policy - Threats

- Diminishing Resources
- Deregulation
- Stripping away of guidance?
- Low political priority
- For some noise sources – weak regulatory ‘sticks’



Noise in emerging policy - Opportunities

- People complain about noise
- Big Society
- Public health and well being
- Increasing recognition of the health value of green open space
- Noise policy statement England



Noise in emerging policy - Opportunities

Map: BN1, Brighton

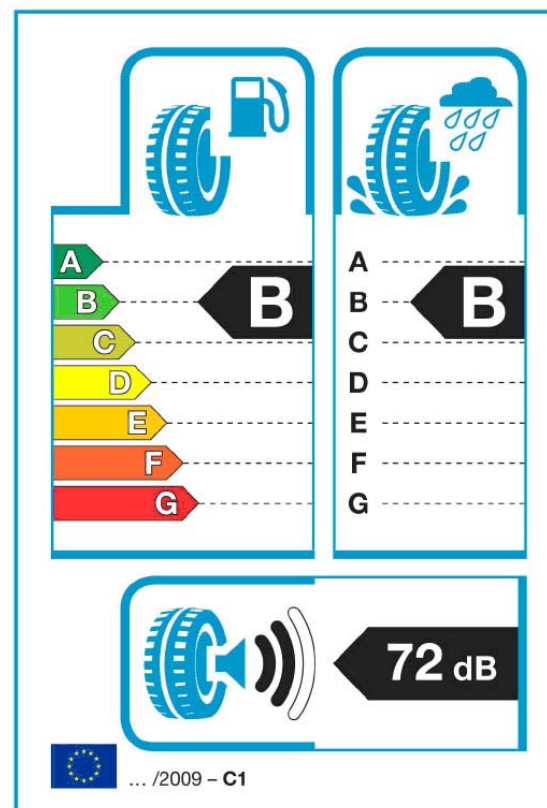


Managing Noise for Healthy Communities- Campaigns

Tyre labelling is coming

- Fleet procurement
- Public procurement
- Individual drivers

Regulation Nov 2012



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**CAMPAIGN FOR
BETTER
TYRES**

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Noise Action Week

- 23 – 27 May 2011

Encourage community action -

- promote practical solutions to everyday noise problems
- promote communication and consideration between neighbours

2008 - Sound Detectives Walk to School reached 2 million children

2010 - over 200k press coverage

2011 – Focus on schools noise, supporting IOA campaign

Join in at:<http://www.noiseactionweek.org>



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Campaign for Better Tyres

<http://www.bettertyres.org.uk/>

Thank you for listening