

**Control of Pollution Act 1974**  
**Control of Noise on Construction and Open Sites**

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1. The Contractor shall comply with the general recommendations set out in BS 5228: Parts 1 and 2 : 1997 'Noise Control on Construction and Open Sites', together with any specific requirements in the contract.
2. Sound levels shall be monitored with sound level meters and by methods set out in BS 5228.
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  - i) All vehicles and mechanical plant used on works shall be fitted with effective exhaust silencers and shall be maintained in good and efficient working order for the duration of the works and to comply with BS 5228.
  - ii) Machines in intermittent use shall be shut down in the period between works or throttled down to a minimum.
  - iii) The Contractor shall remove from the works any item of plant which is ineffectively silenced.
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  - i) All compressors shall be 'sound reduced' models fitted with properly lined and sealed acoustic covers which will be kept closed whenever the machines are in use and all ancillary pneumatic percussive tools shall be fitted with muffles or silencers of the type recommended by the manufacturers.
  - ii) Pumps and mechanical static plant shall be enclosed by acoustic sheds or screens when close to residential property.
5. The Contractor shall organise his operations with regard to the positioning of plant and movement of vehicles so as to minimise noise to adjacent properties.
6. The Contractor shall limit his hours of working to 0800 to 1800 during weekdays and 0800 to 1300 on Saturdays.
7. For work carried out during the hours of 0800 to 1800 the noise levels produced, measured at a point 1m from the facade of the nearest residential property, for any 1 hour L(A)eq during this period shall not exceed 10 dB(A) above background sound levels.
8. Only with the consent of the Resident Engineer in consultation with the Environmental Health Officer may work be carried out outside the hours of 0800 to 1800. The noise levels produced, measured at a point 1m from the facade of the nearest residential property for any 1 hour L(A)eq during this period shall not exceed 5 dB(A) above background sound levels.
9. Unless otherwise agreed, work shall not take place on Sundays or Public Holidays without the consent of the Resident Engineer in consultation with the Environmental Health Officer. Any agreement reached shall restrict the hours of working to between 0900 and 1600 hours.

10. Contractors shall furnish such information as may be required by the Environmental Health Officer in relation to Noise levels emitted by Plant or equipment used or installed on site or which the Contractors intend to use or install on site.
11. Contractors shall afford all reasonable facilities to enable authorised officers of the North Warwickshire Borough Council to carry out such sound level monitoring as may be necessary.
12. The Environmental Health Officer is to be advised of the timetable of works to be undertaken by the Contractor.
13. All references to the Environmental Health Officer relate to the North Warwickshire Borough Council.