

Noise Management Plan to discharge Condition 7 of planning permission ref: PL/25/1260

1. Introduction

This Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been prepared to discharge the requirements of Condition 7 of planning permission ref: PL/25/1260 relating to noise management.

The plan sets out the operational procedures and mitigation measures that will be implemented to ensure that the use of the premises as a church does not give rise to unacceptable noise impacts on nearby residential occupiers.

The measures contained within this document will be adhered to for the lifetime of the development.

2. Nature of Use

The premises will operate as a place of worship, including:

- Regular services;
- Small group meetings;
- Community-based activities.

Activities will primarily comprise speech, prayer and singing.

3. General Noise Management Approach

The following principles will apply at all times:

- The amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers will be protected;
- Activities will be managed to minimise noise breakout;
- Active management will be in place during peak periods;
- A responsible person will oversee compliance.

4. Arrival and Departure Management (Condition a)

To minimise noise associated with arrivals and dispersal:

- **Managed Dispersal:**
Attendees will be encouraged to arrive and leave in a calm and orderly manner.
- **Stewarding:**
Stewards will be present during peak periods to:

- Encourage quiet behaviour;
- Prevent congregation outside the building;
- Assist with efficient entry and exit.
- **Signage:**
Prominent signage will request that attendees:
 - Respect neighbouring residents;
 - Leave quietly;
 - Avoid loitering.
- **Vehicle Management (if applicable):**
 - No unnecessary engine idling;
 - No use of horns;
 - Controlled and orderly movement.

5. Management of External Areas (Condition b)

External areas will be managed as follows:

- **No External Amplification:**
No amplified sound or music will be played externally at any time.
- **Limited External Use:**
External areas will not be used for organised gatherings or activities likely to generate noise.
- **Active Supervision:**
Stewards will monitor external areas during peak periods to prevent:
 - Congregation;
 - Raised voices;
 - Prolonged activity.

6. Internal Noise Control and Building Management (Condition c)

To prevent noise breakout:

- The use will incorporate internal speakers to ensure that speech and sound are evenly distributed throughout the hall. These will be operated at controlled, low-to-moderate levels appropriate to the size of the space and will not be used for high-volume or entertainment purposes.

Noise Control Measures:

- The building envelope will be relied upon to contain internally generated sound. Doors and windows will be kept closed during use where necessary to minimise noise escape, particularly during periods of activity.

Management of Sound Levels:

- Sound levels will be actively managed by the operator to ensure that noise does not give rise to disturbance to neighbouring occupiers. The use will remain consistent with a community/church function rather than a music or performance venue.

Future Changes / Intensification:

- Any material change in the nature or intensity of sound generation will be reviewed and, where necessary, subject to further assessment and appropriate mitigation, and agreed with the Local Planning Authority where required

7. Stewarding and On-Site Management (Condition d)

- **Responsible Person:**

A designated individual (e.g. Church Manager or Duty Steward) will:

- Oversee compliance with this NMP;
- Act as the main point of contact.

- **Stewarding:**

Stewards will be deployed:

- During peak services and events;
- At arrival and dispersal times.

- **Duties Include:**

- Monitoring behaviour internally and externally;
- Encouraging respectful conduct;
- Addressing any emerging noise issues promptly.

- **Staff and Volunteer Awareness:**

All personnel will be briefed on:

- Noise sensitivity of the site;
- Their responsibilities under this plan.

8. Monitoring and Complaints Procedure

A robust system will be in place:

- **Community Contact:**

A contact email/telephone number will be made available to local residents.

- **Complaint Handling:**

- All complaints will be logged;
- Investigated promptly by the responsible person;
- Appropriate action taken where necessary.

- **Record Keeping:**

A log will include:

- Date/time of complaint;
- Nature of issue;
- Actions taken.

- **Review and Improvement:**

If issues arise:

- The NMP will be reviewed;
- Additional mitigation measures introduced as required.

G. Review Mechanism

This plan will be kept under periodic review to ensure it remains effective. Adjustments will be made where necessary in response to operational experience or feedback.

10. Compliance Statement

The measures set out in this Noise Management Plan will be implemented in full and adhered to for the lifetime of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.