

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974

The council expect any persons undertaking demolition and construction work, to do so in a way to minimise disturbance to neighbours by following this basic guidance:

NOISE

All works including deliveries, which are audible beyond the site boundary, should be limited to;

Monday to Friday	08.00 - 18.00hrs
Saturday	08.00 - 13.00hrs
Sunday/Bank Holidays	No work on site

In addition, the council will expect contractors/ developers to use 'best practicable means' to minimise noise. For example:

- Conduct very noisy activities (i.e. piling) in the core of the working day
- Choose quieter plant
- Use quieter working practices
- Locate plant and equipment as far as possible from sensitive receptors
- Use acoustic barriers around noisy work/equipment
- Properly maintain plant and equipment
- Switch off plant and equipment when not in use
- Avoid unnecessary noise such as shouting, swearing, and site radios

BONFIRES

Bonfires **must not** be used for disposal of waste. The burning, burying, or other unauthorised treatment of controlled waste is a criminal offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and carries a penalty of an unlimited fine and/or imprisonment. Proper disposal must be carried out via a licensed waste carrier and you may be required to produce waste transfer (disposal) notes to prove lawful disposal.

The only material that may be burnt on demolition/ construction sites is plant tissue that has been cut down **at that site**. You must however hold a D7 exemption from the Environment Agency in order to burn plant tissue in the open. However, when

burning plant tissue care must be taken to ensure this does not cause a smoke nuisance to neighbours by ensuring the material is as dry as possible, that the wind is not blowing towards neighbouring homes, and that the bonfire is kept hot and not left to smoulder.

DUST

Suitable measures should be taken where dust may affect neighbouring properties. This may include some or all of the following steps:

- Water suppression of cutting/breaking/crushing (by hose, spray bars, dust cannon etc.)
- Use of rubble-chutes with minimal drop heights
- Store bulk materials away from neighbours and cover and/or keep damp
- Wet sweep hard-surfaces and roads, and damp down haul routes using water bowser with a suitable spray bar
- Install wheel washing facilities to prevent mud being carried onto the highway

Additional dust control will be needed during dry and windy periods.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Experience shows that keeping neighbours up-to-date on what to expect in advance of any disruption helps to reduce complaints and improve relations. As such, we would recommend that construction/ demolition sites get in touch with neighbours to provide a point of contact for any problems that may arise, and to update them of any works that may cause disturbance.

If you are a larger development, we would also recommend circulating a newsletter or similar explaining the phasing of the works, the schedule, and updating residents of any changes that may impact upon them.