

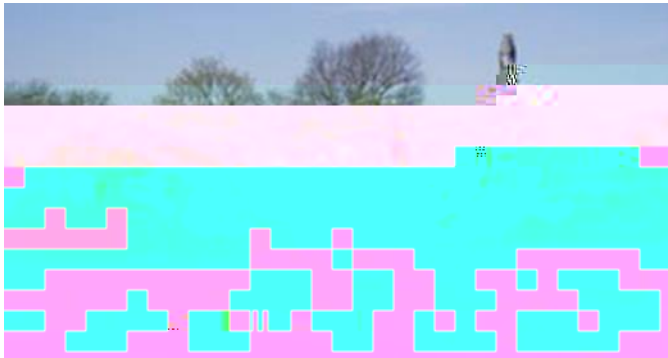


This information has been prepared by the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) of Birmingham City Council (BCC), to assist contractors and developers in understanding the restrictions which apply to construction/demolition work. These restrictions are put in place to protect nearby residents and businesses. Construction and demolition activities can generate emissions of noise and dust. Adhering to the simple rules will help to reduce local air pollution, complaints from neighbouring residents and businesses, and reduce the likelihood of possible legal action by BCC.

To make sure that your site is compliant, please ensure that all staff and subcontractors working at your site are made aware of the information contained within this leaflet.

Section 2 of the Clean Air Act 1993, (Prohibition of dark smoke from industrial or trade premises).

You must not burn at any time any material that will give rise to dark smoke, for example plastic and cable. BCC does not have to witness the burning of materials or an emission of



Section 60 of COPA gives BCC the power to serve a notice imposing requirements as to the way in which construction works are to be carried out.

BCC serve such notices usually when a noise complaint has been made about activities at the site, however BCC can serve such notices before any works have started.

This standard provides guidance to enable compliance with Section 60. Part 1 of this guide considers basic information and procedures for noise and vibration control, as approved under Section 71 of COPA.

Section 61 allows the person intending to carry out construction works to apply for consent to operate prior to any activity commencing at a site. The consent must detail the methods by which all noisy activities are to be carried out.

Under Sec 72 a contractor must use "Best Practicable Means" to control noise on the site.

The aim of the Regulations is to reduce noise levels of each individual machine used on construction/ demolition sites by requiring various types of new construction site equipment for example concrete breakers, excavators, welders and generators to meet specific noise levels. The noise levels within the Regulations relate to sound power levels (L<sub>w</sub>), therefore it is important to ensure the sound power level is specified on any outdoor equipment you use.







consult BCC prior to commencing any construction/demolition likely to impact residents and give contact details

advise local residents in writing that work is to take place and provide a contact telephone number for them.

ensure all materials are carefully loaded and unloaded to avoid unnecessary noise. They should not be deliberately dropped.

adhere to the following hours of operation for works audible at the site boundary:

Days	Times
Monday to Friday	8am to 6pm
Saturday	8am to 1pm
Sunday and Bank Holidays	No work