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Proposed Residential Development Land to the South of Barugh Green Road, Barnsley

Noise Impact Assessment

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

Environmental Noise Solutions Ltd (ENS) has been commissioned by Avant Homes to undertake a noise impact assessment for the proposed residential development at land to the south of Barugh Green Road, Barnsley (hereafter referred to as ‘the site’).

This report should be read in conjunction with ENS report (ref: NIA-11708-24-11947-v1).

The objectives of the noise impact assessment were to:

- Determine the ambient noise climate at the site
- Assess the potential impact of the existing noise climate on the proposed residential development with reference to the National Planning Policy Framework and other pertinent guidelines
- Provide recommendations for a scheme of sound attenuation works, as necessary, so that the future occupants of the proposed development do not experience any unacceptable loss of amenity due to noise

This report details the methodology and results of the assessment and provides recommendations for the building envelope (fenestration and ventilation) and boundary treatments. It has been prepared to accompany planning application (ref: 2025:0122) submitted to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in March 2025.

Version 2 of the report also addresses specific concerns raised by Environmental Health (Pollution Control), who have commented as follows:

The Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) does not appear to provide sound measurement data that shows representative noise levels, the times and durations of the measurements being very limited. The noise environment is varied (including industrial, commercial and night time economy) and measurements need to show this. I would expect to see measurements reflecting representative day time and night time levels, both weekday and weekend.

In addition, can a model be provided which shows the noise levels in the outdoor amenity areas with the suggested mitigation in place? The NIA does not clearly show the levels that would be achieved.

The report has been prepared for Avant Homes for the sole purpose described above and no extended duty of care to any third party is implied or offered. Third parties referring to the report should consult Avant Homes and ENS as to the extent to which the findings may be appropriate for their use.

A glossary of acoustic terms used in the main body of the text is contained in Appendix 1.

1.2 Site Description and Development Proposals

The site is located on farmland to the south of Barugh Green Road, in a mixed-use setting circa 3.2 km to north-west of Barnsley Town Centre (highlighted in red) in Figure 1.1.

Figure 1.1: Location of proposed residential development



The site is bounded by:

- Barugh Green Road to the north
- Claycliffe Avenue to the east with existing residential dwellings beyond
- Open agricultural land to the south and west

Various commercial and light industrial units are located circa 40 metres to the north of the site boundary, these include:

- Road and Trials (0900-1700 Monday-Friday, 0900-1500 Saturdays)
- White Rose Interiors (0900-1700 Monday-Friday, 1000-1500 Saturdays)
- Jollyes The Pet People (0900-1800 Monday-Friday, 0900-1700 Saturdays, 1000-1600 Sundays)
EB Motorsport (0800-1700 Monday-Thursday)

Additionally, the Chestnut Tree public house is located circa 15 metres from the north-east corner of the development site, their operating hours are 0900 until 2300 Tuesday to Sunday, and 0900-2200 on Mondays.

The ambient noise climate at the site is predominantly controlled by vehicles along Barugh Green Road with underlying noise from the M1 Motorway to the west. No significant noise from the commercial units to the north, or the Chestnut Tree Public House to the north-east were noted by the survey engineer during manned measurement periods. Additionally, no significant noise was noted during the additional monitoring carried out between the 18th July to 21st July 2025.

Development proposals are for 155 no. new-build residential dwellings with associated landscaping and access roads. Layout plans indicate that the residential development footprint is set back at least 30 metres from the nearside kerb of Barugh Green Road.

For reference, open agricultural land to the south and west of the site is earmarked for residential use as part of Phase 1 of the Barnsley West development, however for the purposes of this assessment it has been considered vacant.

2 Policy Context and Assessment Guidance

2.1 National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ was updated in February 2025 and sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

Where issues of noise impact are concerned the NPPF provides brief guidance in paragraph 187 where it states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

'preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of.....noise pollution'.

Paragraph 198 advises that:

'Planning policies and decisions should also ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development. In doing so they should.....mitigate and reduce to a minimum potential adverse impacts resulting from noise from new development – and avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and the quality of life'.

With regard to extant community noise sources and the potential to affect proposed new developments, Paragraph 200 states that:

'Planning policies and decisions should ensure that new development can be integrated effectively with existing businesses and community facilities (such as places of worship, pubs, music venues and sports clubs). Existing businesses and facilities should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of development permitted after they were established. Where the operation of an existing business or community facility could have a significant adverse effect on new development (including changes of use) in its vicinity, the applicant (or 'agent of change') should be required to provide suitable mitigation before the development has been completed.'

The NPPF also refers to the 2010 DEFRA publication, the Noise Policy Statement for England (NPSE) which reinforces and supplements the NPPF.

2.2 Noise Policy Statement for England

The Noise Policy Statement for England² (NPSE) sets out the long-term vision of promoting good health and a good quality of life through the effective management of noise within the context of Government policy on sustainable development. This long-term vision is supported by the following aims:

- Avoid significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life
- Mitigate and minimise adverse impacts on health and quality of life
- Where possible, contribute to the improvement of health and quality of life

The NPSE describes the following levels at which noise impacts may be identified:

- NOEL – No Observed Effect Level. This is the level below which no effect can be detected. In simple terms, below this level, there is no detectable effect on health and quality of life due to the noise

1 National Planning Policy Framework. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (2021)

2 Government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Noise Policy Statement for England. March 2010.

- LOAEL – Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level. This is the level above which adverse effects on health and quality of life can be detected
- SOAEL – Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level. This is the level above which significant adverse effects on health and quality of life occur

According to the explanatory notes in the statement, where a noise level falls between the lowest observable adverse effect level (LOAEL) and a level which represents a significant observable adverse effect level (SOAEL):

‘...all reasonable steps should be taken to mitigate and minimise adverse effects on health and quality of life whilst also taking into consideration the guiding principles of sustainable development. This does not mean that such effects cannot occur.’

2.3 Planning Practice Guidance on Noise

Planning Practice Guidance³ (PPG) is an online resource which provides additional guidance and elaboration on the NPPF. It advises that the Local Planning Authority should consider the acoustic environment in relation to:

- Whether or not a significant adverse effect is occurring or likely to occur
- Whether or not an adverse effect is occurring or likely to occur
- Whether or not a good standard of amenity can be achieved

In line with the Explanatory Note of the NPSE, the PPG references the LOAEL and SOAEL in relation to noise impact. It also provides examples of outcomes that could be expected for a given perception level of noise, plus actions that may be required to bring about a desired outcome. However, in line with the NPSE, no objective noise levels are provided for LOAEL or SOAEL.

The PPG also provides general advice on the typical options available for mitigating noise, suggesting that Local Plans may include noise standards applicable to proposed developments within the Local Authority’s administrative boundary, although it states that:

‘Care should be taken, however, to avoid these being implemented as fixed thresholds as specific circumstances may justify some variation being allowed’.

The subjective nature of noise means that there is not a simple relationship between noise levels and the impact on those affected. This will depend on how various factors combine in any particular situation. The following guidance documents provide some meaningful context.

3 Planning Practice Guidance on Noise: <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/noise/>

2.4 ProPG Planning and Noise: New Residential Development

ProPG Planning and Noise: New Residential Development (ProPG)⁴ was published in 2017 by the Association of Noise Consultants, Institute of Acoustics and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

Stage 2: Element 2 of ProPG sets indoor ambient noise levels for residential dwellings based on the guidance contained in British Standard 8233:2014 'Guidance on Sound Insulation and Noise Reduction for Buildings' (BS 8233), see Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Indoor Ambient Noise Levels in Dwellings

Activity	Location	Indoor Ambient Noise Levels	
Resting	Living Room	35 dB L_{Aeq} (0700-2300)	-
Dining	Dining Room/Area	40 dB L_{Aeq} (0700-2300)	-
Sleeping (daytime resting)	Bedroom	35 dB L_{Aeq} (0700-2300)	30 dB L_{Aeq} (2300-0700) 45 dB $L_{Amax,F}$ (2300-0700)

Note 4 to the above table states:

'A guideline value may be set in terms of SEL or $L_{Amax,F}$, depending on the character and number of events per night. Sporadic noise events could require separate values. In most circumstances in noise sensitive rooms at night (e.g. bedrooms) good acoustic design can be used so that individual noise events do not normally exceed 45dB $L_{Amax,F}$ more than 10 times a night.'

4 'ProPG Planning and Noise: New Residential Development (ProPG)', 2017. Association of Noise Consultants (ANC), Institute of Acoustics (IOA) and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

Note 5 to the above table states:

‘Where it is not possible to meet internal target levels with windows open, internal noise levels can be assessed with windows closed, however any façade openings used to provide whole dwelling ventilation (e.g. trickle ventilators) should be assessed in the “open” position and, in this scenario, the internal L_{Aeq} target levels should not normally be exceeded, subject to the further advice in Note 7.’

This is consistent with the guidance contained within the PPG, which states that:

‘... consideration should also be given to whether adverse internal effects can be completely removed by closing windows and, in the case of new residential development, if the proposed mitigation relies on windows being kept closed most of the time. In both cases a suitable alternative means of ventilation is likely to be necessary. Further information on ventilation can be found in the Building Regulations.’

On the basis of the above, the following criteria (with windows closed and an alternative means of ventilation provided) are considered appropriate for the proposed development and considered to represent good resting and sleeping conditions:

- ≤ 35 dB L_{Aeq} (0700-2300) in habitable rooms during the daytime
- ≤ 30 dB L_{Aeq} (2300-0700) in bedrooms during the night-time
- 45 dB L_{AFMax} not regularly exceeded in bedrooms during the night-time

With regard to external amenity, ProPG reflects the advice given in BS 8233 as follows:

‘The acoustic environment of external amenity areas that are an intrinsic part of the overall design should always be assessed and noise levels should ideally not be above the range 50–55 dB $L_{Aeq,16hr}$.’

‘These guideline values may not be achievable in all circumstances where development might be desirable. In such a situation, development should be designed to achieve the lowest practicable noise levels in these external amenity spaces.’

2.5 Approved Document O

Approved Document O, 2021 is written in support of Part O of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010. The approved document details methods of addressing overheating of residential dwellings and is applicable only across England.

The approved document has the following relevant guidance in Section 3 regarding noise ingress into buildings:

‘In locations where external noise may be an issue (for example, where the local planning authority considered external noise to be an issue at the planning stage), the overheating mitigation strategy should take account of the likelihood that windows will be closed during sleeping hours (11pm to 7am).

Windows are likely to be closed during sleeping hours if noise within bedrooms exceeds the following limits.

- 40dB $L_{Aeq,T}$, averaged over 8 hours (between 11pm and 7am)
- 55dB L_{Amax} , more than 10 times a night (between 11pm and 7am)’

3 Noise Survey

3.1 Overview

In order to determine the level of external noise affecting the proposed development, noise monitoring was carried out on Tuesday 24th September through to Wednesday 25th September 2024. Additional monitoring was carried out between Friday 18th July and Monday 21st July 2025 to address the comments received from Environmental Health (Pollution Control) set out in Section 1. Measurements were fully attended during the evening period on Friday 18th and the early hours on Monday 21st July 2025.

The adopted noise monitoring positions (shown in Appendix 2) were as follows:

- MP1 was located south of the northern boundary of the site, at circa 30 metres from Barugh Green Road
- MP1A was located south of the northern boundary of the site, at circa 60 metres from Barugh Green Road (to assess attenuation due to distance)
- MP2 was located along the eastern boundary of the site, at circa 5 metres from Claycliffe Avenue
- MP3 was located approximately 40m north of the southern boundary of the site
- MP4 was located at the north-western tip of the site
- MP5 was located at the northern boundary of the site, circa 10 metres from Barugh Green Road
- MP5A was located at the northern boundary of the site, circa 30 metres from Barugh Green Road

Noise measurements were undertaken in free field conditions at 4 metres above ground level using Brüel & Kjaer 2250 and NTi XL3 Type 1 integrating sound level meters. Each meter was connected to a windshield covered microphone positioned at the locations detailed above.

The measurement system calibration was verified immediately before and after the survey period using a Brüel & Kjaer Type 4231 calibrator. No drift in calibration levels greater than 0.5 dB was noted.

Measurements consisted of A-weighted broadband parameters including L_{Aeq} , L_{A10} , L_{A90} , and L_{AFmax} octave band data.

The noted weather conditions during the surveys were dry with average wind speeds < 5 m/s. Weather conditions were therefore considered appropriate for noise monitoring.

3.2 Summary

Table 3.1 presents a summary of the noise data for each measurement session, at each measurement position, rounded to the nearest decibel.

Table 3.1: Summary of Noise Measurement Data

Position	Date	Time	L_{Aeq} (dB)	L_{A90} (dB)	L_{A10} (dB)	L_{AFmax} (dB)	Comment
MP1	24/09/2024	1035–1135	59	52	64	-	Road traffic on Barugh Green Road dominant, underlying distant M1 Motorway (typically 68 dB L_{AFmax} during the night-time)
		1135–1235	59	53	64	-	
		1235–1335	59	52	64	-	
	25/09/2024	0459–0559	53	43	58	70	
		0559–0659	57	46	63	68	
MP1A	24/09/2024	1352–1407	54	51	58	61	
MP2	24/09/2024	1148–1218	55	51	58	-	

Position	Date	Time	L _{Aeq} (dB)	L _{A90} (dB)	L _{A10} (dB)	L _{AFMax} (dB)	Comment
		1328–1358	55	51	58	-	Road traffic on Barugh Green Road dominant, occasional vehicles along Claycliffe Avenue, underlying distant M1 Motorway
MP3	24/09/2024	1220–1250	51	48	53	-	Road traffic on Barugh Green Road and distant M1 Motorway
		1401–1431	50	48	52	-	
MP4	24/09/2024	1254–1324	54	47	57	-	Road traffic on Barugh Green Road dominant, underlying distant M1 Motorway
		1436–1506	54	48	57	-	
MP5	18/07/2025	1355–2300	66	45	71	-	Road traffic on Barugh Green Road dominant, underlying distant M1 Motorway
	19/07/2025	0700–2300	66	44	72	-	
	20/07/2025	0700–2300	65	43	72	-	
	21/07/2025	0700–1220	67	51	72	-	
	18/07/2025	2300–0700	55	38	55	77	
	19/07/2025	2300–0700	57	31	54	78	
	20/07/2025	2300–0700	59	39	59	79	
MP5A	18/07/2025	1408–1430	58	47	62	-	
*11th highest maximum noise level event during the night-time							

3.3 Analysis

The noise environment at the site was controlled by road traffic on Barugh Green Road, with noise levels reducing with increasing distance to the road.

Throughout the survey period, no noise was noted from any units located to the north of the proposed development site. In particular, EB Motorsport situated directly opposite, specialising in the manufacture of components for classic Porsche vehicles, did not exhibit any measurable internal noise breakout. These observations indicate that noise from northern industrial premises is not considered a material contributor to the site's ambient noise climate.

The Chestnut Tree public house is situated circa 15 metres from the north-east corner of the proposed development site, and includes a beer garden positioned along its eastern and northern boundaries, effectively screened from the development site. Consultation with the public house confirmed that no live music events are held. Consequently, noise from this source is not anticipated to be a material contributor to ambient noise climate during the daytime or night-time.

For the prediction of daytime road traffic noise, the Department of Transport's Memorandum on the Calculation of Road Traffic Noise (CRTN) explains that the following shortened measurement procedure may be used. Measurements of L_{A10} are made over any three consecutive hours between 10:00 and 17:00 hours. Using $L_{A10(3 \text{ hour})}$ as the arithmetic mean of the three consecutive values of hourly L_{A10} , the $L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})}$ can be calculated from the equation:

$$L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})} = L_{A10(3 \text{ hour})} - 1 \text{ dB}$$

A study prepared by TRL Limited on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) entitled 'Converting the UK Traffic Noise Index $L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})}$ to EU Noise Indices for Noise Mapping' presents a methodology for calculating daytime $L_{Aeq(0700-2300)}$ and night-time $L_{Aeq(2300-0700)}$ ambient noise levels based on the $L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})}$ noise levels, as follows:

$$L_{Aeq(0700-2300)} = 10 * \log \left(\frac{[10^{((0.95 * L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})} + 1.44)/10)^{12}] + [10^{((0.97 * L_{A10(18 \text{ hour})} - 2.87)/10)^4}]}{16} \right)$$

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$$L_{Aeq(2300-0700)} = 0.90 * L_{A10, 18 \text{ hour}} - 3.77$$

Based on the above formulae, the daytime and night-time ambient noise levels at MP1 are measured / calculated at **61 dB $L_{Aeq(0700-2300)}$** and **53 dB $L_{Aeq(2300-0700)}$** respectively. Typical maximum noise levels at MP1 were measured at **68 dB L_{AFMax}** during the night-time (early morning rush hour).

Noise levels decreased with increasing distance from Barugh Green Road. Comparative measurements undertaken at MP1 (30 metres to the road) and MP1A (60 metres to the road) illustrated point-source propagation of -6 dB per doubling of distance.

4 Noise Assessment

4.1 Design Noise Levels

Design noise levels for habitable rooms adjacent to/fronting towards Barugh Green Road are as follows:

- ≤ 61 dB $L_{Aeq(0700-2300)}$ during the daytime
- ≤ 53 dB $L_{Aeq(2300-0700)}$ during the night-time
- ≤ 68 dB L_{AFMax} during the night-time

Noise measurements at MP1 were made at 30 metres from Barugh Green Road whereas road-fronting dwellings in the eastern part of the site will be set back at least 45 metres. Based on point-source propagation, the noise level difference between 30 metres and 45 metres is circa 4 dB [i.e. = $20 \times \log(30 / 45)$]. This equates to design noise levels of:

- ≤ 57 dB $L_{Aeq(0700-2300)}$ during the daytime
- ≤ 49 dB $L_{Aeq(2300-0700)}$ during the night-time
- ≤ 64 dB L_{AFMax} during the night-time

4.2 Scheme of Sound Attenuation

In order to calculate the sound insulation requirements of the building envelope for habitable rooms throughout the development, the Building Research Establishment (BRE) building envelope insulation calculation spreadsheet was used. This spreadsheet is based on the calculation methodology advocated in BS 8233. The spreadsheet allows input of external noise levels, typical room dimensions and reverberation time together with parameters for the various elements of the building envelope and calculates the internal noise level in terms of the external noise level metric (L_{Aeq} and L_{AFMax} in this case).

Road-fronting habitable rooms within 45 metres of Barugh Green Road should be provided with enhanced double glazing rated at least **29 dB $R_w + C_{tr}$** (such as 8 mm glass / 6–20 mm cavity / 4 mm glass) in conjunction with acoustic wall vents rated at least **41 dB $D_{n,e,w} + C_{tr}$** per 8000 mm² EA (vent open) such as the Ryton AAC125HP.

As a precaution, it is recommended that this specification is also provided to habitable rooms of Plots 135–138, which overlook Claycliffe Avenue.

As evidenced in the calculation sheet overleaf, this configuration will provide circa 31 dB(A) sound insulation from external to internal at the site.

Figure 4.1: Example BRE Calculation Spreadsheet

BRE Building Envelope Insulation

Switch to Reverberation Time Calculation

2) Select elements of facade structure, and enter corresponding internal surface area in m² OR enter number of vents.

1) Enter room dimensions or volume

Use dimensions

x [] m

y [] m

z [] m

Volume [] m³

OR

Use volume

[25] m³

3) Enter reverberation time of the room.

[0.5] seconds

4) Select exterior sound level type

Option (A) User defined spectrum

[61 dB LAeq (Day)]

View/Edit Data

Option (B) Spectrum shape

Select spectrum shape and enter free field exterior sound level, L_{Aeq} (considering only the octave bands between 125Hz and 2kHz)

L_{Aeq} [61] dB

[ISO 717 - 1 (Ctr)]

View Data

Internal sound level

L_{Aeq} [29.5] dB

All other habitable facades, including rear-facing habitable rooms of plots within 45 metres of Barugh Green Road without direct line of sight to the road may be provided with standard double glazing rated at least **25 dB R_w+C_{tr}** in conjunction with trickle vents or wall vents rated at least **32 dB D_{n,e,w}** per 8000 mm² EA (vent open).

Based on measurements taken at numerous sites, a typical thermal double-glazed window with standard trickle vents provides circa 25dB(A) sound insulation from external to internal.

The resultant internal noise levels are set out in the table below.

Table 4.1 – External Noise Levels and Resultant Internal Noise Levels

Location	External Noise Level	Reduction	Resultant Internal Level
Road-fronting habitable rooms within 45 metres of Barugh Green Road and plots adjacent to Claycliffe Avenue	≤ 61 dB L _{Aeq} (0700-2300) ≤ 53 dB L _{Aeq} (2300-0700) ≤ 68 dB L _{AFMax}	-31 dB	≤ 30 dB L _{Aeq} (0700-2300) ≤ 22 dB L _{Aeq} (2300-0700) ≤ 37 dB L _{AFMax}
Remaining habitable rooms	≤ 57 dB L _{Aeq} (0700-2300) ≤ 49 dB L _{Aeq} (2300-0700) ≤ 64 dB L _{AFMax}	-25 dB	≤ 32 dB L _{Aeq} (0700-2300) ≤ 24 dB L _{Aeq} (2300-0700) ≤ 39 dB L _{AFMax}

Appendix 3 contains an annotated glazing/ventilation markup plan. For brevity, plots requiring standard glazing/ventilation are not marked.

The following points should be noted:

- The glazing recommendations apply to the window within a sealed unit. It is the responsibility of the window supplier to ensure that the window frame does not compromise the performance of the glazing.
- When selecting a glazing system to satisfy the requirements outlined above, it is important to ensure that the $R_w + C_{tr}$ value is achieved (rather than simply the R_w value). Published R_w values tend to be higher than corresponding $R_w + C_{tr}$ values; therefore, incorrect selection could result in an overestimation of sound reduction performance which in turn could result in higher internal noise levels.
- The opening and free area of the ventilation units should be checked by a mechanical service engineer before designs are finalised. Should the equivalent open area be insufficient to meet the minimum requirements of ADF, it may be necessary to increase the number of units per habitable room. Where this applies, the required sound reduction of the ventilation units may need to be increased accordingly.
- The ceilings (and side cheeks to the dormer windows) in any room-in-roof bedrooms requiring enhanced glazing should be double boarded, with 100 mm (minimum) mineral wool insulation above. The glazing requirements are also applicable to 'Velux' windows.
- Internal noise levels due to mechanical ventilation plant should not exceed 26 dB(A) in bedrooms and 30 dB(A) in living rooms

4.3 External Amenity

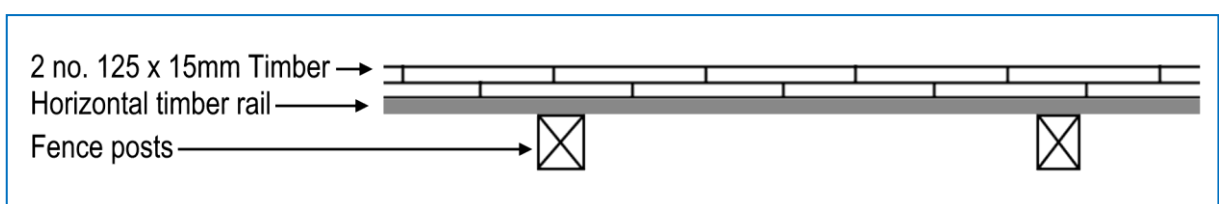
To calculate noise levels in gardens, a three-dimensional noise model has been developed. The noise model is based on ordnance survey mapping and terrain data, and drawings and information provided by the client.

Noise emission from transport noise sources has been calculated in octave bands according to ISO 9613:1996, assuming mixed ground. All buildings are assumed to be reflective, and second order reflections are considered.

The site layout indicates that, with the exception of Plots 1, 2 and 141, the majority of garden are screened by the dwellings themselves. Where this is not the case, it is recommended that they are provided with circa 2-metre-high high solid timber fences or brick walls (see Appendix 3 for barrier locations). It is also recommended that acoustic screening is provided to gardens fronting towards Claycliffe Avenue (see Appendix 3). A brick wall of any construction is appropriate, providing there are no gaps in the construction.

If a solid timber fence is installed, then it should be ensured that it has a mass per unit area of ≥ 10 kg/m². The fence should have no gaps or holes and should be fully sealed at the ground (i.e. include a gravel board).

An indicative acoustic fence detail is illustrated below. The double-thickness solid timber construction is considered robust and appropriate.



The CadnaA acoustic model incorporates the proposed mitigation scheme, illustrated in Appendix 3. A noise contour plot, illustrating predicted noise levels in gardens, is provided in Appendix 4.

The CadnaA modelling results, presented in Appendix 4, demonstrate that all plots, with the exception of Plots 1, 2 and 141, are predicted to achieve external amenity area noise levels below 50 dB $L_{Aeq,16hr}$ (0700–2300). Although Plots 1, 2 and 141 with the mitigation in place are predicted to experience marginally higher noise levels, these remain below 55 dB $L_{Aeq,16hr}$ (0700–2300) and therefore comply with the upper limit contained within ProPG/BS 8233.

5 Mitigation of Overheating

ADO states that for moderate risk locations (i.e. outside of London) the minimum free area of the open window should be at least 4% of the floor area of the room.

As the open area varies as a function of the floor area, for a typical floor-to-ceiling height of 2.4m, a free area of 4% of the floor area equates to an external to internal noise reduction of 10 dB.

With reference to the internal targets contained in ADO, it is assumed that open windows can form the overheating mitigation strategy with no additional ventilation or cooling, providing the external noise levels outside bedrooms at night do not exceed **50 dB $L_{Aeq}(2300-0700)$** and **65 dB L_{AFMax}** (more than 10 times).

Based on the external noise levels at the site, it should be assumed that the road-fronting bedroom windows of plots within 45 metres of Barugh Green Road would be kept closed during night-time hours (2300–0700 hours). This information should be provided to the overheating assessor for the site, in order to determine the extent of additional mitigation required to comply with ADO.

For remaining bedrooms, windows may be opened to the minimum open area of 5% of the floor area, meaning that the overheating mitigation strategy is not constrained by acoustics.

6 Summary and Conclusions

A noise impact assessment has been performed for the proposed residential development on land to the south of Barugh Green Road, Barnsley.

Noise monitoring was undertaken from Tuesday 24th September to Wednesday 25th September 2024 to establish the baseline level of external noise affecting the proposed development site. To supplement this data and capture potential variations in the acoustic environment, additional monitoring was conducted from Friday 18th July to Monday 21st July 2025. During the manned periods on Friday evening and the early hours of Monday morning, no significant noise events were observed from the commercial units or night-time economy opposite the proposed development site.

Section 4 provides recommendations for a noise mitigation strategy, to protect potential future residential development at the site from the existing noise climate using relevant guidance including BS8233 / ProPG.

Appendix 1 – Abbreviations and Definitions

Sound Pressure Level (L_p)

The basic unit of sound measurement is the sound pressure level. As the pressures to which the human ear responds can range from 20 μ Pa to 200 Pa, a linear measurement of sound levels would involve many orders of magnitude. Consequently, the pressures are converted to a logarithmic scale and expressed in decibels (dB) as follows:

$$L_p = 20 \log_{10}(p/p_0)$$

Where L_p = sound pressure level in dB; p = rms sound pressure in Pa; and p_0 = reference sound pressure (20 μ Pa).

A-weighting

A frequency filtering system in a sound level meter, which approximates under defined conditions the frequency response of the human ear. The A-weighted sound pressure level, expressed in dB(A), has been shown to correlate well with subjective response to noise.

Equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level, $L_{Aeq, T}$

The value of the A-weighted sound pressure level in decibels of continuous steady sound that within a specified time interval, T, has the same mean-square sound pressure as a sound that varies with time. $L_{Aeq, 16h}$ (07:00 to 23:00 hours) and $L_{Aeq, 8h}$ (23:00 to 07:00 hours) are used to qualify daytime and night time noise levels.

$L_{A10, T}$

The A-weighted sound pressure level in decibels exceeded for 10% of the measurement period, T. $L_{A10, 18h}$ is the arithmetic mean of the 18 hourly values from 06:00 to 24:00 hours.

$L_{A90, T}$

The A-weighted sound pressure level of the residual noise in decibels exceeded 90% of a given time interval, T. L_{A90} is typically taken as representative of background noise.

$L_{AF \max}$

The maximum A-weighted noise level recorded during the measurement period. The subscript 'F' denotes fast time weighting, slow time weighting 'S' is also used.

Single Event Level / Sound Exposure Level (SEL or L_{AE})

The energy produced by a discrete noise event averaged over one second, regardless of the event duration. This allows for comparison between different noise events which occur over different lengths of time.

Weighted Sound Reduction Index (R_w)

Single number quantity which characterises the airborne sound insulation properties of a material or building element over a defined range of frequencies (R_w is used to characterise the insulation of a material or product that has been measured in a laboratory).

