

Noise Management Plan for Halewood Leisure Centre

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this plan is to outline robust policies and procedures to minimise the potential for noise impact on nearby residential dwellings.
- 1.2 Halewood Leisure Centre are required to prepare a Noise Management Plan (NMP) for the use of the AGP to comply with Condition no. 4, associated with the Planning Application ref. 24/00621/KMBC1, issued by Knowsley Council.
- 1.3 Other guidance considered includes:
- BS 8233:2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings
 - Guidelines for community noise, WHO, 1999
 - Guidelines for Environmental Noise Impact Assessment, Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA), 2014
- 1.4 The NMP is considered to be a live document which may be reviewed and updated when any noise complaint is received or at least annually in order to create an acceptable balance between functionality of the AGP and the protection of local residents’ amenity.

2 Responsibility

- 2.1 The appointed employee(s) responsible for NMP revisions and management of noise complaints is (are):
- {xx NAME xx}
 - {xx NAME xx}
- 2.2 The employee(s) should be aware of potential noise sources associated with the AGP and spectator stands, be familiar with the NMP noise control procedures and reference guidelines, and actively react to local residents' noise complaints.

3 Potential noise sources

- 3.1 The identified potential sports pitch noise sources consist of:
- Raised voices;
 - Referee's whistles;
 - Ball impacts, including striking fencing.
- 3.2 The identified potential spectator stand noise sources consist of:
- Crowds shouting and cheering during matches
 - Clapping noises
 - Banging noises

4 AGP and noise sensitive receptor's location

- 4.1 The locations of the AGP and spectator stands are shown in Figure 1, alongside the locations of the identified noise sensitive receivers.



Figure 1: AGP location

- 4.2 The closest residential buildings that may be potentially affected by noise from the site have been classified as noise sensitive receivers (NSR). The NSRs are indicated in Figure 1.

5 Noise control measures

5.1

Table 1 presents the factors and remedies to consider in the AGP and spectator stand noise management process, in order to control noise impact.

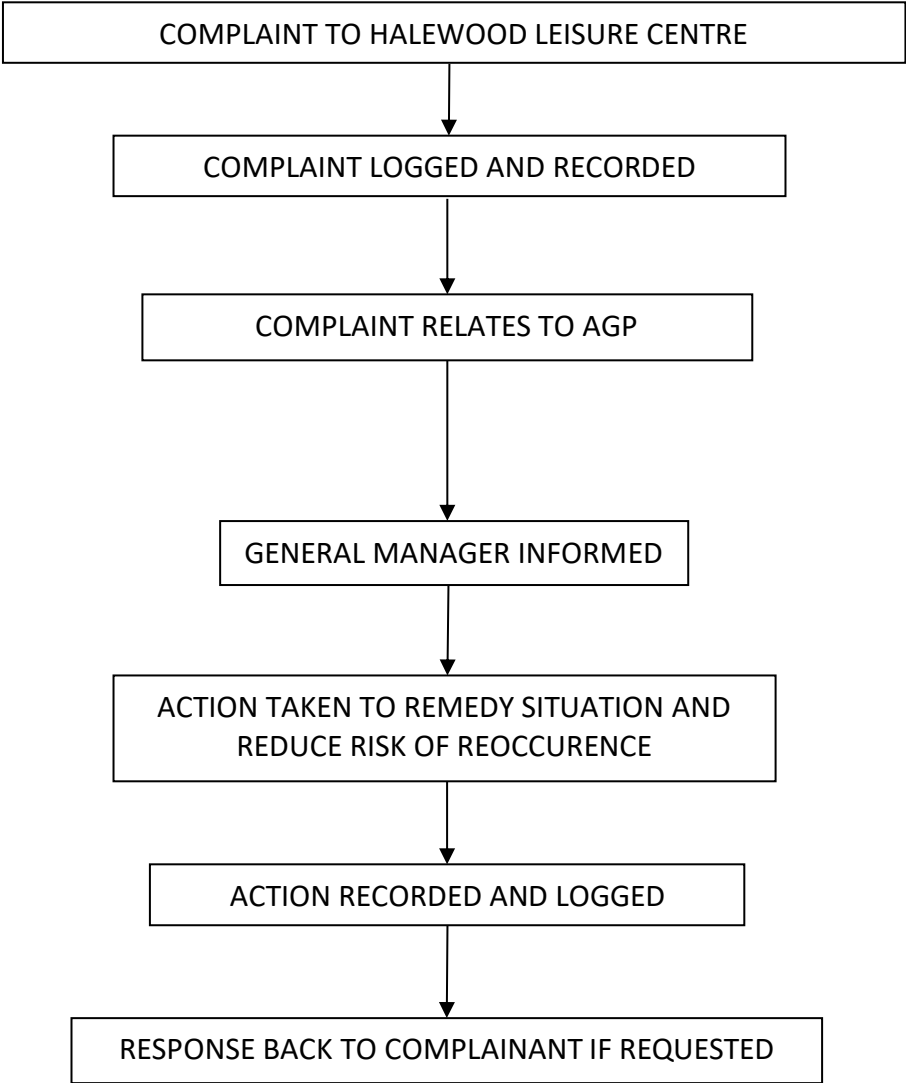
5.2 The table should be revised and updated when any noise complaint is received or at least annually.

Table 1 NMP control measures

Factors	Proposed remedy with comments
Use of AGP and spectator stands	There is no public access to the AGP. The pitch and spectator stands will be regularly monitored by an appointed manager when in use.
Hours of use	The AGP and spectator stands will operate between the following hours: - Monday – Friday, 09:00 – 22:00 hours; and - Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays, 09:00 – 20:00 hours. Outside these hours the access will be closed. Weld mesh fencing around pitch perimeter and locked gates will prevent unauthorised persons entering the pitch outside the opening hours.
AGP construction	A rigid weld mesh fence is used to minimise the noise emitted when a ball strikes the fence. This mitigates the potential for rattling sounds generated by non-rigid / heras style mesh fencing. According to SE guidance, the following should be also considered: <i>“fence panels should be securely clamped together and to supporting posts with resilient fixings to minimise rattling noises from ball impacts”</i>.
AGP maintenance	Regular maintenance works will be provided to avoid creating new noise sources e.g. rattling fencing or holes in fencing allowing unauthorised person enter and use the AGP outside of opening hours
AGP use behaviour	AGP etiquette rules will be discussed and enforced to reduce the potential for noisy behaviours, including abusive shouts during matches. Signage to be considered, to ensure users are reminded to minimise noise disturbance.
Spectator stand use behaviour	Signage within the stands to make clear that foul language, anti-social behaviour and banging on the stands is not allowed.
Management	Ensure there is an appointed manager and that the procedures of this plan are followed and updated as required in the future. An Annual review will be undertaken, or as required following any complaints.

7 Noise complaints procedure

7.1 The procedure regarding noise complaints management is shown below.



8 Complaint reporting

8.1 All noise complaints should be reported in NMP and following information should be included as shown in the scheme below.

Complaint details	How many occurrences:	
	Complainant:	
	Times:	
	Complaint received by:	
	Action taken:	
Signed by Employee Responsible for Noise Management Plan:		Date:
Review of action:		