

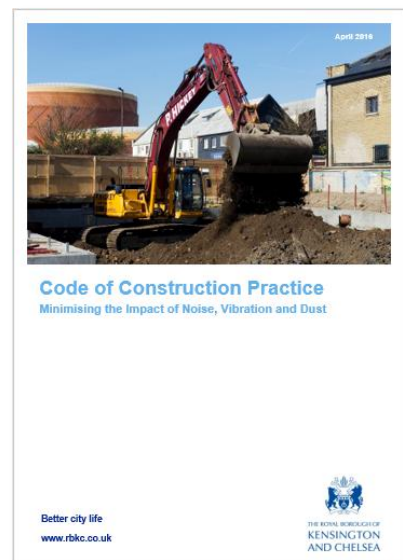
# Code of Construction Practice

## Minimising the Impact of Noise, Vibration and Dust

The Code of Construction Practice has now been officially adopted. As of April 2016 all new developments will be subject to the code, with the code introduced to existing sites over the next six to 12 months. It is important that you read the code prior to development and in the majority of cases at the planning stage to allow you to plan your resources and construction methodology.

### Key aspects of the code:

- The permitted hours for noisy works (audible at the site boundary) have been reduced. Noisy works are **no longer allowed at any time on Saturdays**. Additionally, noisy works must now not be carried out after 6pm (rather than 6.30pm), Monday to Friday, in line with all other London boroughs.
- The new permitted hours are: **8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday**  
**At no time on Saturday, Sunday and Public/Bank Holidays**
- Restricted hours have been introduced for 'high impact activities' such as demolition and concrete-breaking works: **9am to noon and 2pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday**  
**At no time Saturdays, Sundays and Public/Bank Holidays**
- All developers and contractors must have a communication strategy for neighbour liaison and give prior notice to neighbours of any unavoidable noise or vibration they are likely to be exposed to.
- All sites must be assessed and characterised as either Category 1, 2 or 3. A site's character will determine the extent of neighbour liaison, noise monitoring and whether a S61 Prior Consent is required.
- Category 1 sites will normally require an application for a S61 Prior Consent to be submitted. All construction sites will be controlled through a notice/consent under S60 or S61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.
- The quietest available equipment and methods must be used in conjunction with noise barriers and mitigation measures. The use of percussive breaking equipment must be avoided wherever possible. Dust suppression and screening must be used.
- Email [environmentalhealth@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@rbkc.gov.uk) or call 020 7361 3002 for further information and a copy of the code.  
Further information is also available online:  
<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/environment/noise-and-vibration>



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