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Statement of Generic Noise Policy for Basement Construction

Executive Summary

- All items that can be used in the construction of a basement are likely to be perfectly acceptable, particularly if largely used indoors.
- In the unlikely event of problems, there are of course numerous tools by which noise control can be enforced and it would be unusual to impose heavy restrictions on a construction project where no significant harm is anticipated.
- The number of relevant acts and regulations include:
 - I. Control of Pollution Act (COPA) 1974,
 - II. Environmental Protection Act 1990 and
 - III. Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors Regulations 2001.
- The guidance includes British Standard 5228 – 12: 2009: Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites.
- Planners can impose conditions regarding construction noise, usually in the form a requirement to submit details of equipment, methods/times of work. No common standards specify absolute noise limits for construction applicable to all situations of construction noise. The requirement is usually to submit details and to show that noise is being minimised as far as is reasonably practicable.