

NOISE POLLUTION (OVS. 6)

1.12.11 Noise can be a major 'nuisance'. Certain types of development are particularly sensitive to noise, for example housing, schools and hospitals. The background levels of noise in residential areas and the countryside are often low. The introduction of noisy activities into such areas can therefore be especially disruptive. The Council will pay particular attention to any likely increase in 'ambient' noise levels when considering planning applications. PPG24 gives advice on how the planning system can be used to reduce the impact of noise on people. It also introduces the concept of 'noise exposure categories' to assist in the appraisal of noise sensitive developments near to existing noise sources.

Policy OVS.6 The Council will require appropriate measures to be taken in the location, design, layout and operation of development proposals in order to minimise any adverse impact as a result of noise generated. Special consideration is required where noisy development is proposed in or near Sites of Special Scientific Interest or which would harm the quiet enjoyment of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Proposals for noise sensitive developments should have regard to the following:

- (a) existing sources of noise e.g. from roads, railways and other forms of transport, industrial and commercial developments, sporting, recreation and leisure facilities; and
- (b) the need for appropriate sound insulation measures; and
- (c) the noise exposure levels outlined in Annex 1 of PPG24. In the context of this policy noise sensitive uses are housing, schools and hospitals.