



Event Noise Management Plan

1. Introduction

This Event Noise Management Plan outlines the procedures and guidelines for managing noise levels during events organised or hosted by New Waltham Parish Council. The purpose of this plan is to ensure that events are conducted in a manner that minimises noise disturbances to the surrounding community while still providing an enjoyable experience for attendees.

2. Scope

This plan applies to all events organised or hosted by New Waltham Parish Council, including but not limited to festivals and community gatherings.

3. Noise Assessment

Before the event:

Conduct a noise assessment to determine potential sources of noise and their expected levels.

Identify sensitive receptors such as residential areas, schools, hospitals, and other noise-sensitive locations near the event venue.

4. Noise Mitigation Measures

Utilise sound barriers and directional speakers to minimise noise propagation towards sensitive receptors.

Implement control of the volume of amplified music and other sources of noise.

Adjust event layout and stage placement to direct sound away from residential areas and towards less sensitive areas whenever possible.

Use noise-reducing equipment such as mufflers for generators and other machinery (of available).

Communicate with neighbouring residents and businesses to inform them about the event and discuss potential noise concerns.

5. Noise Monitoring

During the event:

Assign Council members or volunteers to monitor noise levels at various locations within the event venue and its vicinity.

Use sound level meters to measure and record noise levels periodically throughout the event (if available).

Adjust sound levels and take corrective actions if noise levels exceed predetermined limits or if complaints are received from neighbouring residents.

6. Communication and Complaint Handling

Provide contact information for a designated noise management representative who can address noise-related concerns from attendees and neighbouring residents.

Respond promptly to noise complaints received during the event and take appropriate actions to mitigate the issue.

Maintain open communication with local authorities, community leaders, and residents to address any noise-related issues effectively.

7. Compliance and Enforcement

Ensure that all event organisers, vendors, and performers are aware of and comply with noise management guidelines and regulations.

Enforce noise regulations with event organisers and vendors, including penalties for non-compliance.

8. Review and Evaluation

Conduct post-event reviews to evaluate the effectiveness of noise management measures and identify areas for improvement.

Document any noise-related incidents or complaints and incorporate lessons learned into future event planning processes.

9. Conclusion

By implementing this Event Noise Management Plan, New Waltham Parish Council aims to minimise noise disturbances and maintain positive relationships with the surrounding community while hosting successful and enjoyable events. Continuous monitoring, communication, and compliance with noise regulations are essential to achieving this goal.

10. Adoption and Implementation

This Event Noise Management Plan is effective upon adoption and shall be disseminated to all relevant personnel involved in event planning and execution.

11. Contact Information

For inquiries or concerns regarding noise management during events, please contact:

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This plan serves as a comprehensive framework for managing noise levels during events organised or hosted by New Waltham Parish Council, ensuring compliance with regulations and promoting a positive experience for attendees and neighbouring residents alike.