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Dear Consultee

Consultation on draft Noise Action Plans

1. I am writing to invite your views on three draft Noise Action Plans which have been published today, covering agglomerations (urban areas), roads and railways. This consultation forms part of the process of fulfilling our obligations under the Environmental Noise Directive (END) 2002/49/EC, which was transposed into English law by the Environmental Noise (England) Regulations 2006, as amended.
2. The END and the Regulations require us to produce noise action plans based on the results of strategic noise mapping, the third round of which was completed in 2017 by the Environment Agency on behalf of Defra.
3. The following documents may be found on Citizen Space - Defra at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/noise/>:
 - This consultation letter
 - Consultation document
 - Draft Noise Action Plan for agglomerations (urban areas)
 - Draft Noise Action Plan for roads
 - Draft Noise Action Plan for railways
4. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation please email us at Noise@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Responses

5. You can respond online at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/noise/>. Alternatively please send responses to either:

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Or email: Noise@defra.gsi.gov.uk

6. Responses should be received by **15 November 2018**.

Consultation criteria

7. This consultation is in line with the Consultation Principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance> .

8. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published and placed on the government website at: www.gov.uk/defra.

9. The summary will include a list of names and organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details. Information provided in response to this consultation document, including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes e.g. the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 1998.

10. If you want information, including personal data, that you provide to be treated as confidential, please say so clearly in writing when you provide your response to the consultation why you need to keep these detail confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure under the FOIA, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot provide an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

11. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as a confidentiality request.

12. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 1A, First Floor, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk .

If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully,

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