Dear Consultee

Consultation on repeal sections 63 to 67 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 for England and Wales (i.e. abolish Noise Abatement Zones)

1. I am writing to invite views on proposals to abolish Noise Abatement Zones in England and Wales.

2. The following documents may be found on Defra’s website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/
   - A copy of this letter
   - The consultation document
   - A list of consultees
   - The associated Impact Assessment

3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

Responses

4. Please send responses to either:
   Consultation on Repeal of s63-67 CoPA
   Noise and Nuisance Team
   Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
   Area 5A Ergon House
   Nobel House
   17 Smith Square
   London
   SW1P 3JR

Or email: noise@defra.gsi.gov.uk (please use Repeal of s 63-67 CoPA)
as the subject title)

5. Responses should be received by **14:00 14\textsuperscript{th} January 2013**.

**Consultation Criteria**

6. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance)

7. When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library at Ergon House, London. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

8. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won’t count as a confidentiality request.

9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

10. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at [www.defra.gov.uk/consult](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult). This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people’s personal names, addresses or other contact details.

11. To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact the library at:

   Defra  
   Information Resource Centre  
   Lower Ground Floor  
   Ergon House  
   17 Smith Square  
   London  
   SW1P 3JR

   Telephone: 020-7238-6575
   Email: defra.library@defra.gsi.gov.uk
12. Please give the library 24 hours’ notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

13. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Area 2D Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

14. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

The Noise and Nuisance team

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs