

## Highways Agency Specification 2013-14 – Technical Note

Field	Notes
<b>Short Title</b>	Noise Management.
<b>Performance Specification Reference</b>	Output 11 – PS 5.4
<b>Requirement / Output Details</b>	The network operator should continue to investigate ‘Important Areas’ identified by Defra that are impacted by noise, and treat ‘Important Areas’ with First Priority Locations as a priority. The network operator should also maintain the practise of taking noise measurements where necessary in the locations of road improvement schemes.
<b>Technical Definition</b>	Investigation of noise mitigation measures in prescribed ‘Important Areas’ consultation with local district councils and identification of any noise mitigation options to comply with requirements of Defra Noise Action Plans.
<b>Rationale</b>	Excessive road traffic noise levels affect many communities located alongside the Strategic Road Network. The Agency can help to minimise the impact it has on these communities by continuing to investigate those locations which are most seriously affected, and identify what measures are possible to reduce noise at them.
<b>Formula</b>	Spreadsheet showing Important Areas in each NDD region and stage reached in each.
<b>Start Date</b>	August 2013.
<b>Performance</b>	As per latest data fields.
<b>Behavioural Impact</b>	N/A.
<b>Comparability</b>	<p>NDD will be able to compare between regions where investigations have been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of IAs where noise mitigation already in place</li> <li>• Number of IAs where noise mitigation measures proposed</li> <li>• Number of IAs where noise mitigation measures not feasible</li> </ul>

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<b>Field</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Collection Frequency</b>	Monthly.
<b>Clearance Process</b>	Network Services Environment Group.
<b>Time Lag</b>	One month.
<b>Data Source</b>	Network Services Environment Group.
<b>Type of Data</b>	Written Report (summary spreadsheet).
<b>Robustness and Data Limitations</b>	Network Services are managing the investigation, consultation and final mitigation decision process. Therefore data provided will be 100% accurate.
<b>Collecting Organisation</b>	Network Services.
<b>Return Format</b>	NDD Performance Report/Regional Performance Reports.
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	All NDD Areas and DBFO's.
<b>How Indicator Can be Broken Down</b>	Number of Important Areas per NDD Area and DBFO.