

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

Langwith Construction will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the risk of noise induced hearing loss to employees who work in a noisy environment, or with noisy equipment, is reduced to a minimum.

The company also recognises that noise levels below those that can cause hearing damage can still cause problems such as interference with communication and stress, in for example the office environment, and will take all reasonable steps to reduce noise levels under these circumstances.

The company will also take all reasonable care to ensure that noise disturbance to neighbouring properties or clients undertakings are minimised.

ARRANGEMENTS**NOISE ASSESSMENTS**

The company will carry out from time to time onsite noise exposure assessments and record the reading on form [LB12-14](#).

Langwith Construction have also produced a noise assessment chart [LB-IS 01](#) that should be used as a guidance to site managers when assessing if hearing protection is required or not on site.

The noise exposure assessment can only be carried out by a competent person.

REDUCTION IN NOISE EXPOSURE LEVELS

Langwith Construction will, as far as is reasonably practicable, take all steps to reduce noise exposure levels of employees by means other than the use of hearing protection.

The company accepts that the use of PPE is a last resort, and is committed to continuing to introduce alternative methods, so far as is reasonably practicable, for reducing noise exposure levels wherever possible in the future.

The single most cost effective, long term noise control measures that the company can take is to order new plant and equipment that complies with current legislation.

It is acknowledged however that the only practicable means of reducing personal noise exposure to below that of the First Action Level at the present time is to ensure the wearing of hearing protection.

PROVISION OF HEARING PROTECTION

The company will provide suitable and effective hearing protection to employees working in high noise levels as indicated to be necessary.

It will also provide for the replacement of protective equipment as and when necessary.



ACTION LEVELS

Daily personal noise exposure and the 3 Action Levels for noise control are defined in the current noise legislation as:-

- First Action Level - Daily exposure to noise of 80dB(A)
- Second Action Level - Daily exposure to noise of 85dB(A)
- Third Action Level - Peak sound pressure of 200 Pascal's
(Peak Action Level)

Where employees are likely to be exposed to noise levels between the First and Second Action Levels, hearing protection will be made available to those who request it.

For exposure levels above the Second Action Level or Peak Action Level, suitable hearing protection will be provided and its use made mandatory.

Designated noise areas are clearly marked when entering an area by the appropriate signage.

PROVISION OF TRAINING

The company will provide adequate information instruction and training for employees about the harmful effects of exposure to noise and what they must do to protect themselves, and meet the requirements of legislation and company policy.

MONITORING

Checks will be made on an ad hoc basis and during specific inspections to ensure hearing protection is being worn in designated noise areas.

Further instruction and training, or disciplinary action may be required in cases where employees do not comply with this requirement.

[For further guidance refer to Section B13 of your GE700 manual or contact Nigel Stokes](#)