

## 17 Castle Street - Flat 3B, Noise Nuisance Investigation

Start: 2025-02-23 16:39:10

End: 2025-02-23 17:23:11

The noise nuisance relates to a neighbour adjoining the property to the left with shared footpath access to respective front doors. The complainant has reported loud music played from 11:30pm to 2:00am. The perpetrator of the noise lives alone but regularly has guests who stay over and use the garden for smoking and general talking.

Monitoring is scheduled for two consecutive weekends in August when the weather is warm and outside windows are usually left open.

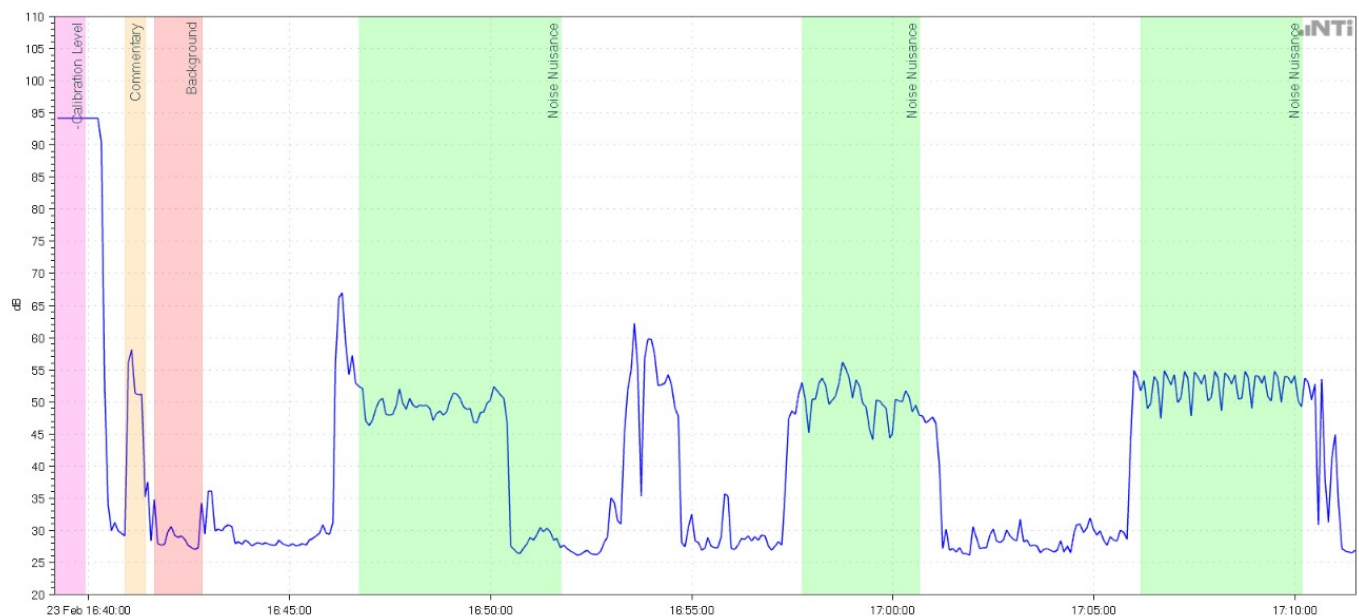
This is the second time that a noise survey has been undertaken with the first survey being inconclusive.

### Configuration

Device Info: XL3, SNo. A3A-01597-F0, FW1.46, NNR System number 4

Mic Type: NTi Audio M2230, SNo. 7072, Calibrated 2025-02-23 16:38

Mic Sensitivity: 44.27 mV/Pa



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It is important to recognise that some everyday noises are inevitable and consider whether noise problems are a result of thoughtless rather than unreasonable behaviour. There is no legal time frame relating to when noise is considered a problem but there is a general understanding that noise occurring between the hours of 11pm and 7am could be deemed unreasonable.

A diary will be provided to you by post if you register a complaint about noise nuisance. Remember to record the date, time, duration and cause of the noise affecting you on the enclosed diary sheet. The diary sheets form an essential part of the investigation. They are used by investigating officers to assess how your complaint can be best investigated and verified. They are used as your evidence in court when formal action is taken against the noise maker. Therefore the information needs to be accurate and truthful.

Once a Statutory Notice is served the person responsible for the noise nuisance is committing an offence if they do not comply with its requirements. More written evidence and noise recordings and measurements are gathered to support a prosecution.

## Results

Type	Start	Duration	LAeq [dB]	LAFmax [dB]	Notes
<b>Recorded</b>	<b>2025-02-23 16:39:10</b>	<b>00:44:01</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>102.5</b>	
<b>-Calibration Level (2)</b>		<b>00:02:50</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>94.1</b>	
<b>Project Result</b>		<b>00:41:11</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>102.5</b>	

## Markers

Type	Start	Duration	LAeq [dB]	LAFmax [dB]	Notes
<b>Noise Nuisance (4)</b>		<b>00:14:50</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>62.2</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance	2025-02-23 16:46:43	00:05:00	48.2	56.5	Music from downstairs flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance	2025-02-23 16:57:45	00:02:52	51.0	62.2	Dog barking from kennel in garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance	2025-02-23 17:06:06	00:04:00	52.8	55.8	DIY from adjoining flat
<input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance	2025-02-23 17:15:06	00:02:58	54.0	59.1	Music from downstairs flat
<b>Commentary (1)</b>		<b>00:00:26</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>65.6</b>	
<b>Background (1)</b>		<b>00:01:10</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>48.0</b>	
<b>Unmarked</b>		<b>00:24:45</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>102.5</b>	

The noise events recorded were deemed to be loud, significantly above background, played at unsociable hours and without consideration for neighbours on either side of the complainants property.

The character of the noise is music with a significant bass i.e. Drum and Bass.

Of the 32 five minute recordings made over two consecutive weekends 16 were deemed to be noise nuisance occurring mostly after 1am at night on Saturday nights.

Investigating Officer  
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