



CIEH Noise Management Conference

Day two programme: Friday 18 September 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Jonathan Pickering, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)

09.35 **Keynote – Revised ASHP Guidance**

Speaker: Katy King, Director in Sustainable Future Mission, Nesta

10:05 **Workplace noise – initial enforcement expectations outlined**

- HSE is working to produce updated guidance on noise for local authorities. This talk will take you through some typical issues you might see, how to decide if noise is a problem and what enforcement options are open to you

Speaker: Chris Steele, Principal Specialist Inspector (Noise & Vibration), HSE

10:40 **Studies on aviation noise – links to environmental health**

- Studies of focus include the Department of Transport's ANNE study and the UK Civil Aviation Authority's ANAS study that have been recently published
- Session will also explore a case study on Gatwick Airport and airport noise - what actually happens in practice?

Speaker: Steve Mitchell, Mitchell Environmental Ltd

11:15 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:30 **Research focus: Planes, trains and automobiles: The burden of disease from noise pollution across England's Local Authorities**

Speaker: Dr Sierra Clark, Lecturer in Population Health – Environmental Epidemiologist, University of London

12:00 **The Regulation and Assessment of Industrial Noise in Environmental Permitting**

- This presentation will provide an overview of how industrial noise is assessed by the Environment Agency for environmental permit applications. It will explain the different teams who deal with noise, highlight the guidance and screening tools which are available to applicants, and provide a behind the scenes look at how noise impact assessments are audited.

Speakers:

- Andy Cole, Principal Permitting Officer, Environment Agency
- Paul Doyle, Team Leader – Acoustics, Environment Agency

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12:25 Encroaching Development & Agent of Change

- The presentation will highlight the increasing conflict between housing growth and environmental protection. It will demonstrate that better alignment is needed between planning decisions, the Agent of Change principle and environmental permitting to prevent new developments from creating avoidable noise and amenity conflicts for existing industrial and permitted sites

Speakers:

- Dr Julija Smyrnova, Environment and Business Advisor (Noise), Environment Agency
- Jon Tofts, Senior Advisor for Noise, Environment Agency

12.55 Closing remarks

13.00 End of conference

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