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# Acronyms

AADT Annual Average Daily Traffic

AAWT Annual Average Weekday Traffic

ACC Air-cooled Condenser

ACM Asbestos Containing Material

ADMS Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System

AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

AQEG Air Quality Expert Group

AQMA Air Quality Management Area

AQS Air Quality Strategy

ARUN Automatic Rural and Urban Network

AWTS Aggregate Treatment and Recycling Facility

BAP Biodiversity Action Plan

BAT Best Available Techniques

BGS British Geological Survey

BoCC Birds of Conservation Concern

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

CERC Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants

CFMP Catchment Flood Management Plan

CHP Combined Heat and Power

CLO Contaminated Land Officer

COMEAP Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants

CrVI Hexavalent Chromium

CTMP Construction Traffic Management Plan

CWG Common Working Group

DCMS Department of Culture, Media and Sport

Defra Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs

DMP Dust Management Plan

DMRB Design Manual for Roads and Bridges

DTM Digital Terrain Model

DTS Desk Top Study

EA Environment Agency

EAL Environmental Assessment Level

EclA Ecological Impact Assessment

EHO Environment Health Officer

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

EMF Electro-Magnetic Field

EPA Environmental Protection Act

EPAQS Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards Guidelines

EPR Environmental Permitting Regulations

EPUK Environmental Protection UK

EQS Environmental Quality Standard

ES Environmental Statement

ESA Environmental Statement Addendum

EU European Union

FZ1 Flood Zone 1

GLVIA3 Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

GPA Good Practice Advice

GW Groundwater

HDC Horsham District Council

HDPF Horsham District Planning Framework

HDV Heavy Duty Vehicle

HER Historic Environment Record

HGV Heavy Goods Vehicle

HHRA Human Health Risk Assessment

HLC Historic Landscape Character

IAQM Institute of Air Quality Management

IBA Incinerator Bottom Ash

ICNIRP International Committee on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection

IDB Internal Drainage Board

IED Industrial Emissions Directive

IEMA Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment

IPPC Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control

LA Local Authority

LCLG Langhurstwood Community Liaison Group

LDV Light Duty Vehicle

LGV Light Goods Vehicle

LHA Local Highways Authority

LiDAR Light Detection and Ranging

LLCA Local Landscape Character Area

LLFA Lead Local Flood Authority

LNP Local Nature Partnership

LNR Local Nature Reserve

MBGL Metres Below Ground Level

MBT Mechanical Biological Treatment

MSW Municipal Solid Waste

N/A Not Applicable

NAEI National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory

NCA National Character Area

NERC Natural Environment and Rural Communities

NNR National Nature Reserve

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework

NPPG National Planning Practice Guidance

ODT Odour Detection Thresholds

OS Ordnance Survey

PAHs Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

PCBs Polychlorinated Biphenyls

PLQRA Preliminary Land Quality Risk Assessment

PM Particulate Matter

PPE Personal Protection Equipment

PPG Planning Practice Guidance

PRoW Public Right of Way

PVC Polyvinyl Chloride

RDF Refuse Derived Fuel

RMSE Root Mean Square Error

RPaG Registered Park and Garden

SAC Special Areas of Conservation

SFRA Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

SGV Soils Guidance Value

SM Scheduled Monument

SMC Scheduled Monument Consent

SNC Sites of Nature Conservation Importance

SPA Special Protection Areas

SPL Sound Pressure Level

SPZ Source Protection Zone

SSOW Safe Systems of Works

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest

SuDS Sustainable Drainage Systems

SWL Sound Power Level

TEQ Toxic Equivalent

TMP Transport/Taffic Management Plan

TOMP Toxic Organic Micro Pollutant

TP Trial Pit

TPH Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon

VOC Volatile Organic Compound

V/V Volume by Volume

WFD Waste Framework Directive

WHO World Health Organisation

WPA Waste Planning Authority

WPC Warnham Parish Council

WSCC West Sussex County Council

WSWLP West Sussex Waste Local Plan

WTS Waste Transfer Station

ZTV Zone of theoretical visibility

3D Three Dimensional

3Rs Recycling, Recovery and Renewable Energy

# **Glossary**

**Ambient sound level:** BS 4142 defines the ambient noise level as: 'Totally encompassing sound in a given situation at a given time usually composed of sound from many sources near and far.' It is sometimes used to mean an environmental noise level defined specifically in terms of the LAeq noise index. The terms ambient and background may be colloquially synonymous when describing environmental noise levels.

**Background sound level (L<sub>A90</sub>):** BS 4142 defines the background noise level as: 'The A-weighted sound pressure level of the residual noise at the assessment position that is exceeded for 90 % of a given time interval, T, measured using time weighting, F, and quoted to the nearest whole number of decibels' (i.e. a noise level defined specifically in terms of the  $L_{A90}$  noise index). The terms ambient and background may be colloquially synonymous when describing environmental noise levels.

**Broadband:** a noise containing a wide range of frequencies (for example, a whooshing noise like a waterfall or out of tune analogue radio).

**Conservation Area:** A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

**Decibel (dB):** units of sound measurement and noise exposure measurement.

Deposited Dust: Dust that has settled out onto a surface after having been suspended in air

Dust: Solid particles suspended in air or settled out onto a surface after having been suspended in air

**Effect:** The consequences of an impact, experienced by a receptor

**Emission:** 1. the act of emitting or sending forth; 2. (Physics / General Physics) energy, in the form of heat, light, radio waves, etc., emitted from a source; 3. a substance, fluid, etc., that is emitted; discharge. (Collins English Dictionary)

**Equivalent continuous sound pressure level (L**<sub>AeqT</sub>): is defined in BS 7445 as the 'value of the A-weighted sound pressure level of a continuous, steady sound that, within a specified time interval, T, has the same mean square sound pressure as a sound under consideration whose level varies with time'. In more straightforward terms, it is a measure of the noise dose or exposure over a period. It is a unit commonly used to describe construction noise and noise from industrial premises and is the most suitable unit for the description of other forms of environmental noise. It is also the unit best suited to assessing community response.

**Façade/Free-field:** This applies to the positions for either measurement or prediction. A façade position is one that effectively represents noise levels at a building but is conventionally taken at a position 1 m from the building; this includes reflections from the building. A free-field position is one that is at least 3.5 m from a building where reflection effects are not significant. The difference between a noise level measured at a façade position and a free-field position, assuming that there is a specific noise source that causes reflections, is that levels are around 3 dB higher at the façade, due to the reflection effects.

**Frequency (Hz):** the pitch of the sound, measured in Hertz. The tonal quality of a sound is described and measured in terms of the frequency content and is commonly expressed as octave or third octave bands, the latter being the division of the octave bands into three for finer analysis, across the frequency spectrum. The smaller the octave band or third octave band centre frequency number defined in terms of Hz, the lower the sound. For example, 63 Hz is lower than 500 Hz and is perceived as a deeper sound. The attenuation due to air absorption and natural barriers increases with frequency i.e. low frequencies are always the most difficult to control.

**Heritage Asset:** A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage assets include designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).

Highway Link: Length of highway

**Historic Environment:** All aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time, including all surviving physical remains of past human activity, whether visible, buried or submerged, and landscaped and planted or managed flora.

**Historic Environment Record (HER):** Information services that seek to provide access to comprehensive and dynamic resources relating to the historic environment of a defined geographic area for public benefit and use.

**Immission:** The act of immitting, or of sending or thrusting in; injection; - the correlative of emission. (Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary).

**Impact:** The change in atmospheric pollutant concentration and/or dust deposition. A scheme can have an 'impact' on atmospheric pollutant concentration but no effect, for instance if there are no receptors to experience the impact.

**Impulsive noise:** any type of single or repeated noise of short duration, e.g. the noise from an explosion or the noise of a power press.

**Listed Building:** A building that has been placed on the statutory List of Buildings of Special Architecture or Historic Interest.

**Pedestrian Amenity:** The convenience or comfort of movement of foot

**Rating level, L**<sub>Ar,Tr</sub>:: BS 4142 defines the rating level as 'The specific noise level plus any adjustment for the characteristic features of the noise.'

**Receptor:** A person, their land or property and ecologically sensitive sites that may be affected

**Registered Battlefield:** A battlefield of historic value, registered on the English Heritage 'Register of Historic Battlefields'.

**Registered Parks and Gardens:** Designated parks and gardens which are recorded on the English Heritage 'Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of special historic interest in England'.

**Setting of a heritage asset:** The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced. Its extent is not fixed and may change as the asset and its surroundings evolve. Elements of a setting may make a positive or negative contribution to the significance of an asset, may affect the ability to appreciate that significance or may be neutral.

**Severance:** Real or perceived difficulties moving between one part of a community to another

**Scheduled Monument (SM):** Archaeological site that is recorded on a schedule of monuments by the Secretary of State under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. These monuments are recognised as being of national importance and are legally protected and conserved.

**Sound Pressure Level (SPL):** Sound pressure is the dynamic variation of the static pressure of air and is measured in force per unit area. Sound pressure is normally represented on a logarithmic amplitude scale, which gives a better relationship to the human perception of hearing. The sound pressure level is expressed in decibels (dB) and is equal to 20 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound pressure at the measurement location to a reference sound pressure. The reference sound pressure in air is normally taken to be 20 µPa, which roughly corresponds to the threshold of human hearing.

**Sound Power Level (SWL, Lw):** A sound power level is a measure of the total power radiated as noise by a source in all directions. It is a property of the source and is essentially independent of the measuring environment. The sound power level of a source is expressed in decibels (dB) and is equal to 10 times the logarithm to the base 10 of the ratio of the sound power of the source to a reference sound power. The reference sound power in air is normally taken to be 10-12 watt.

**SoundPLAN:** A computer software package that uses a ray-tracing numerical modelling approach to predict acoustic propagation from industrial and/or transport noise sources. The prediction methodologies follow national and international standards.

**Specific sound level L<sub>S</sub>:** BS 4142 defines the specific noise levels as 'The equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level at the assessment position produced by the specific noise source over a given reference time interval.'

**TEMPRO:** Software designed to predict traffic growth based on the National Transport Model NTM

**Trackout:** The transport of dust and dirt from the construction/demolition site onto the public road network, where it may be deposited and then re-suspended by vehicle using the network.

**Tonal:** Noise sources sometimes contain pure tone components that can be identified as hums, whistles etc. The presence of these tonal components is sometimes considered to add an extra, annoying quality to the noise.

**World Heritage Site:** Sites, places, monuments or buildings of 'Outstanding Universal Value', recognized as such under the 1972 UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.