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REQUEST & RESPONSE

Freedom of Information request directed to Environmental Health/Planning department

I am currently undertaking a research project as part of a master's degree in Applied Acoustics at the University of Derby . I am looking at noise assessment methodologies used for predicting noise from Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) with the aim of developing criteria that would be of use to local authorities and would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions on behalf of your authority. Please be as detailed as you can where possible but any answer you can provide will be useful to my research.

1. Does your local authority have specific criteria for the assessment of noise from MUGAs under the new/old planning regime or for nuisance investigations? If so, what are they? **NO**
2. Do you recommend that conditions relating to noise control be attached to any planning permission granted for MUGAs within your area? **YES** If so, are these specific to MUGAs? Please give examples if possible. – **THE HOURS OF OEPRATION RELEVANT TO THE TIME THE AREA CLOSSES**
3. How many MUGAs do you have in your area? Where possible, please give planning application references and/or location details. **FOUR – JAYWICK / CLACTON-ON-SEA / WALTON-ON-NAZE / PARKESTON**
4. Have you received any noise complaints about MUGA facilities in the last 5 years? **NONE**
 - If yes, how many?
 - What were the main noise sources being complained about? e.g. kicking of the ball, people, impact noise?
 - How many of the complaints were substantiated?
 - Have any complaints led to noise abatement notices, planning enforcement or legal proceedings?

Other questions (non FOI but your answers would be really appreciated)

1. Would an assessment methodology and/or criteria and noise limits specifically for MUGAs be useful to your authority? **NO**
2. Do you agree to being contacted to discuss your responses further? If so please provide contact details below. **NO**