

Core Noise Management Plan for Honey Bee's Forest School

1. Site and Receptor Identification

- **Operating Hours:** Monday to Friday from 07:00 to 18:00 (No weekend or bank holiday operations).
- **Sensitive Receptors:** Residential dwellings located approximately 190 **metres** away from the nursery boundary.
- **Acoustic Buffer:** The 190-metre distance provides a natural acoustic buffer, significantly reducing decibel propagation.

2. Sound Source Characterisation

- **Children Playing:** Intermittent noise from outdoor play, laughter, shouting, and structured group games.
- **Nursery Animals:** Low-level noise from small animals (e.g., rabbits, guinea pigs, or small chickens) kept in outdoor enclosures.
- **Staff and Visitors:** Traffic and conversation during morning drop-offs (07:00–09:00) and evening pick-ups (16:30–18:00).

3. Mitigation and Control Measures

Children's Outdoor Activities

- **Staggered Playtimes:** Limit the number of children outdoors at any one time by rotating cohorts (e.g., maximum 15 children outside simultaneously)..
- **Staff-to-Child Ratios:** Maintain high supervision ratios outdoors to immediately manage and redirect excessively loud or distressed behaviour.
- **No Amplified Sound:** Prohibit the use of outdoor speakers, stereos, or megaphones during play or learning sessions.

1.4 Natural Boundary Infrastructure

- **Existing Green Infrastructure:** The boundary between the nursery and the nearest residential homes (190 metres away) is separated by mature, dense **hedgerows**.

Animal Management

- **Enclosure Placement:** Position animal pens on the side of the property furthest away from the nearest residential homes.

Site Access & Deliveries

- **Signage:** Display clear signs at the entrance requesting that parents turn off car engines while waiting and close doors quietly.
- **Delivery Windows:** Schedule all commercial deliveries and waste collections between **08:00 and 15:00** to avoid peak rest hours.

4. Community Liaison and Complaints Procedure

- **Direct Contact:** Provide neighbours with a dedicated phone number and email address for the Nursery Manager.
 - **Proactive Engagement:** Inform neighbours in advance about any special annual events (e.g., a summer sports day).
 - **Log Book:** Maintain a formal log of any noise complaints, including the date, time, nature of the noise, and the corrective action taken within **24 hours**.
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