

Noise Management Plan

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Proposal: Retention of mixed use of dwelling for residential and childminding

Address: 1 St Julian's Avenue, St Julian's, Newport, NP19 7JT

1. Purpose

This Noise Management Plan has been prepared in support of a planning application for a home-based childminding use.

It demonstrates that the proposed use will operate in a manner that **safeguards neighbouring residential amenity**, ensuring that noise generated is **not materially different from that associated with a typical family dwelling** and does not give rise to any unacceptable impacts.

2. Policy Context

National and local planning policy requires that development should:

- Avoid **unacceptable adverse impacts on residential amenity**
- Be **compatible with surrounding uses**
- Not result in **noise disturbance that would harm living conditions**

This plan responds directly to these requirements by setting out proportionate and effective operational controls.

3. Nature of the Use

The proposal relates to small-scale childminding within an existing residential property.

Noise generated will be typical of normal domestic activity and include:

- Indoor play (talking, reading, singing)
- Short, supervised outdoor play
- Brief arrivals and collections

Importantly:

- No amplified music will be played outdoors
 - No machinery or commercial equipment will be used
 - Activity remains **domestic in character and scale**
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4. Built Form and Noise Containment

The property provides inherent sound mitigation through:

- **Substantial wall construction** reducing sound transmission
- **High ceilings** supporting sound dispersion

Additional measures:

Quiet Room Strategy

- A room adjoining the neighbouring property will be designated as a **quiet room only**
- Used for sleep, reading, and low-stimulation activities
- No active or high-energy play in this area

Doors, Windows and Garden Use

- Windows/doors facing neighbours kept **closed during higher-noise activities** where practicable
 - Outdoor play directed **away from shared boundaries**
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5. Operational Controls

Group Size and Management

- Care provided by two childminders operating **separate groups**
- One group outdoors at a time to avoid cumulative noise
- Numbers strictly limited by statutory childcare ratios

Outdoor Play Controls

- **Time-limited and supervised**
- No outdoor play before **08:00** or After **16.30** during late evening
- Adjusted in response to neighbour activity where reasonable

Daily Routine

- Significant periods spent **off-site**, particularly mornings
 - Short garden use typically limited to the afternoon
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6. Off-Site Activities

Regular off-site provision will significantly reduce on-site noise:

- The Dingle woodland
- Beechwood Park
- Toddler groups
- Library visits

Children are generally off-site during the morning period, returning for quiet indoor activities and rest.

7. Behaviour Management

Noise will be actively controlled through:

- Encouraging **quiet, respectful behaviour** (“kind voices”)
- Immediate intervention where noise escalates
- Redirection to quieter activities when needed

The following will not be used:

- Whistles, megaphones, or loud outdoor equipment
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8. Neighbour Engagement

A proactive approach will be taken:

- Neighbours informed of the use and contact details provided
- Any concerns:
 - Logged
 - Reviewed
 - Addressed through reasonable adjustments

This ensures **ongoing responsiveness and accountability**.

9. Monitoring and Review

- Daily informal monitoring by the childminders
 - Formal review after **3–6 months**, or sooner if required
 - Additional mitigation (e.g., planting, boundary treatment, further time controls) introduced if necessary
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10. Conclusion

The proposal incorporates:

- A **domestic-scale operation**
- **Clear operational controls**
- **Effective noise mitigation measures**
- **Reduced on-site activity through off-site provision**

It is therefore concluded that the development will:

- Not result in **unacceptable noise** .
- cause **material harm to neighbouring amenity**.
- Remain **compatible with the residential character of the area**