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GOVERNMENT REJECTS KEY RECOMMENDATIONS ON NOISE FROM SELECT COMMITTEE

The Government has rejected key recommendations made by the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee following the Committee's investigation into noise and light pollution earlier this year. In its response published today (1), the Government has said it will not set up an expert body to give it advice on noise issues. It has also said that the adoption of a national noise reduction target is 'not feasible'. It has, though, acknowledged potential noise problems with wind turbines and heat pumps. It will review whether the current noise guidelines for wind turbines 'need to be refreshed'. And yesterday it published an assessment of heat pump noise (2), to go out to public consultation.

John Stewart, chair of the UK Noise Association, said, "It is disappointing that the Government is refusing to set up an independent noise expert body which could have both given advice and raised the profile on noise. It means that noise will continue to bump along as a Cinderella issue. But we are pleased that noise from heat pumps and onshore wind turbines is recognised as potential problems."

To coincide with the publication of the Government's response, the UK Noise Association has published its Noise Manifesto (3)

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Notes for Editors:

(1). <https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/42401/documents/210714/default/>

(2). <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6568b7b95936bb000d3167ef/ashp-planning-regulations-review-main-report.pdf>

(3). <https://www.uknoiseassociation.com/ukna-manifesto.html>

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