

MCS 020 Noise Assessment for ASHP Installation

Date of Assessment:	5th July 2016	
Site Address:	Paula Forbes. Land to the rear of 74 Fortune Green Road, LONDON. NW6 1DS	
<p>Description of assessment position tested (This must be detailed enough to allow for identification, exact location of window / door opening and floor level. Attach sketch plan & photos.</p>	<p>Level the heat pump is to sit on has not been built yet. The HP is to be sited on the third floor on a wall where there is no window. 6M from the closest widow</p>	<p>Assessment position means a position one metre external to the centre point of any door or window to a habitable room of a neighbouring property as measured perpendicular to the plane of the door or window.</p> <p>Habitable room means a room other than a bathroom, shower room, water closet or kitchen.</p> <p>Neighbouring property. Means any building used for any of the purposes of Class C of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) (includes dwelling houses, hotels, residential institutions and houses in multiple occupation). In instances where the air source heat pump would be installed on block of flats, neighbouring property includes flats within the same block of flats (excluding the flat of the “owner(s)” of the air source heat pump.</p>
Calculation Chart		
Step:	Instructions	Results/Notes

1	From manufacturer's data, obtain the A-weighted sound power level of the heat pump. Insert relevant data from Table 1	62
2	Use the illustration to establish the directivity 'Q' of the install. A reflective surface is any surface (including the ground) within 1 metre of the ASHP.	8
3	Measure the distance from the heat pump to the assessment position in metres.	6
4	Use Table 2 to obtain a dB reduction based on distance from ASHP.	-17
5	Establish whether there is a solid barrier between the ASHP and the assessment position using Table 3: and note any dB reduction	-10
6	Calculate the sound pressure level from the ASHP at the assessment position using the following calculation:	35

7	Background noise level. For the purposes of the MCS Planning Standard for ASHP the background noise level is assumed to be 40 dB(A) Lp.	40
8	Determine the difference between STEP 7 background noise level and the heat pump noise level using the following calculation:	5
9	Using table 4: 'Decibel correction' obtain an adjustment figure and then add this to whichever is the higher dB figure from STEP 6 and STEP 7 . Round this number up to the nearest whole number.	41.2
10	<p>Is the FINAL RESULT in STEP 9 lower than the permitted development noise limit of 42 dB(A)?</p> <p>If YES - the ASHP will comply with the permitted development noise limit for this assessment position and may be permitted development (subject to compliance with other permitted development limitations/conditions and parts of this standard). NOTE - Other assessment positions may also need to be tested.</p> <p>If NO – the ASHP will not be permitted development. This installation may still go ahead if planning permission is granted by the local planning authority.</p>	<p>Is final result lower than 42 dB(A)?</p> <p>Yes</p>