

# Response ID ANON-6BCB-UDYB-H

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## Foreword

## Confidentiality Question

i Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

Please explain your answer.:

## Using and sharing your information

## Introduction

ii What is your name?

Name:  
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iii What is your email address?

Email:  
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iv What is your age?

55-64

v What is your gender?

Male

vi What sector do you work in?

Sector:  
Other

Please explain your answer:  
Professional Body

vii Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation

Please explain your answer:  
Institute of Acoustics

## Our vision for land use in England

## Purpose of this consultation

## A long-term view of land use change

## What we mean by land use change

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with our assessment of the scale and type of land use change needed, as set out in this consultation and the Analytical Annex?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain your answer:

The Institute of Acoustics (IOA) is concerned less with the headline extent of changes to land uses that are proposed, more with how the new interfaces between noise sources and noise sensitive receptors will be managed. With the large scale of noise sensitive development (including 1.5 million homes) and infrastructure proposed, there is potential for widespread noise impacts. The IOA would like to emphasise the potential for negative health outcomes this plan creates, and the need for clear policy guidance to ensure environmental noise is properly assessed, allowing for properly planned mitigation to avoid significant effects and to minimise adverse effects of noise on health and quality of life as well as taking opportunities to reduce adverse effects where possible, in accordance with the Noise Policy Statement for England.

## Principles: Taking a spatial approach

2 Do you agree or disagree with the land use principles proposed?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain your answer:

Multi-functional land may place noise sources and noise sensitive receptors in close proximity. This may lead to conflicts which may need careful design if adverse noise effects are to be avoided.

3 Beyond Government departments in England, which other decision makers do you think would benefit from applying these principles?

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

## Making the best use of land

4 What are the policies, incentives and other changes that are needed to support decision makers in the agricultural sector to deliver this scale of land use change, while considering the importance of food production?

Please explain your answer:

No reply.

## Making the best use of land

5 How could Government support more land managers to implement multifunctional land uses that deliver a wider range of benefits, such as agroforestry systems with trees within pasture or arable fields?

Please explain your answer:

No reply.

6 What should the Government consider in identifying suitable locations for spatially targeted incentives?

Please explain your answer:

7 What approach(es) could most effectively support land managers and the agricultural sector to steer land use changes to where they can deliver greater potential benefits and lower trade-offs?

Please explain your answer:

8 In addition to promoting multifunctional land uses and spatially targeting land use change incentives, what more could be done by Government or others to reduce the risk that we displace more food production and environmental impacts abroad?

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

## Making the best use of land

9 What should Government consider in increasing private investment towards appropriate land use changes?

Please explain your answer:

No reply.

## Making the best use of land

10 What changes are needed to accelerate 30by30 delivery, including by enabling Protected Landscapes to contribute more?

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

No reply.

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

The health benefits of tranquil environments are well understood. The Institute of Acoustics would like to see measures taken to protect tranquil areas that have high amenity value so that the high quality soundscapes they provide continue to deliver these health benefits.

## Making the best use of land

11 What approaches could cost-effectively support nature and food production in urban landscapes and on land managed for recreation?

Please explain your answer:

No reply.

## Making the best use of land

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12 How can Government ensure that development and infrastructure spatial plans take advantage of potential co-benefits and manage trade-offs?

Please explain your answer:

The IOA would like to emphasise the potential for negative health outcomes from bringing noise sensitive development, such as housing, and infrastructure, that can generate noise, together. This means there is a need for clear policy guidance to ensure environmental noise is properly assessed, allowing for properly planned mitigation to avoid significant effects and to minimise adverse effects of noise on health and quality of life as well as taking opportunities to reduce adverse effects where possible, in accordance with the Noise Policy Statement for England.

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13 How can local authorities and Government better take account of land use opportunities in transport planning?

Please explain your answer:

## Making the best use of land

14 How can Government support closer coordination across plans and strategies for different sectors and outcomes at the local and regional level?

Please explain your answer:

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15 Would including additional major landowners and land managers in the Adaptation Reporting Power process (see above) support adaptation knowledge sharing? Please give any reasons or alternative suggestions in the text box below.

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

16 Below is a list of activities the Government could implement to support landowners, land managers, and communities to understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Please explain your answer:

Making the best use of land

17 What changes to how Government's spatial data is presented or shared could increase its value in decision making and make it more accessible?

Updating existing Government tools, apps, portals or websites

Please explain your answer:

The government has invested a great deal in Strategic Noise Mapping. It is a useful tool for large scale land use planning and its use should be promoted in this context.

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

I feel this way because:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

18 What improvements could be made to how spatial data is captured, managed, or used to support land use decisions in the following sectors?

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

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19 What improvements are needed to the quality, availability and accessibility of ALC data to support effective land use decisions?

Please explain your answer:

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20 Which sources of spatial data should Government consider making free or easier to access, including via open licensing, to increase their potential benefit?

Please explain your answer:

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21 What gaps in land management capacity or skills do you anticipate as part of the land use transition?

Development and planning

Please explain your answer:

The IOA has a large membership of Environmental Health Practitioners in local government. Those supporting Local Planning Authorities are already hard stretched to give the necessary advice on noise to avoid poor outcomes. There will need to be proper resourcing in Local Planning Authorities to ensure poor health outcomes are avoided.

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

Making the best use of land

22 How could the sharing of best practice in innovative land use practices and management be improved?

Please explain your answer:

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Co-creation and engagement on a Land Use Framework: next steps

23 Should a Land Use Framework for England be updated periodically, and if so, how frequently should this occur?

Don't know

Please explain your answer:

Co-creation and engagement on a Land Use Framework: next steps

24 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed areas above?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain your answer:

Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey

Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool? Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it.

Satisfied

Feedback: