## Minister takes action on **noise** control

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**An** [**action plan**](http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/environmentandcountryside/noise-action-plan-for-wales/?lang=en) **detailing how the Welsh Government will work with its partners to manage** noise **levels in Welsh communities has been launched by Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies.**
The five-year noise action plan  sets out how the Welsh Government, local authorities, Natural Resources Wales, Public Health Wales and other public bodies will work together and make use of the most up-to-date information to manage noise.

The plan also confirms 34 additional "quiet areas" in Cardiff, Swansea and Newport, taking the total number of quiet areas in Wales to 63.

**Alun Davies said:**

"Uncontrolled levels of noise can be very upsetting and can be detrimental to our general health and wellbeing.

"This action plan underlines the Welsh Government's commitment to protecting communities in Wales from high levels of noise and seeking to provide them with access to tranquil and peaceful areas in which they can relax.

"The plan, which is the result of a public consultation exercise, sets out how we will work with our partner organisations to minimise noise pollution in communities across Wales and ensure that noise levels are considered as part of future decision making."

The noise action plan covers all forms of noise including transport and major industry, occupational noise and noise from public spaces, homes, pubs and clubs.

It clearly sets out how different forms of noise are being managed in Wales and identifies positive initiatives that have been used in Wales to successfully manage noise levels.

The publication of the finalised action plan follows a 12 week consultation exercise. Responses were received from elected representatives, regulatory bodies, non-governmental organisations and members of the public. It also satisfies an ongoing European requirement around noise management.