## **Noise**: Pollution Control

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Sir Bob Russell

To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what progress his Department has made on noise policy since the publication of the 2010 Noise Policy Statement; and if he will make a statement. [166584]

Richard Benyon

Richard Benyon:Since the publication of the Noise Policy Statement for England (NPSE) in 2010, DEFRA has worked closely with other Government Departments to embed the vision and aims in policies developed across Whitehall. These include the National Planning Policy Framework, the National Policy Statements that support Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, the Public Health Outcomes Framework indicator set, and the Aviation Policy Framework.  
  
In addition, the policy has been implemented through the EU environmental noise directive noise action planning process. This has created a framework and mechanism enabling the relevant authorities to identify, investigate and, where necessary, treat those locations exposed to the highest levels of noise from transport sources.  
  
We also continue to develop evidence and appraisal methods to support the implementation of the NPSE.

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