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REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2018

REPORT ON: CONSULTATION RESPONSE - THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLANS

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO: 351-2018

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee's approval for the Council's proposed response to the Scottish Government's Consultation on their draft Noise Action Plans.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approves the attached response and remits the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to submit this to the Scottish Government accordingly.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 The European Noise Directive (END) was adopted in 2004 and requires member states to bring about measures which are intended to avoid, prevent or reduce, on a prioritised basis, the harmful effects, including annoyance due to the exposure to environmental noise. The Directive was transposed through the Environmental Noise (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
- 4.1.2 Reference is made to Article II of the Environment Committee of 9th December 2013 (Report No. 508-2013 refers) and Article III of the Environment Committee of 27 April 2015 (Report No. 166-2015). These reports informed Committee on the implementation of the EU Environmental Noise Directive by the Scottish Government and Dundee City Council.
- 4.1.3 The EU Environmental Noise Directive requires, on a five year cycle, the Scottish Government to produce strategic noise maps and thereafter prepare Noise Action Plans based on the results of noise mapping. The third round of noise mapping took place in 2017 and the updated maps are available on the Scottish Environment website, <https://noise.environment.gov.scot/noisemap/>. Following production of the maps, the Scottish Government has prepared draft Noise Action Plans for the four Agglomerations, including the Dundee Agglomeration and the Scottish Government is now consulting on these draft plans.
- 4.1.4 The draft Noise Action Plan contains a list of Candidate Noise Management Areas (CNMA) and Candidate Quiet Areas (CQA) as identified by the Round 3 mapping process within the Dundee Agglomeration study area (Appendix 1). The lists of CNMAs for road traffic and rail noise, and CQAs are contained in Appendix 2.
- 4.2 **Consultation Response**
- 4.2.1 The Scottish Government has sought views on the draft Noise Action Plans and has included a list of four questions to be answered by 23 November 2018. Appendix 3 sets out our Council's

proposed responses. Full consultation details including copies of the draft Noise Action Plans can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/consultation-on-draft-noise-action-plans/> .

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues were identified.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with the content.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Figure 1 - Map of Dundee Agglomeration study area



APPENDIX 2

Table 1 - Round Three Road Candidate Noise Management Areas

* New CNMA in Round 3

Road CNMA

CNMA ID	Map number	Address	Local Authority
1*	5	Dock Street, Thomson Avenue, A92, Dundee	Dundee City Council
2	6	Albert Street, Princes Street, Forfar Road, Dundee	Dundee City Council
3	5	Victoria Road, Ladywell Avenue, Dundee	Dundee City Council
4	2	Coupar Angus Road, South Road, Lochee, Dundee	Dundee City Council
5*	3	Lochee Road, Rankine Street, Dundee	Dundee City Council
6	3	Lochee Road, Polepark Road, Dundee	Dundee City Council
7*	4	West Marketgait, Lochee Road, Dundee	Dundee City Council
8	5	King Street, East Marketgait, Dundee	Dundee City Council
9	4	Hawkhill, Session Street, Dundee	Dundee City Council
10	5	Seagate, East Marketgait, Dundee	Dundee City Council

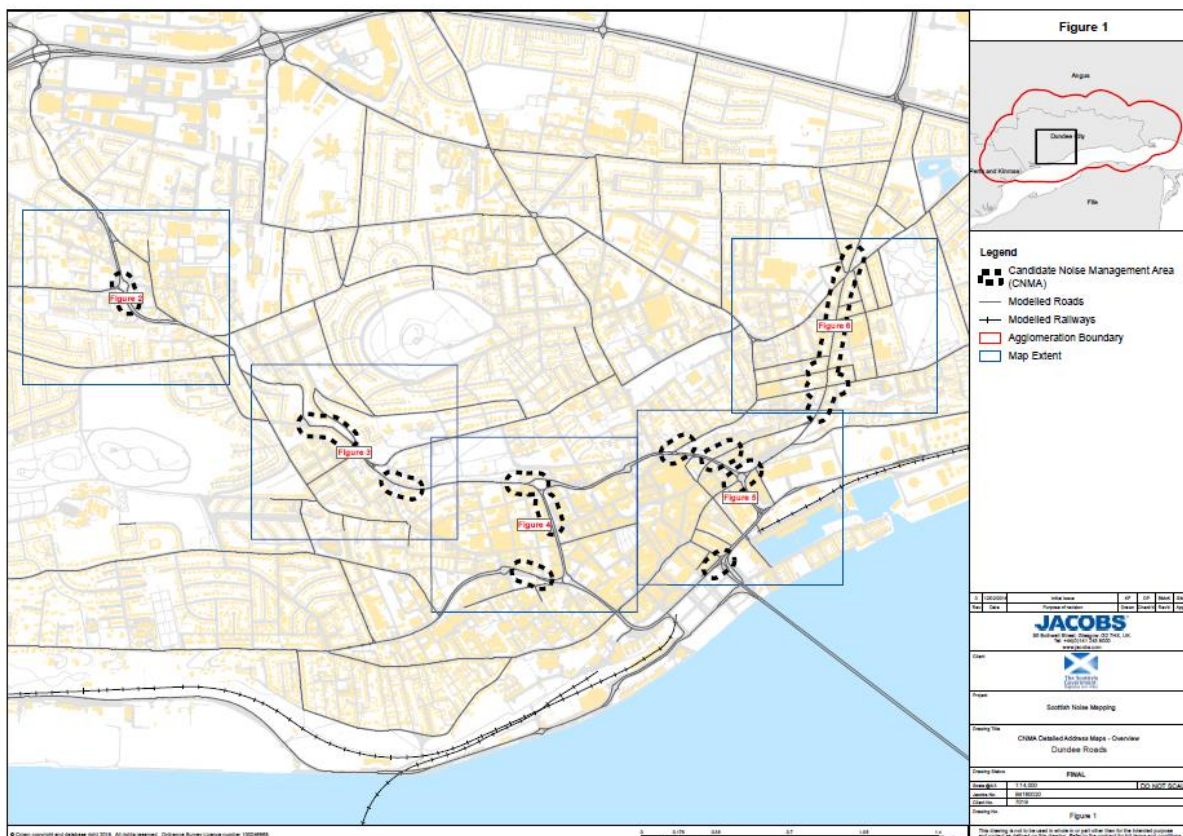


Figure 2 - Round Three Road Candidate Noise Management Areas

Table 2 - Round Three Rail Candidate Noise Management Areas

Rail CNMA

CNMA ID	Map number	Address	Local Authority
1	2	Near West Queen Street, Broughty Ferry, Dundee	Dundee City Council
2*	3	Near A930 / Maule Street, Monifieth	Angus Council

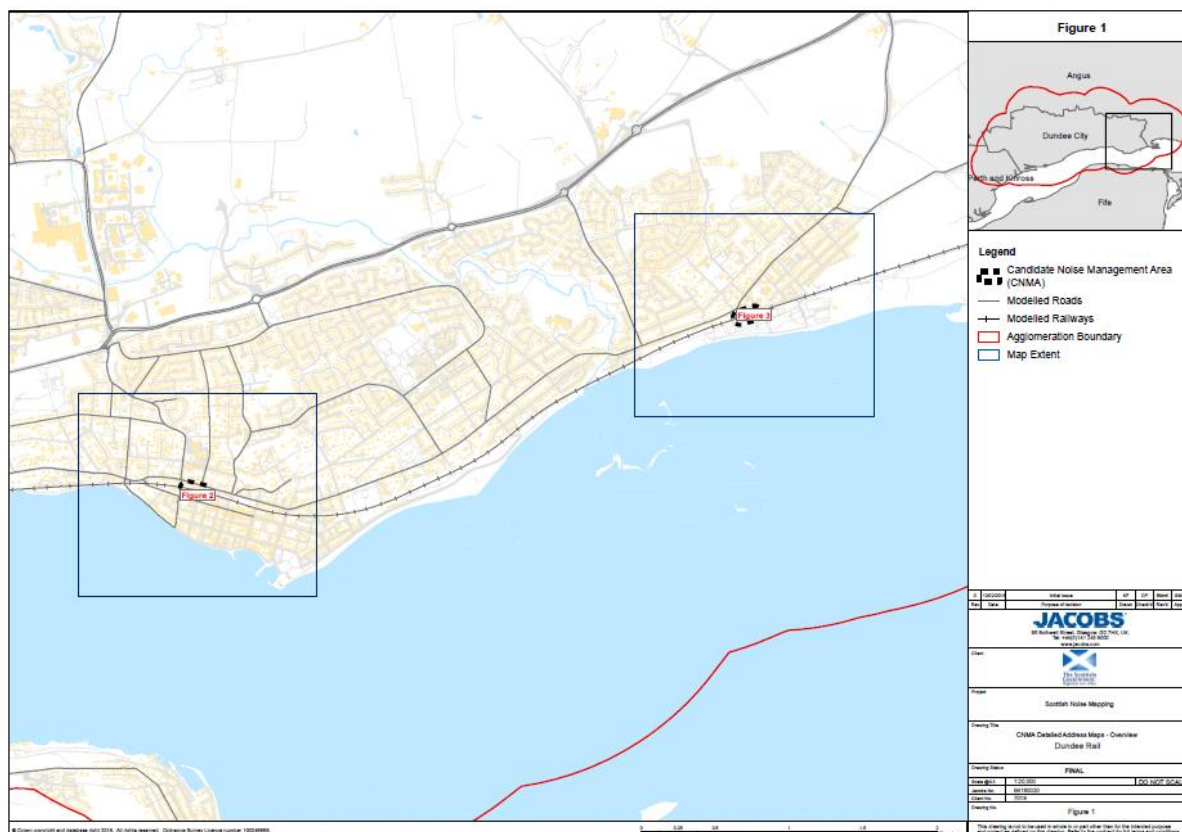


Figure 3 - Round Three Rail Candidate Noise Management Areas

Table 3 - Round Three Candidate Quiet Areas

** New CQAs in Round 3*

CQA ID	Map Number	Name
1	2	South Road Park
2	2	Lochee Park
3*	2	Balgay Hill
4*	2	Law Hill
5	2	Baxter Park

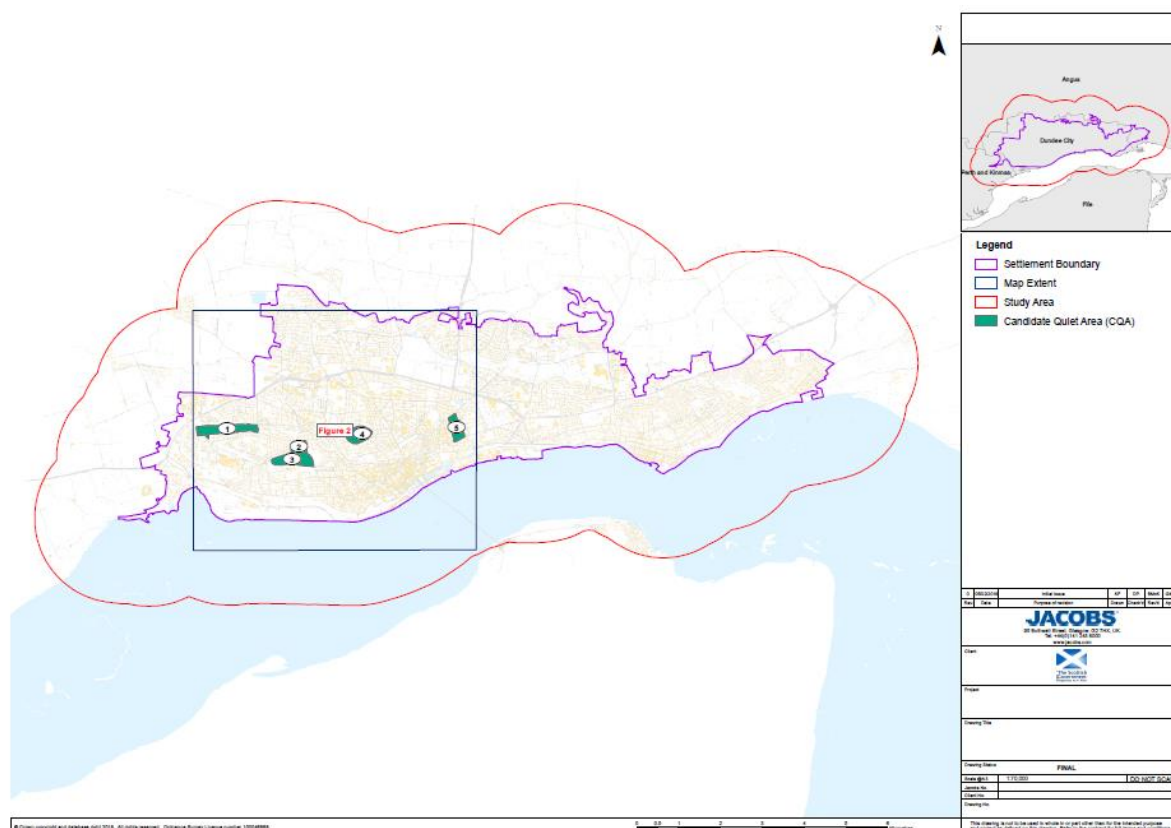


Figure 4 - Round Three Candidate Quiet Areas

APPENDIX 3

Question 1 *Do you consider there has been anything left out of the action plans? If so, what do you consider has been omitted?*

- No. Some minor updates however are required on page 17 of the draft Dundee Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. The reference to the V&A opening late 2018 should be updated to read that it opened to the public in September 2018, and the redevelopment of the rail station has also been completed.

Question 2 *Is there anything you consider should be discussed at the Scottish Government Noise Steering Group during the next 5 year cycle for Round 4?*

- The release in October 2018 of the 'Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region' by the World Health Organisation and how these may be applied to existing Scottish noise policy, in particular in regards to PAN 01/2011 within the planning regime.
- The timing of the completion of the road noise mapping exercise for Round 4 in respect of the timing of the introduction of low emission zones in the four cities. The Round 3 maps were created in 2017 which suggests that Round 4 mapping will be undertaken in 2022 (5 year cycle). Currently the Transport (Scotland) Bill includes 'grace' periods for the enforcement of low emission zones following their introduction. Depending on what time period this is could have implications on the composition of traffic in and adjacent to possible low emission zone areas in the agglomerations. As the road noise maps are created through computer modelling using traffic inputs such as flow, composition and speed, any changes to these due to low emission zones should be taken into account.

Question 3 *Do you consider enough is being done to protect quiet areas?*

- The agreed method for Scotland used to identify quiet areas included in the Noise Action Plans typically results in the identification of designated greenspace areas in urban areas. These greenspaces are typically afforded protection through planning policies within individual local authority Local Development Plans within the planning regime. Designation as a Quiet Area can add another layer of protection by ensuring that noise impact of new developments are a material planning consideration.

Question 4 *Do you have any views on the overall proposals in the draft Action Plans?*

- Dundee City Council will assist the Scottish Government and other key partners with proposals as required, and following the completion of candidate area assessments and any subsequent cost benefit analysis carried out.

