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Cymru Wales

REPORT BY THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations 2006

The Committee considered *The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations 2006* at its meeting on 28 June 2006.

Members requested clarification on:

- Whether helicopter noise on event days can be included in the first round of noise mapping.
- Protection from noise emanating from roads.
- The noise mapping process and data handling exercises.
- The cost of implementing the EU Directive.

In response the Minister made the following points:

- That the purpose of the regulations is to mitigate the impact of environmental noise.
- Noise made by helicopters on event days cannot be included in the mapping process.
- The noise mapping of motorways and trunk roads above the threshold identified in The Environmental Noise Directive will be included in the first round mapping exercise.
- The mapping process involves integrated data gathering and the use of noise assessment models.
- Funding for the noise mapping exercises had already been included in the existing EPC MEG budget.

The Committee recommended approval of The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations 2006 without amendment.

Chair, Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee
Glyn Davies AM