

Noise Conditions for Open Air Events in Southwark

These conditions should be considered for open-air events, or events where residents or noise sensitive buildings are in close proximity to the event necessitating noise control over the event.

Event size	No. of Attendees
Small	up to 500
Large (1)	up to 2000
Large (2)	up to 4000
Large (3)	up to 6000
Large (4)	up to 8000

Small and Large 1 Events

1. The organiser shall ensure that all requests from the Council's noise team are complied with.
2. Details of two contact telephone numbers including a mobile telephone number permanently manned during performances are to be made available to Council Officers prior to the events.
3. Regular checks are to be carried out at the nearest sound sensitive locations to the event (eg. houses, residential homes, churches) to monitor the noise and ensure that reasonable noise levels are not exceeded.
4. If the event is considered by the council's events team to have significant noise impact, the organiser may be required to adhere to some or all of the conditions for larger events as set out in the section below.

Large 2, 3 and 4 events

1. The organiser will be required to employ a noise control consultant who shall carry out a sound test prior to the event of the sound sources. The sound tests should be conducted from the nearest residential premises.
2. The organiser shall ensure that all requests from the Council's Environmental Health and Trading Standards Business Unit officers are complied with.
3. Details of two contact telephone numbers including a mobile telephone number permanently manned during performances are to be made available to Council Officers prior to the events.
4. At least one week prior to the beginning of the event a leaflet drop is to be made to households in the immediate area. The leaflet is to include a description of each performance, and contact telephone numbers.

5. That the organiser conforms with the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts, The Noise Council 1995
6. From the Code, the music noise levels (MNL) measured or predicted at 1m from the façade of noise sensitive premises shall not;
 - a. *exceed 65dB(a) over a 15 minute period, or
 - b. *exceed the background noise level¹ by more than 15dB(A) over a 15 minute period
7. Regular checks are to be carried out at the nearest sound sensitive locations to the event (eg. houses, residential homes, churches) to monitor the noise and ensure that the limit set is not exceeded.
8. All sound equipment on site shall be controlled by the noise control consultant.
9. No additional sound equipment shall be used on site without the prior agreement of the Council's Noise Team and the noise control consultant.
10. The appointed noise control consultant shall continually monitor noise levels at the sound mixer position and advise the sound engineer accordingly to ensure that the noise limits are not exceeded. The Council shall have access to the results of the noise monitoring at any time.

*Note that 6.1 applies for venues that hold 1-3 days of events per calendar year, 6.2 applies to venues that hold 4-12 days of events per calendar year. This is not the number of days of any particular event but is an accumulation of all the days of all the events at one particular venue.