

The Noise App

User Guide

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Register

Open the app and click on 'Get Started', select your country of residence and then click 'Create an Account'. First type in your Investigator (this will be Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council) and choose it from the drop-down menu. You will then need to enter the email address you wish to use on our service. You will need to complete the account creation process. Once the required information has been entered an email will be sent to your email address asking you to confirm your account. Once your account has been confirmed please return to the app and login. Agree to the terms of service and enter your home address, this will be provided to your investigator so they can process the complaint.

Language

To change language, once logged in choose the menu button on the top left of the 'Noise Diary' screen. You will see the option 'Language', here you can choose your desired language.

Submit a complaint

1. Record – After logging in for the first time, you can start recording by pressing the circle icon at the bottom right of the 'Noise Diary' screen. If this is not your first time completing a report, please choose an existing address to make sure your reports are sent to the right investigator.

On the next page, hold down on the circular icon to begin recording. You don't have to record the whole event – just a representative snapshot of the noise as it is happening.

When recording on an iPhone you will see a responsive histogram but on Android devices you will see a wave form that moves across the screen.

When you remove your finger or thumb the app stops recording. You can then playback the recording and either Accept or Reject it. To accept the recording, just press the tick on the right, or to discard and re-record, please select the X on the left.

Please be aware: When playing back through your mobile there are limitations replicating the same levels that your investigator will hear playing it back through our cloud platform.

2. Duration – First, how long has the nuisance affected you? Select the duration on the screen in hours and/or minutes.

3. Source – Next, what type of noise is it? Scroll and choose a source from the list provided.

4. Location – Next, where did you record the noise? Choose an area of your property from the list provided and move to the next screen.

5. Intensity and commentary – You are then asked to rate the noise in terms of how loud you consider it to be. Underneath you may add a comment as to how the noise is affecting you, for example, you might state “the noise woke me up and is preventing me from getting back to sleep”. This information about how the noise affects you is very important so please try to add as much information as possible.

6. Address – Lastly, enter the address of where you believe the Noise Source to be coming from.

7. Confirmation – If you are happy with the information presented on the confirmation screen press the ‘Send Report’ button (unless in offline mode in which case you will receive an email stating this when you reconnect to Wi-Fi or regain 3G/4G).

8. Noise Diary Screen – Your first entry will populate your noise diary screen (the app’s home screen). If you create more than one case (for different properties), your most recent report will be listed at the top.

On the left of your newly submitted report you will find a symbol. 1) two arrows directed in a spinning motion () , this means it is still uploading and you will need to leave the app open to complete. Alternatively, you can force sync, this will appear in grey text (for iPhone users) or as a red button (for Android users). A circle spinning in the top right-hand side of the app indicates your reports are syncing. 2) a tick within a circle () , means the report has been successfully uploaded to your Service Provider.

If you select one of the entries in the diary you will access two screens – the ‘**detail**’ and ‘**activity**’ screens. Switch between detail and activity screens using the tabs at the top.

9. Notifications – There are two ways of knowing when an update has been made to a case or a message sent to you by your investigator. Firstly, an orange circle with a number inside it will be displayed next to the case the update relates to, just tap on this case to see the update on the ‘Detail’ or ‘Activity’ screens. Secondly, all notifications can be tracked in the top right-hand side of the ‘Noise Diary’ screen under our bell icon () . By tapping on the bell icon all notifications for all on going cases will be listed here.

10. Detail Screen – Provides a summary of the information relating to the particular diary entry you selected. (Please note: we do not supply playback of the recording for users. Once submitted only investigating officers can access these).

At the bottom of this screen you will find ‘Add Recording’. This is where you can continue to add recordings to an already ongoing complaint to help build your case. Please do not create a new case when you are wanting to submit a report about an address that is already in your diary screen.

11 Activity Screen – You will see a summary of activity related to that entry by you and the investigating officer. You may also add and receive messages from your investigator on this page.

12. What next? – When you next log on you will be taken to your noise diary screen. Continue to make recordings and entries for as long as the problem continues.