

# Noise Breakout from Smoking Areas

## Example of a plan for managing noise breakout from smoking areas

The following policies and working practices should help to minimise the time smokers spend outside, and so the likelihood of them causing a noise nuisance.

- All external areas are to be cleared of drink receptacles by 23:00 hrs.
- No drinks should be taken outside (including tents marquees awnings and other similar structures) after 23:00 hrs. Signage indicating this condition should be prominently displayed on the inside of all external doors.
- Patio Heaters where present should not be used after 23:00 hrs.
- Signage requesting patrons be considerate to neighbours should be conspicuously displayed in beer gardens and areas where smokers congregate.
- Management should regularly check on external smoking areas to ensure the above conditions are being complied with and that patrons are not causing any noise problems to neighbours.
- Actions you take following a breach of these conditions by customers or as a result of a complaint from neighbours should be recorded in an incident book, which should be available to the Local Authority on request.

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