



**Donington Park
Noise Management Plan**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Motorsport Vision Limited (MSV) is the operator of Donington Park Motor Racing Circuit following its acquisition of the Donington Park business from Donington Park Racing Limited (DPRL) in 2017.

The NMP provides the framework and mechanism for the management of noise relating to the motor racing circuit. It builds on the NMPs operated by DPRL since 2012.

It provides that appropriate controls are imposed on all activities on the Race Track, and for the operation of Rally Days, at Donington Park. It is considered that the measures outlined in this NMP draw on best motor racing industry practice and will help to cumulatively reduce the impact of noise from the circuit on the local community. It is intended as a dynamic management control document and is reviewed annually with the input of North West Leicestershire District Council.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Noise Management Plan, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

“Drive-by Noise Limit”	means 98dB(A) L _{max} on fast response as measured using drive-by noise monitoring equipment at fixed locations agreed with NWLDC.
“MSV”	means Motorsport Vision Limited, the operator of Donington Park.
“Noise Management Plan” and “NMP”	means this document
“Noisy Day”	means any day governed by Section 4 of the NMP, being a day where vehicles are not required to conform to any noise limits, not being a Race Day.
“NWLDC”	means North West Leicestershire District Council
“Plan”	means the plan at Appendix A.
“Quiet Day”	means any day on which the use of the Race Track is governed by Section 5 of the NMP, being a day where all vehicles are required to comply with the Drive-by Noise Limit. Quiet Days may include any type of activity including track days, testing, Racing, racing schools, and retail or corporate activities.
“Race Day”	means any day governed by Section 3 of this NMP, on which the Race Track is used for Racing of vehicles that do not comply with the Drive-by Noise Limit.
“Racing”	means a competition in which competitors operating vehicles on the Race Track start simultaneously and compete over a set number of laps or set time period to determine an official finishing order.

“Race Track”	means the racing track upon which circuit activity takes place and described as either The National Circuit (shown in red on the Plan) or the Grand Prix Circuit (being the National Circuit with the addition of the Melbourne Loop shown highlighted blue on the Plan) in each case including the pit lane.
“Rally Day”	means any day on which a rally may be held at Donington Park, to which Section 6 of this NMP applies.
“Relevant Governing Body”	means, as relevant to the activity taking place, FIA, MSA, FIM, ACU or MCRCB: FIA means the Federation Internationale de l’Automobile, the international governing body of motor sport. MSA means the RAC Motor Sports Association, the national governing body of motor sport in the United Kingdom. FIM means the Federation Internationale de la Motorcyclisme, the international governing body of motorcycle sport. ACU means the Auto-Cycle Union, the national governing body of motorcycle sport in the United Kingdom. MCRCB means the Motor Cycle Circuit Racing Control Board, the governing body of national level motorcycle sport in the United Kingdom.
“Static Testing”	means the testing of noise produced by a vehicle when stationary in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures for static testing as set out by the Relevant Governing Body, and “Static Test” shall be construed accordingly.

3. RACE MEETINGS

Days of Operation

- 3.1.** There will be a maximum of 60 Race Days per calendar year, and within that overall limit there may be:
 - 3.1.1.** Up to 60 Race Days where all vehicles are required to conform to 108 dB(A) Static Testing;
 - 3.1.2.** Up to 40 Race Days where all vehicles are required to conform to 118 dB(A) Static Testing; and
 - 3.1.3.** Up to 20 Race Days with no requirement for any vehicles to undergo Static Testing or conform to any noise limits.

Hours of Operation

3.2. Race vehicle movements on the Race Track may only take place between 09:00 to 20:00

3.3. No racing engines shall be permitted to be started before 09:00.

Noise Testing

3.4. If a vehicle fails a Static Test it shall not be permitted to drive on the Race Track unless and until it has been modified or repaired and has subsequently passed a further Static Test.

3.5. The racing club organising any race meeting shall by the end of the final Race Day of the relevant race meeting provide to MSV a copy of the report of all Static Testing undertaken. MSV will retain such reports for at least 12 months.

Public Address System

3.6. MSV will ensure that sound levels are kept to the minimum reasonable level to maintain clear audibility for the spectators over the background noise.

4. NOISY DAYS

Days of Operation

4.1. No more than two non-consecutive Noisy Days shall be held in any week.

4.2. Noisy Days may not take place on a Bank Holiday, Saturday or Sunday.

4.3. If the Race Track is used for two or more consecutive Race Days, it shall not be used for a Noisy Day on the day immediately before or after the relevant consecutive Race Days.

Hours of Operation

4.4. Vehicle movements on the Race Track may only take place between 09:00 to 17:00.

4.5. No racing engines shall be permitted to be started before 09:00.

Limit on the number of unsilenced vehicles on circuit

4.6 Not more than six fully unsilenced vehicles participating in a Noisy Day shall be operated at any one time on the Race Track.

5. QUIET DAYS

Days of Operation

5.1. Quiet Days may take place on any day of the year.

Hours of Operation

- 5.2.** There are no operating hour restrictions for Quiet Days, however the usual practice is not to operate on the Race Track before 09:00 or after 21:00. Nevertheless the Race Track may at MSV's discretion be used by vehicles that comply with the Drive-by Noise Limit outside of these hours.

Noise Limits

- 5.3.** All vehicles using the Race Track on Quiet Days must comply with the Drive-by Noise Limit.
- 5.4** Testing in respect of the Drive-by Noise Limit will be undertaken continuously during activity on the Race Track and the Drive-by Noise Limit shall be subject to enforcement as set out below.

Limit on the number of motorcycles on the Race Track

- 5.5** On Quiet Days operated as motorcycle track days, the number of participating bikes on the Race Track at any one time shall not exceed the relevant number specified in the Race Track's ACU Licence.

Enforcement

- 5.6** During Quiet Days there will be a noise control officer monitoring and enforcing the Drive-by Noise Limit at all times, based in the Control Tower.
- 5.7.** Any vehicle exceeding the Drive-by Noise Limit will be shown a black flag, a signal which requires the driver/rider to leave the Race Track the next time they reach the pit lane.
- 5.8.** Should any vehicle ignore the showing of the black flag, then the red lights (full circuit stop) will be used to require all vehicles to leave the Race Track.
- 5.9.** Vehicles exceeding the Drive-by Noise Limit will be allowed to undertake repairs and modifications including the fitting of improved or additional silencing and provide evidence to MSV of the works undertaken. At MSV's discretion they may then be allowed back on the Race Track. If a vehicle breaches the Drive-by Noise Limit for a second time it will not be allowed back onto the Race Track during that Quiet Day.

6. RALLY DAYS

Days of Operation

- 6.1.** There shall be a maximum of two Rally Days per calendar year.

Hours of Operation

- 6.2.** Rally activities on Rally Days shall not operate before 09:00 or after 21:00.
- 6.3.** No racing engines shall be permitted to be started before 09:00.

Noise Limits

- 6.4. All vehicles participating in Rally Days shall be subject to Static Testing in accordance with the regulations of the Relevant Governing Body.
- 6.5. If a vehicle fails a Static Test it shall not be permitted to take part in the Rally Day unless and until it has been modified or repaired and has subsequently passed a further Static Test.

Rally Course

- 6.6. MSV will advise NWLDC in advance of any Rally Day of the area of land in addition to the Race Track to be used for the Rally Day.

7. COMMUNICATION OF NOISE MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1. MSV will ensure that any hirer of the circuit is aware of all relevant requirements of the NMP. All circuit hire agreements and operational regulations shall require hirers of the circuit to advise all drivers/riders of the relevant noise limits and noise management controls.
- 7.2. MSV will ensure that signage is provided within the pits and paddocks informing participants of the noise limits on any given day.

8. NOTIFICATION, COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

- 8.1. MSV will ensure that the Donington Park website incorporates a local residents section that provides the following:
 - 8.1.1. A track diary identifying each day of circuit use and the relevant noise category. The track diary shall be subject to updates throughout the year as necessary to reflect e.g. cancellations and bookings; and
 - 8.1.2. A copy of this NMP.
- 8.2. Prior to each month, MSV will provide NWLDC and members of the Donington Park Consultative Forum a schedule of all activity on the Race Track in the following month providing details of the type of day and noise category. Following each month, MSV shall provide details of any differences to the use of the Race Track from the use set out in the schedule provided, together with any supplementary information required.
- 8.3. MSV shall retain noise records for a minimum of 12 months, unless there is any live query or a complaint in which case records shall be retained for up to two years if so requested by NWLDC.
- 8.4. MSV shall keep a record of all noise complaints received (whether from the Council or otherwise) for a minimum period of 24 months and shall use reasonable endeavours to respond to noise complaints within 72 hours of receipt, explaining the activity and any relevant circumstances that may have led to the reason for the complaint.
- 8.5. MSV shall provide NWLDC with relevant details of any complaints they receive directly from local residents, ensuring compliance with Data Protection regulations.

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- 8.7. MSV shall update the Donington Park Consultative Forum on any relevant noise management matters. Members of the Consultative Forum may also receive, by application, details of the monthly circuit activity in advance, and shall be able to inform the wider public of forthcoming events and race meetings.

9. NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW MECHANISM

The Noise Management Plan will be reviewed annually and may be updated as required throughout any year.

APPENDIX A – CIRCUIT PLAN

