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- Introduction
- Planning Events
- Stakeholders
- Reducing Impacts
- Management of Events



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## The Bandstand



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Free Concerts

Hyde Park 1968 - 1971





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‘I think it was the nicest  
concert I’ve ever been  
to’

JOHN PEEL



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Live 8 July  
2005

Hyde Park





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Noise Council  
Guidelines



# Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control 1995



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### Noise Council Guidelines



- **Joint Committee of Environmental Consultants and Health Professionals**
- **Proposed Guidelines for Music Noise Levels (MNLs)**
- **Other guidance to lessen any impact from events**
- **Definitions relating to events**



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### Noise Council Guidelines



- 1-3 Concert Days per year Urban Stadia or Arena
- Not exceeding MNL  $L_{Aeq,15minutes}$  75 dB



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- 1-3 Concert Days per year Other and Rural Venues
- Not exceeding MNL  $L_{Aeq,15minutes}$  65 dB



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- 4 - 12 Concert Days per year All Venues
- MNL not exceeding the background noise level by more than 15 dB over a 15 minute period



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**Guidelines only. Other criteria may be more appropriate for the event and site.**



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### Planning Events



- **Coordination meetings**
- **Prior publicity**
- **Preparation of Control Strategy**
- **Consultation with Stakeholders**



## Complaints other than music arising from events

- Restricted access to public spaces before and after the event
- Noise from build up for events
- Noise from audience arriving and leaving events
- Crowded public transport
- Noise from load out
- State open space is left (litter, damage to grass etc.)



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## Stakeholders



- Venue operator (Leisure, Parks etc.)
- Environmental Health
- Local Community Groups
- Promoter/Organiser (Public or Private Sector)



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Reducing  
Impacts



- Consultation with and between Stakeholders
- Timing of event (Calendar)
- Timing of event (Start and finish times)
- Selection of correct sound system for space
- Provision of acoustic control
- Staffed complaints line
- Full de-brief after the event

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Trafalgar Square

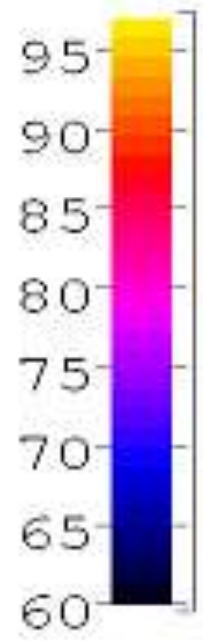
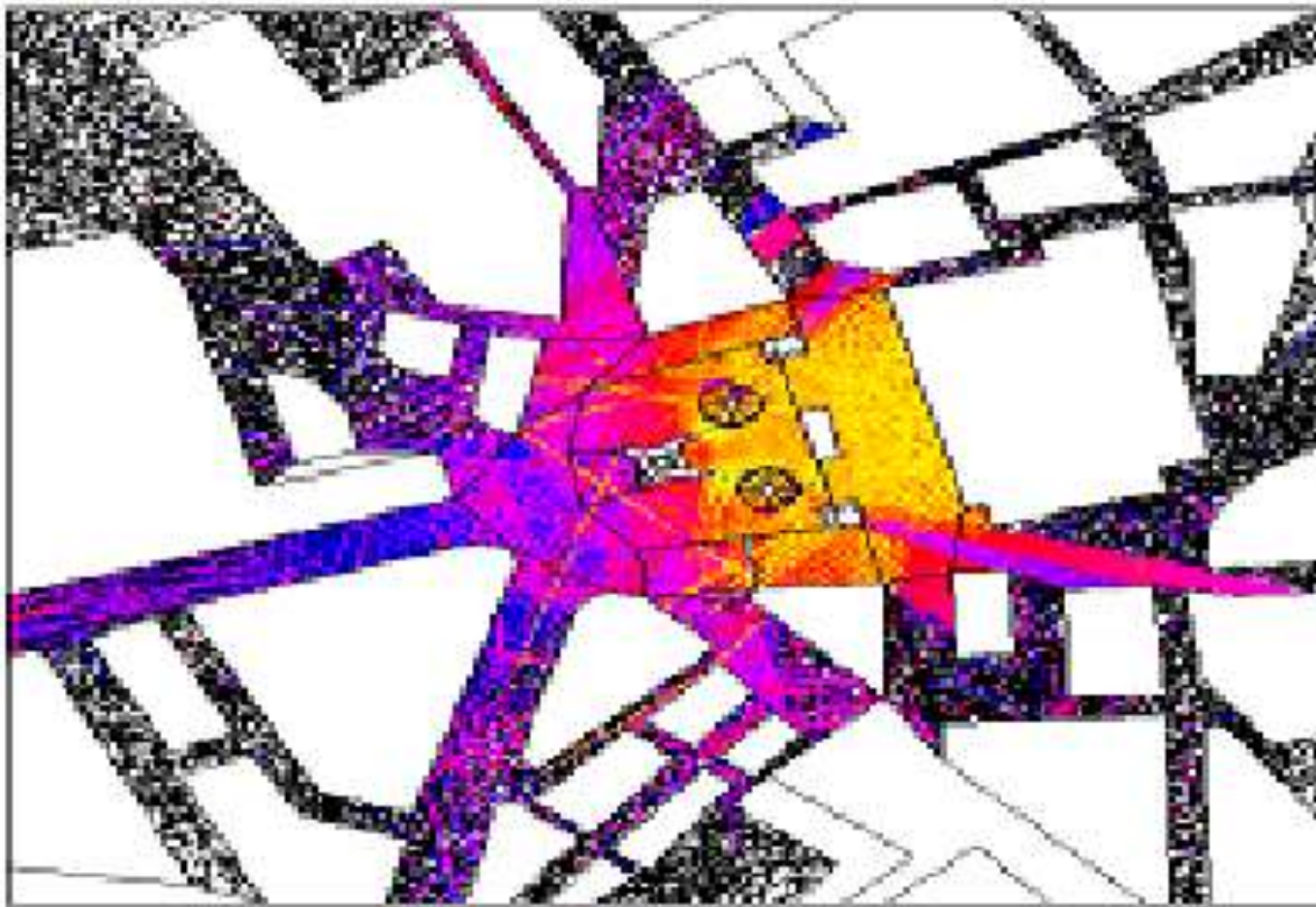




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Stage at foot of Nelson's Column 1.

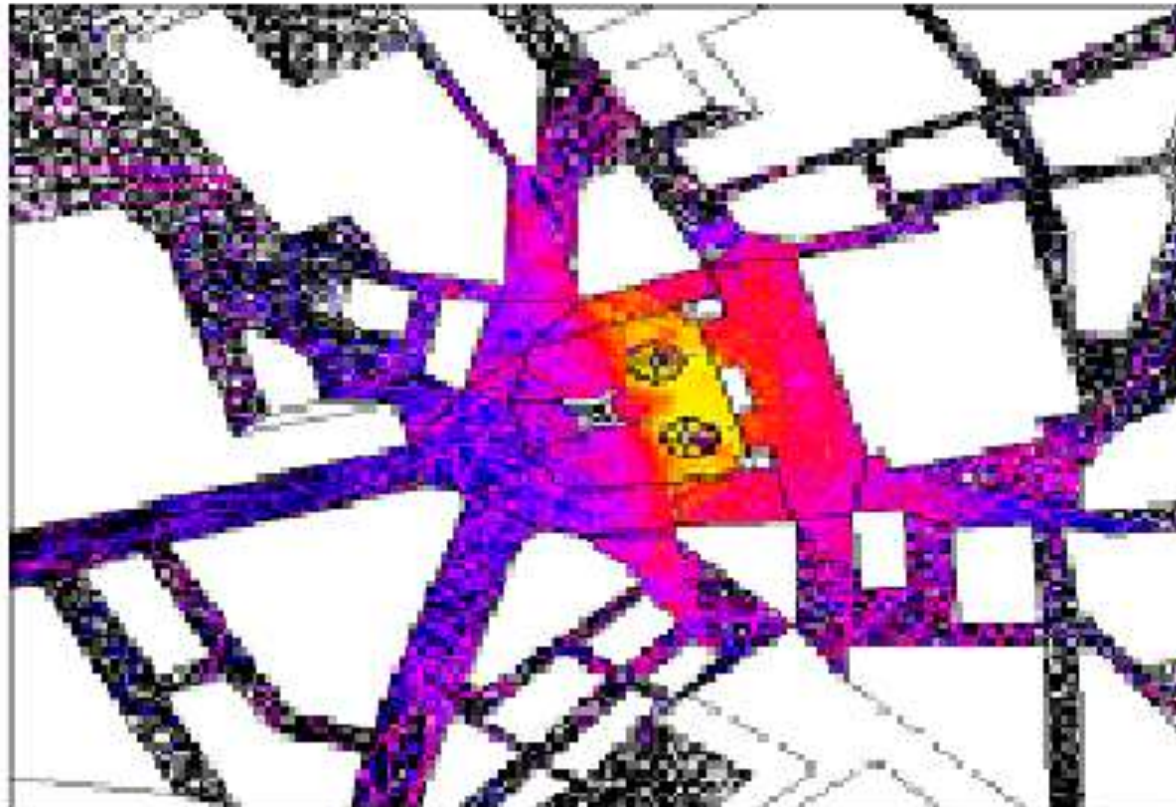




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Russian Winter  
Festival

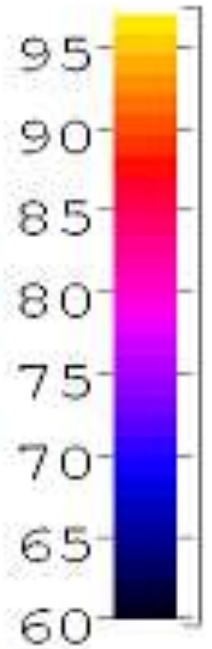




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Stage facing Nelson's





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Stage facing Nelson's  
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Location





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The Sage, Baltic Flour Mill,

Millennium Bridge





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