Note the recent Open consultation: Changes to various permitted development rights: to eliminate this location restriction relying only on noise characteristics.

Reference 70: The review noted that the existing limitation requiring that an air source heat pump must be installed at least 1 metre away from the property was a blunt proxy for noise and that, from a noise control perspective, is not necessary as long as there is an upper limit on the noise at the nearby receptor.

Reference: 72. This limitation has also been identified as an unnecessary barrier to heat pump deployment by other independent reviews.