18 BRENT ROAD, SOUTHALL. MIDDX. UB2 5JX

ACOUSTIC DESIGN REVIEW

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Introduction

The Acoustic review report and its recommendations has been prepared for an enhanced sound insulation value of at least 5dB above the maximum Building Regulations value, for the floor/ceiling/wall structures separating different types of rooms/uses in adjoining dwellings/areas of a bedrooms below kitchen/living/dining/bathroom of separate dwelling to comply with required standards of the Council's SPG10 and noise limits specified in BS8233:2014.

The acoustic recommendations within this report are compliance with Approved Document E (ADE) 2003 of the 2015 Building Regulations.

Design Objectives

Planning Condition requires that the sound insulation between the consented flats be uprated by 5 dB above the requirements of the Approved Document E.

The adopted standard for 'Approved Document E (ADE) Resistance to the Passage of Sound' of the Building Regulations (England and Wales) came into force in 1st July 2003, incorporating 2004, 2010, 2013 and 2015 amendments. This document stipulates minimum requirements for the sound insulation levels within residential dwellings. Approved Document E states:

"In the Secretary of State's view the normal way of satisfying Requirements E1 will be to build separating walls, separating floors and stairs that have a separating function, together with associated flanking construction, in such a way that they achieve the sound insulation values for dwelling-houses and flats set out in Table 1a, and the values for residential purposes set out in Table 1b." Table 0.1a of ADE 2015 provides the performance standards for purpose built dwelling houses and flats, which is reproduced below.

Table 0.1a Dwelling-houses and flats – performance standards for separating walls, separating floors, and stairs that have a separating function

	Airborne sound insulation sound insulation D _{nT,w} + C _{tr} dB (Minimum values)	Impact sound insulation L' _{nT.w} dB (Maximum values)	
Purpose built dwelling-houses and flats			
Walls	45	-	
Floors and stairs	45	62	
Dwelling-houses and flats formed by material change of use			
Walls	43	-	
Floors and stairs	43	64	

To meet the above standards, all party wall and floor constructions (i.e., dividing elements between various residential residences) should meet the minimum sound insulation performance limits, as listed in Table above.

The proposal is to convert the existing property in to separate self-contained flats. the report will recommend the required.

sound insulation criterion as per table above for separating floors and separating wall to self-contained dwelling.

As the development is a change of use, the minimum airborne sound insulation requirement of the Approved Document E is DnT,w+Ctr 43 dB, and the maximum impact sound insulation requirement in

L'nT,w 64 dB. As such, Planning Condition requires that the minimum airborne sound insulation

performance between the flats in DnT,w+Ctr 48 dB, and the maximum impact sound insulation

performance between the flats is L'nT,w 59 dB.

The ADE performance standards, specified as DnT,w+Ctr relate to the on-site sound insulation values. For design purposes however, the DnT,w+Ctr must be translated into known sound insulation properties of the various components making up partition walls and floors so that appropriate constructions can be determined. The sound insulation of various construction elements is usually measured and rated in acoustic test laboratories and quoted in terms of the Sound Reduction Index, Rw+Ctr. The ADE performance standard for impact sound insulation is specified as L'nT, w and relates to the on-site impact sound pressure value. For the purposes of design the L'nT,w value has been converted in to a Ln,w value to allow for the floor construction to be accurately accessed. The minimum performance requirements for separating elements within this development in terms of Rw+Ctr and Ln,w are in Table below.

AIRBORNE SOUND INSULATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria	Туре	ADE+5dB Requirement
Change of Use	Floors	≥55 dB R _w + C _{tr}
Change of Use	Walls	≥ 55 dB R _w + C _{tr}

IMPACT SOUND INSULATION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria	Туре	ADE+5dB Requirement
Change of Use	Floor	≤ 52 dB L _{n,w}

Sound Insulation for Separating Floor Constructions

Upgrade of existing floor between Two Flats

(As detailed in Approved Document E1)

Existing floor construction to be surveyed and any required remedial works to be undertaken before the floor treatment is provided. If the floor boards are considered unsuitable for upgrade the floor boards are to be replaced with boarding of a minimum thickness of 12mm. Gaps in the timber boarding should be sealed by overlaying with hardboard or filled with sealant.

Upgrade the existing ceiling by:

a) Providing 100mm thick mineral wool with a minimum density 10kg/m³ between the joists in the floor cavity of the existing floor and

b) Installing 2 layers of plasterboard minimum total mass per unit area 20kg/m², under existing ceiling laid with staggered joints.

Perimeter of ceiling to be sealed with tape or sealant.

A platform floor to be created by providing a 25mm thick resilient layer of mineral wool with a density of 60 to 100kg/m³ (e.g. Knauf Acoustic Floor Slabs) over the existing floor and carried up the edges of the room to isolate the floating layer from the wall surface. Over this provide 2 layers of board material:18mm chipboard spot bonded to 19mm Knauf Drywall Plank, glued together with staggered joints.

Refix the floor deck and fix Floorfoam Easy Edge Strip to the perimeter wall with the integral self adhesive strip.

Install timber battens on resilient strips at the floor perimeter and thresholds.

A 5mm gap to be provided between the skirting and floating layer, gap to be filled with flexible sealant. Do not bridge the floating layer and the base or surrounding walls e.g. with services or fixings that penetrate the resilient layer.

All construction to be in accordance with Knauf 4.3 Separating Floors.



Pre completion sound testing to be carried out by a suitably qualified person with appropriate third party accreditation (either UKAS accreditation or be a member of the Association of Noise Consultants Registration Scheme).

This construction has the potential to comply with the requirements of the building regulations when forming a separating floor from an existing floor by material change of use.

Regarding airborne and impact sound insulation, the above construction method is presumed to satisfy the standard requirements of Approved Document E (ADE) 2003 of the 2014 Building Regulations. We would suggest the following in order to attain the necessary additional 5dB for both impact and airborne performance.

UPGRADE OF EXISITNG FLOOR WITH AN INDEPENDENT CEILING

(As detailed in Approved Document E1)

The existing floor should be assessed to ensure any additional loads imposed on it can be carried safely or be strengthened where necessary. Any required remedial works to be undertaken before the floor treatment is provided. If the floor boards are considered unsuitable for upgrade the floor boards are to be replaced with boarding of a minimum thickness of 12mm. Gaps in the timber boarding should be sealed by overlaying with hardboard or filled with sealant.

Upgrade existing ceiling by providing 2 layers of plasterboard under existing ceiling with a total mass per unit area 20kg/m² with staggered joints.

New independent ceiling

Construct a new independent ceiling under existing ceiling using C24 timber joists (sizes to Structural Engineer's details) fixed to the surrounding wall only; ensure a minimum clearance of 25mm is provided between the top of the independent ceiling joists and the underside of the existing floor (additional support can be provided using resilient hangers attached directly to the existing floor base if required). Lay 100mm mineral wool with a minimum density 10kg/m³ between the joists and provide 2 layers of plasterboard minimum total mass per unit area 20kg/m² under new ceiling with staggered joints. The top of the independent ceiling to be at least 125mm from the underside of the existing floor. Seal the perimeter of the independent ceiling with tape or sealant.

Where the window head is near to the existing ceiling the new independent ceiling may be raised to form a pelmet recess.

Pre completion sound testing to be carried out to new floor by a suitably qualified person with appropriate third party accreditation (either UKAS accreditation or be a member of the Association of Noise Consultants Registration Scheme).

It is crucial to install a proper flanking strip, such Yelofon ES5/100, around the walking surface's perimeter while installing party floors. Installing this will stop the finished walking surface from making contact with the surrounding walls.

The above constructions should be capable of achieving the 5dB over Building Regulations standards for both impact and airborne sound insulation performance however the following points should be considered to ensure the performance of the floors is not compromised:

- Ideally downlighters should be avoided. If they are required they should be no more than 1 downlight per 2m2 of ceiling area;
- Skirting boards should be fixed so that they loosely sit on top of the flanking isolation strip;
- Ensure all air gaps are sealed with a non-hardening mastic;
- Ensure floor treatment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure that internal walls do not penetrate the sub floor or ceiling plasterboard and is built

up to the underside only.

- Electrical sockets should be installed in a staggered configuration at a minimum distance of 600mm from one another. Sockets should not be installed in a 'back-to-back' configuration.
- Wall cavities should remain clear of rubble and debris in order to maintain the acoustic separation of the leaves.

Ground Floor up to first floor:

Exiting timber joist floor with existing ceiling. Existing timber joists to have 150mm acoustic insulation laid between the joists. Under the ceiling a newly constructed independent ceiling will be created with timber joists. The timber joists are to have a minimal gap of 25mm from the top of the timbers to the underside of the existing ceiling. 100mm Rockwool RWA45 insulation is added in the newly created void. The ceiling is then closed with 2 x layers 12.5mm FireLine plasterboard. The expected airborne dB rating for this type of ceiling is 50dB or higher. This is above the required +5dB airborne improvement over the regulations. The expected dB rating for impact is 58dB. This is above the -5dB impact improvement over the required rating for building regulations. Attached below are the predicted sound insulation values

Separating Wall Constructions

It is understood that the proposed Wall construction to be used between apartments is as follows:

Separating Element Description	Wall Construction	R _w +C _{tr} dB
Party Wall	• Two layers of 2x15mm British Gypsum SoundBloc, resilient bar, 90mm stud with mineral wool between, resilient bar, two layers of plasterboard.	56

- 3mm Plaster Skim
- 1no. of 12.5 Fireline plasterboard
- 1no. of 15mm Sound bloc plasterboard
- 100mm Masonry Wall/ 90mm timber stud with mineral wool
- 16mm resilient bars
- 1no. of 12.5 Fireline Plasterboard

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- 3mm Plaster Skim
- 1no. of 12.5 Fireline plasterboard
- 1no. of 15mm Sound bloc plasterboard
- 100mm Masonry Wall/ 90mm timber stud with mineral wool
- 15mm Gap
- independent studwork lining using 100mm x 50mm treated timbers with head & sole plates and noggins at 400mm centres
- Wall to be lined with 30mm total thickness of 10kg/m² plasterboard with staggered joints
- 35mm of mineral wool quilt density 10kg/m³ in the cavity between studs
- 3mm Plaster Skim

Upgrading existing single skin separating wall

The existing walls must be checked for stability and be free from defects as required by the Building Control Officer. Provide a scratch coat render to existing wall. Construct an independent studwork lining using 100mm x 50mm treated timbers with head & sole plates and noggins at 400mm centres, leaving a gap of 15mm between the wall and the inner face of the studwork to ensure that airborne sound transmission is reduced. Seal the perimeter with tape or sealant. Wall to be lined with 30mm total thickness of 10kg/m² plasterboard with staggered joints and with at least 35mm of mineral wool quilt density 10kg/m³ in the cavity between studs. Finish with 3mm plaster skim. The independent panel and its supporting frame must not be in contact with the existing wall.

UPGRADING SINGLE SKIN PARTY WALL (warm adjoining space)



Upgrading existing single skin separating wall (Timber)

Approved Document E Wall Type 4.1

Construct two parallel timber frames using 100mm x 50mm head & sole plates and vertical studs (with

noggins) at 400mm centres, or to Structural Engineer's details & calculations, ensuring a minimum distance of 200mm is provided between inside faces of the two frames. Provide two layers of plasterboard with staggered joints each side of frame, each sheet to have a minimum mass per unit area 10kg/m² (for example Gyproc Soundbloc). Provide 50mm of mineral wool batts, Crown Acoustic Partition Roll or Isowool APR 1200, with a minimum density 10kg/m³ between the studs of the frames. Stagger all sockets on opposite sides of the separating wall by a min of 150mm. Care to be taken at junctions to block air paths using timber blocking or joists as detailed in Approved Document E.

TIMBER FRAMED SEPARATING WALL



Junctions and Penetration Details

In order to guarantee that the wall's ability to insulate sound is not jeopardised, interfaces between walls and all other surrounding elements should be constructed. Mineral wool should be tightly packed into any gaps, and silicone caulk or another flexible sealant should be used to cover all connections.

A soft, non-hardening sealant should be used to seal the perimeter connections of all ceiling soffits. A 3 mm gap at the perimeter of the ceiling should be filled with a compressed foam "backer" rod for optimal performance. To make a seal around the perimeter of the ceiling, this should then be sealed with a single bead of flexible sealant.



Pipes and Penetrations

Where any ducts, pipes, conduits or other services penetrate either walls or floors, provide an air-tight seal between the service and partition using a flexible sealant. All gaps should be tightly packed with mineral wool and sealed with plasterboard pattress and mastic seal.

Floor penetrations

Pipe services and ducts which pass through separating floors should be surrounded with 25mm sound absorbent mineral wool and enclosed in a duct of two layers of Gyproc FireLine board having a mass per unit area of at least 15kg/m² for their full height. Seal the joint between the casing and ceiling with tape. Gas services may require ventilation and should be installed in accordance with The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998.

Door Requirements

Doors having an acoustic performance rating would be necessary in cases where a certain level of sound insulation is thought to be necessary. Table displays recommendations for the required sound insulation performance of door units to be put in the most sensitive areas.

R _w (dB)	Typical Door Construction
29-30 for all apartment entrance doors	Solid core timber door, with drop seals and gaskets, or high quality acoustic perimeter and threshold seals
25-27 for all internal doors	Solid core timber door, foam tape seals around the perimeter

Some general points that should be followed regarding the acoustic performance of doors are as follows.

- Non-hardening caulk should be used to seal joints airtight
- If hollow metal frames are used, they should be fibre- or grout-filled
- Doors should be gasketed around the entire perimeter to be airtight when closed
- Seals should be adjustable to compensate for wear, thermal movement, settlement of building structure and other factors that cause misalignment of the doors
- Good quality hydraulic closers should be fitted on all doors likely to be subjected to heavy use.

Conclusion

The Layout and specifications for the proposed development at **18 BRENT ROAD, SOUTHALL. MIDDX. UB2 5JX**, have been reviewed and suitable acoustic specifications have been determined.

In order to ensure that the ADE:2003 +5dB requirement is met, it was determined that, despite taking a realistic approach to the actual needs of the various spaces, it was necessary to refine the acoustic provision of some elements, such as the acoustic detailing of Floor, Walls and junctions, beyond the currently proposed base build specification.

Ground Floor up to first floor:

- Detail C

the +5dB required.

Notes:

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Flat 1 - 41.41 m² (1 Bedroom/1Person - GIA requirement 39(37)* m²) Flat 2 - 58.53 m² (1 Bedroom/2Person - GIA requirement 58m²)

Where necessary SoundBloc plasterboard may be replaced with Fire Rated plasterboard. Seal all gaps with mastic. Acoustic mastic is not necessary but may be used. If spot lights are to be used in the ceilings it is recommended that acoustic spot lights are used or Acoustic Hoods for the spot lights.

Site Address GENERAL NOTES: Title: 1. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETER. 18 Brent Road 2. VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AND CONDITIONS BEFORE BUILDING OR Southall. STARTING CONSTRUCTION. NOTIFY THE DESIGNER IMMEDIATELY OF ANY **Proposed Ground Floor Plan** UB2 5JX DISCREPANCY OR VARIATION. 3. ALL WORK TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT BUILDING REGULATIONS AND CODES OF PRACTICE

Wall separating Flat-1 & Flat-2 at Ground Floor Entrance

This detail consists of 15mm SoundBloc over 18mm fibreboard. 16mm resilient bars fixed to metal studs with 50mm rockwool 33kg/m₃insulation between the studs, then 18mm medium density fibreboard and 15mm SoundBloc

Existing neighbouring wall - detail E

The existing party wall is of cavity brick and block construction. This will be upgraded with 25mm x 50mm timber battens fixed directly to the wall, with 62.5mm Celotoex PL4000 insulated plasterboard fixed to the timber battens. The expected dB rating for this type of wall is 52dB. This is above the +5dB required

Ground floor entrance wall between Flat 1 and Communal Area - Detail F

The existing wall between ground Floor communal Area and front bedroom at ground floor flat-1 is a 225mm solid brick wall. This is to be upgraded with a 100mm independent timber frame wall to one side, with 35mm 10kg/m3 mineral wool and then closed with 2 x 15mm layers of plasterboard. This expected dB rating for this wall type is 50dB. This meets

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Sound Insulation Prediction (v9.0.24)

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Mass-air-mass resonant frequency = =50 Hz, 77 Hz Panel Size = 2.7 m x 4.0 m Partition surface mass = 55.6 kg/m²

System description

Panel 1 : 1 x 18 mm HardBoard

Frame: Timber stud (90 mm x 45 mm), Stud spacing 600 mm ; Cavity Width 90 mm , 1 x Fibreglass (10kg/m3) 60mm Thickness 10 mm Panel 2 : 2 x 15 mm Gyproc Fireline 15mm

Frame: Separate Joists (20 mm x 45 mm), Stud spacing 600 mm ; Cavity Width 90 mm , 1 x Fibreglass (10kg/m3) 60mm Thickness 60 mm Panel 3 : 2 x 10 mm Plasterboard

freq.(Hz)	R(dB)	R(dB)
50	14	
63	18	17
80	25	
100	39	
125	46	43
160	53	
200	59	
250	65	63
315	70	
400	74	
500	78	77
630	82	
800	86	
1000	89	89
1250	94	
1600	104	
2000	107	106
2500	108	
3150	107	
4000	103	106
5000	116	

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Notes:

 Rw
 59
 dB

 C
 -2 dB

 Ctr
 -6 dB

Mass-air-mass resonant frequency = =46 Hz Panel Size = 2.7 m x 4.0 m Partition surface mass = 56.3 kg/m²

System description

Panel 1 : 1 x 15 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm

+ 1 x 18 mm Gypsemna Fire Wall

Frame: Timber stud + Resilient rail/bar (78 mm x 45 mm), Stud spacing 600 mm ; Cavity Width 90 mm , 1 x Rockwool (33kg/m3) Thickness 50 mm Panel 2 : 1 x 18 mm Gypsemna Fire Wall + 1 x 15 mm Gyproc SoundBloc 15mm

freq.	(Hz)	R(dE	3)	R(dB)	
50		15			
63		22		19	
80		30			
100)	36			
125	5	41		39	
160)	45			
200)	49			
250)	52		51	
315	5	54			
400)	57			
500)	59		59	
630)	61			
800)	62			
100)0	64		63	
125	50	64			
160	0	63			
200)0	56		58	
250	00	57			
315	50	61			
400	00	65		64	
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freq.(Hz)	R(dB)	R(dB)
50	35	
63	42	39
80	46	
100	51	
125	56	54
160	55	
200	54	
250	55	55
315	55	
400	55	
500	62	59
630	64	
800	66	
1000	68	68
1250	71	
1600	73	
2000	76	75
2500	79	
3150	76	
4000	77	77
5000	78	

Sound Insulation Prediction (v9.0.24)

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Notes:

 Rw
 66
 dB

 C
 -2 dB
 -2 dB

 Ctr
 -8 dB
 -8 dB

Mass-air-mass resonant frequency = =59 Hz , 63 Hz Panel Size = 2.7 m x 4.0 m Partition surface mass = 295 kg/m²

System description

Panel 1 : 2 x 12.5 mm Gyproc Wallboard 12.5mm

Frame: Timber stud (90 mm x 45 mm), Stud spacing $\,$ 600 mm ; Cavity Width 90 mm Panel 2 $\,$: 1 x 140 mm Concrete Block

Frame: Timber stud (90 mm x 45 mm), Stud spacing $\,$ 600 mm ; Cavity Width 90 mm Panel 3 $\,$: 2 x 12.5 mm Gyproc Wallboard 12.5mm

$f_{rec} = (1 + 1)$		
Treq.(HZ)		R(dB)
50	24	
63	18	22
80	33	
100	40	
125	46	44
160	52	
200	55	
250	58	57
315	61	
400	63	
500	65	65
630	66	
800	68	
1000	69	69
1250	71	
1600	72	
2000	72	71
2500	70	
3150	64	
4000	81	69
5000	83	

Frame: Timber stud (94 mm x 47 mm), Stud spacing 600 mm ; Cavity Width 94 mm , 1 x fibreglass (10kg/m3) Thickness 35 mm Panel 2 : 2 x 15 mm Gyproc Fireline 15mm

freq.(Hz)	R(dB)	R(dB)	
50	28		
63	25	24	
80	21		
100	33		
125	41	37	
160	46		
200	48		
250	47	45	
315	42		
400	44		
500	47	46	
630	49		
800	52		
1000	54	54	
1250	56		
1600	58		
2000	59	59	
2500	58		
3150	72		
4000	75	74	
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