



GroundHog UK, Factory 2, Port Talbot

Quote prepared for:

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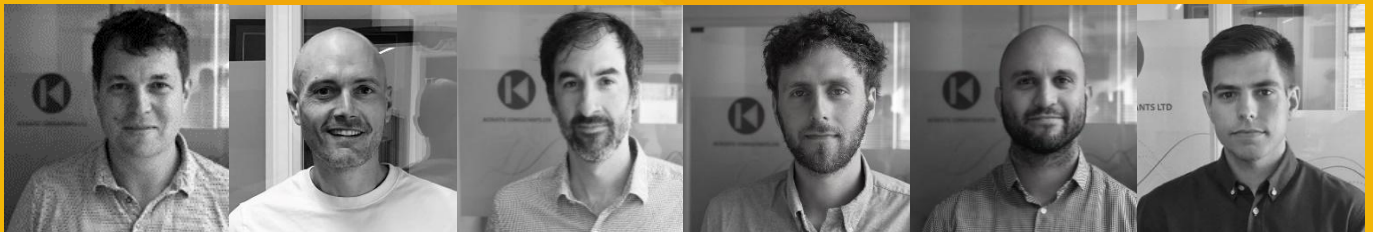
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We are the longest established consultancy in the South West and have a significant repeat client base across Wales and the rest of England. Internationally, we have worked on a number of projects in the Middle East and Europe. These include schools, worship spaces, high specification laboratories and office schemes.

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As a consultancy we aim to provide pragmatic and successful advice to ensure all developments, small or large, are successful and provide good acoustic conditions without over engineering.

We have consultants based in Bristol, Manchester, Cardiff and London who are well positioned to cover projects across the entire of the UK. As a company ethos we ensure no member concentrates on one specific area of noise and acoustics. This ensures all employees gain valuable experience in the field and are capable of assisting clients with their queries.



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Dear Paul,

Further to the enquiry from Nick I am pleased to provide our fee proposal for the noise assessment in support of the proposed extension of GroundHog UK Ltd in Port Talbot.

Based on the information currently available we believe that to support the Condition 4 discharge of the application the noise impact assessment will need to set noise limits for external plant and internal operations as well as demonstrating that the latter can be adequately controlled through the fabric of the building (the former will be controlled via condition).

Based on the existing use we would not expect external vehicle movements to be materially different from the B8 use and therefore will not need to be considered. If this changes then we will provide fees for this additional assessment.

The full scope of works is as follows:

1. Site Survey

We would undertake one partially attended noise monitoring exercise to determine noise levels at carefully selected locations on and around the site. We would undertake one noise survey over a minimum of a 24-hour period at a location representative of the noise sensitive residential properties to the West. We will survey background sound levels during the survey.

For the monitoring, Class 1 Sound Level Meters will be used. The instrumentation will be fully calibrated by the manufacturer, or other approved body, as required by the British Standard, with current calibration certificates.

We would require a suitably secure location to leave the equipment; this will likely be the boundary of the application site.

To assess the noise impact, it will be necessary to determine noise levels from internal operational activities.

We understand that the operator has an existing adjacent site in which we propose to attend at same time. We will use this data to inform our assessment.

2. Noise Impact Assessment

We would provide a noise impact assessment of the site on the nearby sensitive receivers. The impact of the plant would be assessed using the baseline noise levels, PPW, TAN11, British Standard 4142:2014, World Health Organisation Guidelines and British Standard 8233:2014.

We would determine suitable noise limits for different times of day, evening and night based on the proposed working hours.

Based upon the operational noise survey data and details of the building construction that are required to be provided to us, we would predict noise emission through the building fabric to noise sensitive receptors.



If the predicted levels are higher than acceptable, we would provide noise mitigation measures in the form of building fabric upgrades, operational measures or internal treatment in outline only for further development at later design stages.

We would issue a report for comment providing the results of the study for your submission to the Local Authority.

3. Fees

This proposal is based on a contract and fee in accordance with the Association of Consulting Engineers Short Form Agreement 2015 for reports and advisory work. This is essentially on a time and expenses basis. If an alternative form of contract is required, additional fees may be required and we can advise of these if issued with a draft contract. The proposal is valid for 60 days.

The proposed fixed fee (including expenses) for the above noted elements is:

Terms of Appointment

If we were to be appointed, the terms of appointment will be dependent on our in house checks and existing client's payment history. Our terms are typically:

- New clients/indirect appointments will be on a pro-forma basis, with payment before works are carried out.
- For existing clients, our payment terms are 30 days. We would require a letter of appointment or a purchase order (on company letterhead) **directly from the party we are to invoice.**

If the form of appointment received is not considered appropriate by us, we would work on a pro-forma basis.

Our terms would be confirmed to the client at the start of each project.

We reserve the right to amend the terms of appointment of this fee proposal.

4. Additional Information

Insurance

Additional Work

Any additional work not stated within this fee proposal will be charged at the following rate



Our fee includes for one review of the design to be supplied in one clear and concise drawing pack issued directly to us for review. Any additions or revisions subsequent to our review may incur additional fees.

For more details, please see our website at www.acoustic-ltd.co.uk.

I thank you for your enquiry and trust that this is generally in accordance with your requirements and look forward to your response. Please contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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