Dust

- Dust can be emitted from a number of site activities including – plant and vehicle movements, cutting activities, demolition, storage / stockpiling of silty material / refurbishment activities / landscaping and gardening / cleaning activities.
  - Where possible, reduce dust emissions at source e.g. limit stockpiling, use appropriate tools for cutting, seal or re-vegetate earthworks as soon as possible etc.
  - Damp down dusty atmospheres with water as appropriate – localised dust suppression (remember this may have a knock-on effect causing a discharge to water).
  - Inform the Site Supervisor/building officer in charge should dust become a problem or where there have been complaints of dust for immediate action.
  - Ensure appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Noise

- Noise limits are often set in Contract Documents and should be adhered to. Noise emitting plant and equipment, piling activities and traffic may cause problems for neighbours. As a rule of thumb, if you have to shout to make yourself heard on site then noise levels are probably about 75 – 80dB.
  - Where contract working hours have been set in order to limit noise exposure to neighbours, teaching and exam activities these should be adhered to at all times.
  - Refer to BS 5228 Noise Control on Construction and Open Sites.
  - Refer to specific instructions given to you by the Building Officer/Site Supervisor.
  - Any noisy plant identified that requires maintenance should be reported to the Building Officer/Site Supervisor as soon as possible.
  - Complaints of excess noise must also be reported immediately to the Building Officer/Site Supervisor.
  - Personal noise exposure over 80dB(A) has a health and safety implication. Ensure that the Health and Safety Method Statement is adhered to.

Nuisances

- Operatives should be made aware of any special requirements in the contract documents regarding the reduction or elimination of nuisances – for example, any special timing requirements for projects. Any complaints must be notified to the Building Officer/Site Supervisor.