



Noise Management Statement

Our Commitment

We are committed to keeping noise levels low at our cookery school at the lowest levels possible, and making sure residents are not disturbed. Our noise impact survey shows that activity at the farm makes an **imperceptible or negligible change to noise levels in the area** - however, noise from background music inside the marquee, guests arriving, leaving and participating in our experiences and catering and delivery activity will be carefully managed and monitored whenever our experiences are live.

How We Will Manage Noise

- **Music:** Only quiet background music will be played inside the marquee. Speakers will point inwards so sound does not travel.
- **Closing Times:** No late-night music or sound checks.
- **Visitors:** Security and staff will encourage people to leave quietly and respect neighbours.
- **Deliveries:** All deliveries and waste collections will take place in daytime hours only.
- **Marquee Design:** The marquee structure helps keep sound contained.

Licensing Conditions regarding Noise

Environmental Protection have requested that the following conditions from our Operational Plan be added to our premises license;

- The large majority of class activity will take place within the closed marquee to help contain noise, with occasional outside activities and outside seating.
- Amplified music will be strictly noise limited to background level. This is to be monitored by the Production/Experience Manager.
- Staff will be instructed to keep noise levels down during morning setup and evening breakdown.
- Deliveries and collections will be scheduled between 10:00am and 6:00pm only
- Any use of microphones will be limited to demonstrator communication and kept at a reasonable volume.
- Signage will be displayed at exits reminding participants to leave quietly.

These will be legal conditions to which we are bound.

Summary of Detail Noise Survey

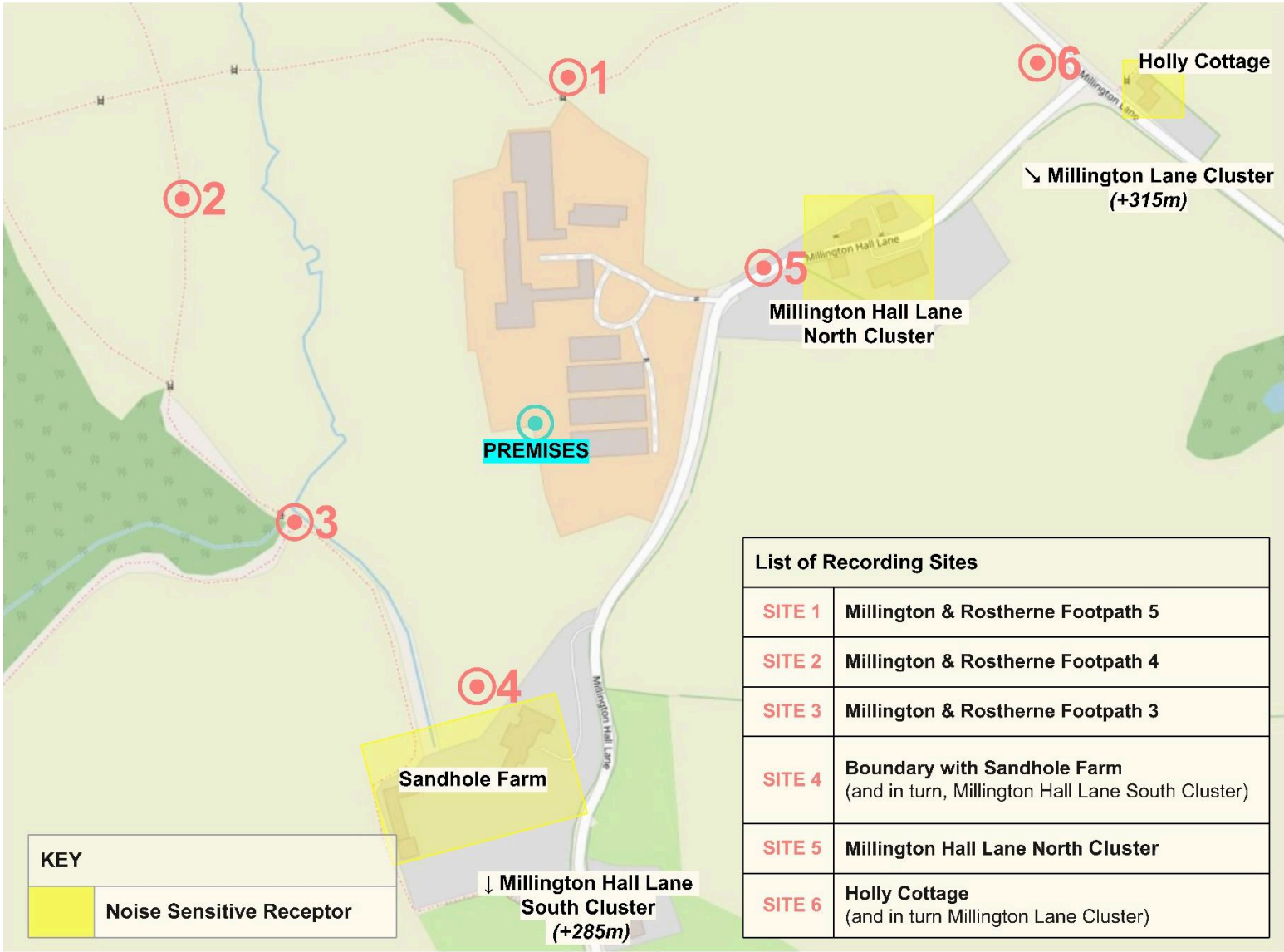
To properly assess our noise impact in the community, we undertook detail noise surveys at the below locations. We took baseline recordings while no activity was taking place at the farm, and repeated the survey with activity which simulates normal cookery school activity of 15 persons talking & music at the maximum possible volume of our sound system. (Though our music levels in reality will be much lower, we used these levels to fully stress test the noise impact of the farm).

Baseline levels in the area are quite high, due to major contributing factors like takeoff traffic from runway 05R of Manchester Airport, road traffic from the A556 bypass and Millington Lane and high winds (at all footpath recording points).

When we ran our simulated noise activity, **average and maximum noise levels did not increase** and activity at the farm contributed in no perceptible way to the general levels recorded.

**The recordings were taken using a calibrated noise meter and have been processed through our noise meter software, DecibelX.*

Detail Noise Surveys



	Baseline Recordings (no farm activity)			Simulation Recordings		Decibel Change	
	Average	Max	Noise Sources	Average	Max	Average	Max
SITE 1	74.9 dB	87.2 dB	Wind, Farm Activity, Air Traffic	55.4 dB	62.1 dB	No increase	No increase
SITE 2	59.1 dB	67.3 dB	Wind, Air Traffic	57.0 dB	68.9 dB	No increase	+1.6 dB
SITE 3	55.4 dB	64.9 dB	Wind, Air Traffic	54.5 dB	62.5 dB	No increase	No increase
SITE 4	54.8 dB	63.0 dB	Air Traffic, Road Traffic	53.4 dB	61.7 dB	No increase	No increase
SITE 5	48.1 dB	52.2 dB	Air Traffic, Road Traffic	Pending results			
SITE 6	75.7 dB	91.8 dB	Road Traffic (roadside proximity)	59.5 dB	68.3 dB	No increase	No increase