

The background of the slide is a photograph of a demolition site. A large yellow excavator is visible in the center, surrounded by rubble and debris. The sky is clear and blue. A large blue circle is overlaid on the image, containing the main title and subtitle.

MANAGING DEMOLITION & CONSTRUCTION RISK

Section 61 Consultancy Advice



CAPTURING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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If you are about to begin demolition or construction, you will need to consider how this will impact your surrounding neighbours and how you will manage and mitigate noise, vibration and dust emissions from your site.

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Tony Selwyn - Head of Environmental Planning



WHAT IS A S61?

The legal answer:

A Section 61 refers to 'Prior consent for work on construction sites' under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. Under Section 60 the local authority can serve a notice dictating the type of plant, hours and noise levels for the works – this can also result in a site being 'abated' causing works to cease immediately.

Non-compliance with a Section 60 notice can result in an offence against the Act. Having a Section 61 confirms you have discussed and agreed your operating time, noise levels and best practice mitigation with the Council, and have a defence against any notice served under Section 60 (a situation you will have hopefully avoided).

The crux of it:

A consent issued as a result of working with your local authority to ensure your site will operate efficiently and won't cause adverse effects to your neighbours resulting in your site being shut down and/or possibly fined.

DO I NEED A S61?

If you are undertaking noisy activities such as breaking during demolition or piling in construction which could disrupt your neighbour, then we would advise obtaining a Section 61 to mitigate the risk of project delays.

A S61 ISN'T SPECIFIED IN MY PLANNING CONDITIONS, IS IT STILL REQUIRED?

If you have been issued with a consent, you might find a requirement for a construction environmental management plan. We would advise producing a Section 61 application alongside this before you begin works, otherwise you might find yourself required to meet noise levels that aren't reflective of demolition and construction activities.

DO I NEED TO MONITOR MY SITE?

As part of a Section 61 you may be required to monitor your noise and vibration levels to ensure you are compliant with your consent. This creates an evidence based approach. You will also need to know the baseline noise of the site so you can see what predicted noise levels might be.

WHAT SORT OF INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

We can work with you to prepare a Section 61. We will need to know broadly what you will be doing, how you will be doing it, what plant machinery will be in use and for how long – what percentage of time each day, and how you will mitigate the impacts created.

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