

Public views sought on proposed amendments to Noise Control Ordinance on control over domestic renovation noise

The Environment Protection Department (EPD) today (December 18) released a consultation paper on the proposed amendments to the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO) on control over noise from domestic renovations. The public consultation will last for two months until February 17, 2024. Members of the public are welcome to offer their views.

A spokesman for the EPD said that the public has been very concerned about issues arising from domestic renovation noise. Most residents live in multi-storey buildings that are densely built, and so noise nuisance from domestic renovations of various scales is almost inevitable. As stated in the 2022 Policy Address, the Government proposed to place control over domestic renovation noise. After consulting with the trade, two proposals of tightened legislative control over the use and operation time of percussive tools (see attachment) have been put forward to mitigate the noise impact of renovation works on nearby residents.

The consultation paper is available on the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/noise/pub_consult/home_renovation.html). Public views on the proposed amendments can be submitted to the EPD as detailed in the consultation document within the consultation period.