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Prepared for Darus Salam Mosque

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HI, BETTOOL

Thank you for considering our services.

Within this document you'll find the quote you requested as well as our detailed scope of work, so that you can be sure we have understood your requirements.

We aren't a faceless corporation, so you'll also find some information about dBx Acoustics Ltd, and our team, to give you a flavour of who you'll be working with.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. If you're happy to proceed, you can e-sign this proposal and we'll be in touch to get your project underway!

Sincerely,

Susan Witterick

dBx Acoustics Ltd

ABOUT US

dBx Acoustics was founded in 2013 with the aim of providing high quality acoustic design and advice, while remaining practical, approachable, and good to work with.

Our team is based in central Manchester and Reading, and we work on projects nationwide, from Truro to Thurso. All of our consultants hold appropriate qualifications in acoustics and are members of the Institute of Acoustics at the relevant level.

Our capability extends from planning noise impact assessments through facade and ventilation design, sound insulation and room acoustics, to M&E noise control. We have worked on projects as diverse as motion capture studios, co-working spaces, hospitals and schools as well as numerous residential schemes and offices.

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT



PROFESSIONALISM

Our consultants are appropriately qualified and are members of the Institute of Acoustics. You can be sure that we have the expertise and experience to tackle whatever you throw at us.



QUALITY

We take our responsibilities towards our clients seriously. That's why we are quality certified to BS EN ISO 9001:2015 and are accredited via UKAS (laboratory number 9473) to carry out sound insulation testing. We also hold BS EN ISO 14001:2015 environmental management certification.



RESULTS

We'll always do our best to help you without using too much confusing jargon. We'll explain the results of our work to you clearly, and make sure you have the information you need.

WHAT WE UNDERSTAND

You'll find our detailed scope of work on the following page, but here is a summary of our understanding of the current status of your project, and your required outcomes.

DETAILS

1. Sound insulation testing required to discharge planning conditions associated with the Darus Salam Mosque.
2. Extension to the mosque with an adjacent office space.
3. Local Authority: Manchester City Council

DELIVERABLES

1. Sound insulation testing.
2. Written report for submission to the Local Authority.

DEADLINES

1. Understood to be required ASAP.
 2. We anticipate 4/10/2022 if instructed 3/10/22, or another date organised ASAP.
 3. Please note that invoices must be paid in full before test reports can be released.
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SCOPE OF WORK

NOISE SURVEY AND SOUND INSULATION TESTING

- Attend site to measure the sound insulation performance of the wall separating the office from the mosque.
- Measure noise levels of a typical reading/service, with additional measurements of a worst case situation, if different.
- Please note that one visit to site has been allowed for.
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DELIVERABLES

- Provide a written report detailing the above for submission to the Local Authority.

TESTIMONIALS

Read some of the warm feedback we have received from our many satisfied clients.

DAVID GEORGE

FALCONER
CHESTER HALL

"Working with dBx Acoustics has been great. They have quickly grasped the issues of the projects reacted well and been proactive in reaching a collaborative successful solution. I would recommend dBx Acoustics."

JAMES ALDERSON

HEAD OF
MULBURY CITY

"Great design support and advice from Susan and her team. I highly recommend the use of dBx Acoustics for all acoustic works."

JOANNA HOLLAND

H&C CONSULTANCY

"I am happy to recommend dBx Acoustics. Their support on our development project was essential. The work was provided quickly and to a very high standard. Above all their pragmatic approach to providing low cost solutions to satisfy planning conditions was excellent."

PRICING & FEES

Our fees are inclusive of all travel expenses, instrumentation and sundries, but exclusive of VAT which will be added to your invoice.

Unless otherwise agreed, our appointment will be in accordance with our standard Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is enclosed.

Where meetings and/or site visits are included within our fee this is clearly detailed within our scope above. Additional meetings and site visits will be charged individually, as shown in the table below.

Description	Price	Qty	Subtotal
☒ Noise Survey and Noise Impact Assessment			£450
Total			£450

SITE CHECKLIST

In order to avoid a wasted visit to site and consequent additional fees, we will require the following checklist to be completed before attending site.

WHAT IS INVOLVED

The test is carried out between pairs of rooms separated by a wall or floor. It involves setting up a noise source in the room on one side of the separating wall or floor and measuring this noise on the other side of the partition. We will require simultaneous access to both sides of the wall or floor.

REQUIRED SITE CONDITIONS

Quiet conditions will be required, with no work at all near the rooms in question. Staff should be informed of the noise test programme and be prepared to leave punctually as required. External noisy activity within control of the site manager should be stopped. dBx Acoustics Ltd should also be informed of any other noisy activity likely to be occurring on the test day (where possible) e.g. road works. The tests are likely to last several hours, depending on the number of tests involved. dBx Acoustics staff will advise.

Please complete the table below and sign to confirm acceptable site conditions. Please contact us with any queries.

24 hours' notice of difficulties on site is normally required to avoid incurring fees for abortive tests. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserve the right to charge additional fees for extended time on site if the below site conditions are not met.

Required Condition	Confirmed
Windows are complete with locks in place and closable	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Window trickle vents are in place and closable	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Room and front doors are in place and closable	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Power, TV/satellite, telephone sockets etc. on party wall are in place if appropriate	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
All wall surfaces in rooms to be tested are complete	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Floors and ceiling surfaces are complete (not including carpets), cornice and skirting boards are in place	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Carpets have NOT been laid in rooms where floors are to be tested	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
240v power sockets are live or 110v is available in each test room (if 110v only please provide 48 hours notice)	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Smoke alarm detectors must not bleep during tests (preferably deactivated)	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Rooms to be tested must be clear of building materials and furniture	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)
Site staff made aware that no noise will be permitted during the tests	 2022-10-03 19:10:34 (BST)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - SOUND INSULATION TESTING

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1. Definitions

1.1. "dBx Acoustics Ltd" OR "dBx Acoustics" shall mean dBx Acoustics Ltd, registered address Beehive Mill, Jersey Street, Manchester M4 6JG, its employees, subcontractors or agents.

1.2. "The client" shall mean person(s), firm or corporate body that instructs dBx Acoustics Ltd to perform the test, investigation, research or similar.

1.3. 'Agreed' shall mean agreed between the client and dBx Acoustics Ltd.

2. General

2.1. These conditions shall apply to all work undertaken by dBx Acoustics Ltd. No additions or variations shall apply, unless agreed in writing.

2.2. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to decline an order without providing a reason.

2.3. All contracts may be terminated prior to completion by providing 1 months' notice. The client shall be responsible for all costs accumulated up to the date of termination.

3. Quotations & Charges

3.1. All charges shall be in accordance with a quotation provided by dBx Acoustics Ltd.

3.2. Quotations shall be valid for a period of 6 months, unless otherwise agreed.

3.3. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to amend all quotations, due to cost fluctuations such as staff salary changes or travel expenses.

3.4. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to charge additional fees for any works requested that fall outside of the agreed fees and scope of works provided. dBx Acoustics Ltd requests acceptance of any additional fees and provision of a valid purchase order prior to commencement of said works. This includes for any revisions to works undertaken and issued previously that are required as a result of changes to specification or design.

3.5. The normal working day of dBx Acoustics Ltd 'testing' operatives is 09:00–17:00, Monday-Friday. If the on-site duration extends beyond standard working hours, dBx Acoustics Ltd will charge the full test fee(s) plus the out-of-hours fee.

3.6. The normal working day of dBx Acoustics Ltd office-based staff, including consultants, is 09:00-17:30, Monday-Friday. It should not be expected that contact be made with dBx Acoustics Ltd employees outside of this timeframe.

4. Testing

4.1. All equipment shall be tested regularly in accordance with the relevant British Standards Institution, or other recognised body, to ensure compliance.

4.2. By prior agreement, all tests may be witnessed by a representative of the client or client's agent. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall be entitled to charge for subsequent costs incurred.

4.3. The client shall be responsible for ensuring that dBx Acoustics Ltd has the correct permission to be on site to complete all necessary testing/inspections.

4.4. The client shall ensure that the owners/occupiers have sufficient insurance to cover all liabilities arising from:

- injury to dBx Acoustics Ltd staff whilst on site
- accidental damage to dBx Acoustics Ltd's equipment/property whilst on site
- damage or injury to third party whilst on site.

4.5 The client will accept dBx Acoustics Ltd's judgement and decisions in ensuring the tests are conducted and reported on correctly. The client will not attempt to influence dBx Acoustics Ltd.

5. Certification of Test Data

5.1. No report or certification produced by dBx Acoustics Ltd may be used for advertising or other publication without written consent from dBx Acoustics Ltd.

6. Assessment and Consultancy

6.1. All consultancy and assessment work shall be undertaken by, or overseen and approved by persons accredited by relevant bodies to undertake the scheduled works. Evidence of relevant accreditation can be obtained from the relevant accreditation/certification bodies.

6.2. BREEAM and Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) assessments include for assessment of performance only and dBx Acoustics Ltd does not hold responsibility for ensuring compliance with any specified targets.

6.3. Any assistance provided by dBx Acoustics Ltd in order to meet any compliance targets does not constitute design advice: it is the responsibility of the client, designer or design team to ensure that any advice given is practicable and in line with other stipulated requirements and regulations.

6.4. Accuracy and/or correctness of results/reports issued by dBx Acoustics Ltd is based upon the relevant information provided by the Client (including members of design team) at the time of the works being carried out. The Client retains responsibility for ensuring that information provided is up to date and accurate at all times. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to charge for the amendment of reports or calculations due to incorrect information provided by the Client at the time of any assessment.

6.5 dBx Acoustics Ltd issues all completed reports in pdf format via email. dBx Acoustics Ltd can provide on request 1No. printed hard copy report free of charge. If further hard copies are required, these can be supplied via an external printing firm. All costs for this service will be forwarded to the client and agreed before releasing reports for printing.

7. Intellectual Property

7.1. Acceptance of any works relates to the procurement of final issued reports by dBx Acoustics Ltd only. Any computational modelling, testing, or supplementary calculations required to facilitate the generation of any report remain the intellectual property of dBx Acoustics Ltd. Any release of this information is entirely at the discretion of dBx Acoustics Ltd and may incur additional cost agreed by all parties at a relevant time.

8. Cancellation

8.1. Tests

8.1.1. If the test is cancelled or postponed on the agreed test date as a result of an incomplete building or lack of access, 100% of the applicable test fee is chargeable.

8.1.2. If the test is postponed or cancelled within two days of the test date, 50% of the full test fee will be payable.

8.1.3. Any cancellation/postponement due to adverse weather will not incur a cancellation fee.

8.2. Assessment and Consultancy Works

8.2.1. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to invoice the client for any works which have been instructed and are subsequently cancelled where any work has been undertaken.

8.2.2. Where any works are formally placed on hold by the client for any reason outside of the control of dBx Acoustics Ltd, dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to charge a fee reflective of the works undertaken to the point at which the works are placed on hold.

8.2.3. Where information required to complete works is not forthcoming after a period of 6 weeks from first request and dBx Acoustics Ltd are unable to continue to progress any assessment or consultancy works, dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to formally place the works on hold, at which point item 8.2.1 becomes valid.

8.2.4. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall require a formal confirmation in writing that any works previously placed on hold are to recommence. dBx Acoustics Ltd reserves the right to amend any previous quotations and agreed timescales at this point.

8.2.5. Should it become apparent that any form of assessment of a project will not meet any previously determined targets upon completion of construction works, dBx Acoustics Ltd shall advise at the earliest opportunity and shall invoice for the full value of any stage of assessment for which dBx Acoustics Ltd is currently engaged.

9. External certification/accreditation fees

9.1. All certification fees stated within any quote are correct as of the date of quotation and are subject to change by relevant certification bodies. Any changes to certification/ accreditation fees shall be passed on to the client with no uplift at the point of invoicing.

10. Confidentiality

10.1. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall treat all information obtained from the client, tests and investigations as confidential; no such information shall be disclosed to a third party without prior approval from the client.

11. Limitations of Liability

11.1. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall exercise due care, reasonable skill and diligence in order to complete all work, producing reports and providing guidance. However, dBx Acoustics Ltd shall not be liable for any loss of earnings or damage, whether direct or indirect, arising from the use of reports, certificates, information or advice issued by dBx Acoustics Ltd.

11.2. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall not be liable for loss, expense or damage incurred by the client, resulting from a delay in completing the test, investigation or consultancy.

11.3. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall not be liable for loss or damages to the property arising from the test.

12. Payment

12.1. Payment terms are as follows:

12.2. dBx Acoustics Ltd will invoice upon instruction to commence work. Test results and report will not be released to the Client until payment is received in full.

12.3. dBx Acoustics Ltd shall be entitled to charge interest at 2% above the Bank of England lending rate on accounts, of any sum, outstanding for more than 14 days and unjustifiably withheld.

READY TO START?

Just click below to sign, and we'll be in touch to get started.


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Darus Salam Mosque

 SIGNATURE
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