Noise Management Plan

Albert Square Christmas 2026 – Fun Fair Attractions
The Giant Wheel Company Ltd.

1. Event Overview

The Giant Wheel Company Ltd. proposes to operate festive fun fair rides and attractions within Albert Square, Manchester, as part of the Manchester Christmas Markets 2026. The attractions may feature low-level background music and/or festive sound effects.

The site is surrounded by commercial, hospitality, and residential premises. This Noise Management Plan sets out measures to minimise any impact of music and operational noise on the surrounding community.

2. Maximum Noise Levels & Monitoring

• Noise Limits:
  - Amplified music or festive soundtracks will be maintained at a maximum level of 70 dB(A) at the nearest noise-sensitive receptor (e.g., nearby residences or offices), measured as LAeq over a 15-minute period.
  - Ride machinery noise will comply with manufacturer guidelines and be maintained to ensure no excessive mechanical noise.
• Monitoring & Control:
  - A Type 1 sound level meter will be used for daily spot checks during operating hours.
  - Sound checks will be carried out at regular intervals and following any complaint.

3. Hours of Operation

• Operating hours for rides and background music will be in line with the published operating hours of the markets.
  - No amplified music will be played outside these hours.
• Music will be festive in nature and at background levels appropriate for a family market atmosphere, not for dancing or live performance.

4. Complaint Response Procedure

• A Noise Duty Manager will be on-site at all times.
• Any noise complaint received (directly, via the Council, or through event staff) will be:
  1. Logged immediately.
  2. Investigated within 1 hour of receipt.
  3. Addressed promptly, with music levels reduced or temporarily ceased if necessary.
• Following corrective action, noise levels will be re-measured and monitored for the remainder of the day.

• Contact details for the on-site Noise Duty Manager will be provided to Manchester City Council and displayed on site.

5. Responsible Person

• Primary Contact & Responsible Person:
  - Name: Jake de-Koning
  - Mobile: 07785 908461
  - Role: To oversee all noise monitoring, complaint response, and record keeping.

6. Additional Mitigation Measures

• Speaker orientation will be inward-facing towards the rides and market area to minimise sound spill.
• Regular maintenance of generators, rides, and PA systems will be carried out to prevent unnecessary mechanical noise.
• All staff will receive noise-awareness briefing prior to opening.

Conclusion

The Giant Wheel Company Ltd. is committed to ensuring that noise from the Albert Square Christmas 2026 attractions remains within acceptable levels and will take proactive measures to monitor, control, and respond to any issues in full compliance with Manchester City Council's Environmental Health requirements.