

The following petition, supported by 92 signatures was received on 18 January 2012:

Petition Re Noise from Stamco's Extraction System.

We, the undersigned, wish to have Stamco reduce the level of sound emanating from the dust extraction system located at their site in Highfield Drive, St Leonards on Sea to a level that is acceptable to the residents of the nearby houses.

The dust extraction system runs almost constantly from around 07.00 hours to 17.00 hours each working day and produces an incessant humming/droning noise that can be heard all around the immediate area. It is an all-pervading sound that causes distress to people living in the local area. It cannot be avoided and in many cases the sound is reflected off buildings and thus there is no way to escape it; even on the lee side of the houses. It is the kind of noise that, once heard, is almost impossible to ignore. It varies in strength from time to time but there are very few weekdays when it is not present. It is always there to some degree and is distressing for residents. The sound is omni-directional and can be heard in all quarters radiating from the Stamco site. Some areas are noisier than others but for people living in affected houses the sound is incredibly invasive and affects every aspect of day-to-day living.