

**From:** Noise - DEFRA  
**Subject:** RE: A303 at Thrupton - Noise  
**Date:** 18 December 2017 at 16:01:48 GMT  
**To:** Kate Phillipson <

Thank you for your recent email enquiry about noise and air pollution from the A303 at Thrupton.

The latest noise information available is from the Round 2 Mapping exercise which was conducted in 2012. I have taken a look at our data and I can confirm that parts of the A303 at Thrupton falls within an Important Area. Unfortunately, I do not have any information about the exact resurfacing work carried out work so I suggest you contact the Highways England to ascertain that information.

If you use the link below and select the "Preview on Map" button to the right of the "Noise Action Planning Important Areas Round 2 England" dataset, then a map of the UK will appear. By scrolling down the list of datasets on the left, you can check the boxes for the "Noise Action Planning Important Areas" dataset - they are about 4/5 of the way down the list. The map will then show all the important areas across England and you will be able to zoom in on the area of interest to you to determine what part of the A303 is within the important area or not. <https://data.gov.uk/data/search?q=environmental+noise+directive>

Additionally if you use the following link (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-data-strategic-noise-mapping>) to access full datasets from this period you should be able to find noise mapping data about the Thrupton area. If you click on the Noise mapping area and the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) datasets (Road Noise) you should then find the information you need. There is also a viewer (use the preview map button) which will allow you to zoom in on a particular area.

With regard to your questions about air quality and particulate levels adjacent to the A303 Thrupton is not mentioned in the NO2 plan and Defra does not model the A303 in our national model.

Thrupton is in the Test Valley District which has two exceeding roads in 2017: the M27 and the M271 . These are above the legal average annual NO2 limit of 40micrograms/m3. However, both of these roads are managed by Highways England and so it will be for them to resolve these exceedances.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kate Phillipson  
Sent: 29 November 2017 10:51  
To: Noise <DEFRA>  
Subject: Re A303 at Thrupton - Noise

Dear Sir,

I am the Chair of our Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group and I am seeking any information held by yourselves in relation to noise and air pollution from the A303 at Thruxton.

I understand from our local District Council that Thruxton was regarded as a noise important area (?) in studies carried out under your Noise Action Plan. I understand that this was the basis for the noise reducing resurfacing work carried out over the last year or so.

Can you please tell me what the noise figures were, both in the initial study and after the completion of the work, and how you categorise the noise level now? I have found a website but it seems to require authorisation to access some areas and I can't find the information otherwise.

Similarly, do you have any studies of air quality/particulate levels adjacent to the A303 in our area?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Kate Phillipson