

**HEADQUARTERS**

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Dear Resident,

HMP & YOI Stirling - Update on Noise mitigation

We held another meeting at HMP & YOI Stirling on 23 September with local elected members, representative from the Residents Association and neighbours directly affected by noise. During this meeting we discussed an update on the actions taken and planned by the Scottish Prison Service to further reduce the negative impact of noise coming from the women in our care, as well as picking up on other maintenance issues. I felt it prudent to share an update which is summarised below. We will upload this communication to our website, where we continue to put updates on progress.

As you will know from previous updates, we have been progressing design plans that would allow windows to be closed and ventilation provided to those rooms closest to Forth Park. This work is continuing as a priority and is currently in the design stage. At the point, it is clear this proposal will take time to come to fruition due to complexities with both design and power supply. Whilst we progress this, we recognise more immediate action is also needed. As discussed at the meeting, the concept design of a 'window projection' was explained and benefits highlighted, included reduction of noise and continued access to natural light and ventilation.

Therefore, we will be installing these 'projections' to the rooms closest to Forth Park. These shrouds will encapsulate each window, with additional louvre and housing being placed around the window, which will both muffle and dampen the pitch of the noise and the wording that can be heard. **IMAGE 1** below should hopefully provide you with a better understanding of what actions we are now taking at pace.

The louvre being used, to provide ventilation has already been tested for noise reduction and has yielded a positive outcome. The housing for this project is a bespoke prototype design and will further testing in situ. Installation of this prototype is expected this week. We will then assess and improve if required, in order to achieve the best possible outcome. This assessment will be supported by the contractors, engineers and an acoustician.

Once testing is complete, there will be a 16-week lead in time for production and then installation, which will be on a phased programme and will see all 31 rooms within the Separation and Reintegration Unit, Enhanced Needs Unit, and Wintergreen rooms augmented, representing the full section of rooms next to Forth Park as highlighted red in **IMAGE 2**.

It is anticipated that all rooms will be completed by March 2026. Timelines will be provided to the Residents Association and updated as instalment progresses, and we will continue to provide updates on our website [here](#).

Construction noise will be minimal (one smaller digger, hand drills and work by hand) and within working hours. We can confirm that we have engaged with Stirling Council and adherence to planning permissions has formed part of these discussions.

A number of other land and maintenance issues were raised relating to the pathway at the perimeter of the fence, gates latches, signage, flooding, hedges and holes in the ground, all of which we have actioned in response. We will continue to engage in maintenance of the land, and if there are specific issues, please do let us know so we can respond. The sign requested at the gate at the walkway between the establishment and Forth Park estate has been taken forward by Stirling Council.

We thank you again for the compassion you express for the women in our care, and the respect shown to our staff. We are determined and committed to reducing noise and the negative impact the noise is having on you.

Yours faithfully



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DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

IMAGE 1



IMAGE 2

