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Dear Colleague,

Roadside trials of noise cameras

Thank you for your recent application to participate in the Department for Transport's noise camera trials. I am sorry to inform you that your application has not been selected for the next stage of the trials.

We greatly appreciate the effort put into your application, and the desire to reduce the impact that excessive vehicle noise has within your local community. The Department received over 70 applications from across the country representing a diverse range of urban and rural locations. Due to the project being in the research stage and the prototype nature of the technology, only 4 sites could be selected for the trial. Shortlisted sites were chosen based on a number of factors to achieve a sufficiently wide range of road types to test the noise camera technology.

The Department is working at pace to understand if noise camera technology can be used to automatically detect when vehicles are excessively noisy. The current trials commenced on 18 October and will be completed before the end of the year, with data from the trials being evaluated in early 2023. If the trials prove to be successful, noise cameras may be considered for wider rollout.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's noise camera trials and for taking the time to complete the application document.

Yours sincerely,

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