

## Annual Conference & Awards – Tuesday 16 June 2026

### Treehouse Hotel, Manchester, M3 2EQ

9.15am	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
9.50am	<b>Conference introduction</b>
10.00am	<p><b>Emerging Guidance Documents</b> Toby Lewis (WSP) will chair this session on guidance currently being produced by the ANC with presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed ProPG:- Guidance for the Assessment and Management of Noise from Dog Kennels (Phil Evans, Savills)</li> <li>• Sports Guidance – launch of the draft (Daniel Oldaker, Acoustic Consultants Limited)</li> <li>• Environmental Health Officer perspectives (Paul McCullough, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council)</li> <li>• ANC Sustainability Guidance (Heulwen Peters, SRL Technical Services Limited)</li> </ul>
11.15am	<b>Refreshment break</b>
11.35am	<b>Awards Shortlist presentations 1</b>
12.35pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1.30pm	<p><b>Acoustics in Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)</b> ANC Board member and Chair of the Sustainability Committee Heulwen Peters (SRL) will chair this session considering modern methods of construction with presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMC &amp; Acoustics: Evidence from the Field (Rob Adnitt, Adnitt Acoustics)</li> <li>• Reproducibility and the limitations of laboratory testing with MMC (Daniel Wong-McSweeney, Salford Acoustics)</li> <li>• What goes bump in the night – an update on research into tall buildings (Alec Korchev, Clarke Saunders)</li> </ul>
2.45pm	<b>Refreshment break</b>
3.00pm	<p><b>Environmental Noise</b> Former ANC Chair Paul Shields (Derby University) will chair this session considering environmental noise issues with presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASHP Joint Guidance Practice Note – Insights on what it says and what it doesn't (Peter Rogers, Sustainable Acoustics)</li> <li>• Towards modelling guidelines and in-situ measurements for domestic ASHPs (Jack Harvie-Clark, Apex Acoustics)</li> <li>• Redefining NR Curves: A Mathematical Modelling Approach (Daniel Goodhand, Goodhand Acoustics)</li> </ul>
4.00pm	<b>Sownd Affects presentation</b>
4.10pm	<b>Awards Shortlist presentations 2</b>
4.50pm	<p><b>Conference concludes</b> The AGM will take place immediately from 4.50pm and is expected to last 30 minutes.</p>

**Location** - This year's venue is the Treehouse Hotel, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, M3 2EQ. The hotel is easily accessible from Manchester Piccadilly or there is an NCP car park in the same building. For more information about directions, public transport and car parking click [here](#).

A preferential rate for a limited number of rooms at the hotel is available **until 1 June** by using the link [here](#)

**Bookings** - download the booking form [here](#). The conference fee covers all refreshments including buffet lunch. Please complete the booking form and return with your payment or purchase order instructions. Please note that payment becomes due on booking and no refunds will be made for cancellations less than 14 days before the date of the event or non-attendance. Substitutions may be made at any time.

**The Awards promote** and recognise excellence among UK acoustic consultants and raise the profile of the acoustics industry. The categories this year are:

<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Environmental – non infrastructure</b>	<b>Innovation</b>
<b>Health, Wellbeing &amp; Inclusion</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Venues</b>
<b>Environmental - infrastructure</b>	<b>Vibration</b>	<b>Smaller Consultancies</b>

**Shortlisted** entrants will give a brief outline of their project during the conference. There will be a prize for the best presentation.

**Awards Dinner and Ceremony**

Awards Dinner takes place at 7.30pm at the Treehouse Hotel, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, M3 2EQ. The Awards winners will be announced at the end of the dinner at approximately 9.00pm.

