



Noise Abatement Society John Connell Sustainable Development Award 2026

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The Association of Noise Consultants and ANV Measurement Systems**

Judging Criteria and Scoring

This award recognises and encourages the development of sustainable development products, services and solutions that reduce noise and/or improve sound to benefit the environment, society (health and wellbeing) and the economy in line with the relevant/applicable areas of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (<https://www.un.org/en/common-agenda/sustainable-development-goals>). This category is purposely very broad to reflect Lindsay's Wheel of Acoustics (https://acoucou.org/data/Wheel_PDF.pdf) and the wide-ranging impact of the acoustics industry on sustainability.

Entries for this award should meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (a) new or enhanced product(s) or solutions demonstrating significant and/or novel sustainability in technological, managerial and/or process advancement(s) to resolve noise and/or improve the sound environment, and/or*
- (b) organisations demonstrating a history of sustainable development for more than 2 years to resolve noise and/or improve the sound environment.*

Judges Panel

The judges panel consists of one representative from each of the following: ANC, ANV Measurement Systems and an academic.

Award entries should describe how they meet the criteria based on the following (maximum 1000 words).

1. The degree of sustainability related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, relevant to your sector/entry. You can include examples, such as showing how you've: - Developed/achieved a significant and/or novel sustainable product, service or process that has wider environmental benefits related to resolving noise and/or improving the sound environment. - Made sustainability an essential part of your organisation, supply chain or community to resolve noise and/or improve the sound environment.	(up to 12 points)
2. Placement of the entry in the business context: how it helps to achieve UNSDG sustainable economy aims by resolving noise and/or improving the sound environment.	(up to 3 points)



3. Any additional sustainability benefit/s achieved that has/ve wider environmental benefit/s related to resolving noise and/or improving the sound environment.	(up to 3 points)
4. Evidence of the sustainable solution/s and impact/s including: a) target and desired goals and outcomes b) measurement against agreed standards (if relevant for your sector/entry) c) effectiveness in the mitigation of noise/improvement of the sound environment	 (up to 4 points) (up to 4 points) (up to 4 points)

Total possible points = 30

Please submit entries to info@theanc.co.uk by **Friday 18th September 2026 at 6pm**. The finalists will be invited to attend the John Connell Awards ceremony at the Palace of Westminster on **Wednesday 21st October 2026** where the winners will be announced. Entry is by invitation only.

Please note: ANC and NAS will run media campaigns on the John Connell Awards to include details of shortlisted and winning entries. **If there are any parts of your submission that you wish to remain confidential, please inform us at the time of submission.**