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quietrevolution™ supports 'Noise Oscars' for Local Authorities

Stephen Crosher, Commercial Director at quiet**revolution**, presented Sheffield City Council with the Local Authority Award at the 10th annual Noise Abatement Society John Connell Awards last night.

The John Connell Local Authority Awards, which are sponsored by quiet**revolution**, recognise local authorities found to have been outstanding in their efforts to both reduce the impact of noise nuisance and pioneer innovative solutions to noise pollution.

Held by the Noise Abatement Society, the awards are named in honour of the Society's founder, John Connell OBE, who successfully lobbied the Noise Abatement Act through Parliament in 1960 when noise became a statutory nuisance for the first time in the UK.

Stephen Crosher, Commercial Director at quiet**revolution**, said: "Local authorities have an incredibly difficult task to police and control noise pollution within our communities. quiet**revolution** is determined to be part of the solution by providing a small wind turbine that is incredibly quiet and we are keen to play our part within the low carbon energy revolution without impacting on individuals and communities. We also want to be known as a company who listens to local issues and one that strives to continually improve our products to address any concerns that arise."

Sheffield City Council won the Local Authority Award by developing a unique way of working with the South Yorkshire Police force, which provides a non-



uniformed officer to accompany the Council's Environmental Noise officer when responding to noise complaints. This partnership enabled strong links to be built with the Local Authority and also with complainants. The night team works alongside Sheffield's Arms Length Management Organisations and Registered Social Landlords and has been extensively publicised across the community. Since the new night service introduction, demand has increased by 58% as the public has become aware of its existence.

quiet**revolution** has been striving for over four years to make the life of local authorities easier by designing a product that is low noise, low vibration and safe when sited close to people.

Many planning departments in councils across the UK support quiet**revolution** as their preferred solution for small wind in communities due to growing demand for renewable technologies that can be quiet and well-designed. Typically, reasons for wind turbines causing disruption or being refused planning permission include its visual impact, noise, vibration and its safety procedure.

quiet**revolution**'s innovative design of its qr5 turbine is geared towards adding visual appeal to its surroundings and the aerodynamics of its vertical axis means that noise levels are unobtrusive. Collaborating with stakeholders such as the Noise Abatement Society forms part of quiet**revolution**'s strategy to engage with organisations that can help the company better understand issues of public concern.

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