

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUSION

The effects of traffic noise should always be taken into account when new roads or traffic management schemes are being planned. To provide guidance for those responsible for designing such schemes and to permit the evaluation of noise nuisance, definite noise standards should be adopted by all planning authorities. Although in the long term, traffic noise may be substantially reduced at source, it is probable that with increasing traffic volumes it will always present a problem and therefore all feasible methods must be used to reduce its impact.

It is recommended that further studies be carried out on human population living close to the roads to determine if the traffic noise is causing hearing loss to the residents.