

London Stansted Airport:

SOUND INSULATION GRANT SCHEME (SIGS)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT?

The Sound Insulation Grant Scheme (SIGS) is designed to provide financial assistance for the installation of noise mitigation measures to habitable rooms to reduce the impact of aviation related noise on qualifying residential properties. The scheme covers residential properties in the most heavily impacted areas around the Airport and is based on a noise footprint. The boundary of the scheme is shown via a map on further below. All residential properties within the area may be eligible for a grant. The map is for guidance only and if you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact the Stansted Airport Community Engagement Team (see contact details outlined later in the document).

Any building (or part of a building) which is being used as a domestic dwelling may be eligible for a grant provided that:

- It is within the boundary of the scheme (see map further below);
- It was built before June 2021.

A residential property is defined as ‘*an individual dwelling registered for Council Tax*’.

A habitable room is any room used or intended to be used for sleeping or living which is not solely used for cooking purposes. It does not include rooms for bath or toilet facilities, service rooms, corridors, laundry rooms, hallways or utility rooms.

Not all dwellings are suitable for the installation of acoustic insulation. Dwellings that may be unsuitable include:

- Houses which are not of standard brick construction;
- Individual rooms built into roof space which do not have standard brick walls.

LISTED BUILDINGS

Any installation of acoustic insulation to a ‘listed’ building is likely to require the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority. The responsibility for obtaining any necessary listed building consents rests with the householder. The Managing Agent will require evidence that all necessary consents have been obtained before the offer of a grant is made.

NOISE SENSITIVE BUILDINGS

In addition to qualifying residential properties, a number of specified non-residential properties (in education, healthcare, worship or community use) may be eligible for a bespoke mitigation package to be agreed between the individual building owner and the Airport. Please contact the Managing Agent for further details.

WHAT NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SIGS?

The grant can be used to pay for recommended noise mitigation measures to habitable rooms. Measures may include double glazing, secondary glazing and/ or acoustic loft insulation.

Please note that the SIG scheme will only provide mechanical ventilation to habitable rooms where the recommended noise mitigation measures have been installed and such works would result in reduced ventilation within the residential property.

WINDOW SPECIFICATIONS: DOUBLE GLAZING

The specifications recommended by the Scheme have been shown to have excellent performance in noise reduction. To ensure that maximum noise reduction is achieved with windows closed whilst allowing for ventilation, our approved window specification includes acoustic trickle vents. The Managing Agent will provide the specification of the works that they recommend, and **you should ensure that your Contractor meets this specification** so that you receive the intended noise reduction.

WINDOW SPECIFICATIONS: SECONDARY GLAZING

Secondary glazing is added to existing windows to create a ‘double window’. The two panes work together to reduce the noise entering the room. To ensure maximum noise reduction, the panes are as wide apart as possible and of different thickness.

DOORS

Where an external door leads from the outside directly into a habitable room, grant support is available to insulate or replace the door as necessary. The survey of your property will recommend the appropriate insulation.

LOFT INSULATION

Acoustic loft insulation has been shown to give significant noise reduction. You may apply for a grant to cover the cost of purchasing acoustic insulation for your loft.

SOLAR BLINDS

Subject to survey, if acceptable noise mitigation work such as double or secondary glazing has been undertaken at an eligible residential property since 2021, outside of the SIGS scheme, and the works have impacted on the natural ventilation of the property, then the property may be eligible for mechanical ventilation and/or optional solar blinds.

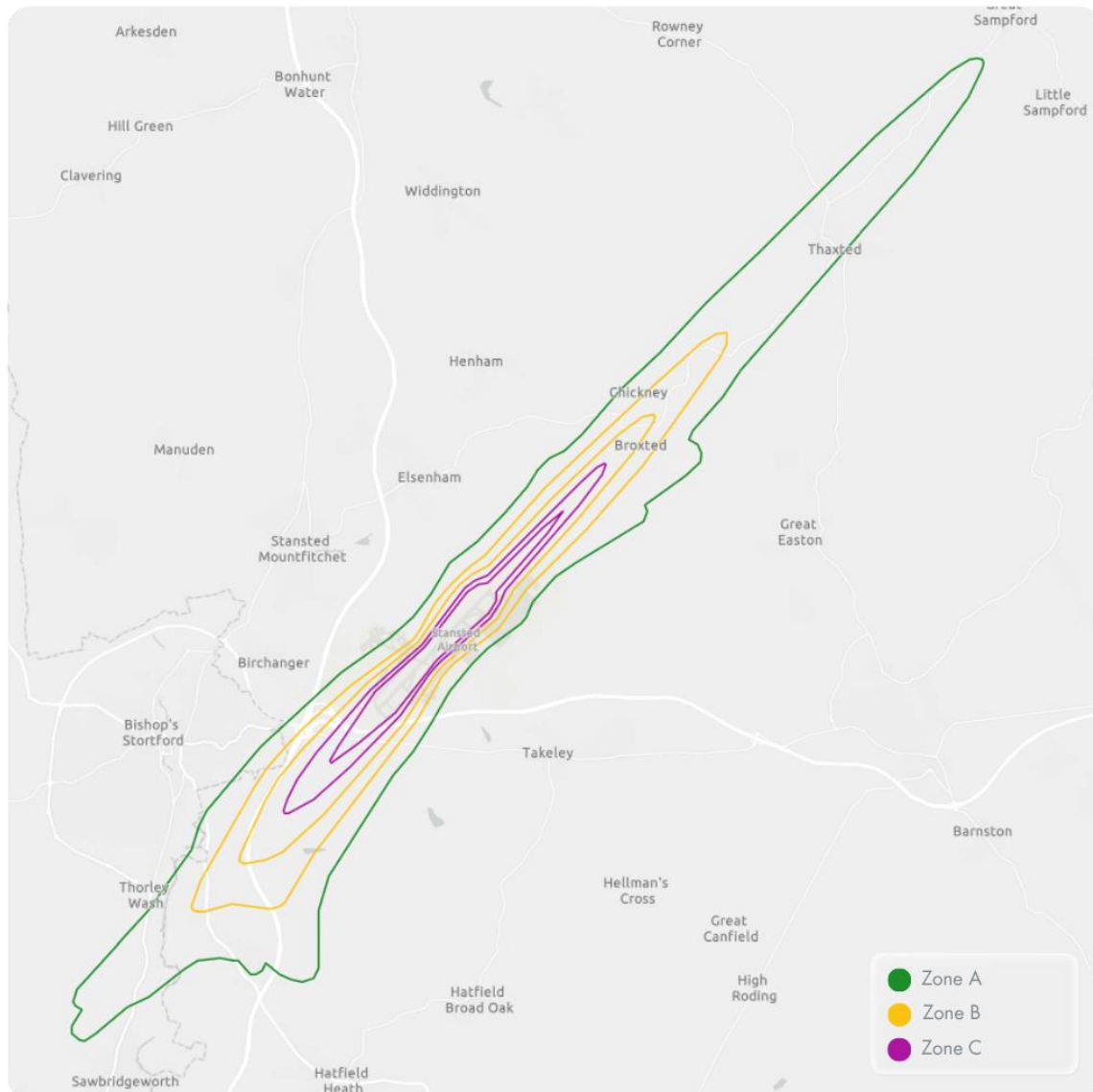
Solar blinds are optional. These are specialised window coverings designed to manage sunlight, reduce glare, and control heat entering a room while maintaining visibility to the outside and without blocking light. They can prevent or reduce heat building up in rooms.

MECHANICAL VENTILATION

Mechanical ventilation may be recommended. This is a system that utilises fans installed in walls to provide fresh air in the room. If your property is eligible, the specification will be determined by the Managing Agent and will include acoustic attenuation to reduce the ingress of noise from outside to inside.

RELOCATION

For households subject to the highest levels of noise (69dB) the scheme may provide assistance with the costs of relocating. This offer is limited to those residential properties in Zone D.



HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE?

The Scheme is designed to offer greatest support to those who experience the greatest noise impact.

The map featured above shows the areas within which grant awards are available. Within these areas the maximum grant award is currently as follows:

Zone A £6,200*

Zone B £9,900*

Zone C £12,400*

Zone D provide assistance with the costs of relocation.

*Grant values are correct as of 1st April 2026. Grant values are reviewed and adjusted annually.

Applications are dealt with in the order that they are received, with the exception of those in Zones C and D, which will be afforded a greater priority where necessary. The Managing Agent will be able to advise you on the progress of your application.

CAN I HAVE ADDITIONAL WORK CARRIED OUT?

You may decide to instruct your Contractor to undertake additional work. You are, of course, free to do so but any additional work will be at your own cost. The Airport does not accept liability for any part of such costs.

Please note, the Managing Agent may wish to inspect the work before payment of the grant is made.

All applications must be submitted before work is carried out. Applications will not be considered retrospectively. Tenants of rented accommodation must obtain written agreement from their landlord stating that they have no objection to the works. This written confirmation must be included with your application.

CAN I APPLY FOR MECHANICAL VENTILATION, WHERE NOISE MITIGATION WORK HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE SIGS SCHEME WHICH HAS IMPACTED ON THE VENTILATION OF MY HOME?

Yes.

Subject to survey, if acceptable noise mitigation work such as double or secondary glazing has been undertaken at an eligible residential property since 2021, outside of the SIGS scheme, and the works have impacted on the natural ventilation of the property, then the property may be eligible for mechanical ventilation.

Mechanical ventilation is not included within the SIGS unless specified noise mitigation measures have been undertaken which impact on the existing ventilation of the property.

I DON'T WANT TO REPLACE MY WINDOWS. CAN I USE THE GRANT TO HAVE DIFFERENT WORK CARRIED OUT?

If you have previously replaced your windows with acoustic glazing and you wish to install mechanical ventilation because these works have impacted on the natural ventilation of the property you may be eligible for mechanical ventilation as set out above.

The eligible works under SIGS are only those specified and recommended by the Managing Agent and partnered Surveyor on inspection of your property, please refer back to “what noise mitigation measures are included in the SIGS?”. The SIGS funding

cannot be used for other home improvements, works that have no sound insulation benefit or those otherwise outside the scope of the scheme.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK?

Who conducts the work will be largely down to you, pending appropriate approvals. You will be asked to provide a minimum of two quotes from contractors of your choice which must meet the STN specification requirements. Please ensure that you obtain the consent of the Managing Agent before any work is undertaken by providing the quotes for their review.

Failure to obtain prior consent for the works may mean that a grant payment will not be made available.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To begin the application process, it is advised that you access the London Stansted Airport website and review the eligibility criteria available there [Noise Information and Policies | London Stansted Airport](#). Then, you need to fill out the appropriate application form which will be processed by the Managing Agent who will contact you regarding your eligibility.

Alternatively, please scan the below QR code to directly access the application form.



Please note that the SIGS is open for new application annually between 1st April and 31st October. Outside of this period householders can apply to be placed on the waitlist.

THE PROCESS

1. Once eligibility is confirmed by the Managing Agent, your details will be passed onto our Partnered Surveyors who will, in turn, contact you to arrange a survey of your residential property, please liaise with them directly.
2. Upon completion of the survey, the householder will be sent a copy of said survey. Once you have received this you should obtain minimum of two quotes and provide these to the Managing Agent for review.
3. Once the quotes are approved by the Managing Agent you may instruct the contractor to begin work.

4. It is the responsibility of the householder to provide evidence of the invoice to the Managing Agent after completion of work. The Managing Agent and London Stansted Airport will liaise to coordinate the release of the grant funding.

Please note, London Stansted Airport and associated bodies reserve the right to visit the property to conduct an audit.

IMPORTANT

Any grants which London Stansted Airport may approve shall be made on the terms contained in the approval notification which shall be deemed to incorporate all the terms contained in this brochure.

Applicants shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms contained in this brochure.

- The decision of the Managing Agent regarding the eligibility (or otherwise) of any application and/or the amount of any grant shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final and binding.
- The information in this brochure is believed to be correct at the time of going to print but the Airport will not be liable for any errors, omissions or inaccuracies.
- The Airport reserves the right to amend any of the terms and conditions of the scheme at its absolute discretion (provided that where any grant has been given final approval and the relevant purchase order has been placed prior to the date of such amendment, the amount of such grant will not be affected by such amendment).
- Grants are provided for the installation of acoustic insulation only as set out in this scheme. Any works of a decorative nature that are necessary following installation remain the sole responsibility of the householder.
- The Airport shall not be liable to the Applicant for the acts of omissions of the Contractor nor for the performance of the Contractor pursuant to any contract between the Contractor and the Applicant for the carrying out of any works (whether covered by the scheme or otherwise). The Airport shall not be liable to the Contractor for the performance of any obligation on the part of the Applicant pursuant to such contract.
- In any event, the Airport's liability in each case shall not exceed the amount of the relevant grant calculated in accordance with this scheme by reference to the relevant contractor's quotation.
- The Airport will not be responsible for obtaining any necessary planning permissions, building regulations consents, building warrants or other consents which may be requested for carrying out the works. These are the responsibility of the Applicant.

- It will be the responsibility of the Applicant to carry out (at their own cost) any necessary enabling work identified by the Contractor including lifting and subsequent re-fitting of carpets.
- The Airport reserves the right to withdraw, alter or amend the terms of any offer or the Scheme, at its discretion, at any time.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Stansted Airport Community Engagement Team

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Please note, you will be contacted by the Managing Agent Strutt & Parker, and you may also be contacted by our partnered Surveyors Richard Jackson Ltd. Contact will be made via email or telephone and will be directed through communication avenues provided in your initial application.

All information contained in this Sound Insulation Grant Scheme Information sheet is correct as of April 2026. This is subject to change at any time without prior notice.