



RDL - A new dawn in regulation compliance

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Regulation Compliance

Sound Insulation in Housing

A brief
HISTORY

Data pre **2004**

Some KEY

STATISTICS

1990 to 2000

NOISE COMPLAINTS by SECTOR_____

Industrial / commercial noise up 30 %

Residential noise complaints up **300 %**

Primarily for existing housing and low
frequency sounds



PRE-EXISTING HOUSING

Never designed for 21st century lifestyle

Difficult to alter for sound insulation

No building regulatory process available

Government wanted to address noise

So they initiated regulations on NEW BUILD

2001 ____New Part E Consultation

Gov. wanted min. 10% of site to be tested

But was actually 20 to 50% of site

Never enough testers

Large knowledge gap for sector

2002 _____

HBF asked Gov. to consider a Robust Detail approach

“Improved insulation fabric for the lifetime of the building”

“Would improve quality of life and not require same PCT Testing regime”

RSD Project.....

2002 - 2003

£1 million

Funding

From major

Homebuilders

Industry builds

1,400

Innovative New homes

In 9
months

Napier University

Tracks

1.3 million

Data points

In 6
months

175 test construction sites !

Across the UK

+7 dB better than regs

13 RDs assessed

2004

New

Robust Details Approach Announced

Robust details Part E

*Resistance to the
passage of sound*



robustdetails

RDL Launched:

Alternative to PCT

30 Expert Inspectors

Regional and National

Most in-depth global
database!

Robust Details - 2004

17

Robust Details – by year

2006	23
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2007	25
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2008	36
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2009	44
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What was the impact?

2004 - 2010



85,000 PCT
journeys removed



4 fold **DECREASE** in
Noise Complaints



£160 million saved in
remedial measures



500,000 new RD homes
built

£

£50 million saved not
doing PCT

Compliance Rate
BEFORE RDs

35 - 50 %

WITH
RobustDetails

99 %

2009-10

RSD Project
Awarded
Queen's
Anniversary Prize





To all our RD Clients &
Customers

Thank you

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