

Teenage-crowd dispersal system

Purpose

The Mosquito is a device intended to disperse groups of young people who are acting in an anti-social manner who are causing or likely to cause alarm harassment and distress to other members of the public in the vicinity as they go about their lawful everyday business.

Considerations Prior to Installation

1. The Mosquito can be used internally or externally (in its current configuration) and the volume level can be adjusted as required. When installing, ensure that consideration is given to neighbours as there is a risk of annoyance to innocent parties.
2. The device should ideally be used in areas where the Police or Local Authorities have already identified a history of anti-social behaviour.
3. Deployment must only take place at premises with the written consent of the owner or a nominated representative entitled to give such consent
4. Consultation should also take place with other persons or premises in the vicinity that are likely to be affected either personally or by way of trade.
5. To avoid damage or theft, the device should only be fitted well out of reach with a mesh or other protective grill covering it.
6. The device should only be used at times when groups of youths habitually gather together and are actively causing a nuisance.
7. An assessment should be carried out to check who else could be affected. For example, are there bus stops or seating areas where persons may lawfully wait, or premises intended for use by young people nearby?
8. The device should only be installed after all other reasonable methods to move youths have been tried.
9. It should be noted that the device might not always resolve the problem and installation of the device should always be accompanied by a subsequent monitoring and evaluation.