

**Resident enquiry:**

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Sent: 11 November 2025 13:24

To: [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Subject: Raleigh firing range

Good afternoon town council,

I am increasingly concerned about the noise level of the firing range for the residents of Torpoint. I live in Chapeldown Road and I am unable to use my garden when the shooting is going on. It has become extremely loud.

I would like to know if there are any plans by HMS Raleigh to reduce the noise level, eg by building earthbanks or similar structures. I can't be the only resident who is worried about the increase in noise.

Kind regards,

Sue Thomas

## **REPLY RECEIVED FROM RALEIGH**

Fri 14/11/2025 13:49

### **Raleigh firing range**

Good afternoon Milly,

Thank you for highlighting the concern about the recent noise levels from the firing range. We appreciate how disruptive this can feel, and we would like to provide some clarity on the situation.

We have reviewed the matter with our Military Training Unit, and can confirm that there have not been any additional firings beyond the usual schedule, nor have activities extended later than normal. However, there has been a noticeable increase in activity in the vicinity of the range in recent weeks:

- There was an exercise on 30 September that ran significantly over time. This was a blank firing activity at the Ship in a Box unit, which may appear louder because it is closer to the town and is not muffled by the range infrastructure.
- There was recently a period which involved a phase one class and BRNC cadets concurrently and so the firing will have gone on longer than normal. This would not have increased noise levels though.
- A limited visibility serial, previously conducted in a simulator inside, has been moved out on to the range, but contained in the working day at this time of year.

All activity (except for the overrun on 30 Sep) has been in accordance with HMS RALEIGH Range Standing Orders and the requirements, but we can see how it may appear to be an increase in the short term.

Phase one training activity will ebb and flow according to loading but will all be contained in the working day, and in the range infrastructure which is designed to limit noise.

We remain committed to minimizing disruption wherever possible and appreciate your understanding as we balance essential training with community considerations.

If you have any further questions, or would like to discuss this more in details, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Amanda Bell