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# Environmental Noise Assessment

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## 1.0 CONSULTING BRIEF

Day Design Pty Ltd has been engaged by Sam Crawford Architects to assess the potential environmental noise impact of a proposed restaurant/café at Depena Reserve, 179-183 Russell Avenue, Dolls Point, NSW.

This commission involves the following:

### Scope of Work:

- Inspect the site and environs
- Prepare a site plan identifying the development and nearby noise sensitive locations
- Measure the background noise levels at critical locations and times
- Establish acceptable noise emission criteria
- Quantify noise emissions from the potential restaurant/café
- Calculate the level of noise emission, taking into account building envelope transmission loss, screen walls and distance attenuation
- Provide recommendations for noise control
- Prepare an Environmental Noise Assessment Report.



## 2.0 PROJECT & DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 Local Area Description

An existing building containing a café and restaurant is proposed to be redeveloped at Depena Reserve, 179-183 Russell Avenue, Dolls Point, NSW, on land zoned 'RE1 –Public Recreation, under Rockdale Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011.

The nearest noise sensitive residential receivers are the residential apartments located across Malua Street and Russell Avenue to the north. The Scots College Brighton Preparatory is located to the east, with Depena Reserve to the west and south.

The location of the proposed development and surrounding premises, in various directions, are shown in Figure 1 and summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1 Noise Sensitive Receptors**

| Receptor and Type              | Address            | Direction from site |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| R1 – Residential               | 188 Russell Avenue | North               |
| R2 – Educational Establishment | 190 Russell Avenue | East                |
| R3 – Active Recreation Area    | Depena Reserve     | West                |

### 2.2 Development Description

The restaurant/cafe is proposed to be located on the reserve of Depena Reserve. The restaurants will include an indoor dining area, outdoor dining area, kitchens and back of house area, with a capacity of up to 300 patrons. The restaurant will be licensed to serve alcohol.

Mechanical plant including, but not limited to, air conditioning condenser units, cool room compressor and kitchen exhaust fan will likely be required to serve the restaurant.

The proposed trading hours are as follows:

- Monday – Sunday: 6.00 am to 10.00 pm.





**Figure 1. Location Plan – Proposed Restaurant/Café, Depena Reserve, Dolls Point, NSW.**



### 3.0 ACOUSTICAL CRITERIA

Bayside Council requires a noise assessment of the expected future noise levels from the restaurant/café to ensure the noise emission from the site is acceptable at the nearby noise sensitive receivers.

There are several noise criteria that are potentially applicable to this proposal. We have presented and established the project specific noise criteria in Section 3.4.

#### 3.1 Measured Background Noise Levels

In order to assess the severity of a possible environmental noise problem in a specified area it is necessary to measure the ambient background noise level at the times and locations of worst possible annoyance. The lower the background noise level, the more perceptible the intrusive noise becomes and the more potentially annoying.

The ambient  $L_{90}$  background noise level is a statistical measure of the sound pressure level that is exceeded for 90% of the measuring period (typically 15 minutes).

The Rating Background Level (RBL) is defined by the EPA as the median value of the (lower) tenth percentile of  $L_{90}$  ambient background noise levels for day, evening or night periods, measured over a number of days during the proposed days and times of operation.

The places of worst possible annoyance are the existing residential premises located across Malua Street to the north. There is an educational establishment to the east, with the reserve to the south and west. The potentially affected residential locations are shown in Figure 1 as 'R1'.

An environmental noise logger was placed on the balcony of a nearby residential apartment facing the site. The noise monitor was in place from Monday 22 June to Wednesday 29 June 2020 to determine the Rating Background Level. This location is shown as Location 'A' on Figure 1.

Noise survey instrumentation used in this assessment is listed in **Appendix A**. The measured noise levels are presented in the attached **Appendix B** and also in Table 2.

**Table 2 Measured Ambient Noise Levels**

| Noise Measurement Location                                  | Time Period                  | Rating $L_{90}$ Background Level (dBA) | Existing $L_{eq}$ Level (dBA) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Location 'A'<br>2/27 Malua Street,<br>Dolls Point (Balcony) | Early Morning (6 am to 7 am) | <b>44</b>                              | -                             |
|                                                             | Day (7 am to 6 pm)           | <b>44</b>                              | <b>61</b>                     |
|                                                             | Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)      | <b>40</b>                              | <b>56</b>                     |
|                                                             | Night (12 am to 7 am)        | <b>36</b>                              | <b>52</b>                     |

Meteorological conditions during the testing typically consisted of clear and cloudy skies and temperatures of 18 to 26°C. Atmospheric conditions were considered ideal for noise monitoring and were therefore considered reliable and typical for the receptor area.



A short term, 15 minute background noise level measurement in octave bands was carried out at Attended Measurement Location 1 on Russell Avenue on Monday 6 July 2020 at approximately 8.30 pm to establish acceptable noise criteria limits for assessment against the Liquor and Gaming NSW noise criterion. The measured octave band spectra is shown in Table 3.

**Table 3 Octave Band L<sub>90</sub> Background Noise Level**

| Description                             | dBA | Sound Pressure Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                         |     | 32                                                                   | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| Background Noise Level<br>– Dolls Point | 38  | 51                                                                   | 51 | 46  | 38  | 35  | 34 | 27 | 19 | 13 |

### 3.2 NSW Noise Policy for Industry

#### 3.2.1 Intrusiveness Criteria

The EPA states in Section 2.3 of its NSW *NPI* (October 2017) that the intrusiveness of an industrial noise source may generally be considered acceptable if the level of noise from the source (represented by the  $L_{Aeq}$  descriptor), measured over a 15-minute period, does not exceed the rating background noise level by more than 5 dB when beyond a minimum threshold (EPA *NPI*, 2017, Section 2.3).

The RBLs at Location 'A' are shown in Table 2. Therefore the acceptable  $L_{eq}$  intrusiveness criteria for residential receptors in this areas is as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4 Project Specific Intrusiveness Criteria**

| Noise Measurement Location                        | Time Period                  | Rating L <sub>90</sub> Background Level (dBA) | Intrusiveness Criteria (dBA) |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Residences Facing Malua Street/<br>Russell Avenue | Early Morning (6 am to 7 am) | 44                                            | (44 + 5 =) <b>49</b>         |
|                                                   | Day (7 am to 6 pm)           | 44                                            | (44 + 5 =) <b>49</b>         |
|                                                   | Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)      | 40                                            | (40 + 5 =) <b>45</b>         |
|                                                   | Night (12 am to 7 am)        | 36                                            | (36 + 5 =) <b>41</b>         |



### 3.2.2 Amenity Criteria

Depending on the type of area in which the noise is being made, there is a certain reasonable expectancy for noise amenity. The NSW *Noise Policy for Industry* provides a schedule of recommended  $L_{eq}$  industrial noise levels that under normal circumstances should not be exceeded. If successive developments occur near a residential area, each one allowing a criterion of background noise level plus 5 dB, the ambient noise level will gradually creep higher.

The recommended  $L_{eq}$  noise levels below in Table 5 are taken from Section 2.4, Table 2.2 of the NPI.

**Table 5 Amenity Criteria**

| Receiver                                                         | Noise Amenity Area | Time of Day                           | Recommended $L_{eq}$ , dBA<br>Amenity Noise Level |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Residential                                                      | Suburban           | Day                                   | 55                                                |
|                                                                  |                    | Evening                               | 45                                                |
|                                                                  |                    | Night                                 | 40                                                |
| Active recreation area<br>(eg school playground,<br>golf course) | All                | When in use                           | 55                                                |
| School Classroom<br>– internal                                   | All                | Noisiest 1-hour<br>period when in use | 35                                                |

We have applied a 10 dB correction for changing the criteria from internal to external for school classrooms.

The  $L_{Aeq}$  is determined over a 15-minute period for the project intrusiveness noise level and over an assessment period (day, evening and night) for the project amenity noise level. This leads to the situation where, because of the different averaging periods, the same numerical value does not necessarily represent the same amount of noise heard by a person for different time periods. To standardise the time periods for the intrusiveness and amenity noise levels, the NPI assumes that the  $L_{Aeq,15min}$  will be taken to be equal to the  $L_{Aeq, period} + 3 \text{ decibels (dB)}$ .

Compliance with the amenity criteria will limit ambient noise creep. Wherever the existing  $L_{eq}$  noise level from industrial noise sources approaches or exceeds the amenity criteria at a critical receptor location, the intrusive  $L_{eq}$  noise from the noise source in question must be reduced to a level that may be as much as 10 dB below the existing  $L_{eq}$  industrial noise level.

In addition, the level of transport noise, road traffic noise in particular, may be high enough to make noise from an industrial source effectively inaudible, even though the  $L_{Aeq}$  noise level from that industrial noise source may exceed the project amenity noise level. In such cases the project amenity noise level may be derived from the  $L_{Aeq, period (traffic)}$  minus 15 dBA.

The existing  $L_{eq}$  noise levels at Location 'A' and Location 'B' are shown in Table 2.



Therefore, the acceptable  $L_{eq}$  amenity criteria for the residential and commercial receptors in this area are as shown in Table 6.

**Table 6 Project Specific Amenity Criteria**

| Noise Measurement Location                        | Time Period                           | Existing $L_{eq}$ Level (dBA) | Amenity Criteria (dBA)   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residences Facing Malua Street/<br>Russell Avenue | Day (7 am to 6 pm)                    | 61                            | $(55 - 5 + 3 =) 53$      |
|                                                   | Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)               | 56                            | $(56 - 10 + 3 =) 49$     |
|                                                   | Night (12 am to 7 am)                 | 52                            | $(52 - 10 + 3 =) 45$     |
| Active Recreation                                 | When in use                           | -                             | $(55 - 5 + 3 =) 53$      |
| School Classroom<br>- external                    | Noisiest 1-hour period<br>when in use | -                             | $(35 + 10 - 5 + 3 =) 53$ |

### 3.3 NSW Liquor & Gaming Noise Criteria for Licensed Premises

In addition to the NSW Noise Policy for Industry outlined above, NSW Liquor and Gaming requires the following in relation to noise emission from music and patrons associated with licensed premises:

- *“The  $L_{A10}$  noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in any Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5 Hz – 8 kHz inclusive) by more than 5 dB between 07:00 am and 12:00 midnight at the boundary of any affected residence.*
- *The  $L_{A10}$  noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in any Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5 Hz – 8 kHz inclusive) between 12:00 midnight and 07:00 am at the boundary of any affected residence.*
- *Notwithstanding compliance with the above, the noise from the licensed premises shall not be audible within any habitable room in any residential premises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 07:00 am”.*



### 3.4 Project Specific Noise Criteria

#### 3.4.1 Residential Receivers

Based on our measurements of ambient background noise, the acceptable  $L_{10}$  level of noise from patrons and music is shown in Table 7.

**Table 7  $L_{10}$  Noise Level Criteria – Patron and Music Noise**

| Description                                          | dBA | Sound Pressure Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                                      |     | 32                                                                   | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| Early Morning and Day (6 am to 6 pm)                 |     |                                                                      |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
| Residences Facing<br>Malua Street/<br>Russell Avenue | 49  | 62                                                                   | 62 | 57  | 49  | 46  | 45 | 38 | 32 | 24 |
| Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)                              |     |                                                                      |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
| Residences Facing<br>Malua Street/<br>Russell Avenue | 45  | 58                                                                   | 58 | 53  | 45  | 42  | 41 | 34 | 26 | 20 |

For mechanical plant noise we find the most stringent criteria to be the following:

**Table 8 Mechanical Plant Project Specific Criteria**

| Noise Measurement<br>Location                        | Time Period                  | Project Specific<br>Noise Criteria<br>(dBA) |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Residences Facing<br>Malua Street/<br>Russell Avenue | Early Morning (6 am to 7 am) | <b>49</b>                                   |
|                                                      | Day (7 am to 6 pm)           | <b>49</b>                                   |
|                                                      | Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)      | <b>45</b>                                   |
|                                                      | Night (10 pm to 7 am)        | <b>41</b>                                   |

These criteria are to be applied at the most-affected point on or within the residential property boundary. For upper floors, the noise is assessed outside the nearest window.

#### 3.4.2 School Classroom Receivers

This criterion is to be assessed at the most affected point outside a school classroom 'R2'.

- **43 dBA**  $L_{eq, 15 \text{ minute}}$  when in use.

#### 3.4.3 Active Recreation Receivers

This criterion is to be assessed at the most affected point on or within the property boundary 'R3'.

- **53 dBA**  $L_{eq, 15 \text{ minute}}$  when in use.



#### 4.0 RESTAURANT NOISE EMISSION

The restaurant/café is proposed to include areas that have the potential to create a noise impact as follows:

- Background music at all times;
- 180 Patrons dining within the restaurant;
- 40 Patrons dining in the front courtyard area;
- 80 Patrons at the rear outdoor area;
- Patrons entering and leaving the restaurant; and
- Mechanical plant.

The noise impact from the restaurant and mechanical plant has been calculated and the cumulative noise impact established for the most affected residential and commercial receptors.

#### 4.1 Restaurants

We have been informed that the capacity of the restaurant/café will be 300 patrons.

We have assumed that the restaurant will operate at full capacity and that the external doors may be open at any time.

We have modelled the noise emission from each restaurant as people talking with a raised voice (20%), normal voice (30%) and the rest not talking, or listening (50%).

Based on information in Harris<sup>1</sup> and in our noise level database gathered over many years, we calculate the sound power levels for people talking as shown in Table 9.

**Table 9 L<sub>10</sub> Sound Power Levels – Restaurant**

| Description                          | Sound Power Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |      |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                      | dBA                                                               | 32.5 | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| One man talking with normal voice    | <b>66</b>                                                         | 54   | 57 | 57  | 63  | 66  | 59 | 55 | 51 | 46 |
| One man talking with raised voice    | <b>72</b>                                                         | 58   | 61 | 61  | 67  | 72  | 67 | 63 | 58 | 47 |
| Background Music                     | <b>82</b>                                                         | 72   | 72 | 86  | 78  | 80  | 76 | 74 | 70 | 65 |
| 300 people (20% raised & 30% normal) | <b>92</b>                                                         | 79   | 81 | 87  | 87  | 91  | 86 | 82 | 78 | 71 |

<sup>1</sup> Handbook of Acoustical Measurements and Noise Control, Third Edition, Cyril M. Harris, McGraw-Hill Inc, New York, (Page 16.2)



## 4.2 Mechanical Plant

We have been provided with preliminary drawings for the mechanical plant, including air conditioning condenser units, cool room condenser, toilet exhaust fan, bin room exhaust fan and kitchen exhaust fan from the mechanical engineers, Jones Nicholson. A rooftop plant deck is proposed for all the condensers, with the ventilation fans to be roof mounted.

A schedule of the sound power levels for the preliminary mechanical plant are shown below in Table 10.

**Table 10** Leq, 15 minute Sound Power Levels - Mechanical Plant

| Description                             | Sound Power Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                         | dBA                                                               | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| Typical Commercial A/C Unit (CU-1 to 2) | <b>80</b>                                                         | 57 | 63  | 68  | 74  | 76 | 73 | 69 | 65 |
| Cool Room Condenser                     | <b>76</b>                                                         | 81 | 75  | 76  | 74  | 71 | 66 | 61 | 53 |
| Kitchen Exhaust Fan                     | <b>76</b>                                                         | 71 | 81  | 78  | 74  | 69 | 67 | 62 | 61 |
| Bin Room Exhaust Fan                    | <b>71</b>                                                         | 72 | 75  | 75  | 70  | 62 | 59 | 56 | 45 |
| Toilet Exhaust Fan                      | <b>64</b>                                                         | 52 | 53  | 59  | 59  | 59 | 58 | 51 | 44 |

We recommend a detailed analysis be carried out once the mechanical plant is selected and locations are finalised, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

## 4.3 Predicted Noise Levels

Knowing the sound power level of a noise source (Table 9 to Table 10), the sound pressure level (as measured with a sound level meter) can be calculated at a remote location using suitable formulae to account for distance losses and sound barriers.

The limiting factor is the internal to internal noise transmission criteria from the restaurants to the residential apartments across Russell Avenue.



#### 4.3.1 Noise Levels – Music and Patrons – Residential Receivers (Daytime)

The predicted cumulative L<sub>10</sub> octave band sound pressure levels and overall 'A' frequency weighted sound pressure levels from background music, patrons dining inside the restaurant, and patrons entering and leaving the restaurant at the nearest affected premises during the day time period is shown in Table 11.

**Table 11 Cumulative L<sub>10</sub> Noise Levels – Residential Receivers (6 am – 6 pm)**

| Description                                                       | dBA       | Sound Pressure Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                                                   |           | 32                                                                   | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| Predicted Noise Level<br>R1 – Residences Across<br>Russell Avenue |           |                                                                      |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
| Patrons Outside<br>(Courtyard Doors Open)                         | <b>44</b> | 30                                                                   | 33 | 34  | 40  | 44  | 39 | 35 | 29 | 21 |
| Patrons Inside                                                    | <b>37</b> | 35                                                                   | 37 | 38  | 37  | 41  | 36 | 32 | 26 | 18 |
| Cumulative Level                                                  | <b>45</b> | 38                                                                   | 41 | 42  | 41  | 45  | 40 | 36 | 30 | 21 |
| Acceptable Noise Limit<br>(6 am to 6 pm)                          | <b>49</b> | 62                                                                   | 62 | 57  | 49  | 46  | 45 | 38 | 32 | 24 |
| Compliance                                                        | ✓         | ✓                                                                    | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |

The predicted cumulative L<sub>10</sub> levels of noise from background music inside the restaurant, patrons dining, entering and leaving the restaurant at the residential receivers are within the daytime noise criteria established in Section 3.4 and is therefore acceptable.



#### 4.3.2 Noise Levels – Music and Patrons – Residential Receivers (Evening)

After 6 pm, the central courtyard is to be limited to 12 patrons only. The predicted cumulative  $L_{10}$  octave band sound pressure levels and overall 'A' frequency weighted sound pressure levels from background music, patrons dining inside the restaurant, 12 patrons in the central courtyard and patrons entering and leaving the restaurant at the nearest affected premises during the evening period is shown in Table 12.

**Table 12 Cumulative  $L_{10}$  Noise Levels – Residential Receivers (6 pm – 10 pm)**

| Description                                                       | dBA | Sound Pressure Levels (dB)<br>at Octave Band Centre Frequencies (Hz) |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|                                                                   |     | 32                                                                   | 63 | 125 | 250 | 500 | 1k | 2k | 4k | 8k |
| Predicted Noise Level<br>R1 – Residences Across<br>Russell Avenue |     |                                                                      |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |
| Patrons Outside<br>(Courtyard Doors Open)                         | 39  | 26                                                                   | 29 | 30  | 35  | 39  | 33 | 29 | 24 | 15 |
| Patrons Inside                                                    | 37  | 33                                                                   | 36 | 37  | 31  | 36  | 32 | 28 | 23 | 14 |
| Cumulative Level                                                  | 41  | 32                                                                   | 37 | 38  | 37  | 41  | 36 | 32 | 26 | 18 |
| Acceptable Noise Limit<br>(6 pm to 10 pm)                         | 45  | 58                                                                   | 58 | 53  | 45  | 42  | 41 | 34 | 26 | 20 |
| Compliance                                                        | ✓   | ✓                                                                    | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |

The predicted cumulative  $L_{10}$  levels of noise from background music inside the restaurant, patrons dining, entering and leaving the restaurant at the residential receivers are within the evening noise criteria established in Section 3.4 and is therefore acceptable.



#### 4.3.3 Cumulative Noise Levels – Music and Patrons – Other Receivers

The predicted cumulative  $L_{Aeq}$  levels of noise from the background music and patrons dining, entering and leaving the premises, are shown below in Table 13.

**Table 13 Predicted Cumulative  $L_{eq}$  Noise Levels – Other Receivers**

| Description                                   | Predicted Noise Level (dBA) | Noise Criterion (dBA) | Compliance (Yes/No) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Daytime (6 am to 6 pm)</b>                 |                             |                       |                     |
| 'R2' – The Scots College Brighton Preparatory |                             |                       |                     |
| - Music                                       | 31                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Outside (Including Courtyard)       | 40                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Inside                              | 39                          |                       |                     |
| Cumulative Noise Level                        | 43                          | 43                    | Yes                 |
| 'R3' – Depena Reserve                         |                             |                       |                     |
| - Music                                       | 43                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Outside (Including Courtyard)       | 52                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Inside                              | 50                          |                       |                     |
| Cumulative Noise Level                        | 54                          | 53                    | Yes*                |
| <b>Evening (6 pm to 10 pm)</b>                |                             |                       |                     |
| 'R2' – The Scots College Brighton Preparatory |                             |                       |                     |
| - Music                                       | 31                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Outside (12 Patrons In Courtyard)   | 37                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Inside                              | 40                          |                       |                     |
| Cumulative Noise Level                        | 42                          | 43                    | Yes                 |
| 'R3' – Depena Reserve                         |                             |                       |                     |
| - Music                                       | 43                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Outside (12 Patrons In Courtyard)   | 50                          |                       |                     |
| - Patrons Inside                              | 50                          |                       |                     |
| Cumulative Noise Level                        | 53                          | 53                    | Yes                 |

\*An exceedance of 1 dB is considered negligible. The assessment point has been taken in the reserve as 10 metres from the café building. People in the reserve located more than 10 metres away will be exposed to a lower level.

The predicted cumulative  $L_{eq}$  levels of noise from background music inside the restaurant, patrons dining, entering and leaving the restaurant at the residential receivers are within the noise criteria established in Section 3.4 and is therefore acceptable.



#### 4.3.4 Mechanical Plant Noise Levels

The predicted cumulative  $L_{Aeq}$  levels of noise from all of the mechanical plant operating during the day and evening are shown below in Table 14.

**Table 14 Predicted Cumulative  $L_{eq}$  Noise Levels – Day and Evening**

| Description                                   | Predicted Noise Level (dBA) | Noise Criterion (dBA) | Compliance (Yes/No) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 'R1' – Residences Across Russell Avenue       | 44                          | 45                    | Yes                 |
| 'R2' – The Scots College Brighton Preparatory | 38                          | 43                    | Yes                 |
| 'R3' – Depena Reserve                         | 53                          | 53                    | Yes                 |

During the night, the only mechanical plant operating will be the cool room condenser. The predicted  $L_{Aeq}$  levels of noise from the cool room condenser operating at night is shown below in Table 15.

**Table 15 Predicted Cumulative  $L_{eq}$  Noise Levels – Night**

| Description                                   | Predicted Noise Level (dBA) | Noise Criterion (dBA) | Compliance (Yes/No) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 'R1' – Residences Across Russell Avenue       | 38                          | 41                    | Yes                 |
| 'R2' – The Scots College Brighton Preparatory | 30                          | 43                    | Yes                 |
| 'R3' – Depena Reserve                         | 43                          | 53                    | Yes                 |

The predicted cumulative  $L_{Aeq}$  levels of noise from the mechanical plant are summarised in Table 14 and Table 15 at the receptors. The predicted levels of noise meets the noise criteria established in Section 3.4 and is considered acceptable.

If the mechanical plant selection returns items of plant with higher sound power levels, the noise emission from mechanical plant will need to be reassessed.

We recommend that the mechanical plant selection be reviewed at Construction Certificate stage to ensure the acceptable noise levels are met.



## **5.0 NOISE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **5.1 Number and Location of Patrons**

The number of patrons should not exceed 300, with 120 patrons outside and 180 patrons inside.

The central courtyard should have a maximum capacity of 40 patrons.

### **5.2 Central Courtyard Time Restriction**

After 6 pm, the Central Courtyard is to be limited to 12 patrons.

### **5.3 External Doors**

All external doors facing north towards the residences should be kept closed when not in use to reduce noise emission as far as practicable.

Doors facing south to the reserve may remain open at all times.

### **5.4 Ceiling Construction**

To reduce the level of noise transmission through the building envelope to the residential apartments, we recommend building construction as follows:

#### **5.4.1 Roof Construction**

The roof structure should have a minimum  $R_w$  40. The following is proposed and acceptable:

- Metal deck roofing;
- 19 mm ply on battens;
- Minimum 135 mm ceiling cavity;
- 100 mm thick insulation (minimum density 11 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) installed within the ceiling cavity; and
- 13 mm plasterboard ceiling.

Any penetrations through the ceiling should be acoustically treated.

#### **5.4.2 Wall Construction**

We recommend any external walls be constructed to have a minimum  $R_w$  35.

#### **5.4.3 Glazing**

We recommend all external glazing be minimum 6.38 mm laminated glass. This includes the fixed glazing and the entry doors.



## **5.5 Construction Disclaimer**

Recommendations made in this report are intended to resolve acoustical problems only. We make no claims of expertise in other areas of building construction and therefore the recommended noise controls should be implemented into the building design in consultation with other specialists to ensure they meet the structural, fire, thermal or other aspects of building construction.

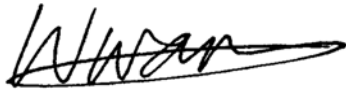
We encourage clients to check with us before using materials or equipment that are alternative to those specified in our Acoustical Report.



## 6.0 NOISE IMPACT STATEMENT

Day Design Pty Ltd has been engaged by Sam Crawford Architects to assess the potential environmental noise impact of the proposed restaurant/café located at Depena Reserve, 179-183 Russell Avenue, Dolls Point, NSW.

Measurements and calculations show that, provided the recommendations in Section 5 of this report are implemented, the level of noise emitted by the restaurant/café at Depena Reserve will meet the requirements of Bayside Council and also the noise level requirements of the NSW Liquor and Gaming, the EPA's *Noise Policy for Industry*, as detailed in Section 4 of this report, and be considered acceptable.



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### AAAC MEMBERSHIP

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### Attachments:

**Appendix A** – Noise Survey Instrumentation

**Appendix B** – Ambient Noise Survey

**Appendix C** – Architectural Drawings

**Appendix D** – Mechanical Plant Sketch

**Datasheet AC108-1 to 4** – Glossary of Acoustical Terms

**Datasheet AC500-10** – Modifying Factor Corrections



**NOISE SURVEY INSTRUMENTATION**

Noise level measurements and analysis in this report were made with instrumentation as follows:

**Table A1 Noise Survey Instrumentation**

| Description                        | Model No    | Serial No |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Modular Precision Sound Analyser   | B&K 2270 G4 | 3010781   |
| Condenser Microphone 0.5" diameter | B&K 4189    | 3099836   |
| Acoustical Calibrator              | B&K 4231    | 2095415   |
| Infobyte Noise Logger (Type 2)     | iM4         | 111       |
| Condenser Microphone 0.5" diameter | MK 250      | 9261      |
| Acoustical Calibrator              | SV30A       | 10839     |

An environmental noise logger is used to continuously monitor ambient noise levels and provide information on the statistical distribution of noise during an extended period of time. The Infobyte Noise Monitor iM4s are Type 1 precision environmental noise monitor meeting all the applicable requirements of AS1259 for an integrating-averaging sound level meter.

The B&K 2270 Sound Analyser is a real-time precision integrating sound level meter with octave and third octave filters, that sample noise at a rate of 10 samples per second and provides  $L_{eq}$ ,  $L_{10}$  and  $L_{90}$  noise levels using both Fast and Slow response and  $L_{peak}$  noise levels on Impulse response time settings. The meter is frequency weighted to provide dBA, dBC or Linear sound pressure level readings as required.

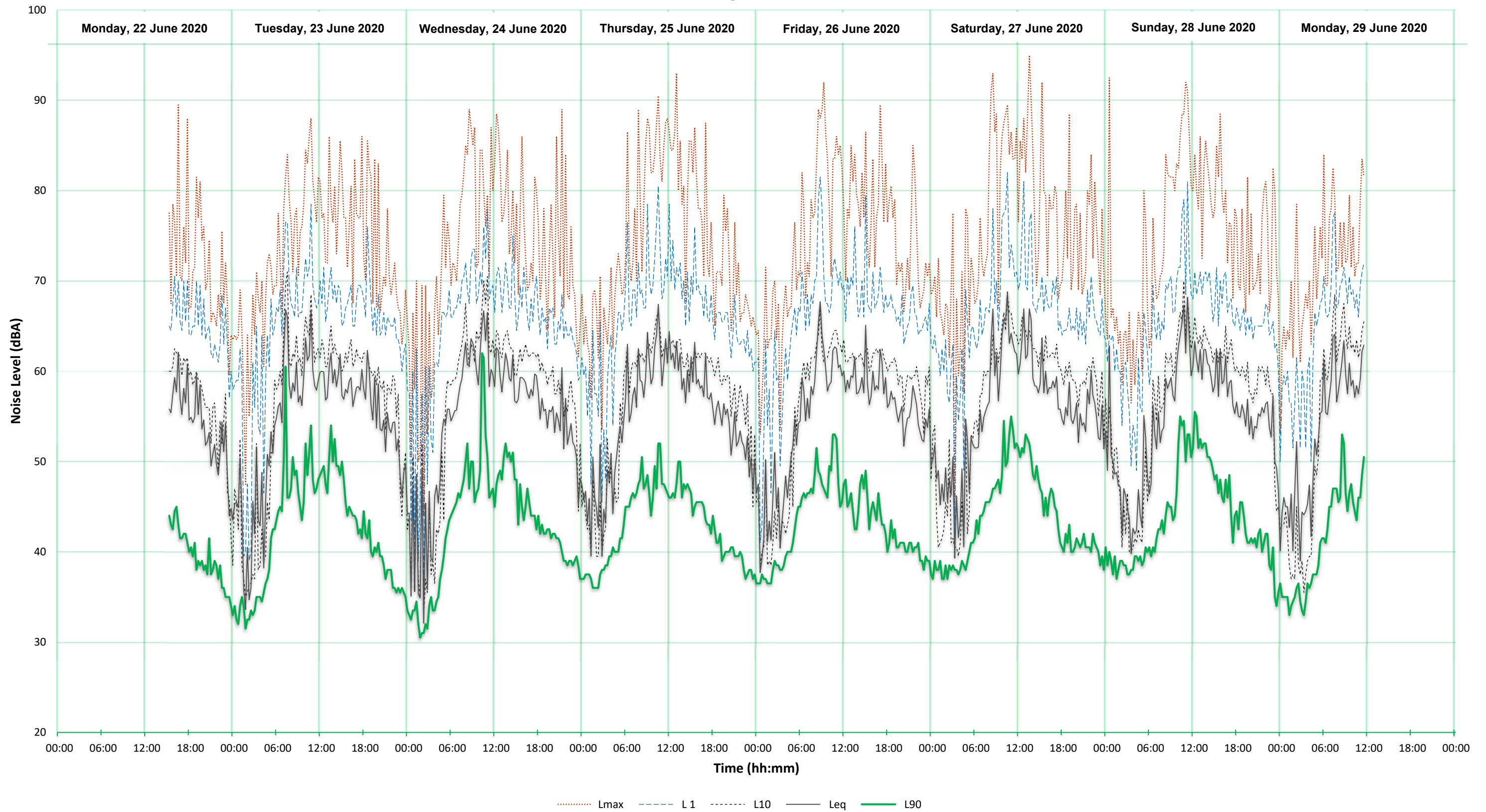
All instrument systems had been laboratory calibrated using instrumentation traceable to Australian National Standards and certified within the last two years thus conforming to Australian Standards. The measurement system was also field calibrated prior to and after noise surveys. Calibration drift was found to be less than 1 dB during attended and unattended measurements. No adjustments for instrument drift during the measurement period were warranted.



# AMBIENT NOISE SURVEY

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Appendix B

Located at Unit 2, 27 Maluya Street, Dolls Point, NSW





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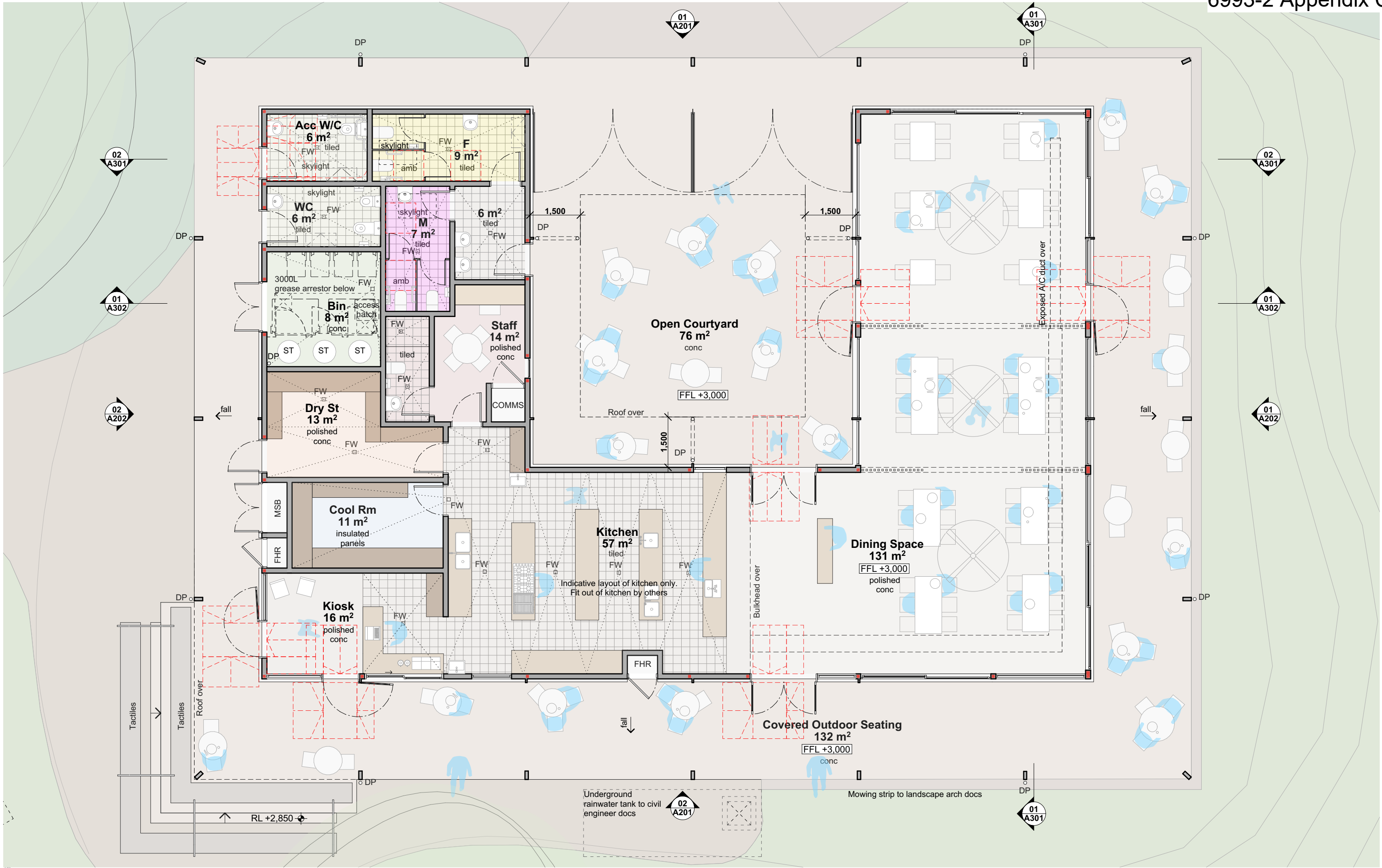
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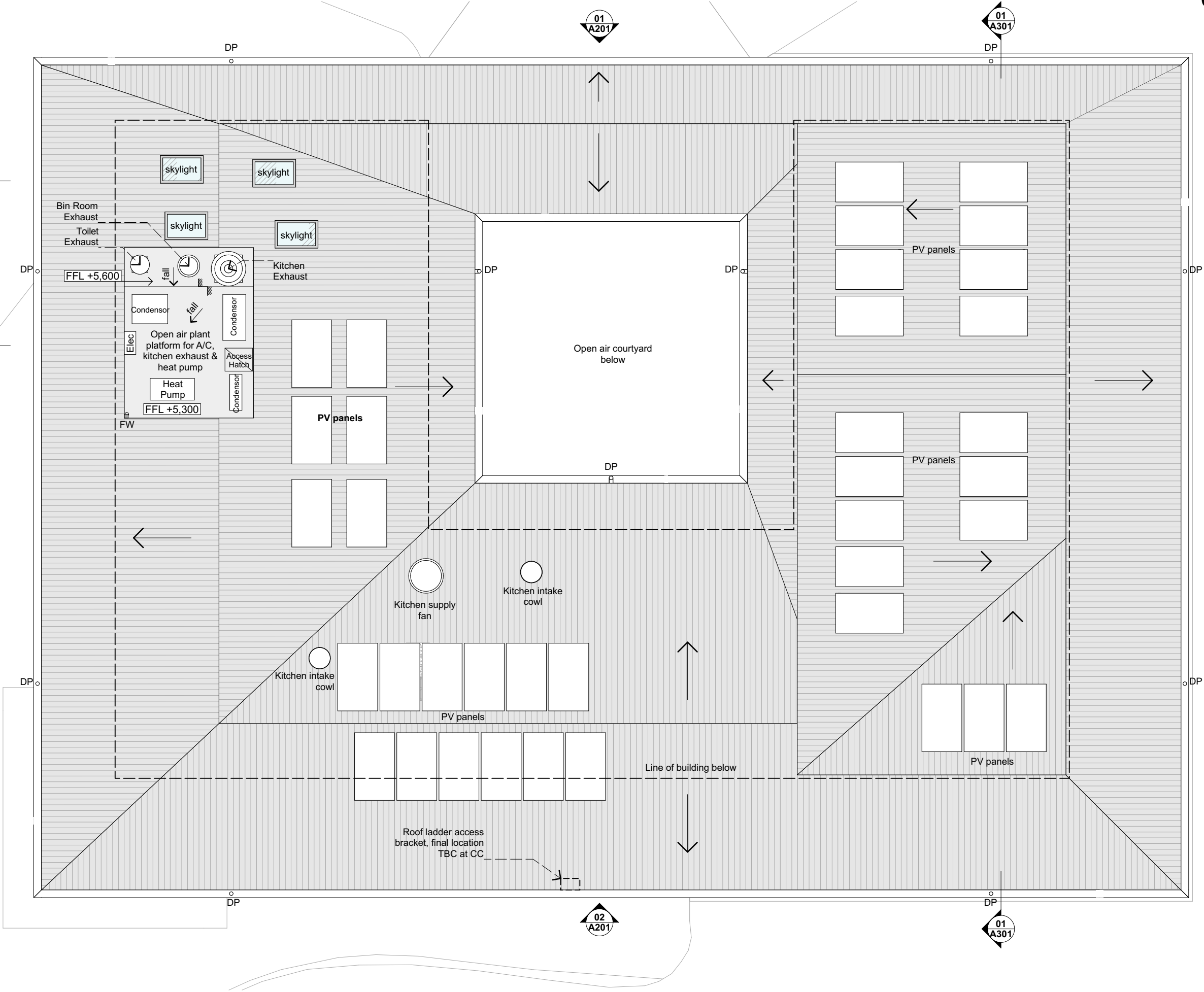
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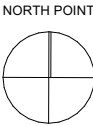
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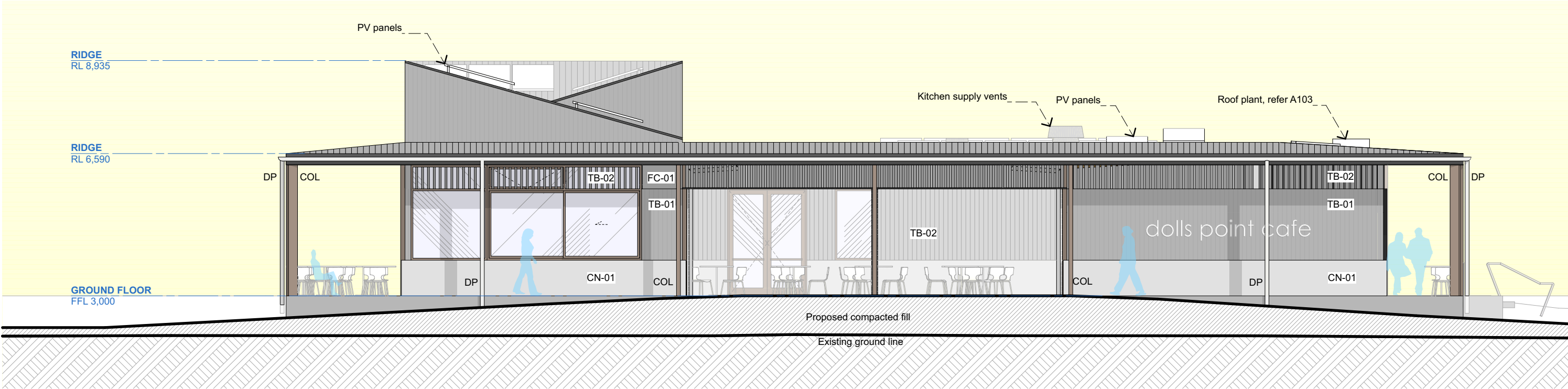
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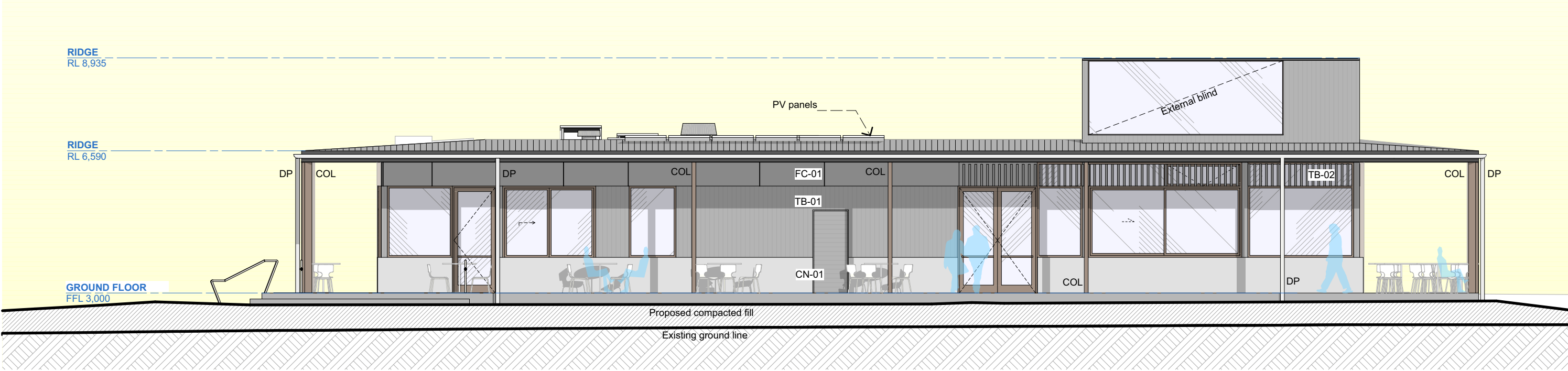


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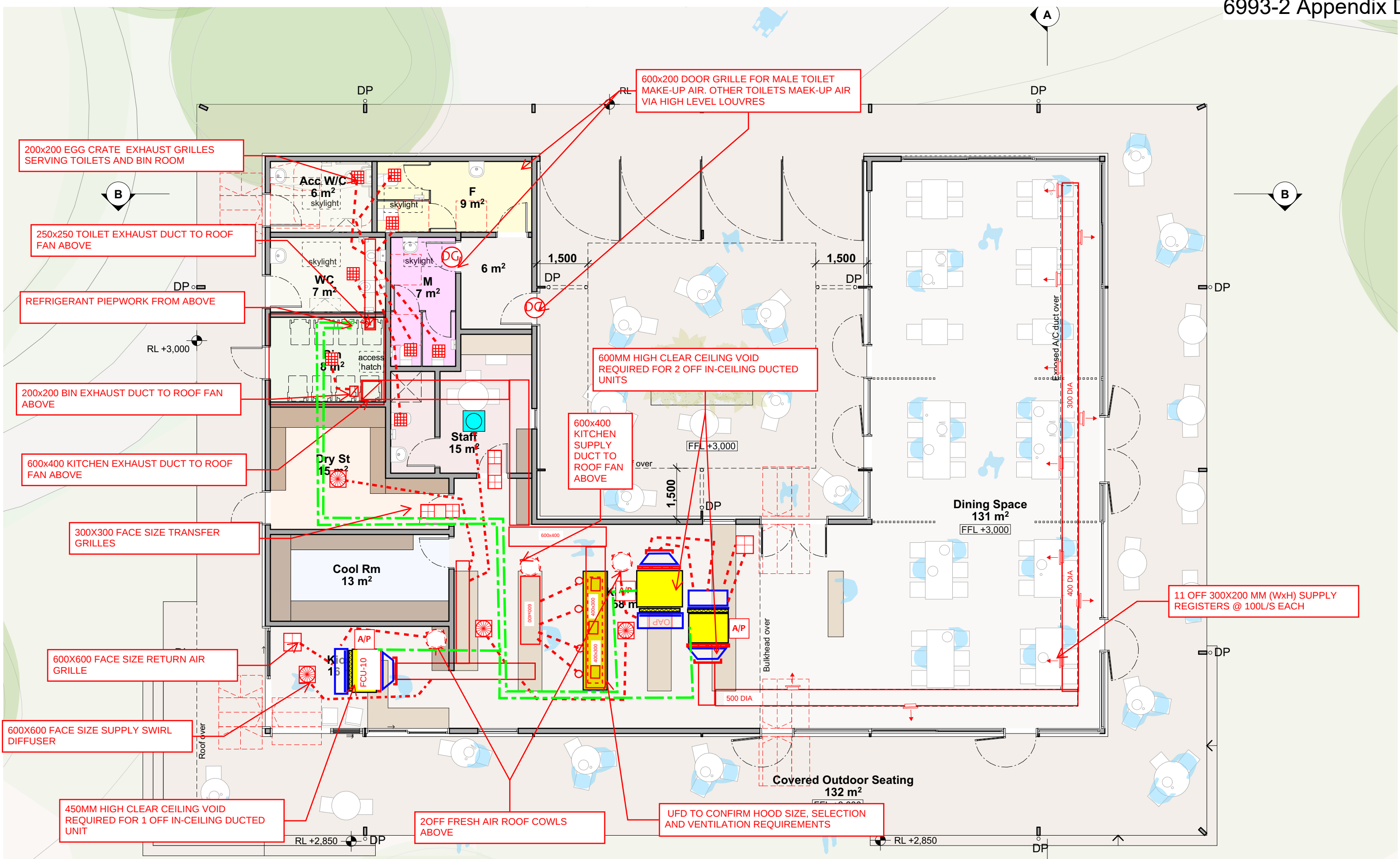
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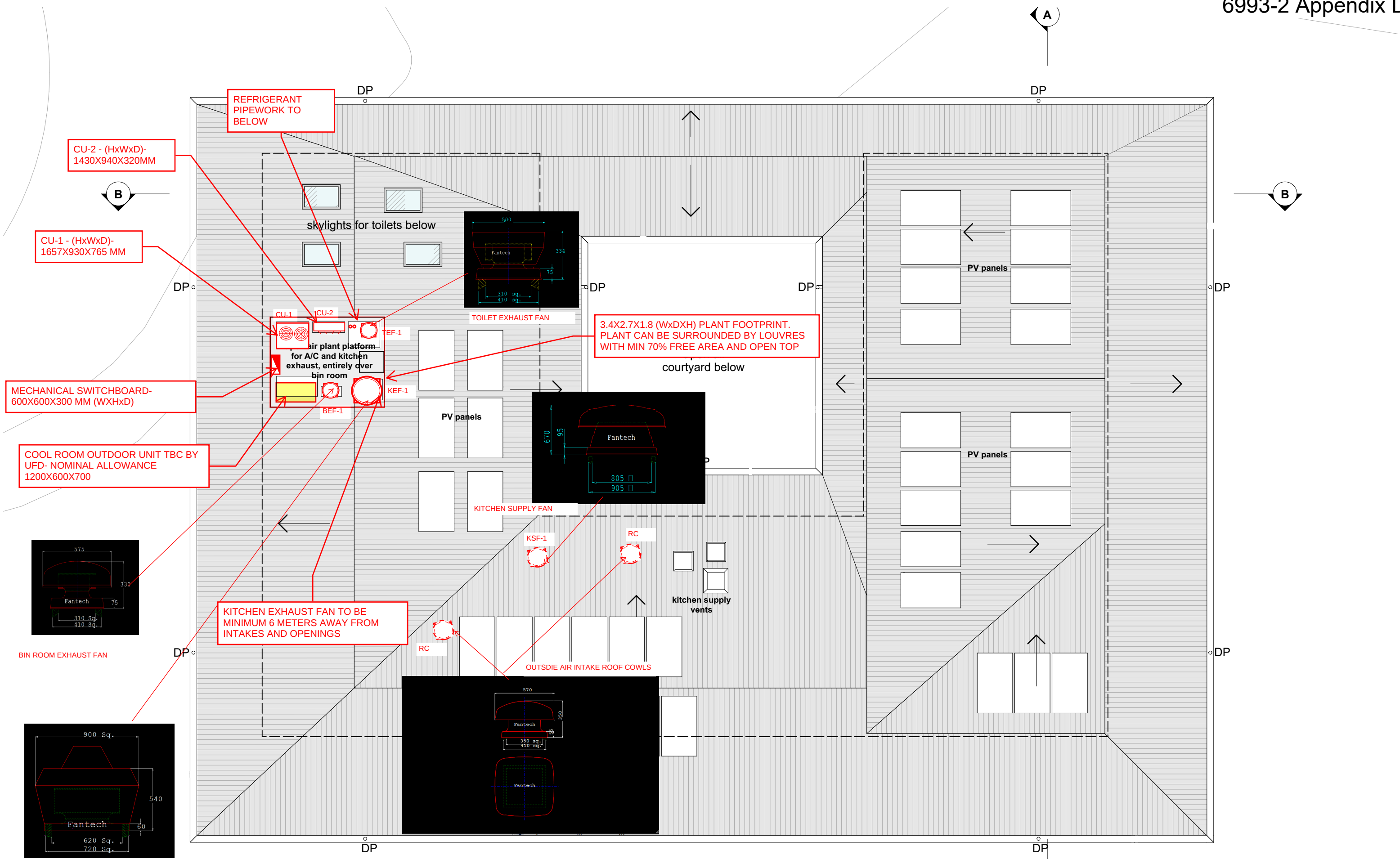


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**ACOUSTICAL** – Pertaining to the science of sound, including the generation, propagation, effects and control of both noise and vibration.

**AMBIENT NOISE** – The ambient noise level at a particular location is the overall environmental noise level caused by all noise sources in the area, both near and far, including road traffic, factories, wind in the trees, birds, insects, animals, etc.

**AUDIBLE** – means that a sound can be heard. However, there are a wide range of audibility grades, varying from “barely audible” to “just audible”, “clearly audible” and “prominent”. Chapter 83 of the NSW Environment Protection Authority – Environmental Noise Control Manual (1985) states:

*“noise from a particular source might be offensive if it is clearly audible, distinct from the prevailing background noise and of a volume or character that a reasonable person would be conscious of the intrusion and find it annoying or disruptive”.*

It follows that the word “audible” in an environmental noise context means “clearly audible”.

**BACKGROUND NOISE LEVEL** – Silence does not exist in the natural or the built-environment, only varying degrees of noise. The Background Noise Level is the average minimum dBA level of noise measured in the absence of the noise under investigation and any other short-term noises such as those caused by cicadas, lawnmowers, etc. It is quantified by the  $L_{A90}$  or the dBA noise level that is exceeded for 90 % of the measurement period (usually 15 minutes).

- **Assessment Background Level (ABL)** is the single figure background level representing each assessment period – day, evening and night (ie three assessment background levels are determined for each 24hr period of the monitoring period). Determination of the assessment background level is by calculating the tenth percentile (the lowest tenth percent value) of the background levels ( $L_{A90}$ ) for each period (refer: NSW Industrial Noise Policy, 2000).
- **Rating Background Level (RBL)** as specified by the Environment Protection Authority is the overall single figure ( $L_{A90}$ ) background noise level representing an assessment period (day, evening or night) over a monitoring period of (normally) three to seven days.

The RBL for an assessment period is the median of the daily lowest tenth percentile of  $L_{90}$  background noise levels.

If the measured background noise level is less than 30 dBA, then the Rating Background Level (RBL) is considered to be 30 dBA.

**DECIBEL** – The human ear has a vast sound-sensitivity range of over a thousand billion to one. The decibel is a logarithmic unit that allows this same range to be compressed into a somewhat more comprehensible range of 0 to 120 dB. The decibel is ten times the logarithm of the ratio of a sound level to a reference sound level. See also Sound Pressure Level and Sound Power Level.

Decibel noise levels cannot be added arithmetically since they are logarithmic numbers. If one machine is generating a noise level of 50 dBA, and another similar machine is placed beside it, the level will increase to 53 dBA, not 100 dBA. Ten similar machines placed side by side increase the sound level by 10 dBA, and one hundred machines increase the sound level by 20 dBA.

**dBA** – The human ear is less sensitive to low frequency sound than high frequency sound. We are most sensitive to high frequency sounds, such as a child’s scream. Sound level meters have an inbuilt weighting network, termed the dBA scale, that approximates the human loudness response at quiet sound levels (roughly approximates the 40 phon equal loudness contour).



However, the dBA sound level provides a poor indication of loudness for sounds that are dominated by low frequency components (below 250 Hz). If the difference between the “C” weighted and the “A” weighted sound level is 15 dB or more, then the NSW Industrial Noise Policy recommends a 5 dBA penalty be applied to the measured dBA level.

**dbc** – The dbc scale of a sound level meter is similar to the dBA scale defined above, except that at high sound intensity levels, the human ear frequency response is more linear. The dbc scale approximates the 100 phon equal loudness contour.

**EQUIVALENT CONTINUOUS NOISE LEVEL,  $L_{Aeq}$**  – Many noises, such as road traffic or construction noise, vary continually in level over a period of time. More sophisticated sound level meters have an integrating electronic device inbuilt, which average the A weighted sound pressure levels over a period of time and then display the energy average or  $L_{Aeq}$  sound level. Because the decibel scale is a logarithmic ratio the higher noise levels have far more sound energy, and therefore the  $L_{Aeq}$  level tends to indicate an average which is strongly influenced by short term, high level noise events. Many studies show that human reaction to level-varying sounds tends to relate closely to the  $L_{Aeq}$  noise level.

**FREE FIELD** – This is a sound field not subject to significant reflection of acoustical energy. A free field over a reflecting plane is usually outdoors with the noise source resting on hard flat ground, and not closer than 6 metres to any large flat object such as a fence or wall; or inside an anechoic chamber.

**FREQUENCY** – The number of oscillations or cycles of a wave motion per unit time, the SI unit being the Hertz, or one cycle per second.

**IMPACT ISOLATION CLASS (IIC)** – The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has specified that the IIC of a floor/ceiling system shall be determined by operating an ISO 140 Standard Tapping Machine on the floor and measuring the noise generated in the room below. The IIC is a number found by fitting a reference curve to the measured octave band levels and then deducting the sound pressure level at 500 Hz from 110 decibels. Thus the higher the IIC, the better the impact sound isolation.

**IMPACT SOUND INSULATION ( $L_{nT,w}$ )** – Australian Standard AS ISO 717.2 – 2004 has specified that the Impact Sound Insulation of a floor/ceiling system be quantified by operating an ISO 140 Standard Tapping Machine on the floor and measuring the noise generated in the room below. The Weighted Standardised Impact Sound Pressure Level ( $L_{nT,w}$ ) is the sound pressure level at 500 Hz for a reference curve fitted to the measured octave band levels. Thus the lower  $L_{nT,w}$  the better the impact sound insulation.

**IMPULSE NOISE** – An impulse noise is typified by a sudden rise time and a rapid sound decay, such as a hammer blow, rifle shot or balloon burst.

**INTRUSIVE NOISE LEVEL,  $L_{Aeq}$**  – The level of noise from a factory, place of entertainment, etc. in NSW is assessed on the basis of the average maximum noise level, or the  $L_{Aeq}$  (15 min). This is the energy average A weighted noise level measured over any 15 minute period.

**LOUDNESS** – The degree to which a sound is audible to a listener is termed the loudness. The human ear perceives a 10 dBA noise level increase as a doubling of loudness and a 20 dBA noise increase as a quadrupling of the loudness.



**MAXIMUM NOISE LEVEL,  $L_{Amax}$**  – The rms maximum sound pressure level measured on the "A" scale of a sound level meter during a noise survey is the  $L_{Amax}$  noise level. It may be measured using either the Fast or Slow response time of the meter. This should be stated.

**NOISE RATING NUMBERS** – A set of empirically developed equal loudness curves has been adopted as Australian Standard AS1469-1983. These curves allow the loudness of a noise to be described with a single NR number. The Noise Rating number is that curve which touches the highest level on the measured spectrum of the subject noise. For broadband noise such as fans and engines, the NR number often equals the dBA level minus five.

**NOISE** – Noise is unwanted sound. Sound is wave motion within matter, be it gaseous, liquid or solid. "Noise includes sound and vibration".

**NOISE REDUCTION COEFFICIENT** – See: "Sound Absorption Coefficient".

**OFFENSIVE NOISE** - (Reference: Dictionary of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997). *"Offensive Noise means noise:*

- (a) that, by reason of its level, nature, character or quality, or the time at which it is made, or any other circumstances:*
  - (i) is harmful to (or likely to be harmful to) a person who is outside the premise from which it is emitted, or*
  - (ii) interferes unreasonably with (or is likely to interfere unreasonably with) the comfort or repose of a person who is outside the premises from which it is emitted, or*
- (b) that is of a level, nature, character or quality prescribed by the regulations or that is made at a time, or in other circumstances prescribed by the regulations."*

**PINK NOISE** – Pink noise is a broadband noise with an equal amount of energy in each octave or third octave band width. Because of this, Pink Noise has more energy at the lower frequencies than White Noise and is used widely for Sound Transmission Loss testing.

**REVERBERATION TIME,  $T_{60}$**  – The time in seconds, after a sound signal has ceased, for the sound level inside a room to decay by 60 dB. The first 5 dB decay is often ignored, because of fluctuations that occur while reverberant sound conditions are being established in the room. The decay time for the next 30 dB is measured and the result doubled to determine the  $T_{60}$ . The Early Decay Time (EDT) is the slope of the decay curve in the first 10 dB normalised to 60 dB.

**SOUND ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT,  $\alpha$**  –  $\alpha$  Sound is absorbed in porous materials by the viscous conversion of sound energy to heat energy as the sound waves pass through it. Sound is similarly absorbed by the flexural bending of internally damped panels. The fraction of incident energy that is absorbed is termed the Sound Absorption Coefficient,  $\alpha$ . An absorption coefficient of 0.9 indicates that 90 % of the incident sound energy is absorbed. The average  $\alpha$  from 250 to 2000 Hz is termed the Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC).

**SOUND ATTENUATION** – If an enclosure is placed around a machine, or a silencer is fitted to a duct, the noise emission is reduced or attenuated. An enclosure that attenuates the noise level by 30 dBA, reduces the sound energy by one thousand times.

**SOUND EXPOSURE LEVEL (SEL)** – The total sound energy of a single noise event condensed into a one second duration or in other words it is an  $L_{eq}$  (1 sec).



**SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL,  $L_p$**  – The level of sound measured on a sound level meter and expressed in decibels, dB, dBA, dBC, etc.  $L_p = 20 \times \log (P/P_0) \dots \text{dB}$

where  $P$  is the rms sound pressure in Pascal and  $P_0$  is a reference sound pressure of 20  $\mu\text{Pa}$ .  
 $L_p$  varies with distance from a noise source.

**SOUND POWER LEVEL,  $L_w$**  – The Sound Power Level of a noise source is an absolute that does not vary with distance or with a different acoustic environment.

$$L_w = L_p + 10 \log A \dots \text{dB, re: } 1\text{pW},$$

where  $A$  is the measurement noise-emission area in square metres in a free field.

**SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS (STC)** – An internationally standardised method of rating the sound transmission loss of partition walls to indicate the decibels of noise reduction of a human voice from one side to the other. (Refer: Australian Standard AS1276 – 1979)

**SOUND TRANSMISSION LOSS** – The amount in decibels by which a random sound is reduced as it passes through a sound barrier. A method for the measurement of airborne Sound Transmission Loss of a building partition is given in Australian Standard AS1191 - 2002.

**STATISTICAL EXCEEDENCE SOUND LEVELS,  $L_{A90}$ ,  $L_{A10}$ ,  $L_{A1}$ , etc** – Noise which varies in level over a specific period of time (usually 15 minutes) may be quantified in terms of various statistical descriptors:

The  $L_{A90}$  is the dBA level exceeded for 90 % of the time. In NSW the  $L_{A90}$  is measured over periods of 15 minutes, and is used to describe the average minimum or background noise level.

The  $L_{A10}$  is the dBA level that is exceeded for 10 % of the time. In NSW the  $L_{A10}$  measured over a period of 10 to 15 minutes. It was until recently used to describe the average maximum noise level, but has largely been replaced by the  $L_{Aeq}$  for describing level-varying noise.

The  $L_{A1}$  is the dBA level that is exceeded for 1 % of the time. In NSW the  $L_{A1}$  may be used for describing short-term noise levels such as could cause sleep arousal during the night.

**STEADY NOISE** – Noise, which varies in level by 6 dBA or less, over the period of interest with the time-weighting set to “Fast”, is considered to be “steady”. (Refer AS 1055.1 1997)

**WEIGHTED SOUND REDUCTION INDEX,  $R_w$**  – This is a single number rating of the airborne sound insulation of a wall, partition or ceiling. The sound reduction is normally measured over a frequency range of 100 to 3,150 Hertz and averaged in accordance with ISO standard weighting curves (Refer AS/NZS 1276.1:1999).

Internal partition wall  $R_w + C$  ratings are frequency weighted to simulate insulation from human voice noise. The  $R_w + C$  is always similar in value to the STC rating value. External walls, doors and windows may be  $R_w + C_{tr}$  rated to simulate insulation from road traffic noise. This is normally a lower number than the STC rating value.

**WHITE NOISE** – White noise is broadband random noise whose spectral density is constant across its entire frequency range. The sound power is the same for equal bandwidths from low to high frequencies. Because the higher frequency octave bands cover a wider spectrum, white noise has more energy at the higher frequencies and sounds like a hiss.



**Table C.1**      **Modifying factor corrections**  
(See definitions in Section C2)

| Factor              | Assessment/<br>Measurement                                                                                                                                        | When to apply                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Correction <sup>1</sup> | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Tonal noise         | One-third octave band analysis using the objective method for assessing the audibility of tones in noise – simplified method ( <i>ISO1996.2-2007 – Annex D</i> ). | Level of one-third octave band exceeds the level of the adjacent bands on both sides by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is in the range 500–10,000 Hz</li> <li>• 8 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is in the range 160–400 Hz</li> <li>• 15 dB or more if the centre frequency of the band containing the tone is in the range 25–125 Hz.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 dB <sup>2,3</sup>     | Third octave measurements should be undertaken using unweighted or Z-weighted measurements.<br><b>Note:</b> Narrow-band analysis using the reference method in <i>ISO1996-2:2007, Annex C</i> may be required by the consent/regulatory authority where it appears that a tone is not being adequately identified, e.g. where it appears that the tonal energy is at or close to the third octave band limits of contiguous bands. |
| Low frequency noise | Measurement of source contribution C-weighted and A-weighted level and one-third octave measurements in the range 10–160 Hz                                       | Measure/assess source contribution C- and A-weighted Leq,T levels over same time period. Correction to be applied where the C minus A level is 15 dB or more and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where any of the one-third octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by up to and including 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 2 dB(A) positive adjustment to measured/predicted A-weighted levels applies for the evening/night period</li> <li>• where any of the one-third octave noise levels in Table C2 are exceeded by more than 5 dB and cannot be mitigated, a 5-dB(A) positive adjustment to measured/predicted A-weighted levels applies for the evening/night period and a 2dB(A) positive adjustment applies for the daytime period.</li> </ul> | 2 or 5 dB <sup>2</sup>  | A difference of 15 dB or more between C- and A-weighted measurements identifies the potential for an unbalance spectrum and potential increased annoyance. The values in Table C2 are derived from Moorhouse (2011) for DEFRA fluctuating low-frequency noise criteria with corrections to reflect external assessment locations.                                                                                                  |



**Table C.1**      **Modifying factor corrections – continued**

| Factor             | Assessment/<br>Measurement                                                                                  | When to apply                                                                                                                   | Correction <sup>1</sup>                                                      | Comments                                                                                                         |
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| Intermittent noise | Subjectively assessed but should be assisted with measurement to gauge the extent of change in noise level. | The source noise heard at the receiver varies by more than 5 dB(A) and the intermittent nature of the noise is clearly audible. | 5 dB                                                                         | Adjustment to be applied for <b>night-time only</b>                                                              |
| Duration           | Single-event noise duration may range from 1.5 min to 2.5 h.                                                | One event in any assessment period.                                                                                             | 0 to 20 dB(A)                                                                | The project noise trigger level may be increased by an adjustment depending on duration of noise (see Table C3). |
| Maximum Adjustment | Refer to individual modifying factors.                                                                      | Where two or more modifying factors are indicated.                                                                              | Maximum correction of 10 dB(A) <sup>2</sup> (excluding duration correction). |                                                                                                                  |

**Notes:**

1. Corrections to be added to the measured or predicted levels, except in the case of duration where the adjustment is to be made to the criterion.
2. Where a source emits tonal and low-frequency noise, only one 5-dB correction should be applied if the tone is in the low-frequency range, that is, at or below 160 Hz.
3. Where narrow-band analysis using the reference method is required, as outlined in column 5, the correction will be determined by the ISO1996-2:2007 standard.

