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1 INTRODUCTION

Rodney Stevens Acoustics Pty Ltd (here forth referred to as RSA) has been engaged by Tom Zeaiter care of Morson Group to conduct a road noise impact assessment for development application (DA) lodgement of the proposed residential development at 23 - 25 Lethbridge Street, St Marys in accordance with AS: NZS 2107:2016 and other relevant criteria.

This report addresses the road traffic noise impacts from Lethbridge Street and surrounding roads on the amenity of the proposed residential development. Establishment of mechanical plant noise criteria according to the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry and a construction noise management plan also form part of this report.

This assessment is to form part of the supporting documentation for the DA submission to Penrith Council. Specific acoustic terminology is used in this report. An explanation of common acoustic terms is provided in Appendix A.

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Site Location

The proposed development site is located at 23 - 25 Lethbridge Street, St Marys. The site will be bounded by residential dwellings to the north, south and west and Lethbridge Road to the east. The site and its surroundings are shown in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1 Site Location

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2.2 Proposed Development

The proposal is to construct a new 5 storey multi residential development. The floor plans of the proposed residential development are presented in Appendix D.

3 BASELINE NOISE SURVEY

3.1 Unattended Noise Monitoring

In order to characterise the existing acoustical environment of the area, unattended noise monitoring was conducted between Thursday 16th May and Thursday 23rd May 2019 at the logging location shown in Figure 2-1. 2 noise loggers were set up on site. The first logger was located in the front yard of the site overlooking Lethbridge Street and Blair Avenue this location is representative of the traffic noise levels that the site will be exposed to.

The second logger was located on the rear yard of the site, noise monitoring at this location is representative of the typical acoustic environment of the site.

Logger locations were selected with consideration to other noise sources which may influence readings, security issues for noise monitoring equipment and gaining permission for access from residents and landowners.

Instrumentation for the survey comprised of 2 RION NL-42 environmental noise loggers (serial numbers 546394 and 572542) fitted with microphone windshields. Calibration of the logger was checked prior to and following measurements. Drift in calibration did not exceed ±0.5 dB(A). All equipment carried appropriate and current NATA (or manufacturer) calibration certificates. Measured data has been filtered to remove data measured during adverse weather conditions upon consultation with historical weather reports provided by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

The logger determines LA1, LA10, LA90 and LAeq levels of the ambient noise. LA1, LA10, LA90 are the levels exceeded for 1%, 10% and 90% of the sample time respectively (see Glossary for definitions in Appendix A). Detailed results at the monitoring location are presented in graphical format in Appendix B. The graphs show measured values of LA1, LA10, LA90 and LAeq for each 15-minute monitoring period.

3.2 Ambient Noise Results

In order to establish the ambient noise criteria of the area, the data obtained from the noise logger has been processed in accordance with the procedures contained in the NSW Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI, 2017) to establish representative noise levels that can be expected in the residential vicinity of the site. The monitored baseline noise levels are detailed in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Measured Baseline Noise Levels Corresponding to Defined NPfI Periods

Location	Measurement Descriptor	Measured Noise Level – dB(A) re 20 µPa		
		Daytime 7 am - 6 pm	Evening 6 pm – 10 pm	Night-time 10 pm – 7 am
Logger at rear boundary of site	LAeq	51	47	45
	RBL (Background)	40	40	35

Notes: All values expressed as dB(A) and rounded to nearest 1 dB(A);

LAeq Equivalent continuous (energy average) A-weighted sound pressure level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustic energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

LA90 Noise level present for 90% of time (background level). The average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration).

3.3 Noise Intrusion (State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007)

To assess noise intrusion into the proposed multi residential development, the data obtained from the first logger location has been processed to establish representative ambient noise levels at the facades most exposed to Lethbridge Street and Blair Avenue.

The time periods used for this assessment are as defined in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007and the Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads Interim Guideline. Results are presented below in Table 3-2.

Table 3-2 Traffic Noise Levels Corresponding to Defined SEPP 2007 Periods

Location	Period	External Noise Levels dB(A)
23 Lethbridge Street	Day Time 7:00 am - 10:00 pm	$L_{Aeq(15hour)}$ 54
	Night Time 10:00 pm - 7:00 am	$L_{Aeq(9hour)}$ 51

4 NOISE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

4.1 Road Noise Criteria

The determination of an acceptable level of traffic noise impacting the internal residential spaces requires consideration of the activities carried out within the space and the degree to which noise will interfere with those activities.

As sleep is the activity most affected by rail noise, bedrooms are considered to be the most sensitive internal living areas. Higher levels of noise are acceptable in living areas without interfering with activities such as reading, listening to the television etc. Noise levels in utility spaces such as kitchens, bathrooms, laundries etc. can be higher.

4.1.1 State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

The NSW Government's State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007 (SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007) was introduced to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure across the State by improving regulatory certainty and efficiency. In accordance with the SEPP, Table 3.1 of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure's "*Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guideline"* (the DP&I Guideline) of December 2008 provides noise criteria for residential and non-residential buildings. These criteria are summarised in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1 DP&I Interim Guideline Noise Criteria

Type of occupancy	Noise Level dB(A)	Applicable time period
Sleeping areas (bedroom)	35	Night 10 pm to 7 am
Other habitable rooms (excl. garages, kitchens, bathrooms & hallways)	40	At any time

Note 1: Airborne noise is calculated as $L_{Aeq(15hour)}$ daytime and $L_{Aeq(9hour)}$ night-time

The following guidance is also provided in the DP&I Guideline:

"These criteria apply to all forms of residential buildings as well as aged care and nursing home facilities. For some residential buildings, the applicants may wish to apply more stringent design goals in response to market demand for a higher quality living environment.

The night-time "sleeping areas" criterion is 5 dB(A) more stringent than the "living areas" criteria to promote passive acoustic design principles. For example, designing the building such that sleeping areas are less exposed to road or rail noise than living areas may result in less onerous requirements for glazing, wall construction and acoustic seals. If internal noise levels with windows or doors open exceed the criteria by more than 10 dB(A), the design of the ventilation for these rooms should be such that occupants can leave windows closed, if they so desire, and also to meet the ventilation requirements of the Building Code of Australia."

The noise criteria presented in Section 4.1.1 and in Table 4-1 apply to a 'windows closed condition'. Standard window glazing of a building will typically attenuate noise ingress by 20 dB(A) with windows closed and 10 dB(A) with windows open (allowing for natural ventilation). Accordingly, the external noise threshold above which a development will require mechanical ventilation is an $L_{Aeq(9hour)}$ 55 dB(A) for bedrooms and $L_{Aeq(15hour)}$ 60 dB(A) for other areas.

Where windows must be kept closed, the adopted ventilation systems must meet the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and Australian Standard 1668 – The use of ventilation and air conditioning in buildings.

4.2 Operational Noise Project Trigger Noise Levels

Responsibility for the control of noise emissions in New South Wales is vested in Local Government and the EPA. The EPA oversees the Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI) October 2017 which provides a framework and process for deriving project trigger noise level. The NPfI project noise levels for industrial noise sources have two (2) components:

- Controlling the intrusive noise impacts for residents and other sensitive receivers in the short term; and
- Maintaining noise level amenity for particular land uses for residents and sensitive receivers in other land uses.

4.2.1 Intrusiveness Noise Levels

For assessing intrusiveness, the background noise generally needs to be measured. The intrusiveness noise level essentially means that the equivalent continuous noise level (LAeq) of the source should not be more than 5 dB(A) above the measured Rated Background Level (RBL), over any 15-minute period.

4.2.2 Amenity Noise Levels

The amenity noise level is based on land use and associated activities (and their sensitivity to noise emission). The cumulative effect of noise from industrial sources needs to be considered in assessing the impact. The noise levels relate only to other industrial-type noise sources and do not include road, rail or community noise. The existing noise level from industry is measured.

If it approaches the project trigger noise level value, then noise levels from new industrial-type noise sources, (including air-conditioning mechanical plant) need to be designed so that the cumulative effect does not produce total noise levels that would significantly exceed the project trigger noise level.

4.2.3 Area Classification

The NPfI characterises the "Suburban" noise environment as an area with an acoustical environment that:

- has local traffic with characteristically intermittent traffic flows or with some limited commerce or industry.
- This area often has the following characteristic: - evening ambient noise levels defined by the natural environment and human activity

The area surrounding the proposed development falls under the “Suburban” area classification.

4.2.4 Project Specific Trigger Noise Levels

Having defined the area type, the processed results of the attended noise monitoring have been used to determine project specific project trigger noise level. The intrusive and amenity project trigger noise level for nearby residential premises are presented in Table 4-2. These project trigger noise levels are nominated for the purpose of assessing potential noise impacts from the proposed development.

In this case, the ambient noise environment is not controlled by industrial noise sources and therefore the project amenity noise levels are assigned as per Table 2.2 of the NPfI (Recommended Amenity Noise Levels). For each assessment period, the lower (i.e. the more stringent) of the amenity or intrusive project trigger noise level are adopted. These are shown in bold text in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2 Operational Project Trigger Noise Levels

Receiver	Time of Day	ANL [1] $L_{Aeq(15min)}$	Measured		Project Trigger Noise Levels	
			RBL [2] $L_{A90(15min)}$	Existing $L_{Aeq(Period)}$	Intrusive $L_{Aeq(15min)}$	Amenity $L_{Aeq(15min)}$
Residential	Day	55	40	51	**45**	55
	Evening	45	40	47	**45**	45
	Night	40	35	45	**40**	40

Note 1: ANL = “Amenity Noise Level” for residences in Suburban Areas.

Note 2: RBL = “Rating Background Level”.

5 NOISE IMPACT ASSESMENT

5.1 Traffic Noise Assessment

In order to ascertain the existing traffic noise levels from Lethbridge Street and surrounding roads, the measured noise logger data was processed in accordance to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s “*Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads - Interim Guideline”* assessment time periods as shown in Table 3-2.

The final façade noise levels were predicted for each time period considering the distance attenuation from each respective source, virtual source, façade’s orientation and any barrier effects.

The required noise reduction via the building façade for each respective room for each time period will be compared to determine the appropriate design criteria levels.

It is typically accepted that an open window (fractionally open to meet ventilation requirements) results in an attenuation of external noise by 10 dB. This reduction has been used to predict the room noise level in the window open condition.

5.2 Recommended noise control treatment

The calculation procedure establishes the required noise insulation performance of each surface component such that the internal noise level is achieved whilst an equal contribution of traffic noise energy is distributed across each component. Building envelope components with a greater surface area must therefore offer increased noise insulation performance.

The recommended acoustic treatment is based on the following floor finishes:

- Bedrooms: Carpet and underlay
- Living Room Hard Flooring
- Kitchen/Wet Areas: Tiles

The acoustic requirements shown in this report will increase further where the bedroom floor finishes are tiled or timber.

All recommendations must be checked by others to ensure compliance with other non-acoustic requirements that Council or other authority may impose (e.g. Thermal requirements for BASIX compliance).

5.3 Glazing

The R_w rating required for each window will vary from room to room. Recommendations for windows also apply to any other item of glazing located on the external facade of the building in a habitable room unless otherwise stated.

Note that the R_w rating is required for the complete glazing and frame assembly. The minimum glazing thicknesses will not necessarily meet the required R_w rating without an appropriate frame system. It will be therefore necessary to provide a window glass and frame system having a laboratory tested acoustic performance meeting the requirements in 5.3.1

The window systems must be tested in accordance with both of the following:

- Australian Window Association Industry Code of Practice Window and Door – Method of Acoustic Testing; and
- AS 1191 Acoustics – Method for laboratory measurement of airborne sound insulation of building elements.

It is necessary to submit such Laboratory certification for the proposed glazing systems (i.e. windows and framing systems) (e.g. NAL or CSIRO) for approval by RSA prior to ordering or commitment.

The entire frame associated with the glazing must be sealed into the structural opening using acoustic mastics and backer rods. Normal weather proofing details do not necessarily provide the full acoustic insulation potential of the window system. The manufacturers' installation instructions for the correct acoustic sealing of the frame must be followed.

It is possible that structural demands for wind loading or fire rating or the like may require more substantial glass and framing assemblies than nominated above. Where this is the case the acoustic requirements must clearly be superseded by the structural or fire rating demands.

5.3.1 Rw Requirements for Glazing

The glazing will be required to achieve a rating of R_w 22. This Rw rating is generally achieved with a standard aluminium frame, seals and 4mm laminate glass panes. Other glazing systems may be available but their Rw rating must be reviewed in accordance with Section 5.3. No further acoustic upgrades are required.

5.4 Detailing

Note that well-detailed construction and careful installation is needed to achieve the required R_w acoustic ratings. All gaps are to be minimised and fully sealed with an acoustic rated sealant, such as FireBan One by Bostik or Sikaflex Pro 2HP by Sika.

5.5 Mechanical Plant Noise Assessment

A specific mechanical plant selection has not been supplied at this stage. It is anticipated that the building will be serviced by typical mechanical ventilation/air conditioning equipment.

It is likely that the criteria set out in Table 4-2 will be met through the use of conventional noise control methods (e.g. selection of equipment on the basis of quiet operation and, where necessary, providing enclosures, localised barriers, silencers and lined ductwork).

An appropriately qualified acoustic consultant should review the mechanical plant associated with the development at the detailed design stage when final plant selections have been made.

6 CONSTRUCTION NOISE AND VIBRATION MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

6.1 Project Area and Sensitive Receivers

Construction will wholly take place within the boundaries of 23 - 25 Lethbridge Street, St Marys. Potentially affected sensitive receivers are displayed below in red in correlation to the site in yellow in Figure 6-1.

Figure 6-1 Sensitive Receivers

6.2 Proposed Construction Works

All construction works required to complete the proposed development will be undertaken during standard daytime construction hours of 7 am – 6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am – 1 pm Saturday only. Works outside of the standard daytime construction hours will only be undertaken with prior assessment and required approvals.

The construction program is to include the following key work stages and potential noise and ground vibration generating activity:

- Demolition of the parts of the existing building located at the project site;
- Excavation of some of the bedrock adjacent to the residence;
- Construction of the new parts of the residential building including foundation works, concreting and infrastructure installation of framework, walls, roof and electrical fit out;

The construction phases will include some limited site clearance, foundation preparation and infrastructure installation. It is our understanding that the construction program is proposed to be more than 3 weeks in duration.

6.3 Construction Noise and Vibration Criteria

6.3.1 Construction Noise

Noise criteria for construction works are established in accordance with the EPA *Interim Construction Noise Guidelines* (ICNG).

All construction works are to be undertaken during daytime core hours of 7 am–6 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am-1 pm Saturdays. No construction works are anticipated to be required outside of the standard daytime standard construction hours unless otherwise approved.

The ICNG provides recommended construction (airborne) noise management levels for residential receivers as detailed in Table 6-1.

Site specific noise management levels (NML) have been established adopting the background noise levels (L_{A90}) measured within the project site.

The noise management levels are design as a trigger for the project to investigate feasible and reasonable noise management and mitigation measures to reduce noise impacts at nearest noise affected receivers.

Table 6-1 Recommended Residential Construction Noise Criteria

Time of construction	Noise Management level $L_{Aeq,\ 15min}$	Adopted noise NML $L_{Aeq,\ 15min}$ at neighbouring residences
Standard construction hours Monday to Friday 7 am – 6 pm Saturday 8 am-1 pm No work on Sundays or public holidays	Noise affected receivers RBL + 10 dB(A)	50 dB(A)

Note: RBL rating background level, the measured L_{A90} noise level.

As construction works for the proposed development will only be carried out during the daytime period a standard daytime construction noise management level for the neighbouring residential receivers of 50 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,\ 15min}$ has been adopted in accordance with the ICNG. NMLs for the evening and night periods are not applicable to this assessment.

There are no noise sensitive receivers such as schools, hospitals or places of worship that have been identified within the study area.

A 75 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,15min}$ highly noise affected construction noise management level will be applied as a trigger for the application of additional construction noise controls such as respite periods or restriction of construction hours of operation. This trigger would apply to noise impacts on residential receivers only.

The recommended noise management levels are planning goals only. Factors such as the social benefits of the activity, economic constraints, and the nature and duration of the proposed construction program need to be considered when assessing potential noise impacts from construction works.

6.3.2 Construction Vibration

Vibration during construction works is considered an intermittent source associated with two main types of impact; disturbance at receivers and potential architectural/structural damage to buildings. Generally, if disturbance issues are controlled, there is limited potential for structural damage to buildings.

Detailed in Table 6-2, the ICNG guidance adopts the *Environmental Noise Management Assessing Vibration: a technical guideline* (2006) for the assessment of human annoyance due to construction vibration. German Standard DIN 4150: Part 3-1999, provides guidelines for evaluating the effects of vibration on structures.

Dependent upon the dominant frequency of vibration, assessed in Hertz (Hz), structural vibration limits are established at the foundation of nearest buildings.

Table 6-2 Adopted Vibration Constriction Criteria

Receiver	Annoyance VDV criteria, $m/s^{1.75}$		Structural PPV criteria, mm/s
	Preferred	Maximum	
Residential	0.2	0.4	5 - 20

Notes: structural vibration goals established for < 10 – 100 Hz dominant frequency of vibration.

VDV = vibration dose value; PPV = peak particle velocity

7 CONSTRUCTION NOISE & VIBRATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

7.1 Noise & Vibration Intensive Works

7.1.1 Construction Noise

The basis for the project-specific construction airborne noise goals for approved daytime hours is shown in Table 6-1.

Where the noise goals shown in Table 6-1 cannot be achieved, the construction contractor will use all reasonable and feasible noise mitigation and management measures to reduce noise generation and impacts.

7.1.2 Construction Vibration

The construction contractor will, if required, ensure compliance with the criteria of Table 6-2. It is anticipated that there will be minimal Construction Vibration within this development.

7.1.3 Typical Plant & Equipment Sound Pressure Levels

Sound pressure levels for typical items of plant are listed in Table 7-1. These noise levels are representative of modern plant operating with noise control measures in good condition.

Table 7-1 Noise Levels of Typical Construction Plant & Equipment

Item	Typical Plant Type	Typical L_{Aeq} Noise Level at 15 metres – dB(A)
Excavator	5 to 8 tonnes	75
Bob Cat		71
Tip trucker		72
Hand Tools: - saws, nail gun, drills, hammers		70
Concrete pump		75
Cement mixer		75
Crane		70
Kango		75

7.2 Noise & Vibration Mitigation Measures

7.2.1 Noise Control

The following noise mitigation measures will, if required, be implemented. The construction contractor will, where reasonable and feasible, apply best practice noise mitigation measures including:

- Maximising the offset distance between noisy plant items and nearby noise sensitive receivers.
- Avoiding the coincidence of noisy plant working simultaneously close together and adjacent to sensitive receivers.
- Minimising consecutive works in the same locality.
- Orienting equipment away from noise sensitive areas.
- Carrying out loading and unloading away from noise sensitive areas.

In order to minimize noise impacts during the works, the construction contractor will take all reasonable and feasible measures to mitigate noise effects.

The contractor will also take reasonable steps to control noise from all plant and equipment. Examples of appropriate noise control include efficient silencers and low noise mufflers.

Silenced air compressors, fitted with noise labels indicating a maximum (L_{Amax}) sound pressure level of not more than 75 dB(A) at 7 m will be used on site. The sound pressure level of noise emitted from a compressor used will comply with noise label requirements.

7.2.2 Vibration Control

The following vibration mitigation measures will be implemented by the construction contractor:

- Relocate any vibration generating plant and equipment to areas within the site in order to lower the vibration impacts.
- Investigate the feasibility of rescheduling the hours of operation of major vibration generating plant and equipment.
- Use lower vibration generating items of excavation plant and equipment e.g. smaller capacity rock breaker hammers.

- Minimise consecutive works in the same locality (if applicable).
- Schedule a minimum respite period of at least 0.5 hour before activities commence which are to be undertaken for a continuous four-hour period.

7.2.3 Summary of Mitigation Measures

The noise and vibration mitigation measures to be implemented by the construction contractor are listed in Table 7-2.

Table 7-2 Summary of Noise & Vibration Mitigation Measures

Item	Description
Construction Hours	Works will be carried out within the standard construction hours.
Deliveries	Deliveries will be carried out within the standard construction hours.
Site Layout	Where possible, plant and equipment will be located and orientated to direct noise away from sensitive receivers.
Quietest Suitable Equipment	Plant and equipment will be selected to minimise noise emission, where possible, whilst maintaining efficiency of function. Residential grade silencers will be fitted and all noise control equipment will be maintained in good order.
Hammer Equipment	Maximise hammer penetration (and reduce blows) by using sharp hammer tips. Keep stocks of sharp profiles at site, and monitor the profiles in use.
Reversing Alarms	Mobile plant and trucks operating on site for a significant portion of the project will have reversing alarm noise emissions minimised, where possible, recognising the need to maintain occupational safety standards.
PA System	No public-address system will be used at this site.
Truck Noise (off site)	All trucks regularly used for the project are to have mufflers, and any other noise control equipment, maintained in good working order. Trucking routes will use main roads, where feasible.
Construction Hours	Works will be carried out within the standard construction hours.

7.3 Identifying and Managing Future Noise & Vibration Issues

If additional activities or plant are found to be necessary that will emit noise and/or vibration emissions significantly exceeding those assumed for this assessment, these will, if required, be assessed by the Acoustical Consultant on a case-by-case basis and appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented.

7.4 Complaint Handling

The construction contractor will adopt the following protocol for handling complaints. This protocol is intended to ensure that the issues are addressed and that appropriate corrective action is identified and implemented as necessary:

- The project manager will record all verbal and telephone complaints in writing and will forward all complaints to the contractor, together with details of the circumstance leading to the complaint and all subsequent actions.
- Complaints received by the contractor will, as an initial step, be referred to the project manager who will respond as described above.
- The contractor will investigate the complaint in order to determine whether a criterion exceedance has occurred or whether noise and/or vibration have occurred unnecessarily.

- If excessive or unnecessary noise and/or vibration have been caused, corrective action will be planned and implemented by the project manager.
- Complainants will be informed by contractor that their complaints are being addressed, and (if appropriate) that corrective action is being taken.

Complainants will be informed of the implementation of the corrective action that has been taken to mitigate the adverse effects

8 CONCLUSION

RSA has conducted a traffic noise impact assessment of the proposed residential development at 23 - 25 Lethbridge Street, St Marys. The assessment has comprised the establishment of noise criteria and assess noise impacts with regard to relevant statutory requirements.

A noise survey has been conducted and the processed data has been used to determine traffic noise from the surrounding area to the project site. In addition, a construction noise management plan has been included in this assessment

Based on the noise impact study conducted, the proposed development is assessed to comply with the SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007, AS: NZS 2107:2016 and relevant noise criteria with recommendations from this report. It is therefore recommended that planning approval be granted for the proposed development on the basis of acoustics.

Noise emissions criteria for mechanical plant have not been stablished at this stage, a future noise survey may be required once the mechanical plan schedules are available.

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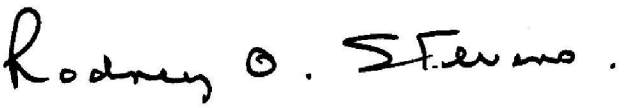

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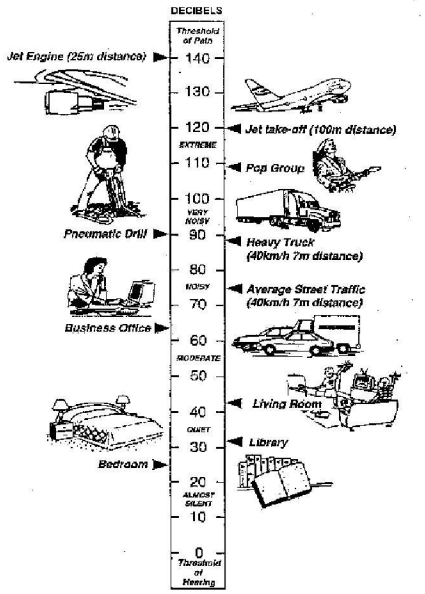
Appendix A Acoustic Terminology

A-weighted sound pressure	The human ear is not equally sensitive to sound at different frequencies. People are more sensitive to sound in the range of 1 to 4 kHz (1000 – 4000 vibrations per second) and less sensitive to lower and higher frequency sound. During noise measurement an electronic '*A-weighting*' frequency filter is applied to the measured sound level *dB(A)* to account for these sensitivities. Other frequency weightings (B, C and D) are less commonly used. Sound measured without a filter is denoted as linear weighted dB(linear).
Ambient noise	The total noise in a given situation, inclusive of all noise source contributions in the near and far field.
Community annoyance	Includes noise annoyance due to: character of the noise (e.g. sound pressure level, tonality, impulsiveness, low-frequency content) character of the environment (e.g. very quiet suburban, suburban, urban, near industry) miscellaneous circumstances (e.g. noise avoidance possibilities, cognitive noise, unpleasant associations) human activity being interrupted (e.g. sleep, communicating, reading, working, listening to radio/TV, recreation).
Compliance	The process of checking that source noise levels meet with the noise limits in a statutory context.
Cumulative noise level	The total level of noise from all sources.
Extraneous noise	Noise resulting from activities that are not typical to the area. Atypical activities may include construction, and traffic generated by holiday periods and by special events such as concerts or sporting events. Normal daily traffic is not considered to be extraneous.
Feasible and reasonable measures	Feasibility relates to engineering considerations and what is practical to build; reasonableness relates to the application of judgement in arriving at a decision, considering the following factors: Noise mitigation benefits (amount of noise reduction provided, number of people protected). Cost of mitigation (cost of mitigation versus benefit provided). Community views (aesthetic impacts and community wishes). Noise levels for affected land uses (existing and future levels, and changes in noise levels).

Impulsiveness	Impulsive noise is noise with a high peak of short duration or a sequence of these peaks. Impulsive noise is also considered annoying.
Low frequency	Noise containing major components in the low-frequency range (20 to 250 Hz) of the frequency spectrum.
Noise criteria	The general set of non-mandatory noise levels for protecting against intrusive noise (for example, background noise plus 5 dB) and loss of amenity (e.g. noise levels for various land use).
Noise level (goal)	A noise level that should be adopted for planning purposes as the highest acceptable noise level for the specific area, land use and time of day.
Noise limits	Enforceable noise levels that appear in conditions on consents and licences. The noise limits are based on achievable noise levels, which the proponent has predicted can be met during the environmental assessment. Exceedance of the noise limits can result in the requirement for either the development of noise management plans or legal action.
Performance-based goals	Goals specified in terms of the outcomes/performance to be achieved, but not in terms of the means of achieving them.
Rating Background Level (RBL)	The rating background level is the overall single figure background level representing each day, evening and night time period. The rating background level is the 10th percentile min L_{A90} noise level measured over all day, evening and night time monitoring periods.
Receptor	The noise-sensitive land use at which noise from a development can be heard.
Sleep disturbance	Awakenings and disturbance of sleep stages.
Sound and decibels (dB)	Sound (or noise) is caused by minute changes in atmospheric pressure that are detected by the human ear. The ratio between the quietest noise audible and that which should cause permanent hearing damage is a million times the change in sound pressure. To simplify this range the sound pressures are logarithmically converted to decibels from a reference level of 2 x 10-5 Pa. The picture below indicates typical noise levels from common noise sources.



dB is the abbreviation for decibel – a unit of sound measurement. It is equivalent to 10 times the logarithm (to base 10) of the ratio of a given sound pressure to a reference pressure.

Sound power Level (SWL)

The sound power level of a noise source is the sound energy emitted by the source. Notated as SWL, sound power levels are typically presented in *dB(A)*.

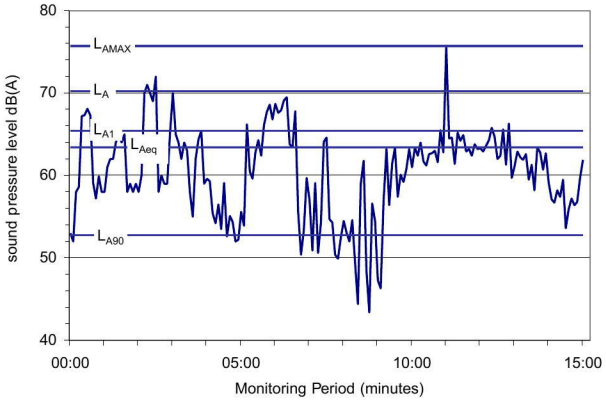
Sound Pressure Level (SPL)

The level of noise, usually expressed as SPL in *dB(A)*, as measured by a standard sound level meter with a pressure microphone. The sound pressure level in *dB(A)* gives a close indication of the subjective loudness of the noise.

Statistic noise levels

Noise levels varying over time (e.g. community noise, traffic noise, construction noise) are described in terms of the statistical exceedance level.

A hypothetical example of A weighted noise levels over a 15 minute measurement period is indicated in the following figure:



Key descriptors:

L_{Amax} Maximum recorded noise level.

L_{A1} The noise level exceeded for 1% of the 15 minute interval.

L_{A10} Noise level present for 10% of the 15 minute interval. Commonly referred to the average maximum noise level.

L_{Aeq} Equivalent continuous (energy average) A-weighted sound pressure level. It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustic energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

L_{A90} Noise level exceeded for 90% of time (background level). The average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration).

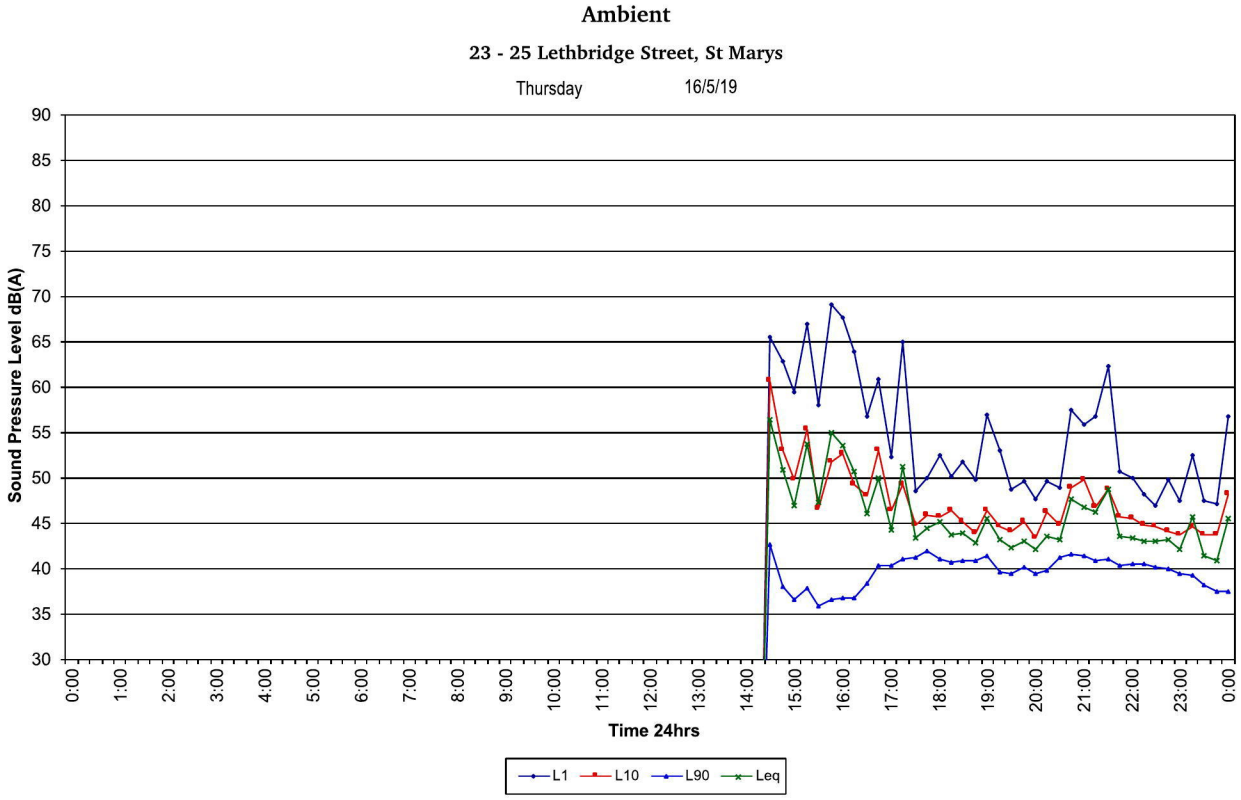
Threshold

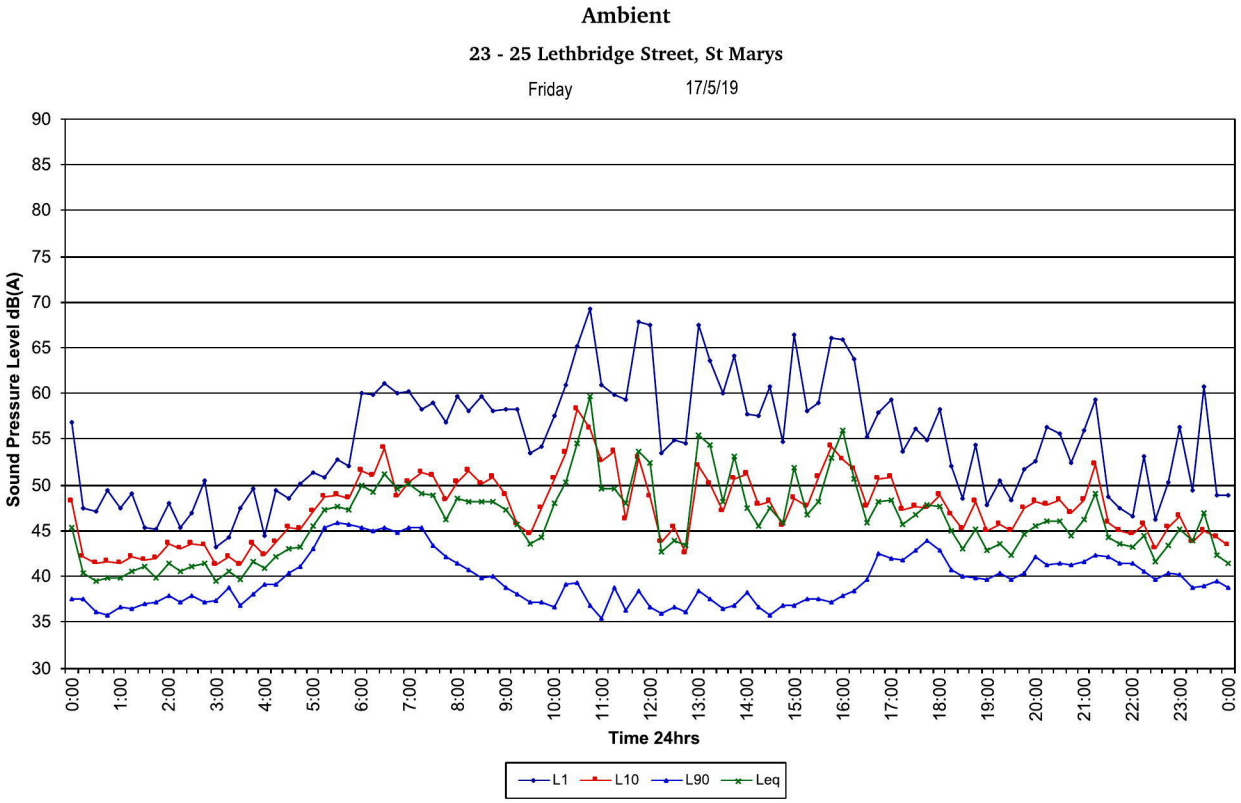
The lowest sound pressure level that produces a detectable response (in an instrument/person).

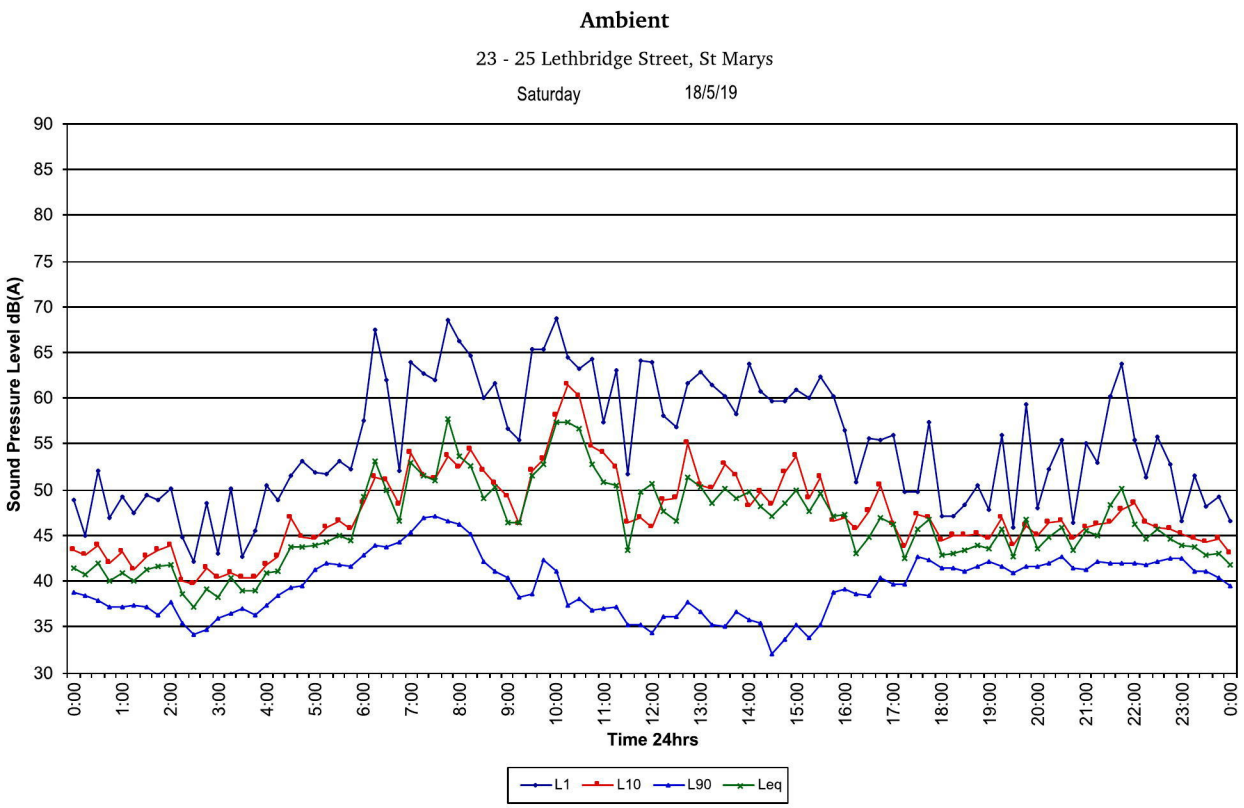
Tonality

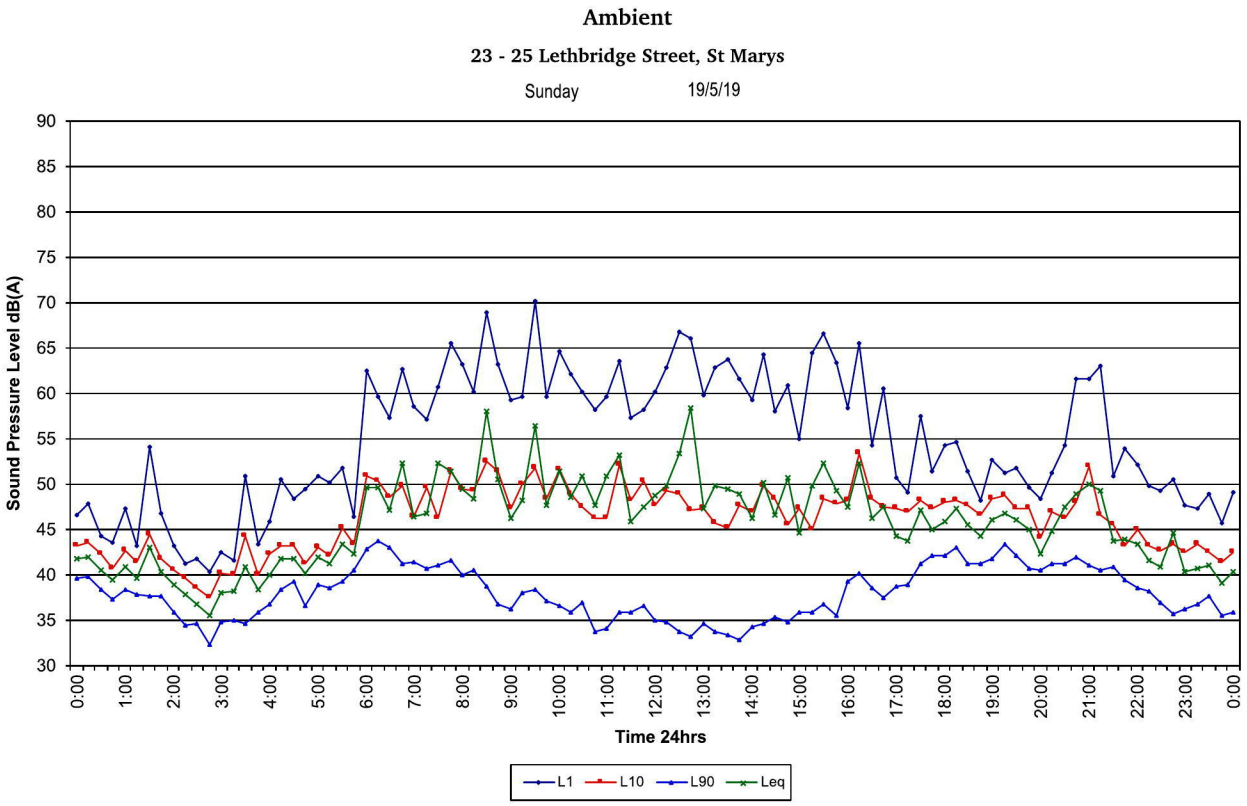
Tonal noise contains one or more prominent tones (and characterised by a distinct frequency components) and is considered more annoying. A 2 to 5 dB(A) penalty is typically applied to noise sources with tonal characteristics

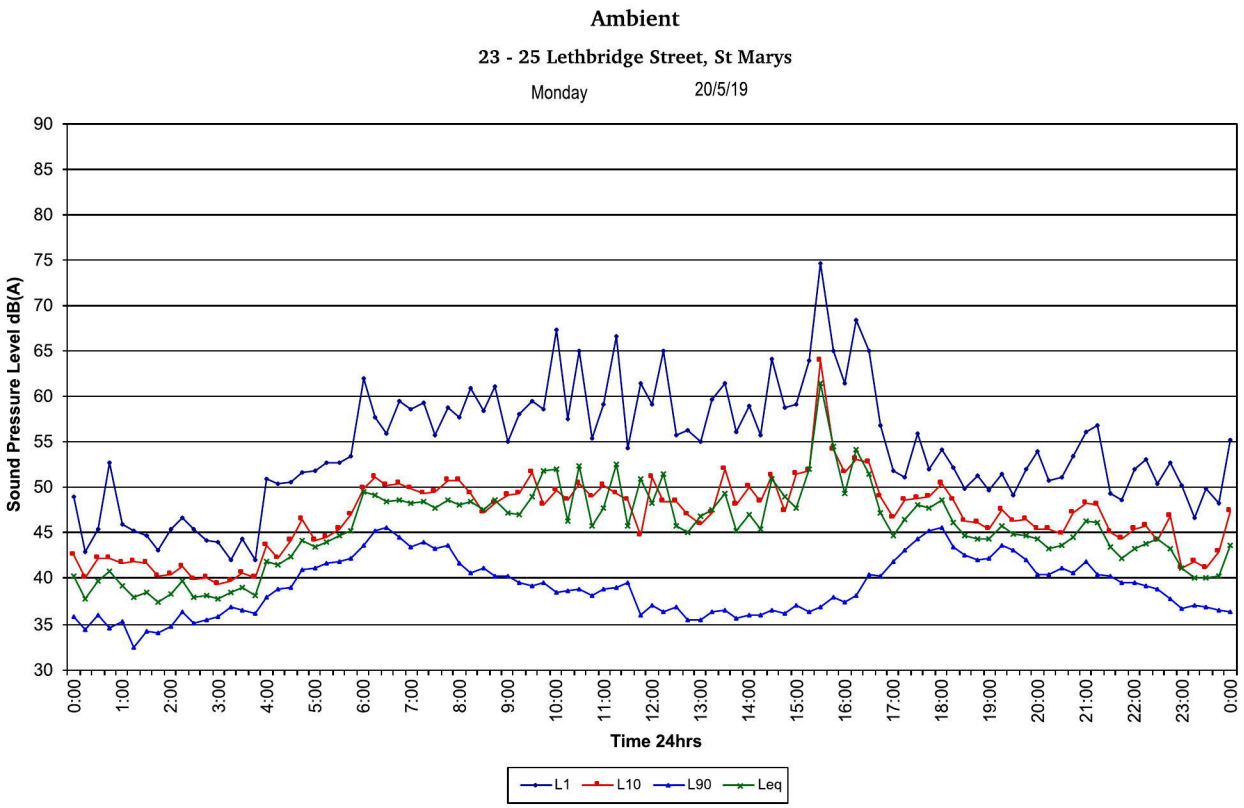
Appendix B Logger Graphs

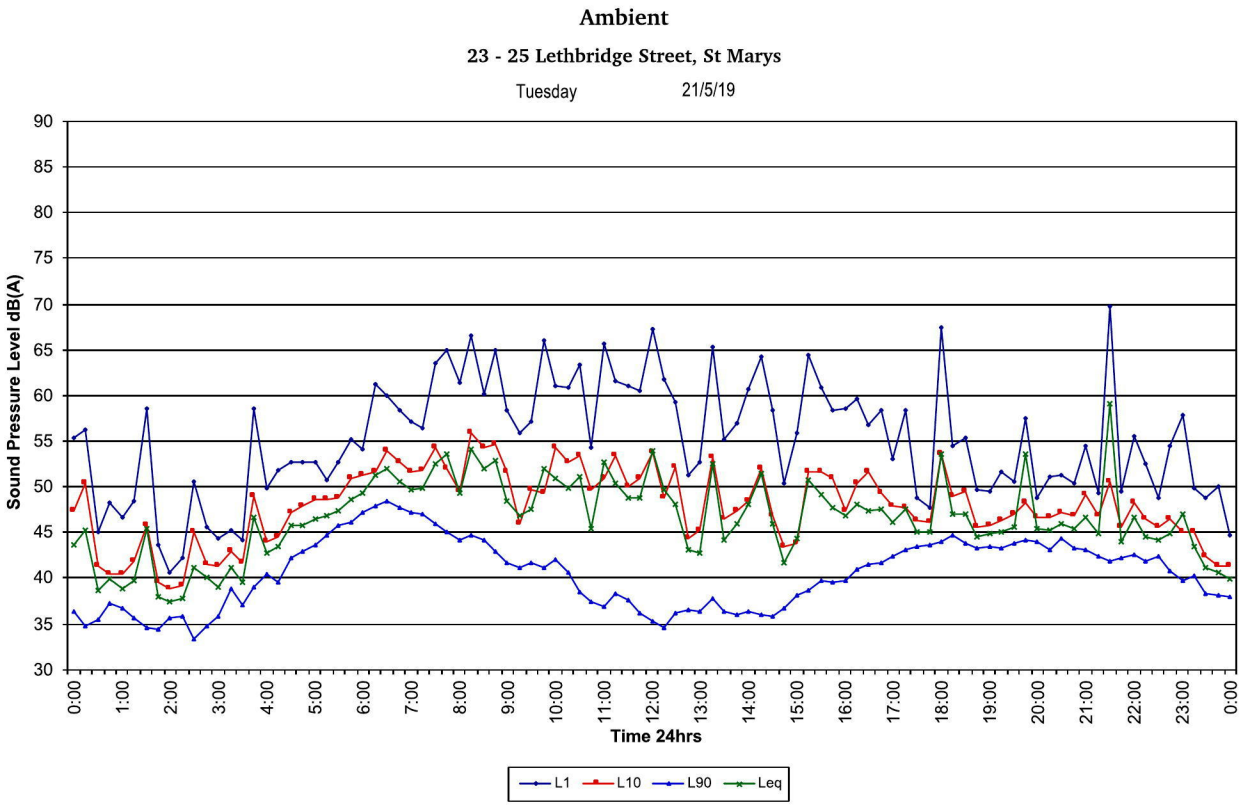


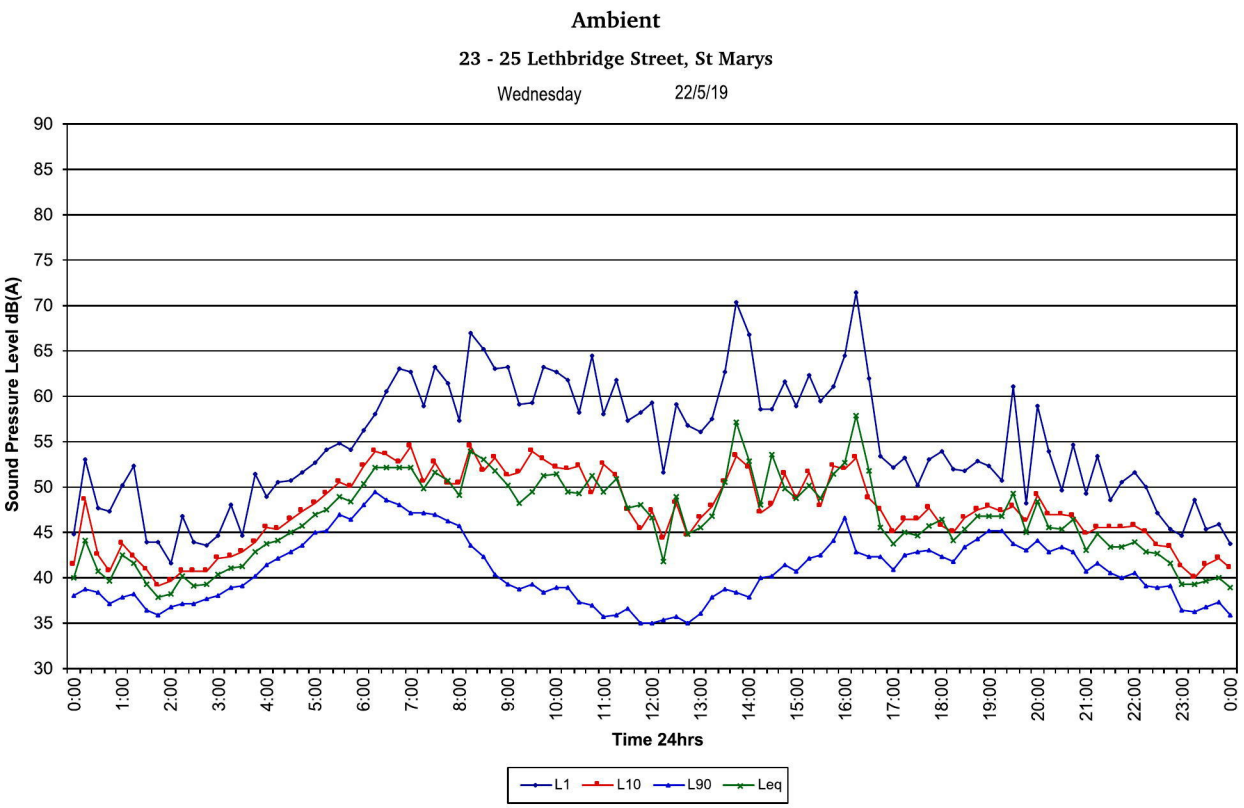


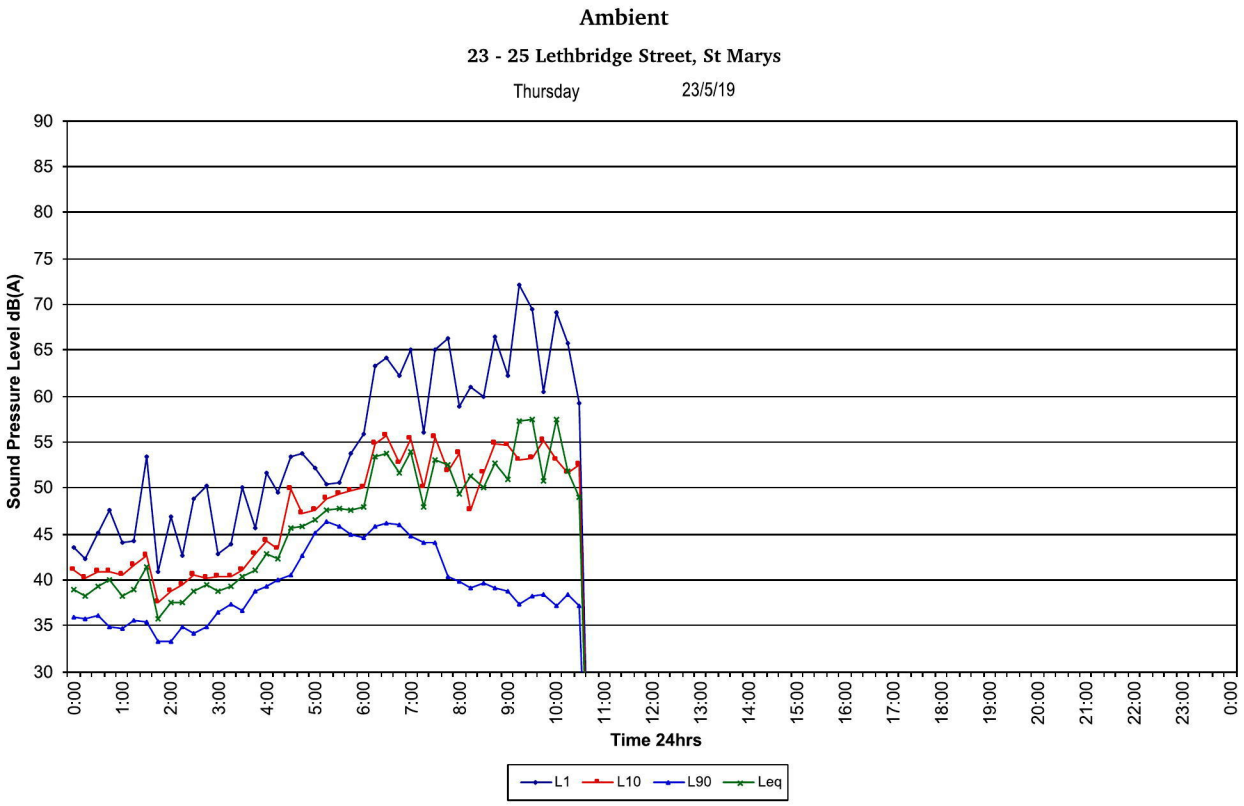


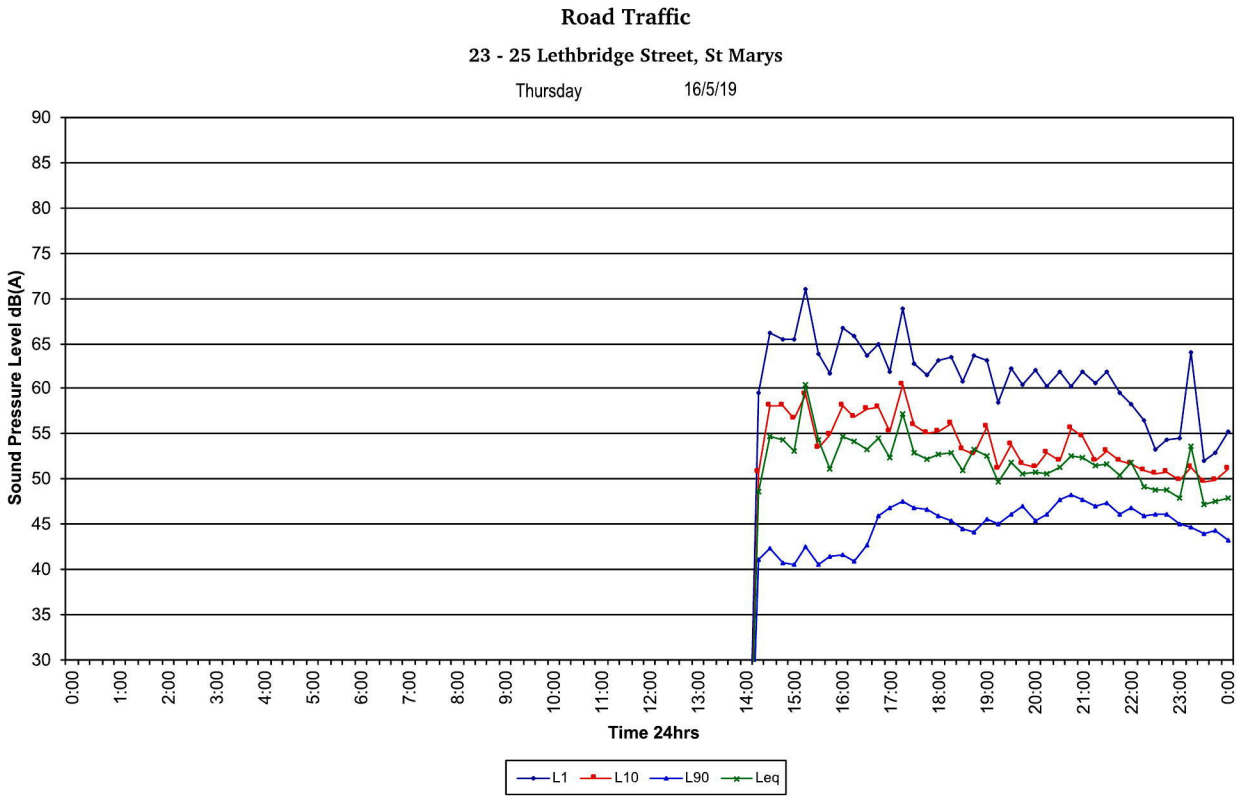


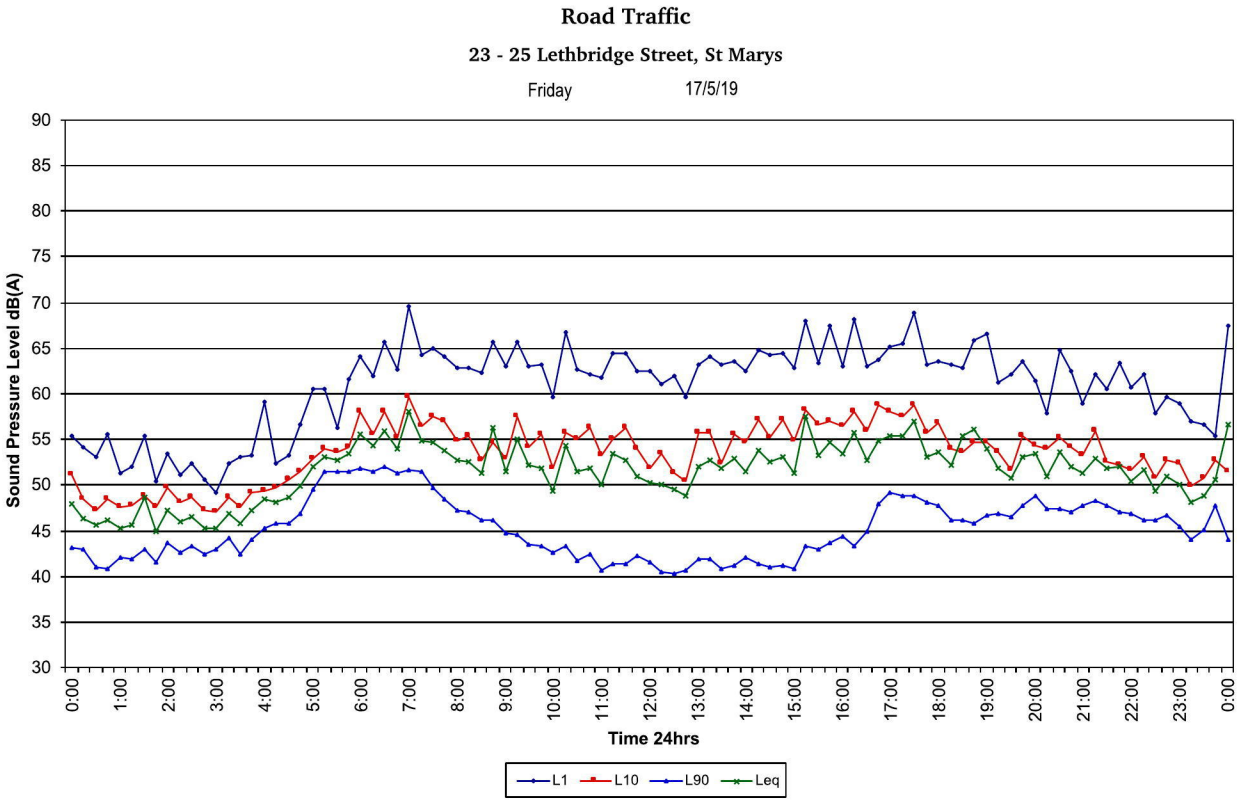












Road Traffic

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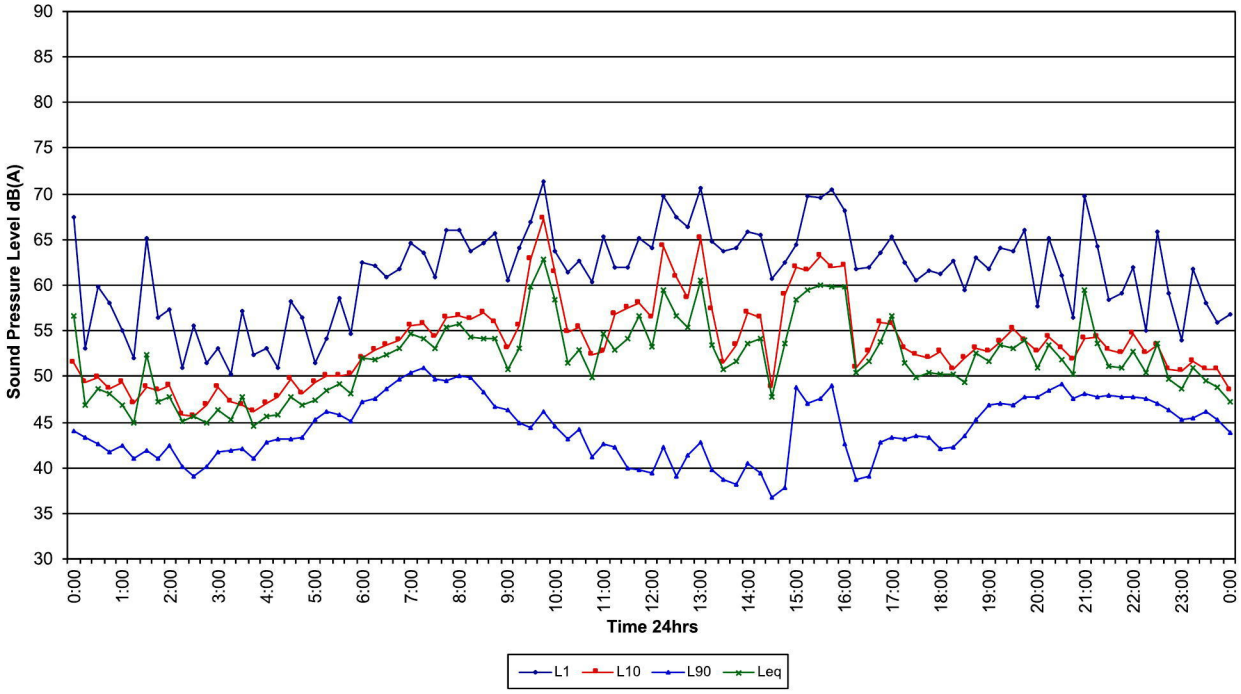

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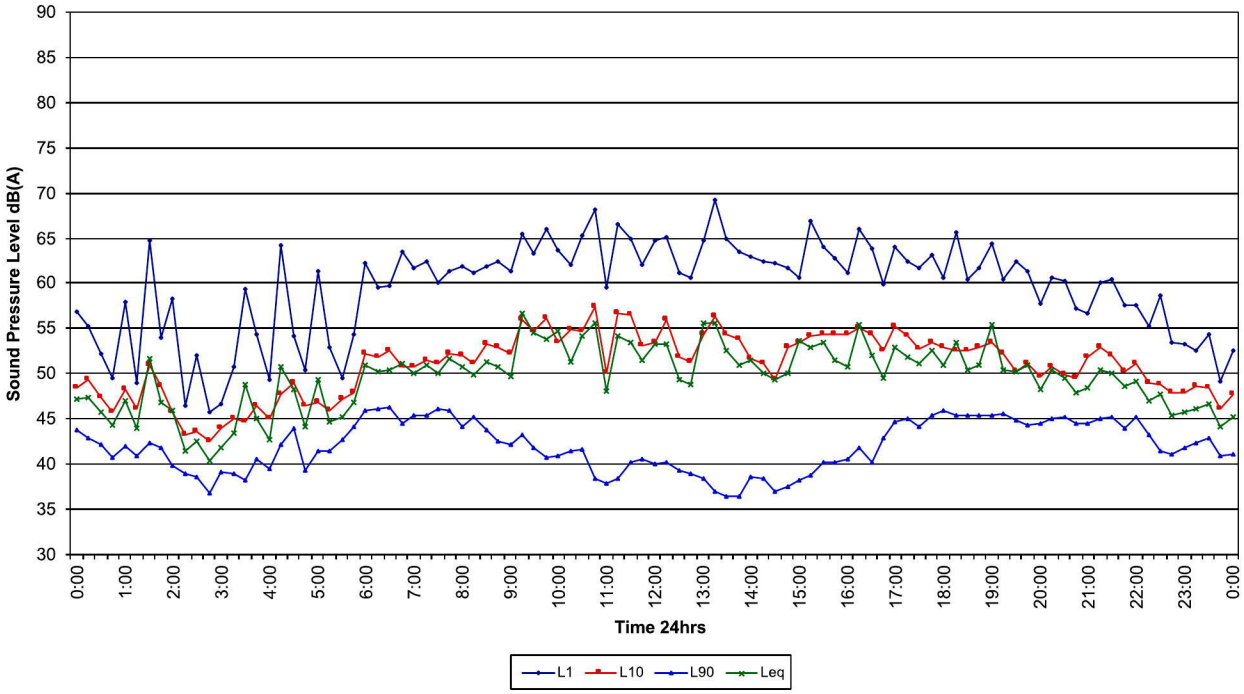

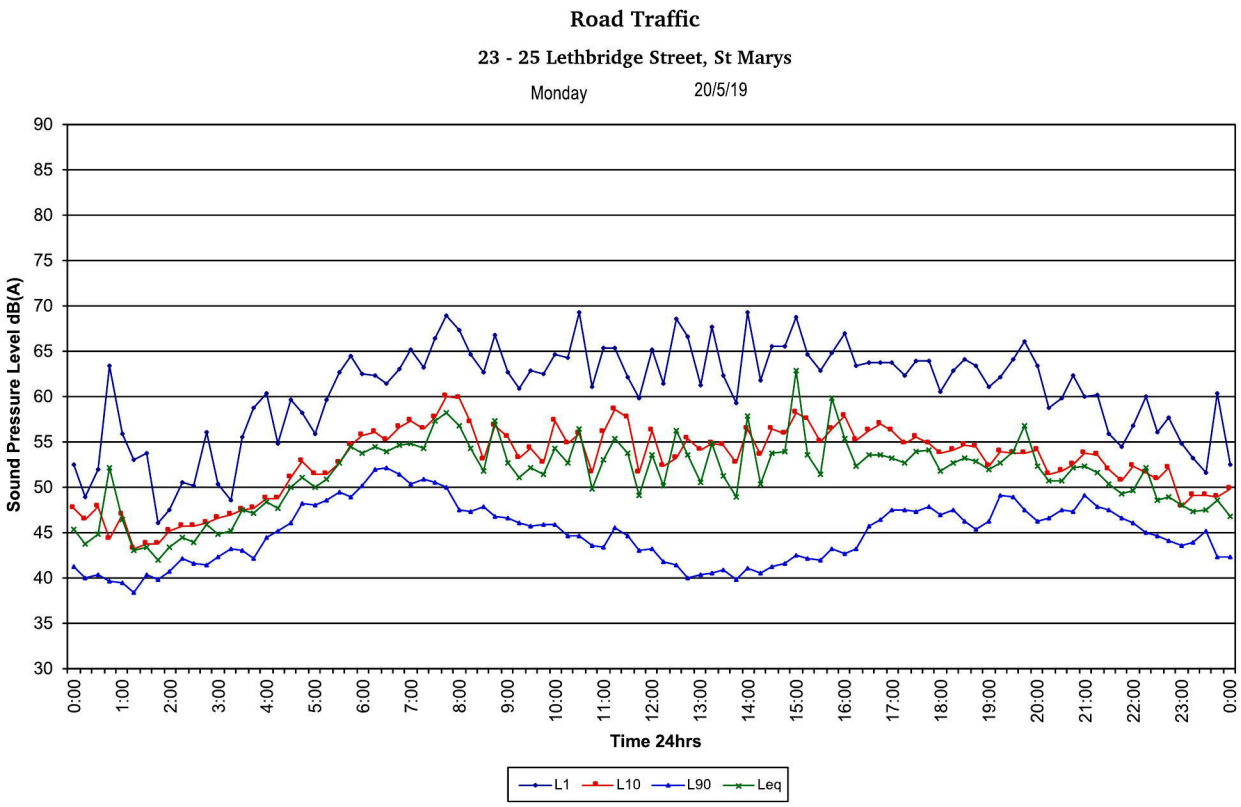

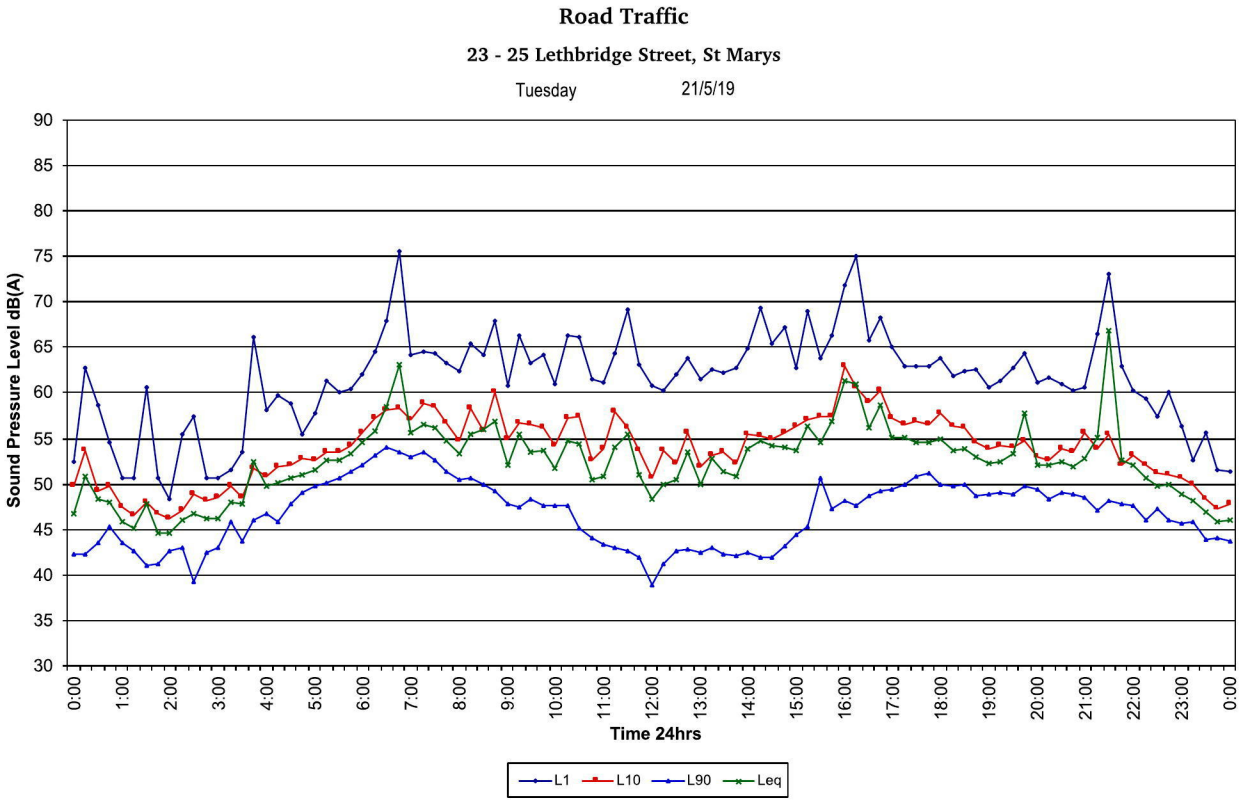

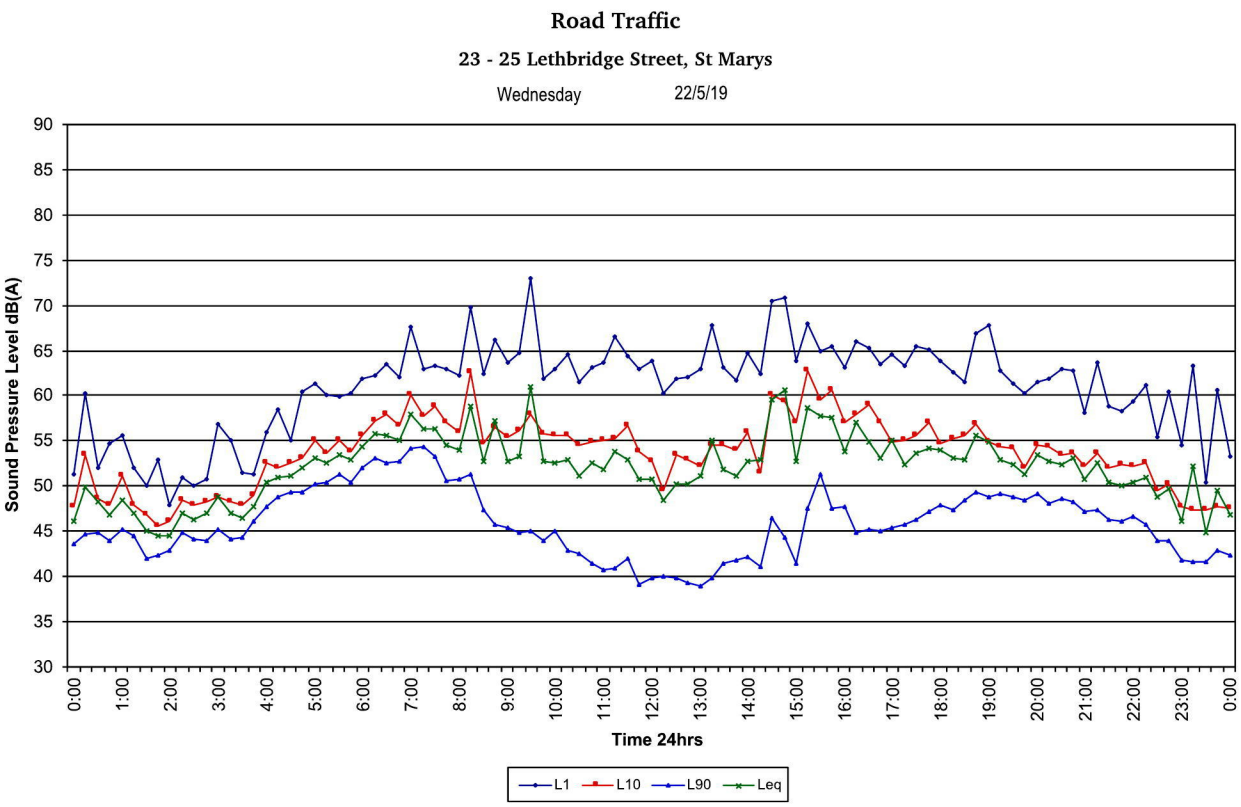

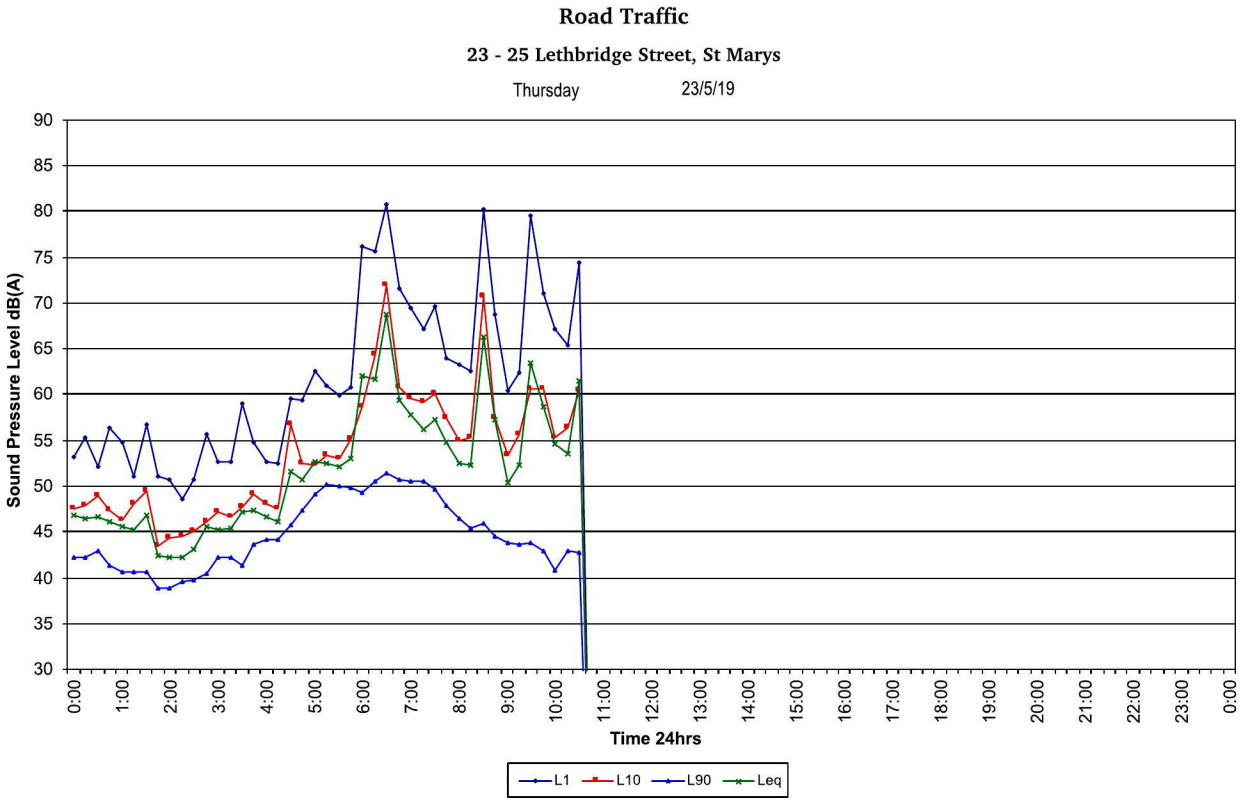

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Sound Level Meter
IEC 61672-3.2013

Calibration Certificate

Calibration Number C16717

Client Details Rodney Stevens Acoustics Pty Ltd
1 Majura Close
St Ives Chase NSW 2075

Equipment Tested/ Model Number : Rion NL-42EX
Instrument Serial Number : 00546394
Microphone Serial Number : 152908
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 46606

Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions		Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions	
Ambient Temperature :	23.7°C	**Ambient Temperature :**	24.2°C
Relative Humidity :	50.3%	**Relative Humidity :**	45.3%
Barometric Pressure :	98.8kPa	**Barometric Pressure :**	98.75kPa

Calibration Technician : Vicky Jaiswal
Calibration Date : 09/01/2017
Secondary Check: Riley Cooper
Report Issue Date : 10/01/2017

Approved Signatory : Juan Aguero

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	*Pass*	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	*Pass*
13: Electrical Sig. tests of frequency weightings	*Pass*	18: Toneburst response	*Pass*
14: Frequency and time weightings at 1 kHz	*Pass*	19: C Weighted Peak Sound Level	*Pass*
15: Long Term Stability	*Pass*	20: Overload Indication	*Pass*
16: Level linearity on the reference level range	*Pass*	21: High Level Stability	*Pass*

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 2 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2006, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed.

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Least Uncertainties of Measurement -

Acoustic Tests		Environmental Conditions	
31.5 Hz to 8kHz	*±0.12dB*	*Temperature*	*±0.05°C*
12.5kHz	*±0.18dB*	*Relative Humidity*	*±0.46%*
16kHz	*±0.31dB*	*Barometric Pressure*	*±0.017kPa*
Electrical Tests			
31.5 Hz to 20 kHz	*±0.12dB*		

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Microphone Serial Number : 170370
Pre-amplifier Serial Number : 72880

Pre-Test Atmospheric Conditions		Post-Test Atmospheric Conditions	
Ambient Temperature :	23.4°C	**Ambient Temperature :**	23.3°C
Relative Humidity :	37.2%	**Relative Humidity :**	37.8%
Barometric Pressure :	99.65kPa	**Barometric Pressure :**	99.52kPa

Calibration Technician : Lucky Jaiswal
Secondary Check: Riley Cooper
Calibration Date : 03/07/2017
Report Issue Date : 04/07/2017

Approved Signatory : Juan Aguero

Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result	Clause and Characteristic Tested	Result
12: Acoustical Sig. tests of a frequency weighting	*Pass*	17: Level linearity incl. the level range control	*Pass*
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