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# 1 Introduction

*Stratford Coal Pty Limited* (SCPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Yancoal Australia Limited (Yancoal), has commissioned SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) to conduct monthly noise monitoring for the Stratford Mining Complex (SMC) operations guided by the requirements of the *Stratford Mining Complex (Stratford Extension Project) Noise Management Plan* (NMP), Document No. NMP-R03-A, dated 17 June 2019. This report presents the results and findings from the operator-attended noise surveys conducted on Wednesday 21 April 2021 and concluded Thursday 22 April 2021.

It is understood that the SMC collectively comprises the Bowens Road North Open Cut (BRNOC), Avon North Open Cut, Stratford East Open Cut, Roseville West Open Cut and the associated coal processing and handling facilities. Run-of-mine (ROM) coal from the SCM is processed then loaded and railed on the North Coast Railway to the port of Newcastle.

The objectives of the noise monitoring programme for this operating period were as follows:

- Conduct three rounds of external operator-attended noise measurements at the nine nominated locations in the NMP as well as additional locations, representative of receivers in the area surrounding the SMC. The nine external operator-attended noise measurement locations are:
  - Atkins Off Wenhams Cox Road, Stratford
  - Clarke Off Wenhams Cox Road, Stratford
  - Wadland Off Wenhams Cox Road, Stratford
  - Hall Upper Avon Road
  - 141 Deards Lane Upper Avon Road
  - Lowrey Off Crowthers Road, Stratford
  - Pryce Jones The Bucketts Way, Craven
  - Van der Drift Wood Street. Stratford
  - Greenwood Off Glen Road, Craven

Noise monitoring will occur for a day, evening and night period. The day, evening and night periods being those defined in the NSW *Industrial Noise Policy* (EPA 2000).

- The operator will quantify and characterise the maximum (LAmax) and the intrusive (LAeq and LCeq) noise level contributions from SMC operations over a 15 minute measurement period. In addition, the operator will quantify and characterise the overall levels of ambient noise (i.e. LAmax, LA1, LA10, LA50, LA90, and LAeq) over the 15 minute measurement interval.
- Assess the noise emissions of SMC and determine compliance with respect to the limits contained in the NMP.

In addition to monthly noise monitoring at the nominated residential receivers, the NMP requires quarterly noise monitoring of rail activity and verification monitoring of the Real Time Noise Monitor (RTNM) network.

The following report uses specialist acoustic terminology. An explanation of common terms is provided in **Appendix A**.



# 2 SMC Noise Criteria

The figures presented in this Section are extracts from the *Stratford Extension Project* (SSD-4966) Development Consent dated 29 May 2015.

# 2.1 **Project Approval Schedule 3 Environmental Performance Conditions**

#### ACQUISITION UPON REQUEST

1. Upon receiving a written request for acquisition from an owner of the land listed in Table 1, the Applicant shall acquire the land in accordance with the procedures in conditions 5-6 of Schedule 4.

Table 1: Land subject to acquisition upon request

Property ID		
40/51/Cr1 – L. Blanch	42 - D. Blanch	
Cr7 – Pryce-Jones	Cr 2 – Boorer	

Note: To interpret the location referred to in Table 1 see the applicable figure in Appendix 5.

However, the obligation to acquire a property does not apply if the Applicant has a negotiated agreement with the owner/s of the relevant land that sets aside acquisition under the terms of this consent, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

#### ADDITIONAL MITIGATION UPON REQUEST

2. Upon receiving a written request from the owner of any residence on the land listed in Tables 1 and 2, the Applicant shall implement additional noise mitigation measures (such as double glazing, insulation, and/or air conditioning) at the residence in consultation with the owner. These measures must be reasonable and feasible and directed towards reducing the noise impacts of the development on the residence.

If within 3 months of receiving this request from the owner, the Applicant and the owner cannot agree on the measures to be implemented, or there is a dispute about the implementation of these measures, then either party may refer the matter to the Secretary for resolution.

Property ID	Property ID	
31(1) – Isaac	60 – Healy / Greenwood	
44 – Cross / Jane	36 – Wallace	
37 – Worth	29 – Ward	
15(3) – Falla		

Table 2: Land subject to additional noise mitigation upon request

Note: To interpret the locations referred to in Table 2 see the applicable figure in Appendix 5.

However, the obligation to implement noise mitigation measures does not apply if the Applicant has a negotiated agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land that sets aside noise mitigation measures under the terms of this consent, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

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#### Hours of Operation

The Applicant shall comply with the operating hours in Table 3. 3.

Activity	Operating Hours
<ul> <li>Open cut mining operations in the Bowens Road North and Roseville West Extension pits</li> <li>Recovery and transport of CHPP rejects for re-processing</li> <li>Construction of the noise mitigation bunds on the western sid the Avon North, Roseville West Extension and Stratford East</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Open cut mining operations in the Avon North and Stratford E pits</li> <li>Coal processing, loading and dispatch of product coal trains</li> </ul>	ast 24 hours a day, 7 days per
laintenance activities	week

#### Noise Criteria

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The Applicant shall ensure that the noise generated by the development does not exceed the criteria in 4. Table 4 at any residence on privately-owned land.

Land	Day L <sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub>	Evening L <sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub>	Night L <sub>Aeq(15 min)</sub>	Night LA1 (1 min)
40/51/Cr1 – L. Blanch	43	43	43	50
Cr7 – Pryce-Jones	43	43	43	49
42 – D. Blanch	42	42	42	50
Cr 2 – Boorer	41	41	41	49
31(1) - Isaac	40	40	40	48
36 – Wallace	39	39	39	47
44 – Cross / Jane				
60 – Healy / Greenwood	39	39	39	45
37 – Worth	38	38	38	46
29 – Ward	38	38	37	45
23 – Bagnall	37	37	37	45
31(2) – Isaac				
296 – Watson				
297 – Bosma				
298 – Yates	36	36	36	45
15(3) – Falla	39	35	35	45
15(2) – Falla	36	35	35	45
Stratford Village	37	36	35	45
All other privately- owned residences	35	35	35	45

Table 4: Noise criteria dB(A)

To interpret the locations referred to in Table 4 see the applicable figure(s) in Appendix 5. Stratford village is shown on the figure(s) in Appendix 5. .

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Noise generated by the development is to be measured in accordance with the relevant requirements of the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy*. Appendix 6 sets out the meteorological conditions under which these criteria apply and the requirements for evaluating compliance with these criteria.

However, these criteria do not apply if the Applicant has a negotiated agreement with the owner/s of the relevant residence or land to generate higher noise levels, and the Applicant has advised the Department in writing of the terms of this agreement.

# **2.2 Poject Approval Appendix 6: Noise Compliance Assessment**

#### Applicable Meteorological Conditions

- 1. The noise criteria in Table 4 in Schedule 3 are to apply to a receiver under all meteorological conditions except under:
  - (a) wind speeds greater than 3 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
  - (b) temperature inversion conditions between 1.5°C and 3°C/100 m and wind speed greater than 2 m/s at 10 m above ground level; or
  - (c) temperature inversion conditions greater than 3°C/100 m.

#### **Determination of Meteorological Conditions**

2. Except for wind speed at microphone height, the data to be used for determining meteorological conditions shall be that recorded by the meteorological station required under condition 25 of Schedule 3.

#### **Compliance Monitoring**

- 3. Attended monitoring is to be used to evaluate compliance with the relevant conditions of this consent.
- 4. This monitoring must be carried out at least 12 times in each calendar year (ie at least once in every calendar month), unless the Secretary directs otherwise.
- 5. Unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, this monitoring is to be carried out in accordance with the relevant requirements for reviewing performance set out in the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy* (as amended from time to time), in particular the requirements relating to:
  - (a) monitoring locations for the collection of representative noise data;
  - (b) equipment used to collect noise data, and conformity with Australian Standards relevant to such equipment;
  - (c) modifications to noise data collected, including for the exclusion of extraneous noise and/or penalties for modifying factors apart from adjustments for duration; and
  - (d) the use of an appropriate modifying factor for low frequency noise to be applied during compliance testing at any individual residence if low frequency noise is present (in accordance with the INP) and before comparison with the specified noise levels in the consent.

The implementation and transitional arrangements for the NSW Noise Policy for Industry (NPfI) notes the following:

The NSW Industrial Noise Policy (2000) will continue to apply where it is referenced in existing statutory instruments (such as consents and licences), except for the NSW Industrial Noise Policy Section 4 modifying factors, which will be transitioned to the Noise Policy for Industry (2017) Fact Sheet C through a NSW Industrial Noise Policy application note. This approach has been taken because the Noise Policy for Industry (2017) modification factor approach reflects more recent understanding of the impact of tonal and low-frequency noise on the community.



As such appropriate modifying factors such as low frequency noise have been assessed against NPfI requirements.

# **2.3 EPL Noise Limits – SMC Operations**

The noise limits specified in EPL 5161 are consistent with the noise criteria specified in SSD-4966.

# 2.4 Noise Limits at the Nominated Attended Noise Monitoring Locations

The site-specific noise limits for the nine nominated attended noise monitoring locations are summarised in **Table 1**.

 Table 1
 Noise Limits for the Nominated Noise Monitoring Locations

Locality	Intrusiveness Criteria LAeq(15minute)			Night LA1(1minute) Criterion	
	Day	Evening	Night	Night	
Atkins <sup>1</sup>	35	35	35	45	
Clarke <sup>1,2</sup>	37	37	37	45	
Wadland <sup>1,2</sup>	37	37	37	45	
Hall	35	35	35	45	
141 Deards Lane	35	35	35	45	
Lowrey	35	35	35	45	
Pryce Jones <sup>3</sup>	43	43	43	49	
Van der Drift	37	36	35	45	
Greenwood	35	35	35	45	

Note 1: Owned by Stratford Coal Pty Ltd

Note 2: Criteria adopted from Bagnall as a guide only and are not definitive at this location.

Note 3: Land subject to acquisition upon request.

# 2.5 Rail Noise Goals

The NMP has adopted ARTC's EPL 3142 noise goals as criteria for the assessment of SMC rail transport noise. The noise objectives specified in ARTC's EPL 3142 apply at 1 m from the façade of affected residential properties and are provided in **Table 2**.

### Table 2ARTC EPL 3142 Noise Objectives

Descriptor	Rail Traffic Goal dBA
Daytime/Evening LAeq(15hour)	65
Night-time LAeq(9hour)	60
Maximum Pass-by LAmax	85

# **3** Operational Noise Monitoring Methodology

# **3.1** NMP Monitoring Requirements

Noise monitoring will occur for a day, evening and night period. The day, evening and night periods being those defined in the NSW *Industrial Noise Policy* (EPA 2000).

- The operator will quantify and characterise the maximum (LAmax) and the intrusive (LAeq and LCeq) noise level contributions from SMC operations over a 15 minute measurement period. In addition, the operator will quantify and characterise the overall levels of ambient noise (i.e. LAmax, LA1, LA10, LA50, LA90, and LAeq) over the 15 minute measurement interval.
- Assess the noise emissions of SMC and determine compliance with respect to the limits contained in the NMP.

Relevant modifying factors are assessed by analysis of the measured SMC LARG Spectrum where applicable.

# **3.2 General Requirements**

All acoustic instrumentation employed throughout the monitoring programme has been designed to comply with the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1 – 2004 *Electroacoustics—Sound level meters – Specifications*, AS IEC 61672.2-2004, AS IEC 61672.3-2004 and carried current NATA or manufacturer calibration certificates. Instrument calibration was checked before and after each measurement survey, with the variation in calibrated levels not exceeding  $\pm 0.5$  dBA.

All operator-attended noise measurements were conducted using a one-third octave integrating Brüel & Kjær Type 2250L (s/n 3003389) and Brüel & Kjær Type 2270 (s/n 2697354) together with a Svantek SV30A acoustical calibrator (s/n 39482).

# **3.3 Operator-attended Noise Monitoring Locations**

Noise monitoring was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NMP.

Operator-attended noise measurements were conducted during the day, evening and night-time period for a minimum of 15 minutes per period at each of the nine noise monitoring locations. Additional noise monitoring locations have been adopted:

- Wadland has been implemented to enable a robust acoustic relationship between the Clarke and Wadland monitoring locations and the Bagnall residence to the east.
- 141 Deards Lane additional noise monitoring location at an elevated location to the west.

The details of the operator-attended SMC operational noise monitoring locations are contained within **Table 3** and shown generally in **Figure 1**. During the operator-attended noise measurements, the character and relative contribution of ambient noise sources and SMC contributions were determined by observations on site.



Monitoring Location	Receiver Type	Resident / Owner	Monitoring Loca 56	tion - MGA Zone
			Easting (m)	Northing (m)
Atkins	Mine owned Residence	SCPL	401544	6447134
Clarke	Mine owned Residence	SCPL	404406	6445783
Wadland	Intermediate Monitoring Location	SCPL	404739	6445272
Hall	Residence	Hall	398269	6443709
141 Deards Lane	Residence	141 Deards Lane	397180	6444985
Lowrey	Residence	Lowrey	399193	6445879
Pryce Jones	Residence	Pryce Jones	400807	6441846
Van der Drift	Residence	SCPL	400171	6445775
Greenwood	Residence	Greenwood	402617	6440457

### Table 3 SMC Operational Noise Monitoring Locations

# 3.4 Extrapolation Methodology for Intermediate Monitoring Locations

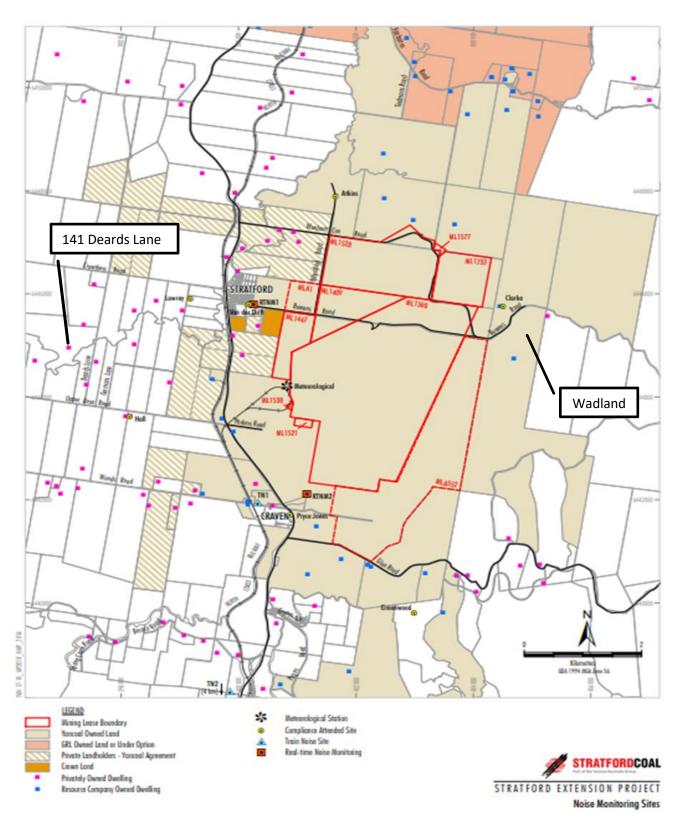
The NPfI provides the most contemporary advice on compliance assessment techniques for industrial noise assessment. The NPfI provides a direct commentary on the use of 'alternative or intermediate' locations to determine compliance as follows:

### Direct measurement at alternative or intermediate location/s

Where direct measurement of noise at a compliance location is not practical because of poor signal-tonoise ratios (that is, extraneous noise is louder than the noise under investigation), or where access to the location has been denied or is unavailable, measurements at intermediate locations between the source and the receiver location, where signal-to-noise ratios are higher, may be a viable option. For this approach to be effective there needs to be well-established theoretical and/or empirical relationships between the intermediate location and the receiver location in terms of noise exposure. Noise modelling may be one option to establish this relationship. The techniques under the above section 'Direct measurement at a receiver location' would also be relevant in terms of quantifying the level of noise from the source at the intermediate location(s). Where this technique is relied upon, it is the responsibility of the proponent to demonstrate a robust acoustic relationship between the compliance location and the intermediate location.

Where this technique is relied upon, it is the responsibility of the proponent to demonstrate a robust acoustic relationship between the compliance location and the intermediate location.

As such an ENM noise model of typical site operations is used to predict noise levels the Bagnall residence using an ENM model for all monitoring periods. The noise model is calibrated using the operator attended noise monitoring results (where available) and weather conditions at the time of the Clarke and Wadland noise monitoring.



### Figure 1 Stratford Mining Complex Attended Noise Monitoring Locations



# **3.5 Compliance Assessment Protocol**

In accordance with the NMP the results of noise monitoring at the compliance attended monitoring sites will be compared against the relevant noise criteria. The comparison will be undertaken following the exclusion of data where meteorological conditions are outside those provided in Appendix 6 of SSD-4966 and extraneous noise sources.

If SMC related noise contributions exceed the noise criteria under applicable meteorological conditions, then in accordance with the NMP:

- The exceedance will be reported to DP&E and EPA in accordance with Section 10 of the NMP;
- A second reading will be undertaken at the location within 75 minutes; and
- The exceedance will be reported in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report and Annual Review.

If the second reading is also confirmed to exceed the relevant criteria, then:

- The sustained exceedance will be deemed to be a noise incident;
- The noise incident will be reported to DP&E and EPA as a non-compliance in accordance with Section 10 of the NMP;
- Follow up monitoring will be conducted at the location within one week of the recorded noncompliance; and
- The non-compliance and the outcome of the follow-up monitoring will be reported in the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report and Annual Review.

A confirmed noise incident (i.e. sustained exceedance and non-compliance) as determined by attended noise monitoring will be deemed to be a breach of the noise criteria.

# 4 Results

# 4.1 **Operator-attended Noise Monitoring – SMC Operational Activity**

Operator-attended noise measurements were conducted during a day, evening and night period on Wednesday 21 April 2021 and concluded Thursday 22 April 2021. Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at residential locations are provided in **Sections 4.1.1** to **4.1.8**.

A summary of the results for the attended noise monitoring are displayed graphically in **Appendix B** showing LAmax, LAeq, and LAeq(<1.25kHz) in 1-second intervals throughout the monitoring survey.

Ambient noise levels presented include all noise sources such as transport (roads, rail and aircraft), fauna (insects, frogs, birds, and bats), farm animals (cows, bulls), the natural environment (wind, wind in trees), domestic noises, other industrial operations as well as SMC noise emissions.

Weather data during the monitoring period has been obtained from the weather station located on the SMC site.

The tables provide the following information:



- Date and start time, operator and equipment details.
- Monitoring location.
- Wind velocity (m/s) and temperature (PC) at the measurement location.
- Typical maximum (LAmax) and contributed LAeq(15minute) noise levels.

### 4.1.1 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results – 'Atkins'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Atkins' are provided in **Table 4**. Monitoring location 'Atkins' represents residential receptors located to the north of the site.

Period	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descript	tor dBA	(15 minu	ite)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Day	21/04/2021 16:54 17°C 3.7 m/s S	50	45	41	36	39	37	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 32-48 LAeq(15minute) contribution 34 dBA Other noise events: Birds 37-50
									Road traffic 34-43 Insects 33-34 Wind 37-46
Evening	21/04/2021 19:43 10°C 1.8 m/s WSW Lapse Rate 8.5°C/100m	59	53	49	34	44	44	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 31-38 LAeq(15minute) contribution 33 dBA Other noise events: Road traffic 34-40 Train passbys 35-56 Birds 37-43 Frogs 25-27
Night	21/04/2021 22:06 7°C 1.7 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 11.6°C/100m	60	35	33	28	31	31	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible Haul trucks and dozers 25- 35 LAeq(15minute) contribution 30 dBA LAmax contribution 35 dBA Other noise events: Distant road traffic 28-31 Dog barking 27-29 Frogs/birds 25-27 Exhaust clicks 30-60

### Table 4 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Atkins'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were audible during the day, evening and night-time operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated an LAeq(15minute) noise contribution of 34 dBA during the day, 33 dBA evening and 30 dBA during the night-time respectively. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 35 dBA.



Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.

### 4.1.2 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Clarke' and 'Wadland'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Clarke' and Wadland are provided **Table 5**. These monitoring locations represent residential receptors located to the east of the site and are SMC owned properties. The monitoring results at Clarke and Wadland, under appropriate meteorological conditions, are used to determine SMC contributions at the 'Bagnall' residence located further to the east.

Period	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descript	tor dBA	(15 minu	ite)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Day – Clarke	21/04/2021 16:30 18°C 6.4 m/s SSW	52	44	39	33	37	36	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 33-41 LAeq(15minute) contribution 34 dBA Other noise events: Birds 37-43 Wind gusts 30-52 Insects 22-24 Cows 38-45 Aeroplane 38-45
Day - Wadland	21/04/2021 16:07 18°C 6.1 m/s SSW	64	49	42	39	42	33	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations (mainly south pit) 28-32 LAeq(15minute) contribution 30 dBA Other noise events: Birds 41-64 Insects 39-40 Cows 42-48 Wind 32-38
Evening – Clarke	21/04/2021 21:41 8°C 1.4 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 9.9°C/100m	56	50	47	42	45	44	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 40-56 LAeq(15minute) contribution 44 dBA Other noise events: Operator shuffle 40-42

### Table 5 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Clarke' and 'Wadland'



Period	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descript	tor dBA	(15 minu	ite)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Evening - Wadland	21/04/2021 21:03 9°C 1.8 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 7.0°C/100m	52	47	39	30	37	36	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 27-38 LAeq(15minute) contribution 33 dBA Other noise events: Vehicle passby 40-52 Dogs barking 38-44 Resident 43-47 Frogs 23-25
Night - Clarke	21/04/2021 22:29 7°C 1.6 m/s NNW Lapse Rate 11.4°C/100m	57	50	47	39	44	43	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 40-53 LAeq(15minute) contribution 43 dBA LAmax contribution 53 dBA Other noise events: Exhaust clicks 53-57
Night - Wadland	21/04/2021 22:03 7°C 1.7 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 11.6°C/100m	51	43	40	34	37	36	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 32-44 LAeq(15minute) contribution 35 dBA LAmax contribution 44 dBA Other noise events: Insects 31-35 Faint road traffic 33-36 Branch falling 51

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

At Clarke SMC operations were audible during the day, evening and night-time operator attended noise surveys. SMC operations generated an LAeq(15minute) noise contribution of 34 dBA during the day, 44 dBA during the evening and 43 dBA during the night-time respectively. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 53 dBA at Clarke.

At Wadland SMC operations were audible during the day, evening and night-time operator attended surveys. SMC operations generated an LAeq(15minute) noise contribution of 30 dBA during the day 33 dBA during the evening and 35 dBA during the night-time respectively. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 44 dBA at Wadland.

Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise survey. Notwithstanding noise modelling has been conducted to the Bagnall residence using an ENM model for all monitoring periods. The results of the noise modelling is provided in **Table 6**.

Table 6	Predicted	Noise	Levels	- Bagnall

Period and Location	Meteorological Parameters	Noise Level at Monitoring Location	Predicted Noise Level at Bagnal	Propagation Attenuation – Monitoring Location to Bagnal (dB)
Day – Clarke	Temp 18°C Humidity 43.1% Wind Speed 6.4 m/s Wind Direction 192.1° Lapse Rate -1°C/100m	34 dBA	22 dBA	-11.7
Day – Wadland	Temp 18°C Humidity 42.9% Wind Speed 6.1 m/s Wind Direction 192.2° Lapse Rate -1°C/100m	30 dBA	29 dBA	-1.2
Evening – Clarke	Temp 8°C Humidity 89.4% Wind Speed 1.4 m/s Wind Direction 18.6° Lapse Rate 9.9°C/100m	44 dBA	34 dBA	-10.3
Evening - Wadland	Temp 9°C Humidity 87% Wind Speed 1.8 m/s Wind Direction 27.3° Lapse Rate 7.0°C/100m	33 dBA	27 dBA	-6.2
Night – Clarke	Temp 7°C Humidity 89.9% Wind Speed 1.6 m/s	43 dBA	33 dBA	-9.8
	Wind Direction 331.1° Lapse Rate 11.4°C/100m	53 dBA	43 dBA	-9.8
Night – Wadland	Temp 7°C Humidity 89.5% Wind Speed 1.7 m/s	35 dBA	30 dBA	-4.6
	Wind Direction 15.5° Lapse Rate 11.6°C/100m	44 dBA	39 dBA	-4.6

 $L_{Aeq(15minute)}$  noise levels are predicted to be up to 34 dBA over the noise monitoring period. The night-time  $L_{Amax}$  noise level is predicted to be up to 43 dBA. Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time periods of the operator attended noise measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended surveys.

### 4.1.3 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Hall'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Hall' are provided in **Table 7.** Monitoring location 'Hall' represents residential receptors located to the southwest of the site.

Hall	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descripto	or dBA (1	L5 minut	2)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Day	22/04/2021 07:53 8°C 2.7 m/s NNE	69	53	47	37	45	44	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Birds 43-58 Road traffic 34-38 Vehicle passby 43-69 Train 40-45
Evening	21/04/2021 19:44 10°C 1.8 m/s WSW Lapse Rate 8.5°C/100m	55	49	36	29	36	35	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Road traffic 28-34 Frogs/Insects 27-31 Engine click 55
Night	21/04/2021 22:58 6°C 1.2 m/s WNW Lapse Rate 7.1°C/100m	56	44	35	27	33	32	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible Mine hum 25-29 LAeq(15minute) contribution 28 dBA LAmax contribution 29 dBA Other noise events: Road traffic 29-34 Bird 27-42 Dog barking 42-50 Exhaust clicks 32-56

### Table 7 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Hall'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were inaudible during the day and evening and audible during the night-time operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of 28 dBA during the night-time. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 29 dBA.

Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.



### 4.1.4 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - '141 Deards Lane'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at '141 Deards Lane' are provided in **Table 8**. Monitoring location '141 Deards Lane' represents residential receptors located to the west of the site.

141 Deards	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descript	or dBA (:	15 minut	e)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and	
Lane	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)	
Day	21/04/2021 17:17 15°C 2.9 m/s SSW	54	52	51	43	48	41	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Farm operations 42-48 Insects 40-44 Dog barking 51-54	
Evening	21/04/2021 21:02 9°C 1.8 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 7°C/100m	51	36	31	25	29	26	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Barely audible General pit operations 22-26 LAeq(15minute) contribution <25 dBA Other noise events: Insects 24-27 Dogs 42-51 Faint road traffic 30-34	
Night	21/04/2021 23:29 6°C 0.9 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 8°C/100m	59	37	30	24	29	27	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 25-28 LAeq(15minute) contribution 26 dBA LAmax contribution 28 dBA Other noise events: Insects 24-26 Dogs barking 52-59	

### Table 8 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - '141 Deards Lane'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were inaudible during the day, barely audible during the evening and audible during the nighttime operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of <25 dBA during the evening and 26 dBA during the night-time. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 28 dBA. Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.

## 4.1.5 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Lowrey'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Lowrey' are provided in **Table 9**. Monitoring location 'Lowrey' represents residential receptors located to the west of the site and west of Bucketts Way.

Lowrey	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	Descript	or dBA (	15 minu	te)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Day	22/04/2021 07:02 6°C 1.8 m/s NE Lapse Rate 5.8°C/100m	67	62	58	40	52	51	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Road traffic 36-43 Birds 42-61 Train 48-67
Evening	21/04/2021 19:16 10°C 0.6 m/s SSE Lapse Rate 10.8°C/100m	84	59	55	35	54	54	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Not Measurable Other noise events: Road traffic 32-43 Insects/frogs 23-25 Birds 32-36 Train 41-84
Night	21/04/2021 22:58 6°C 1.2 m/s WNW Lapse Rate 7.1°C/100m	42	39	36	28	33	32	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 28- 31 LAeq(15minute) contribution 29 dBA LAmax contribution 31 dBA Other noise events: Dogs 34-42 Nearby pump 35-40 Insects/frogs 27-29

### Table 9 Attended Noise Survey Results - 'Lowrey'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were inaudible during the day, not measurable during the evening and audible during the night-time operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of 29 dBA during the night-time. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 31 dBA.



Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the day, evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the day, evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.

### 4.1.6 **Operator-attended Noise Survey Results - 'Pryce-Jones'**

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Pryce Jones' are provided in **Table 10.** Monitoring location 'Pryce Jones' represents residential receptors located in Craven to the south of the site.

Pryce- Jones	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise [	Descripto	or dBA (1	5 minute	:)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and
501125	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)
Day	21/04/2021 16:50 17°C 3.7 m/s S	76	70	62	38	58	58	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Road traffic 52-76 Insects 37-40
Evening	21/04/2021 19:22 10°C 0.6 m/s SSE Lapse Rate 10.8°C/100m	79	71	59	33	58	57	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Briefly Audible Site operations 23-38 LAeq(15minute) contribution <25 dBA Other noise events: Road traffic 41-79 Insects/frogs 32-36
Night	21/04/2021 23:19 6°C 1.7 m/s NNW Lapse Rate 5.5°C/100m	44	41	38	34	37	35	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 32-41 LAeq(15minute) contribution 34 dBA LAmax contribution 41 dBA Other noise events: Birds 36-39 Exhaust clicks 37-44

### Table 10 Attended Noise Survey Results – 'Pryce Jones'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were inaudible during the day, briefly audible during the evening and audible during the nighttime operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of <25 dBA during the evening and 34 dBA during the night. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 41 dBA.



Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time period of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.

### 4.1.7 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results – 'Van der Drift'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Van der Drift' are provided in **Table 11**.

Van der Drift	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise I	Descripto	or dBA (1	.5 minute	2)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and Typical	
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kH z)	Applicable	Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)	
Day	22/04/2021 07:29 8°C 2.7 m/s N	62	54	43	33	42	40	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Barely Audible General pit operations 24-28 LAeq(15minute) contribution <25 dBA Other noise events: Birds 42-62	
	21/04/2021								Road traffic 31-39	
Evening	21/04/2021 18:54 11°C 1.3 m/s SSW Lapse Rate 8.9°C/100m	61	58	42	34	43	42	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible General pit operations 30-35 LAeq(15minute) contribution 32 dBA Other noise events: Road traffic 34-46 Train passbys 47-61 Frogs 31-32	
Night	23:58 7°C 1.3 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 9.2°C/100m	54	36	30	26	29	28	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible Haul trucks and dozers 24-28 LAeq(15minute) contribution 26 dBA LAmax contribution 28 dBA Other noise events: Frogs/insects 25-28 Engine click 54	

Table 11 Attended Noise Survey Results – 'Van der Drift'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.



SMC operations were barely audible during the day and audible during the evening and night-time operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of <25 dBA during the day, 32 dBA during the evening and 26 dBA during the night-time. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 28 dBA.

Meteorological data from the onsite SMC automatic weather stations showed a temperature inversion in excess of 3°C/100 m during the evening and night-time periods of the operator attended measurements. As such, the evening and night-time criteria are not applicable during the attended noise surveys.

### 4.1.8 Operator-attended Noise Survey Results – 'Greenwood'

Results of the operator-attended noise surveys at 'Greenwood' are provided in Table 12.

Greenwood	Date/Start Time/	Primar	y Noise	e Descrip	tor dBA	<b>(</b> 15 minu	te)	Modifying Factors	Description of Noise Emissions and	
	Weather	LAmax	LA1	LA10	LA90	LAeq	LAeq (≤1.25kHz)	Applicable	Typical Maximum Noise Levels (dBA)	
Day	21/04/2021 16:28 18°C 5.8 m/s SSW	80	61	41	32	52	52	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Road traffic 30-34 Birds 46-55 Insects 33-35 Vehicle pass-by 68-80	
Evening	21/04/2021 19:01 11°C 1.3 m/s SSW Lapse Rate 8.9°C/100m	62	43	38	31	36	29	N/A	Site related noise events: SMC: Inaudible Other noise events: Road traffic 33-39 Frogs/insects 33-37 Engine click 62	
Night	21/04/2021 23:42 6°C 0.9 m/s NNE Lapse Rate 11°C/100m	48	44	40	32	37	34	No	Site related noise events: SMC: Audible Haul trucks and dozers 30-43 LAeq(15minute) contribution 34 dBA LAmax contribution 43 dBA Other noise events: Birds 41-48 Frogs 36-38	

 Table 12
 Attended Noise Survey Results – 'Greenwood'

Note 1: N/A = Not Applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions and/or SMC being inaudible or significantly below the noise criteria.

SMC operations were inaudible during the day and evening and audible during the night-time operator attended noise surveys at this location. SMC operations generated LAeq(15minute) contributions of 34 dBA during the night-time. During the night-time period the operation of the pit generated LAmax noise levels of up to 43 dBA.



# 5 **Performance Assessment**

Results of the operator-attended noise measurements compared with the relevant noise criteria contained in the SMC Development Consent are given in **Table 13**.

Location	Estimated SMC LAeq(15minute) Noise Level dBA <sup>1</sup>			Noise Cr dBA	iteria LAeq	(15minute)	Compliance		
	Day	Eve	Night	Day	Eve	Night	Day	Eve	Night
Atkins	34	33 <sup>7</sup>	30 <sup>7</sup>	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clarke <sup>2</sup>	34	44 <sup>7</sup>	43 <sup>7</sup>	37	37	37	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>
Wadland <sup>2,5</sup>	30	33 <sup>7</sup>	36 <sup>7</sup>	37	37	37	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>
Bagnall	29	34 <sup>7</sup>	33 <sup>7</sup>	37	37	37	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hall	I/A <sup>1</sup>	I/A <sup>1,7</sup>	28 <sup>7</sup>	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
141 Deards Lane	I/A <sup>1</sup>	<25 <sup>7</sup>	26 <sup>7</sup>	35	35	35	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>	N/A <sup>5</sup>
Lowrey	I/A <sup>1,7</sup>	NM <sup>4,7</sup>	29 <sup>7</sup>	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pryce Jones	I/A <sup>1</sup>	<25 <sup>7</sup>	34 <sup>7</sup>	43	43	43	Yes	Yes	Yes
Van der Drift	<25 <sup>7</sup>	32 <sup>7</sup>	26 <sup>7</sup>	37	36	35	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenwood	I/A <sup>1</sup>	I/A <sup>1,7</sup>	34 <sup>7</sup>	35	35	35	Yes	Yes	Yes

### Table 13 Performance Assessment – Operations

Note 1: I/A = Inaudible.

Note 2: Owned by Stratford Coal Pty Ltd. Criteria adopted from Bagnall.

Note 3: Modelled result.

Note 4: Not Measurable

Note 5: Criteria adopted as a guide only.

Note 6: Not modelled. Compliance achieved at representative monitoring location therefore noise levels would comply at this receiver, or criteria not applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions.

Note 7: Criteria not applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions.



# 6 Sleep Disturbance

Results of the night period sleep disturbance measurements compared with the relevant noise criteria contained in the Development Consent are given in **Table 14**.

Location	SMC LA1(1minute) Contribution	Noise Criteria LA1(1minute)	Compliance
Atkins	35⁵	45	Yes
Clarke <sup>2</sup>	53⁵	45	N/A <sup>4</sup>
Wadland <sup>2,4</sup>	44 <sup>5</sup>	45	N/A <sup>4</sup>
Bagnall <sup>3</sup>	43 <sup>5</sup>	45	Yes
Hall	29 <sup>5</sup>	45	Yes
141 Deards Lane	28 <sup>5</sup>	45	N/A <sup>4</sup>
Lowrey	315	45	Yes
Pryce Jones	41 <sup>5</sup>	49	Yes
Van der Drift	285	45	Yes
Greenwood	43 <sup>5</sup>	45	Yes

### Table 14 Performance Assessment – Sleep Disturbance

Note 1: I/A = Inaudible.

Note 2: Owned by Stratford Coal Pty Ltd. Criteria adopted from Bagnall.

Note 3: Modelled result.

Note 4: Criteria adopted as a guide only.

Note 5: Criteria not applicable due to non-compliant weather conditions.

# 7 Conclusion

SLR was engaged by Stratford Coal Pty Limited to conduct monthly noise monitoring for the Stratford Mining Complex (SMC) operations guided by the requirements of the *Stratford Mining Complex Noise Management Plan* (NMP), Document No. NMP-R03-A, dated 17 June 2019.

Operator-attended noise monitoring was conducted at nine residential receiver locations. Monitoring commenced Wednesday 21 April 2021 in order to determine the noise performance of the SMC operations against the Development Consent conditions.

Based on the measured SMC noise contribution, compliance with the relevant operational noise criteria was achieved at all noise monitoring locations during the day, evening and night monitoring periods.

Based on the measured SMC noise contribution, compliance with the relevant sleep disturbance noise criteria was achieved at all privately owned noise monitoring locations during the night-time noise monitoring period under applicable weather conditions.





Acoustic Terminology

#### 1. Sound Level or Noise Level

The terms 'sound' and 'noise' are almost interchangeable, except that 'noise' often refers to unwanted sound.

Sound (or noise) consists of minute fluctuations in atmospheric pressure. The human ear responds to changes in sound pressure over a very wide range with the loudest sound pressure to which the human ear can respond being ten million times greater than the softest. The decibel (abbreviated as dB) scale reduces this ratio to a more manageable size by the use of logarithms.

The symbols SPL, L or LP are commonly used to represent Sound Pressure Level. The symbol LA represents A-weighted Sound Pressure Level. The standard reference unit for Sound Pressure Levels expressed in decibels is 2 x  $10^{-5}$  Pa.

#### 2. 'A' Weighted Sound Pressure Level

The overall level of a sound is usually expressed in terms of dBA, which is measured using a sound level meter with an 'A-weighting' filter. This is an electronic filter having a frequency response corresponding approximately to that of human hearing.

People's hearing is most sensitive to sounds at mid frequencies (500 Hz to 4,000 Hz), and less sensitive at lower and higher frequencies. Different sources having the same dBA level generally sound about equally loud.

A change of 1 dB or 2 dB in the level of a sound is difficult for most people to detect, whilst a 3 dB to 5 dB change corresponds to a small but noticeable change in loudness. A 10 dB change corresponds to an approximate doubling or halving in loudness. The table below lists examples of typical noise levels.

Sound Pressure Level (dBA)	Typical Source	Subjective Evaluation	
130	Threshold of pain	Intolerable	
120	Heavy rock concert	Extremely noisy	
110	Grinding on steel		
100	Loud car horn at 3 m	Very noisy	
90	Construction site with pneumatic hammering		
80	Kerbside of busy street	Loud	
70	Loud radio or television		
60	Department store	Moderate to	
50	General Office	quiet	
40	Inside private office	Quiet to	
30	Inside bedroom	very quiet	
20	Recording studio	Almost silent	

Other weightings (eg B, C and D) are less commonly used than A-weighting. Sound Levels measured without any weighting are referred to as 'linear', and the units are expressed as dB(lin) or dB.

#### 3. Sound Power Level

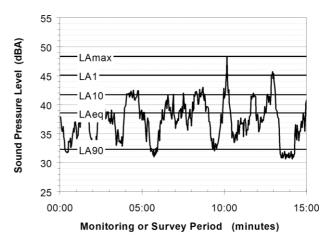
The Sound Power of a source is the rate at which it emits acoustic energy. As with Sound Pressure Levels, Sound Power Levels are expressed in decibel units (dB or dBA), but may be identified by the symbols SWL or LW, or by the reference unit  $10^{-12}$  W.

The relationship between Sound Power and Sound Pressure is similar to the effect of an electric radiator, which is characterised by a power rating but has an effect on the surrounding environment that can be measured in terms of a different parameter, temperature.

#### 4. Statistical Noise Levels

Sounds that vary in level over time, such as road traffic noise and most community noise, are commonly described in terms of the statistical exceedance levels LAN, where LAN is the Aweighted sound pressure level exceeded for N% of a given measurement period. For example, the LA1 is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time, LA10 the noise exceeded for 10% of the time, and so on.

The following figure presents a hypothetical 15 minute noise survey, illustrating various common statistical indices of interest.



Of particular relevance, are:

LA1 The noise level exceeded for 1% of the 15 minute interval.

- LA10 The noise level exceeded for 10% of the 15 minute interval. This is commonly referred to as the average maximum noise level.
- LA90 The noise level exceeded for 90% of the sample period. This noise level is described as the average minimum background sound level (in the absence of the source under consideration), or simply the background level.
- LAeq The A-weighted equivalent noise level (basically, the average noise level). It is defined as the steady sound level that contains the same amount of acoustical energy as the corresponding time-varying sound.

#### 5. Frequency Analysis

Frequency analysis is the process used to examine the tones (or frequency components) which make up the overall noise or vibration signal.

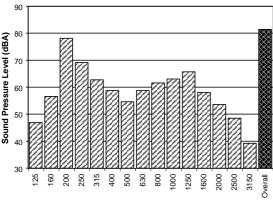
The units for frequency are Hertz (Hz), which represent the number of cycles per second.

Frequency analysis can be in:

- Octave bands (where the centre frequency and width of each band is double the previous band)
- 1/3 octave bands (three bands in each octave band)
- Narrow band (where the spectrum is divided into 400 or more bands of equal width)



The following figure shows a 1/3 octave band frequency analysis where the noise is dominated by the 200 Hz band. Note that the indicated level of each individual band is less than the overall level, which is the logarithmic sum of the bands.



#### 1/3 Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)

#### 6. Annoying Noise (Special Audible Characteristics)

A louder noise will generally be more annoying to nearby receivers than a quieter one. However, noise is often also found to be more annoying and result in larger impacts where the following characteristics are apparent:

- Tonality tonal noise contains one or more prominent tones (ie differences in distinct frequency components between adjoining octave or 1/3 octave bands), and is normally regarded as more annoying than 'broad band' noise.
- Impulsiveness an impulsive noise is characterised by one or more short sharp peaks in the time domain, such as occurs during hammering.
- Intermittency intermittent noise varies in level with the change in level being clearly audible. An example would include mechanical plant cycling on and off.
- Low Frequency Noise low frequency noise contains significant energy in the lower frequency bands, which are typically taken to be in the 10 to 160 Hz region.



# **APPENDIX B**

**Operator Attended Noise Survey Charts** 



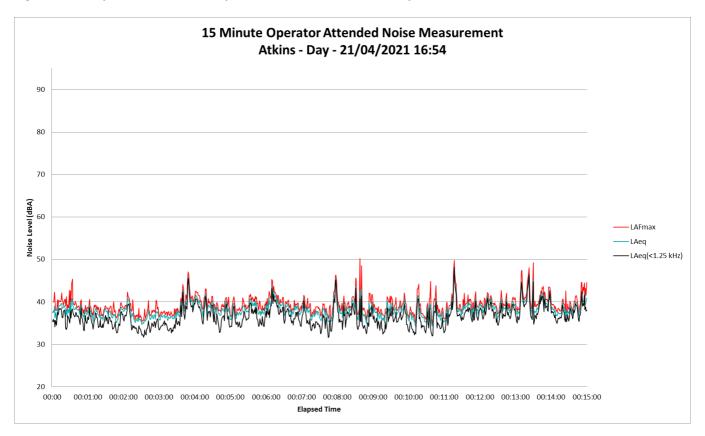
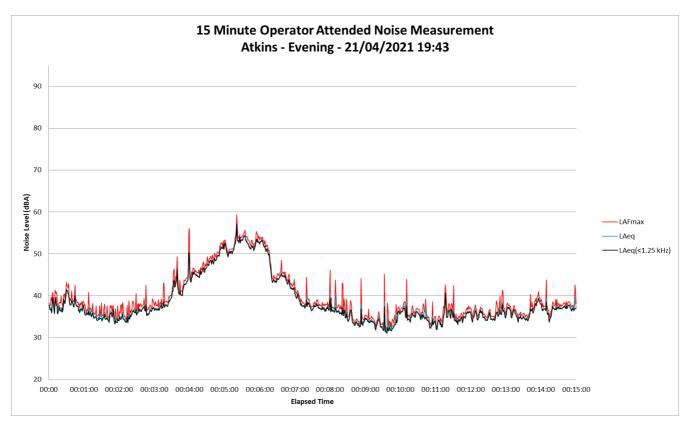


Figure B1 – Day Period – 'Atkins' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B2 – Evening Period – 'Atkins' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





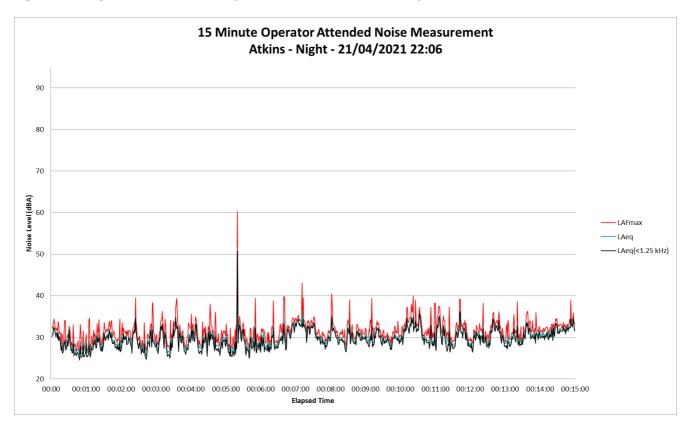
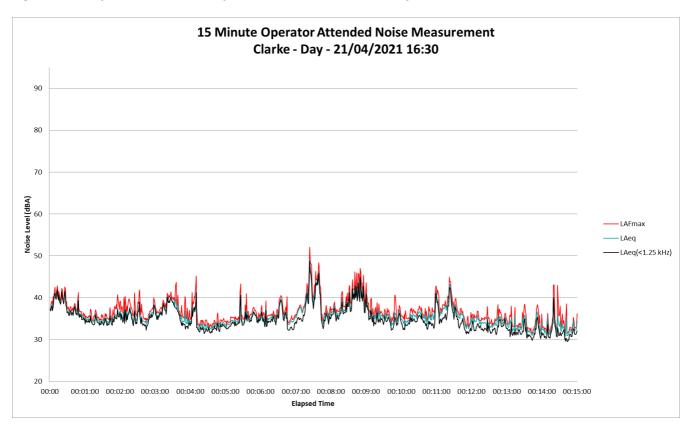


Figure B3 – Night Period – 'Atkins' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B4 – Day Period – 'Clarke' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results



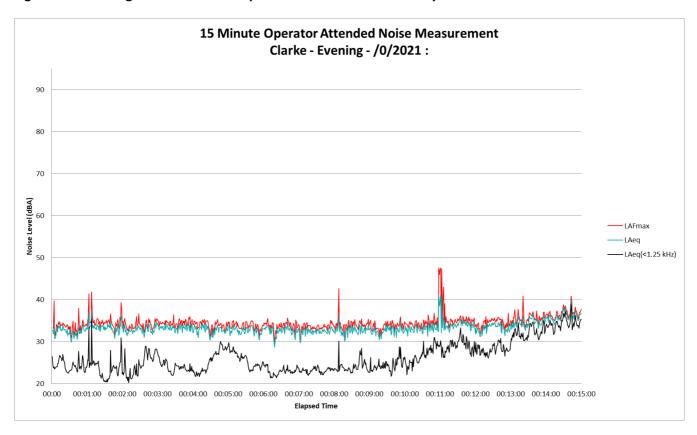
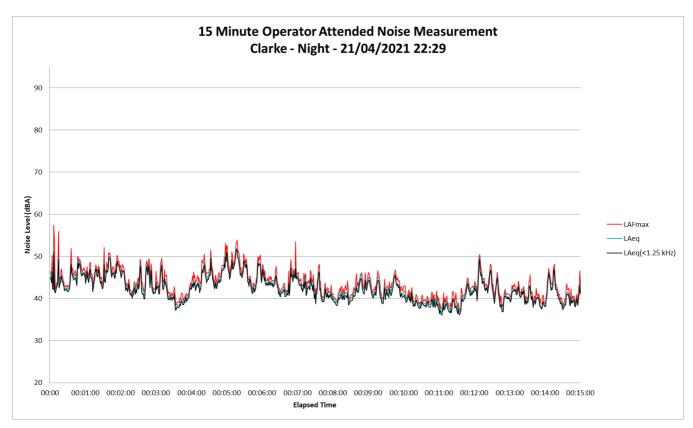


Figure B5 – Evening Period – 'Clarke' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B6 – Night Period – 'Clarke' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





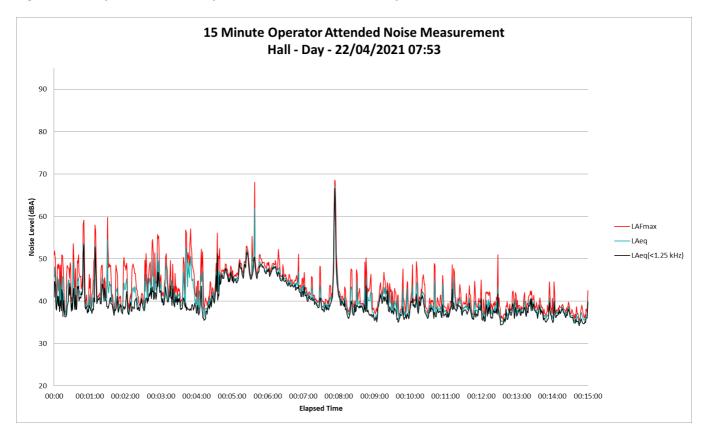
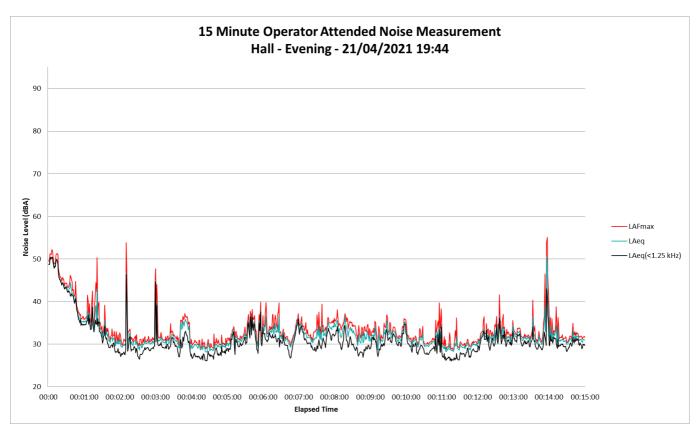


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Figure B8 – Evening Period – 'Hall' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





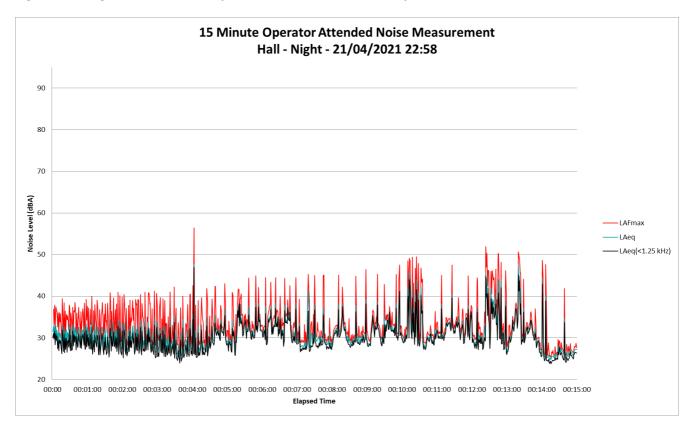
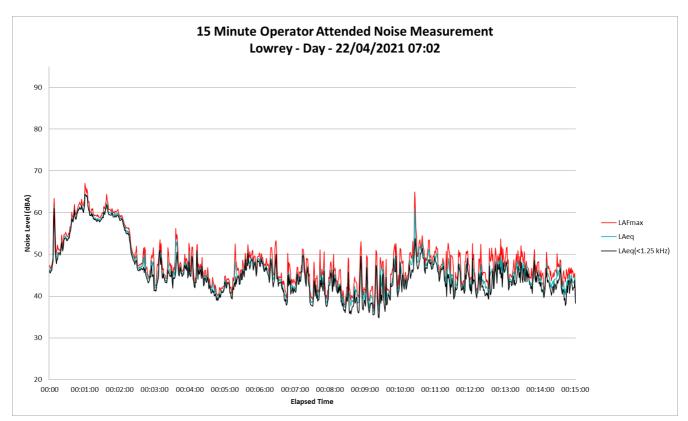


Figure B9 – Night Period – 'Hall' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B10 – Day Period – 'Lowrey' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





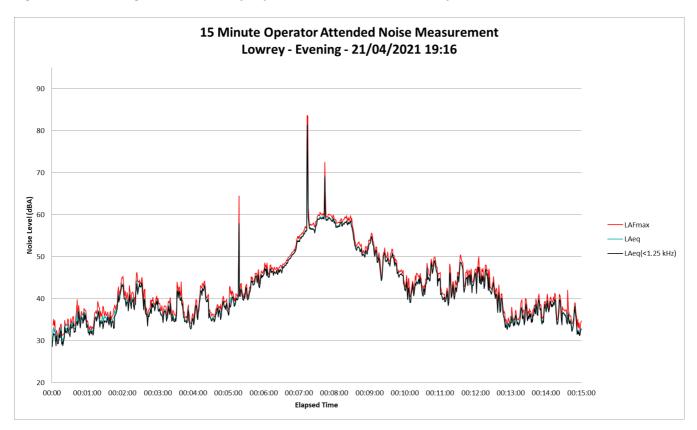
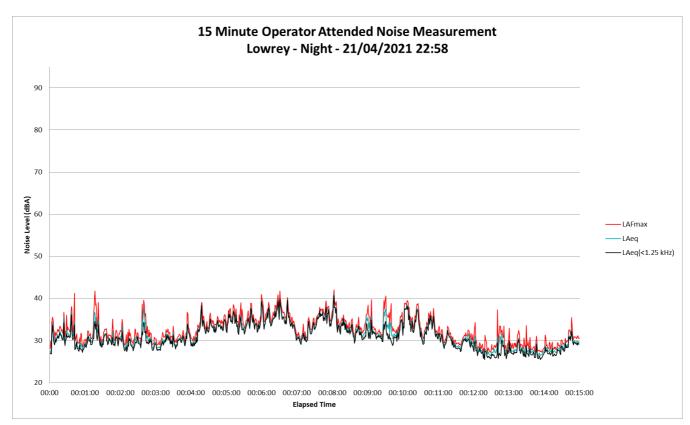


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Figure B12 – Night Period – 'Lowrey' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





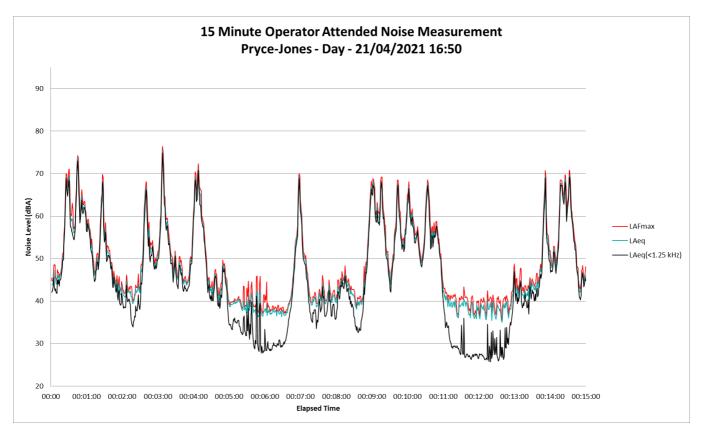
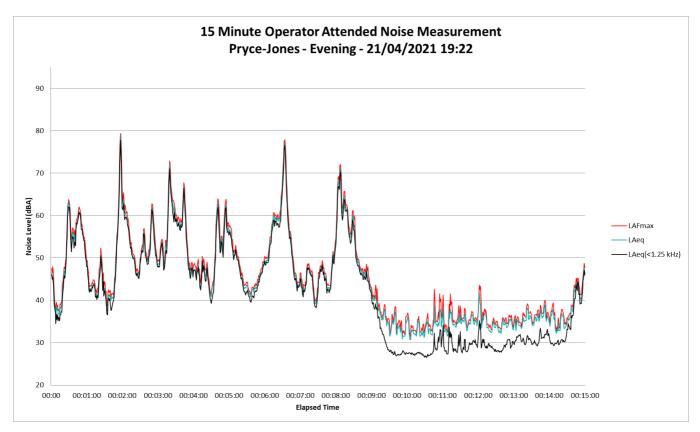


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Figure B15 – Evening Period – 'Pryce Jones' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





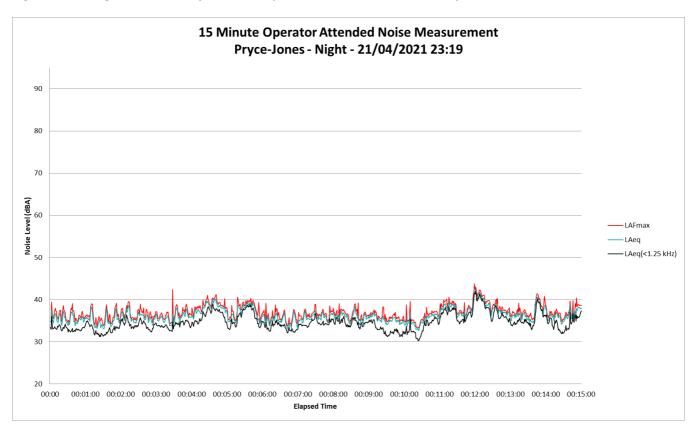
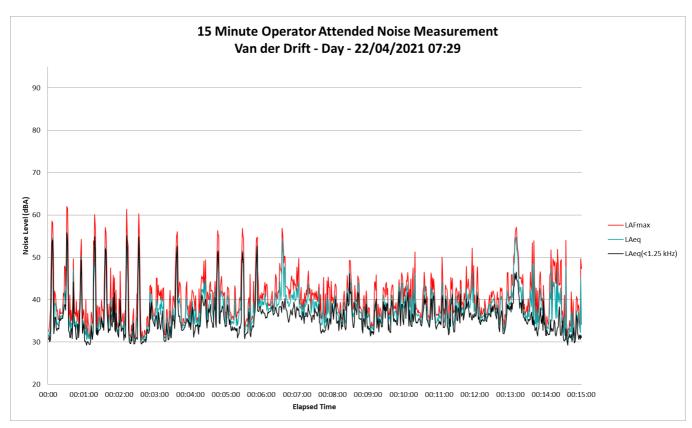


Figure B16 – Night Period – 'Pryce Jones' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B17 – Day Period – 'Van der Drift' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





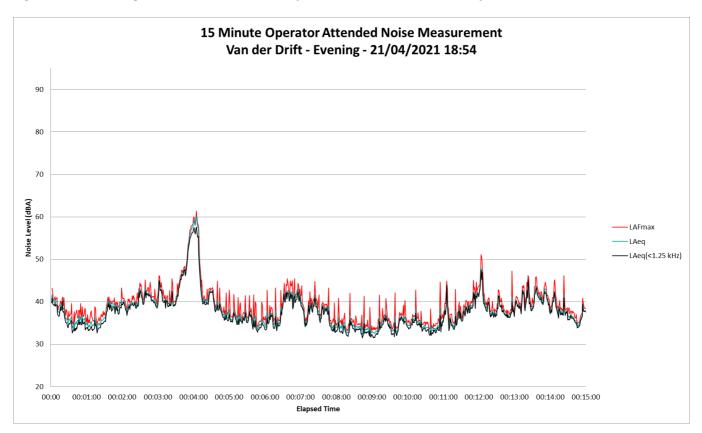
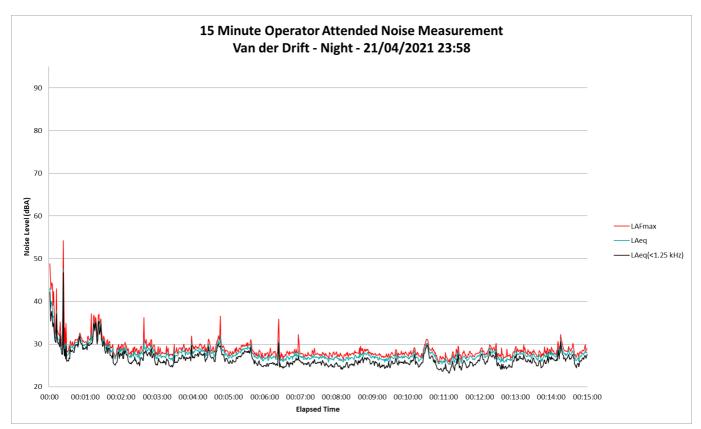


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Figure B19 – Night Period – 'Van der Drift' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





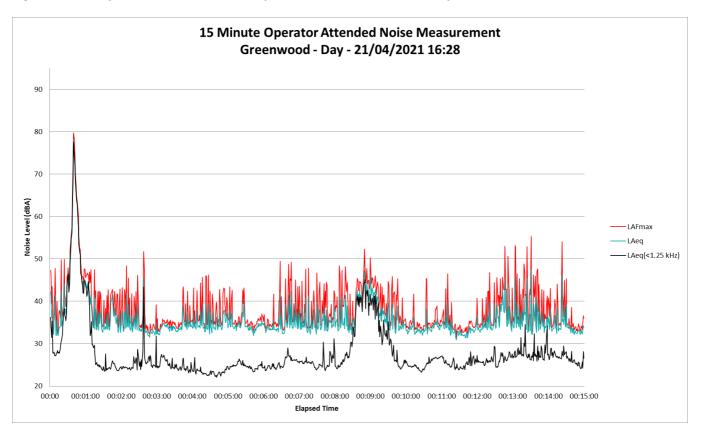
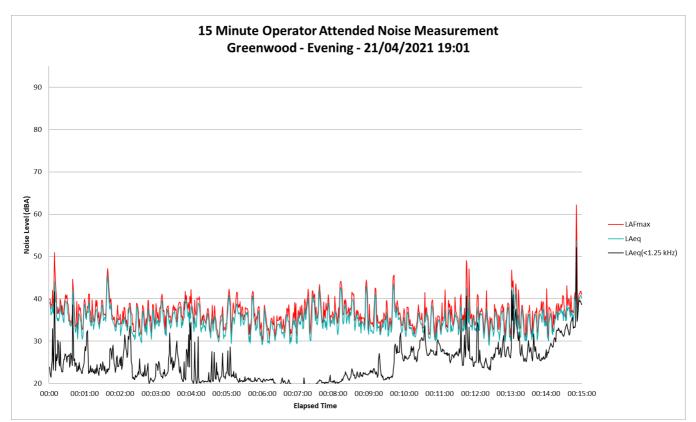


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Figure B21 – Evening Period – 'Greenwood' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results





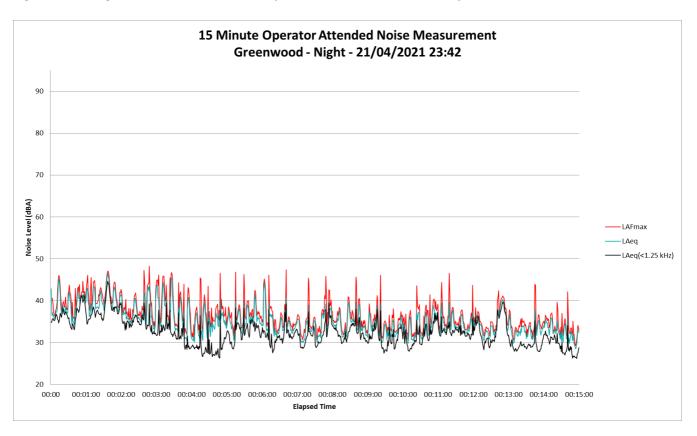
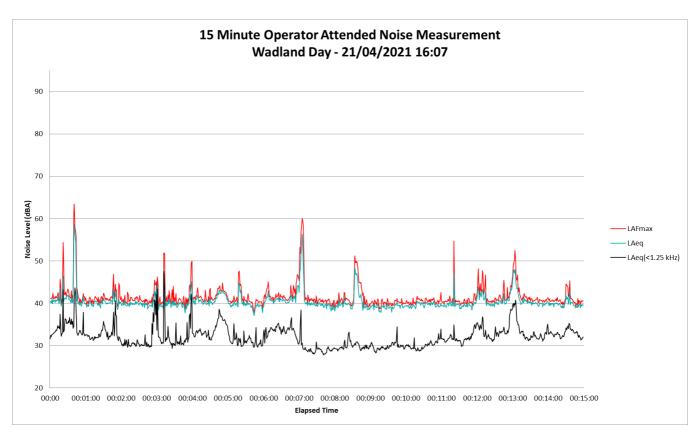


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Figure B23 – Day Period – 'Wadland' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results



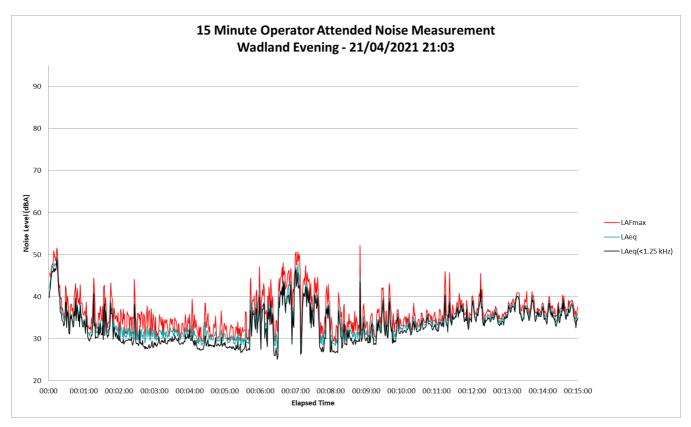
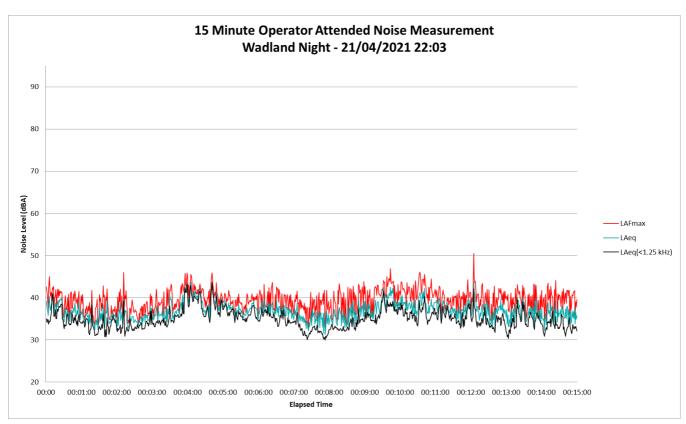


Figure B24 – Evening Period – 'Wadland' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results

Figure B25 – Night Period – 'Wadland' Operator Attended Noise Survey Results



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