



Environmental Noise Assessment Report

Byron Community Hub

At 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

On behalf of Byron Shire Council

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Executive Summary

TTM conducted an environmental noise assessment of the proposed Byron Community Hub located at 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay.

Noise monitoring was undertaken to establish the existing ambient noise levels and the applicable noise criteria. In accordance with the *NSW Noise Policy for Industry*, the potential noise generated by the development was assessed at the nearest noise sensitive receivers. Acoustic barriers were recommended along the western boundary to reduce noise levels from the car park and loading dock.

Road traffic noise from Shirley Street was assessed at the development and recommendations for acoustic building treatment were made where required.

The development is predicted to comply with the applicable noise criteria with the inclusion of the recommendations as outlined in Section 8 of this report.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

TTM was engaged by Byron Shire Council to undertake an environmental noise assessment of the proposed Byron Community Hub located at 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. The site is a redevelopment of the Old Byron Hospital. The report will form part of the development application for consideration by Byron Shire Council.

The assessment is based on the following:

- *NSW Noise Policy for Industry*¹ (NPI).
- Development information provided by the client and BKA Architecture.
- Development plans by BKA Architecture dated 01/06/2021, shown in Appendix A.
- Site inspection, noise measurements, analysis and calculations conducted by TTM.

1.2. Scope

The assessment includes the following:

- Description of the development site and proposal.
- Measurement of existing ambient and road traffic noise levels and statement of assessment criteria relating to environmental noise emissions.
- Prediction of noise generated by the development onto the nearest sensitive receivers.
- Prediction of road traffic noise levels onto noise sensitive components of the development.
- Analysis of predicted noise levels.
- Details of noise control recommendations to be incorporated to achieve predicted compliance.

¹ NSW Environment Protection Authority (2017), Noise Policy for Industry (NPI)

2. Site Description

2.1. Site Location

The site is described by the following:

- Lot 1 DP847910
- 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay

The site locality is shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Site Locality



2.2. Site Surrounds and Acoustic Environment

The site is bound by Shirley Street to the north, Wordsworth Street to the east, Byron Street to the south and privately owned property to the west. The current acoustic environment is primarily comprised of road traffic noise to the north and natural sounds further south of the site.

3. The Proposed Development

3.1. Development Description

The proposal is for redevelopment of the old Byron Hospital at 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. The proposed development plan is shown in Figure 2 below.

Tertiary education is proposed in Tenancy 1 which will hold up to 155 students and 20 staff on-site at one time. The remainder of tenancies are expected to be used for office purposes. A café is located on the eastern side of the building.

The loading dock will remain in a similar location to the old hospital being located in the north-west part of the site. Onsite parking with 5 spaces is proposed along the western site boundary. The remainder of car parking will occur on the street which will not form part of this assessment.

The hours of operation for the development are summarised below.

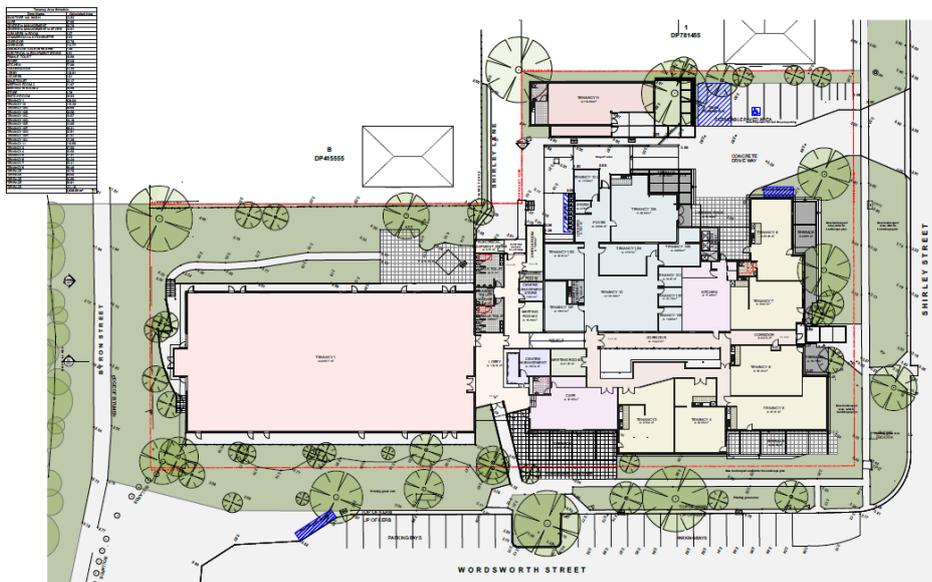
Hours of Operation – Community Hub & Cafe

- Monday to Friday: 8am – 6pm
- Saturday: 8am – 12 noon
- Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Hours of Operation – Tenancy 1, Tertiary Education

- Monday to Friday: 8am – 9pm
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday & Public Holidays: Closed

Figure 2: Proposed Development Plan



4. Measurements

4.1. Equipment

The following equipment was used to measure existing noise levels:

- ARL EL316 environmental noise monitor (SN# 16-707-039).
- Norsonic Nor140 sound level meter (SN# 1406506)
- SVAN SV31 acoustical calibrator (SN# 38174).

All equipment was calibrated by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory. The equipment was field calibrated before and after the measurement session. No significant drift from the reference signal was recorded.

4.2. Unattended Noise Monitoring

Unattended noise monitoring was undertaken to measure existing ambient and road traffic noise levels between Monday 15th March and Tuesday 30th March 2021. The noise monitoring location is shown in Figure 3. The noise monitor was placed on the site in a position considered representative of the ambient noise environment experienced at the nearest sensitive receivers, with consideration to property access and equipment security.

Figure 3: Noise Monitoring Location



The noise monitor was set to measure statistical noise levels in 'A' weighting, 'Fast' response, over 15 minute intervals. The microphone was in a free-field position approximately 1.5m above ground. Noise levels were measured in accordance with Australian Standard AS1055².

Weather during the monitoring period was varied with periods of rain on the 15th, 17th, 18th, and 20th-23rd March 2021. Rain affected data was excluded from the analysis. The temperature range during the noise monitoring period was between 12 - 25°C (source: Bureau of Meteorology, Cape Byron).

4.3. Noise Source Measurements

Noise levels associated with typical on-site activities were taken from similar investigations conducted by TTM. All measurements were conducted generally in accordance with Australian Standard AS1055.

4.4. Results of Measurements

4.4.1. Ambient Noise Levels

Table 1 presents the measured ambient noise levels determined in accordance with the procedures of the *Noise Policy for Industry*. The measurement results were used to determine the assessment criteria for the development. Graphical presentation of the unattended noise monitoring is shown in Appendix B.

Table 1: Measured Ambient Noise Levels

| Time Period | Rating Background Level (RBL), L ₉₀ dB(A) | Existing Noise Levels, L _{eq} dB(A) |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Daytime (7am – 6pm) | 50 | 59 |
| Evening (6pm – 10pm) | 42 | 59 |
| Night time (10pm – 7am) | 35 | 51 |

The measured RBL's are typical of a sub-urban environment with higher daytime levels due to traffic flows and evening ambient noise levels defined by the natural environment. The *Noise Policy for Industry* recognises that excursions of noise above the criteria during the daytime would not usually have the same impact as they would during the evening or night.

² AS 1055:2018 Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise

4.4.2. Road Traffic Noise Levels

Table 2 presents the measured road traffic noise levels from Shirley Street.

Table 2: Measured Road Traffic Noise Levels

| Day and Date | Road Traffic Noise Descriptor | Time Period | Measured Level, dB(A) |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Average of weekday measurement days, 16 th , 19 th , 24 th -26 th , and 29 th March 2021 | L _{A10,18 hour} | 6am to midnight | 59 |
| | L _{A10,1 hour (maximum during opening hours)} | 7am to 8am | 63 |
| | L _{Aeq,1 hour (maximum during opening hours)} | 3pm to 4pm | 62 |

Graphical presentation of the measured levels is shown in Appendix B.

5. Noise Criteria

5.1. NSW Noise Policy for Industry (NPI)

The NSW Noise Policy for Industry (2017) sets out the procedure to determine the Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) relevant to assess operational noise from industrial developments. The PNTL applies to existing NSRs.

The policy sets out the procedure to determine the project noise trigger levels relevant to assess noise from developments. The project noise trigger level applies to existing noise-sensitive receivers.

The project noise trigger level provides a benchmark or objective for assessing a proposal or site. It is not intended for use as a mandatory requirement. The project noise trigger level is a level that, if exceeded, would indicate a potential noise impact on the community, and so 'trigger' a management response; for example, further investigation of mitigation measures.

The project noise trigger level is the lower (that is, the more stringent) value of the project intrusiveness noise level and project amenity noise level.

5.1.1. Project Intrusiveness Noise Level

The Noise Policy for Industry states:

The intrusiveness of an industrial noise source may generally be considered acceptable if the level of noise from the source (represented by the L_{Aeq} descriptor), measured over a 15-minute period, does not exceed the background noise level by more than 5 dB when beyond a minimum threshold. This intrusiveness noise level seeks to limit the degree of change a new noise source introduces to an existing environment.

The intrusiveness noise level is determined as follows:

$$L_{Aeq,15min} \leq \text{Rating Background Noise Level} + 5 \text{ dB}$$

5.1.2. Amenity Noise Levels and Project Amenity Noise Level

To limit continuing increases in noise levels from application of the intrusiveness level alone, the ambient noise level within an area from all industrial noise sources combined should remain below the recommended amenity noise levels specified in Table 2.2 of the *Noise Policy for Industry* where feasible and reasonable. The recommended amenity noise levels will protect against noise impacts such as speech interference, community annoyance and some sleep disturbance. The noise amenity area for the noise sensitive land uses in the area are given in Table 3.

Table 3: Amenity Noise Levels (Suburban)

| Receiver/ Noise amenity area | Assessment period | Recommended amenity noise level, L_{eq} dB(A) |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Residential – Suburban | Day | 55 |
| | Evening | 45 |
| | Night | 40 |
| Note: - Day-time period is from 0700 to 1800 (Monday to Saturday) and 0800 to 1800 (Sundays and Public Holidays) - Evening period is from 1800 to 2200 - Night-time period is from 2200 to 0700 (Monday to Saturday) and 2200 to 0800h (Sundays and Public Holidays) | | |

The recommended amenity noise levels represent the objective for total industrial noise at a receiver location, whereas the project amenity noise level represents the objective for noise from a single industrial development at a receiver location.

To ensure that industrial noise levels (existing plus new) remain within the recommended amenity noise levels for an area, a project amenity noise level applies for each new source of industrial noise as follows:

Project amenity noise level ($L_{Aeq,15min}$) for industrial developments = Recommended amenity noise level minus 5 dB(A) plus the ' $L_{Aeq, period} + 3$ ' decibel correction.

5.1.3. Project Noise Trigger Level

The project noise trigger level (PNTL) for noise sensitive receivers has been determined in Table 4. The PNTL is the most stringent of the intrusiveness and project amenity noise level.

Table 4: NSW Noise Policy for Industry – Evaluated criteria

| Assessment period | Project Intrusiveness Noise Level, $L_{eq,15min}$ dB(A) | Project Amenity Noise Level, $L_{eq,15min}$ dB(A) | Project Noise Trigger Level, $L_{eq,15min}$ dB(A) |
|--|---|---|---|
| Daytime (7am – 6pm) | 55 | 53 | 53 |
| Evening (6pm – 10pm) | 47 | 43 | 43 |
| Night (10pm – 7am) | 40 | 38 | 38 |
| Note: - Day-time period is from 0700 to 1800 (Monday to Saturday) and 0800 to 1800 (Sundays and Public Holidays) - Evening period is from 1800 to 2200 - Night-time period is from 2200 to 0700 (Monday to Saturday) and 2200 to 0800h (Sundays and Public Holidays) | | | |

Table 4 shows that the Project Amenity Noise Level criterion is the most stringent level for residential receivers. By meeting the PNTLs at the identified noise sensitive areas, all other noise sensitive areas located further away from the development site are expected to comply with the criteria derived in this report.

5.1.4. Noise-Enhancing Weather Conditions

Noise sensitive receivers are located within 100m of the site. In accordance with the *Noise Policy for Industry*, the effect of meteorological/weather conditions does not need to be considered in this instance.

5.1.5. Maximum Noise Level Event Assessment

The potential for sleep disturbance from maximum noise level events from premises during the night-time period needs to be considered.

The NSW Noise Policy for Industry states that a detailed maximum noise level assessment should be undertaken where the subject developments night-time noise levels at a residential location exceed the following:

- L_{AFmax} 52 dB(A) or the prevailing RBL plus 15 dB, whichever is the greater.

The night time RBL is 35dB and therefore the noise limit by this methodology is 35+15=50dB. Therefore, the limit of 52dB is greater and is applicable.

Further, the *NSW Road Noise Policy* states that from research on sleep disturbance to date it can be concluded that:

- maximum internal noise levels below 50–55 dB(A) are unlikely to awaken people from sleep;
- one or two noise events per night, with maximum internal noise levels of 65–70 dB(A), are not likely to affect health and wellbeing significantly.

5.2. Road Traffic Noise

No specific noise criteria is stated in the relevant NSW guidelines for road traffic noise onto an office development, being the *NSW Road Noise Policy* and *Development Near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline*. Therefore, it is good practice to achieve the indoor sound levels for office building described in Australian Standard AS2107³.

The internal sound levels for relevant office spaces are outlined in Table 1 of AS2107 and are reproduced in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Recommended Internal Noise Levels for Office Spaces

| Room Type | Recommended Internal Noise Level, L_{eq} dB(A) |
|----------------------------|--|
| Board and conference rooms | 30 to 40 |
| Call centres | 40 to 45 |
| Executive office | 35 to 40 |
| General office areas | 40 to 45 |
| Meeting room (small) | 40 to 45 |
| Open plan office | 40 to 45 |

Based on the above, 40 dB(A) is considered as the target design level for all office spaces exposed to road traffic noise from Shirley Street.

³ Australian Standard AS2107:2016 Acoustics – Recommended Design Noise Levels and Reverberation Times for Building Interiors

6. Assessment of Noise from the Development to Noise Sensitive Receivers

An assessment of on-site activities associated with the proposed development was conducted to determine the potential impacts at the nearest sensitive receivers.

6.1. Noise Sensitive Receivers

The nearest noise sensitive receivers are described below and are identified in Figure 4:

- Receiver 1: Residential accommodation to the north-west
- Receiver 2: Residential accommodation to the north
- Receiver 3: Byron Bay Police Station and Byron Aged Care to the east
- Receiver 4: Residential accommodation to the south-west.

Figure 4: Noise Sensitive Receivers



Receivers 1 to 4 are the nearest and most exposed noise sensitive locations in proximity to the proposed development. If compliance can be achieved at Receivers 1 to 4 then compliance is predicted at all other noise sensitive locations.

6.2. Noise Source Levels

Table 6 presents the noise sources with the potential to impact noise sensitive receivers. The noise source levels were calculated to one metre and include corrections for tonality and impulsiveness as per the NPI.

Table 6: Typical Transient Noise Source Levels

| Noise Source Description | Noise Level at 1m, dB(A) | | Measured Duration (sec) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | L _{Aeq,T} | L _{Amax} | |
| Car door closure | 78* | 86* | 2 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | 69 | 75 | 6 |
| Car engine ignition | 72 | 74 | 3 |
| Conversations | 65 | 72 | Long term avg. |
| Alfresco dining (café) ¹ | 78 | 89 | Long term avg. |
| Truck passby | 89 | 93 | 13 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | 80 | 88 | 60 |
| Glass disposal | 93* | 105* | 4 |

Refer to section below for description of modifying factors used.

* Includes 5 dB(A) adjustment to account for the impulsiveness characteristic of noise produced.

Includes 5 dB(A) adjustment to account for the tonal noise characteristic of noise produced.

¹ Source levels for a defined crowd size (30 patrons) were determined from technical paper named 'Prediction of Noise from Small to Medium Sized Crowds' (Hayne, Taylor, Rumble, Mee, 2011). Calculation of sound pressure level from sound power level is based on quarter sphere propagation (DI = 6dB) to account for reflections from ground and adjacent walls.

6.3. Assumptions for Expected Onsite Activity

Table 7 presents the assumptions used for noise calculations:

Table 7: Noise Activity Assumptions used for Noise Calculations

| Noise Source Description | Noise Source Location | Daytime/Evening/Night Period |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | Events per 15min or % of period |
| Car door closure | Site car parking area | 10 events (2 door closures per car) |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | Site car parking area | 5 events (number of car parks turning over once in a 15-minute period) |
| Car engine ignition | Site car parking area | 5 events |
| Conversations | Nearest tenancy outdoor terrace | 80% of the time |
| Alfresco dining (café) | Café outdoor terrace | 100% of the time |
| Truck passby | Loading dock | 2 events (1 in: 1 out) |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | Loading dock | 1 event |
| Glass disposal | Inside waste room | 2 events |

6.4. Predicted Noise Levels

Predicted noise levels are based on the noise source levels presented in Table 6, calculation assumptions listed in Section 6.3 and Table 7, distance loss to each receiver, and screening from recommended acoustic barriers where applicable. Sample calculations without and with recommended acoustic barriers are provided in Appendix C.

6.4.1. Predicted L_{Aeq} Transient Noise Levels at Receivers

Table 8 presents the predicted L_{Aeq} (15 minute) noise levels at nearby receivers.

Table 8: Predicted L_{Aeq} (15 minute) Noise Levels at Sensitive Receivers

| Receiver | Noise Source | Predicted External Noise Level at Receiver, L_{Aeq} dB(A) Free-field | Complies with Criteria (PNTL): (Yes/No) | | |
|----------|------------------------------|--|---|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Day 53 dB(A) | Evening 43 dB(A) | Night 38 dB(A) |
| 1 | Car door closure | 37 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 25 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 30 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 30 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 22 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 44 | ✓ | ✗ (+1) | ✗ (+6) |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 33 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 37 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2 | Car door closure | 30 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 25 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 23 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 33 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 36 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 43 | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ (+5) |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 29 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 33 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3 | Car door closure | <10 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | <10 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | <10 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 32 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 45 | ✓ | ✗ (+2) | ✗ (+7) |
| | Truck passby | 21 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 16 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 20 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 | Car door closure | 27 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 26 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 20 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Receiver | Noise Source | Predicted External Noise Level at Receiver, L_{Aeq} dB(A) Free-field | Complies with Criteria (PNTL): (Yes/No) | | |
|----------|------------------------------|--|---|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Day 53 dB(A) | Evening 43 dB(A) | Night 38 dB(A) |
| | Conversations | 38 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 25 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 38 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 27 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 31 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

The summary of noise predictions is as follows:

- All noise sources are predicted to comply during daytime hours.
- Minor exceedances are predicted from alfresco dining and truck passby at Receivers 1 -3 during the evening and night period. The 2dB exceedance of alfresco dining during the evening period is considered reasonable as a 1-2dB change in noise level is not detectable by the human ear in an environmental setting. Recommendations will be made to limit the hours of alfresco dining and deliveries to suitable hours.

6.4.2. Predicted L_{Amax} Transient Noise Levels at Receivers

Table 9 presents the predicted L_{Amax} noise levels at nearby receivers.

Table 9: Predicted L_{Amax} Noise Levels at Sensitive Receivers

| Receiver | Noise Source | Predicted External Noise Level at Receiver, L_{Amax} dB(A) Free-field | Complies with Criteria: 52dB (Yes/No) |
|----------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Car door closure | 62 | ✗ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 46 | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 50 | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 38 | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 34 | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 58 | ✗ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 58 | ✗ |
| | Glass disposal | 69 | ✗ |
| 2 | Car door closure | 54 | ✗ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 45 | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 42 | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 41 | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 48 | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 59 | ✗ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 52 | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 65 | ✗ |
| 3 | Car door closure | 32 | ✓ |

| Receiver | Noise Source | Predicted External Noise Level at Receiver, L_{Amax} dB(A) Free-field | Complies with Criteria: 52dB (Yes/No) |
|----------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 21 | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 20 | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 40 | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 57 | ✗ |
| | Truck passby | 41 | ✓ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 35 | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 53 | ✗ |
| 4 | Car door closure | 52 | ✓ |
| | Car bypass @ 5km/h | 47 | ✓ |
| | Car engine ignition | 40 | ✓ |
| | Conversations | 46 | ✓ |
| | Alfresco dining (café) | 37 | ✓ |
| | Truck passby | 57 | ✗ |
| | Unloading a delivery vehicle | 47 | ✓ |
| | Glass disposal | 64 | ✗ |

Noise levels are predicted to exceed the L_{max} night criteria in some instances. Noise associated with deliveries and waste is generally predicted to exceed the L_{max} criteria and will therefore be recommended to occur during daytime hours to minimise annoyance. Alfresco dining is predicted to exceed the criteria at Receiver 3 and will be recommended to occur during day and evening hours. Car door closures from the north-western corner of the site are predicted to exceed the criteria at Receiver 1 and 2. Use of these car parks during the night period is expected to be low as generally, it is not expected that tenancies will be open during night time hours. An acoustic barrier along the western boundary is recommended to reduce noise levels as far as practical. Refer to the recommendations detailed in Section 8.

6.4.3. Preliminary Mechanical Plant Advice

A reverse calculation was conducted to determine the allowable noise source level of onsite mechanical equipment prior to the inclusion of acoustic treatment. This type of assessment was conducted as plant has not been selected during DA stage, and it provides guidance around the design of mechanical equipment.

Based on the established PNTL and distance attenuation from two of the worst-case locations, the allowable mechanical noise levels are presented in Table 10.

Table 10: Mechanical Plant Noise Limits for Compliance Without Acoustic Treatment

| Plant location | Allowable noise level at 1m from the nearest plant to the receiver, to achieve compliance, L_{eq} dB(A) | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| | Day (7am – 6pm) | Evening (6pm – 10pm) | Night (10pm – 7am) |
| Western façade of Tenancy 11 | 72 | 62 | 57 |

| Plant location | Allowable noise level at 1m from the nearest plant to the receiver, to achieve compliance, L_{eq} dB(A) | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Day (7am – 6pm) | Evening (6pm – 10pm) | Night (10pm – 7am) |
| Western façade of Tenancy 8 or 10A | 77 | 67 | 62 |

Acoustic treatment or screening of the plant may allow a higher noise limit. Compliance with the noise limits and design criteria should be checked once plant selections for the development are finalised.

7. Road Traffic Noise Assessment

An assessment of road traffic noise from Shirley Street was conducted to determine the extent of acoustic treatments necessary for compliance with the assessment criteria.

7.1. Measured Noise Levels

Noise monitoring was conducted to determine the existing road traffic noise levels. The measured road traffic noise levels at the noise monitoring location are presented in Section 4.4.2.

7.2. Noise Model

7.2.1. Noise Modelling Parameters

Road traffic noise predictions were conducted using ‘SoundPLAN v8.2’, a CoRTN based modelling program. The basis of the ‘SoundPLAN’ model is as follows:

Table 11: Road Traffic Noise Modelling Parameters

| Description | Value |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Noise modelling standard | CoRTN |
| Angle increment | 1° |
| Road surface type | Impervious (+0dB(A)) |
| Ground contours | Assumed to be flat |
| Shirley Street speed limit | 50km/h |
| Noise source height above grade | 0.5m |
| Receiver heights | 1.8m above floor level |
| Façade correction | +2.5dB(A) |

7.2.2. Noise Model Verification

To verify the road traffic noise model, the $L_{A10, 18 \text{ Hour}}$ noise level was modelled and compared to the measured levels presented in Table 2. As the noise monitor was in a free-field location, the predicted noise levels are also shown as free-field.

Table 12: Comparison between measured and modelled road traffic noise level

| Logger Location | Measured $L_{A10, 18 \text{ Hour}}$ | Predicted $L_{A10, 18 \text{ Hour}}$ | Required Correction |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 31m from Shirley Street | 58.5 | 59.6 | 0 |

As the modelled levels are within the allowable tolerance of 2dB(A) of the measured level, no correction is required to the model.

7.3. Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels

Modelling was conducted to determine the road traffic noise levels at the development in the 10-year planning horizon to 2032. Noise modelling outputs are shown in Appendix D.

Table 13 presents the predicted road traffic noise levels at the locations identified in Figure 5 below.

Figure 5: Road Traffic Noise Modelling Locations

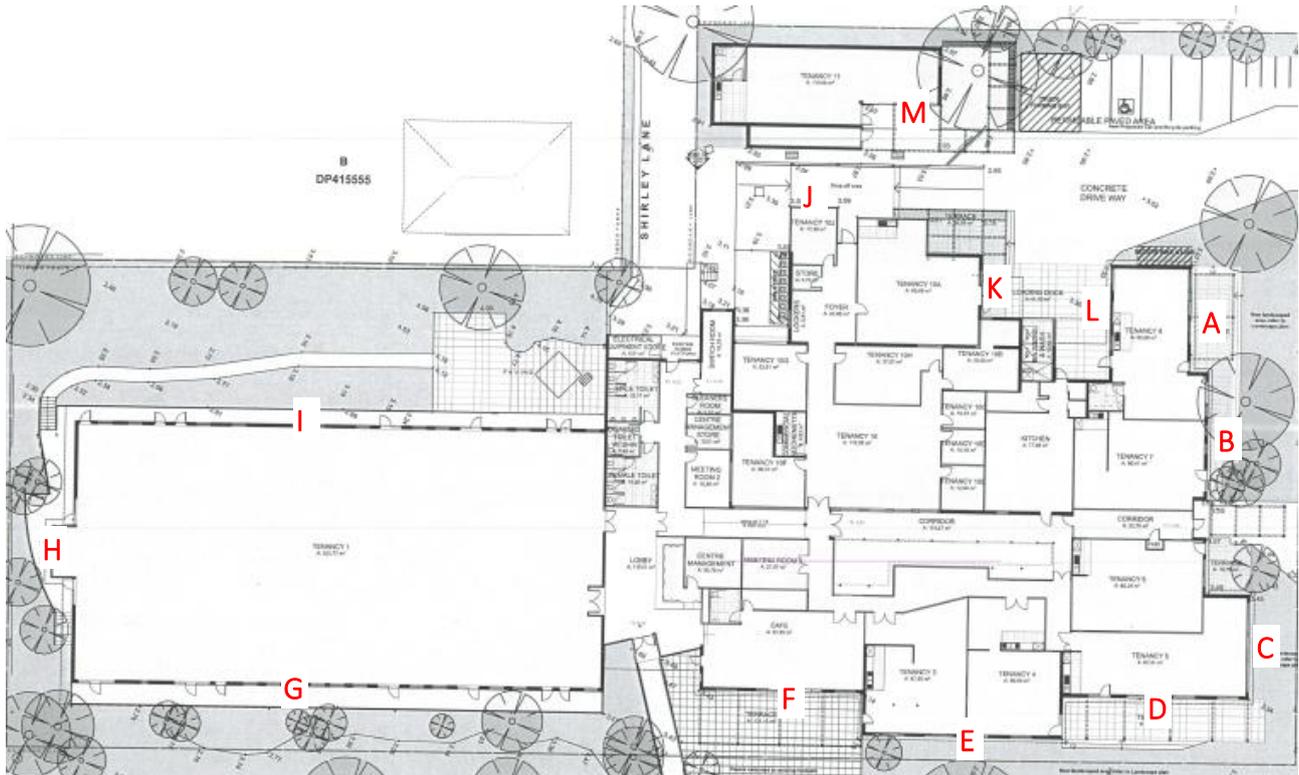


Table 13: Predicted Road Traffic Noise Levels at the Development

| Prediction Location | Predicted Road Traffic Noise Level, dB(A) Façade Corrected | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | L _{A10} (18 hour) | L _{Aeq} (1 hour) |
| A | 69 | 72 |
| B | 69 | 72 |
| C | 71 | 74 |
| D | 65 | 68 |
| E | 62 | 65 |
| F | 58 | 61 |
| G | 55 | 58 |
| H | 47 | 50 |
| I | 51 | 54 |

| Prediction Location | Predicted Road Traffic Noise Level, dB(A) Façade Corrected | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | L _{A10} (18 hour) | L _{Aeq} (1 hour) |
| J | 57 | 60 |
| K | 60 | 63 |
| L | 53 | 56 |
| M | 59 | 62 |

Calculations were conducted for noise affected facades in accordance with AS3671⁴ to determine the minimum external building treatments required. Details of the recommended building treatments are outlined in Section 8.

⁴ Australian Standard AS3671:1989 Acoustics – Road Traffic Noise Intrusion – Building Siting and Design

8. Recommendations

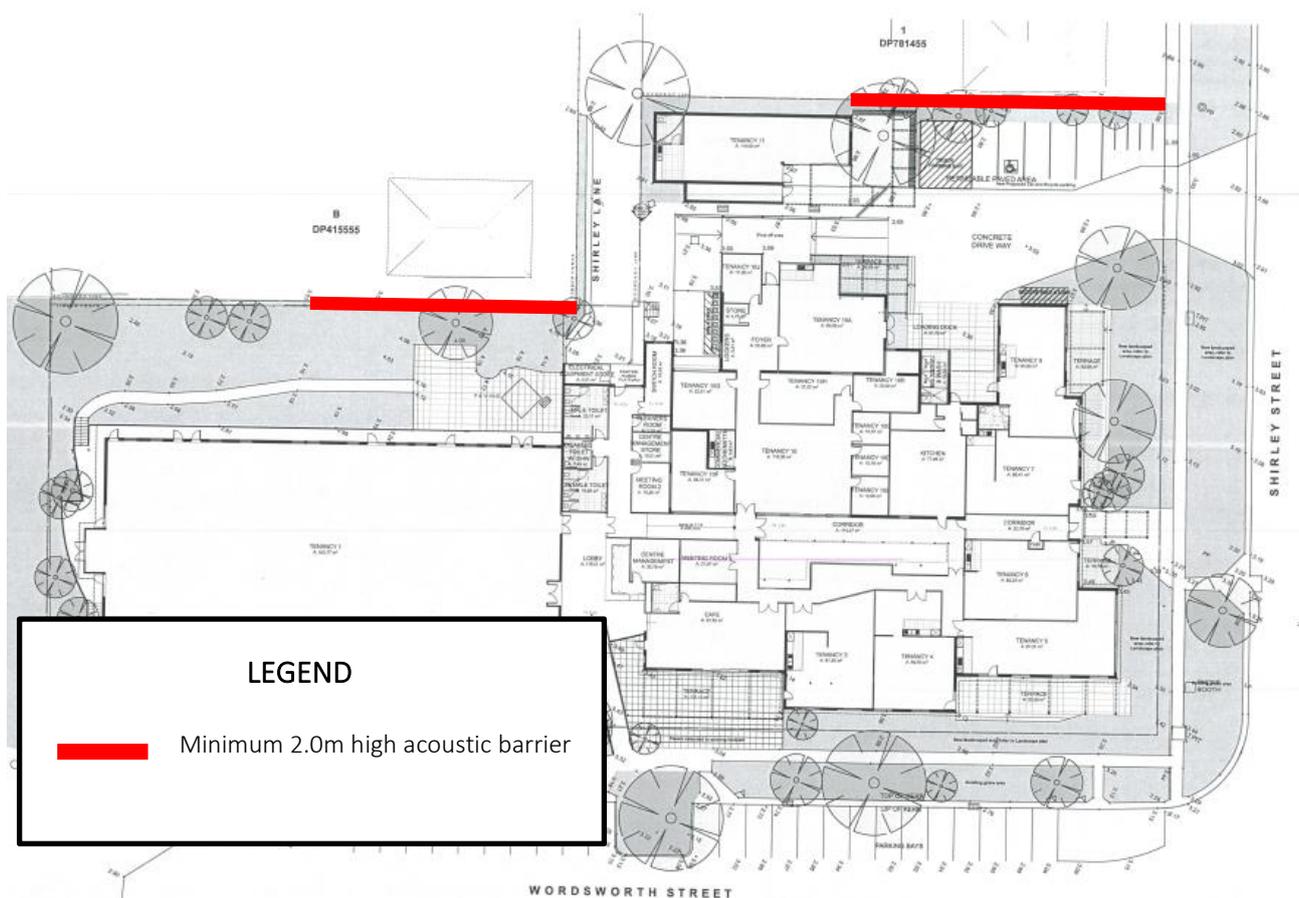
An assessment was conducted of noise generated from the site to the nearest noise sensitive receivers, and road traffic noise from Shirley Street onto the development. Compliance with the noise criteria outlined in Section 5 is predicted to be achieved based on the inclusion of the recommendations outlined below.

8.1. Onsite Noise

8.1.1. Acoustic Barrier

Acoustic barriers are required to reduce noise levels from the development to offsite noise sensitive receivers. The location and extent of the acoustic barriers is shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6: Recommended Acoustic Barriers



The acoustic barrier requirements are described below.

Barrier recommendations are as follows:

- a. Acoustic barriers (shown by red colour) should be minimum 2.0m high relative to the finished level of the development site.
- b. The barriers should be constructed of a material with a surface mass greater than 12.5kg/m²;
- c. Suitable materials may include masonry, glass, modular wall panels, plywood, fibre cement sheeting, or a combination of materials if desired;
- d. No gaps or holes should be evident in the barrier construction for the extents shown.

8.1.2. Noise Management Controls

The following management strategies are recommended to be implemented to minimise noise annoyance:

- Alfresco dining at the café is to occur between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
- Deliveries and use of the loading dock is to occur between the hours of 7am and 6pm.
- Any grates or other protective covers in the entrance driveways must be rigidly fixed in position to eliminate movement and be maintained.

8.1.3. Mechanical Plant Noise

Because detailed plant selections are not available at this stage, it is not possible to carry out a detailed examination of the noise control measures that may be required to achieve the noise targets for mechanical plant.

A preliminary assessment of allowable plant noise limits to achieve compliance was conducted in Section 6.4.3.

Plant may need to be acoustically treated to achieve the criteria detailed in Section 5 to prevent noise emissions from adversely impacting the surrounding properties. This may include selecting the quietest plant possible, or treating the plant equipment with enclosures, barriers, duct lining and silencers, etc.

A mechanical plant noise assessment should be conducted by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant once plant selections are finalised. Noise criteria compliance measurements should then be conducted after the equipment is installed.

8.2. Road Traffic Noise

8.2.1. Building Treatments

Table 14 presents the recommended building treatments for compliance with the internal road traffic noise criteria. Tenancies not included in Table 14 are predicted to comply with standard building construction and do not require acoustic treatment.

Table 14: Recommended Building Treatments

| Tenancy | Minimum Acoustic Rating (R _w) to be Achieved | | | |
|---------|--|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Glazing | Entry Door | External Walls | Roof/Ceiling |
| 3 | 24 | 27 | 45 | 40 |
| 4 | 27 | 27 | 45 | 40 |
| 5 | 34 (front) 32 (side) | 27 | 45 | 40 |
| 6 | 32 | 27 | 45 | 40 |
| 7 | 32 | n/a | 45 | 40 |
| 8 | 34 (front) 24 (rear) | 27 (front) 20 (rear) | 45 | 40 |
| 10A | 24 | n/a | 45 | 40 |
| 11 | 24 | 27 | 45 | 40 |

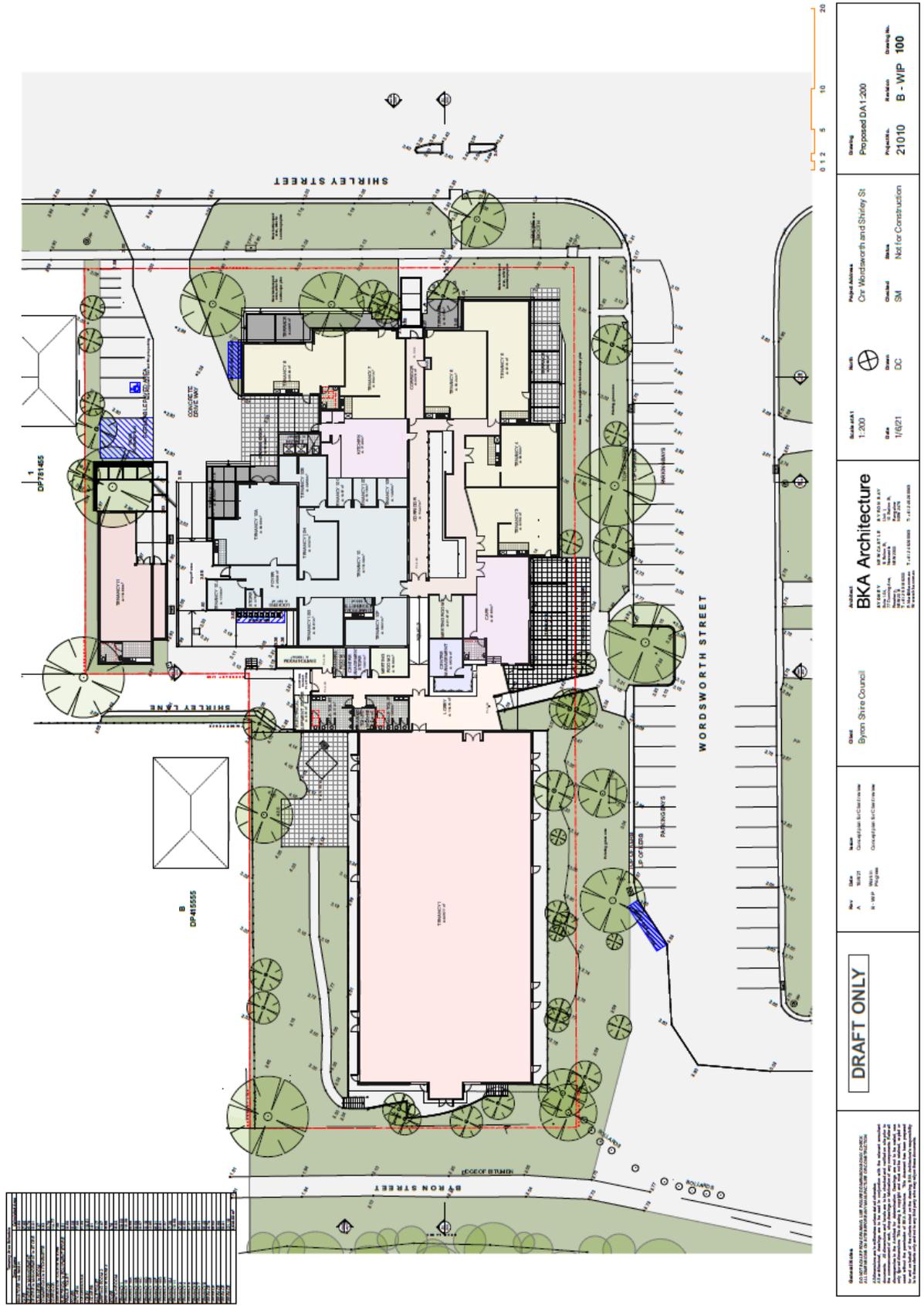
It is recommended that alternative ventilation is provided for these rooms so that doors/windows can be closed to exclude road traffic noise.

9. Conclusion

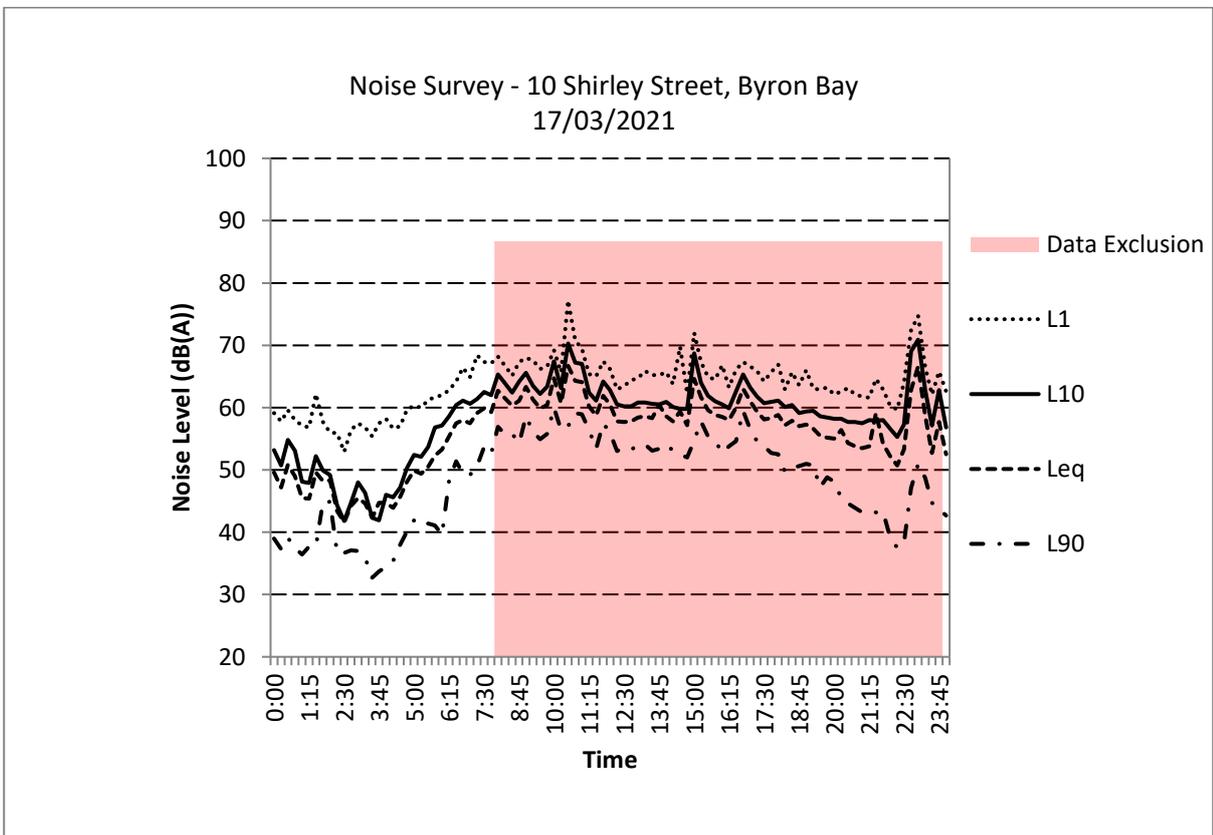
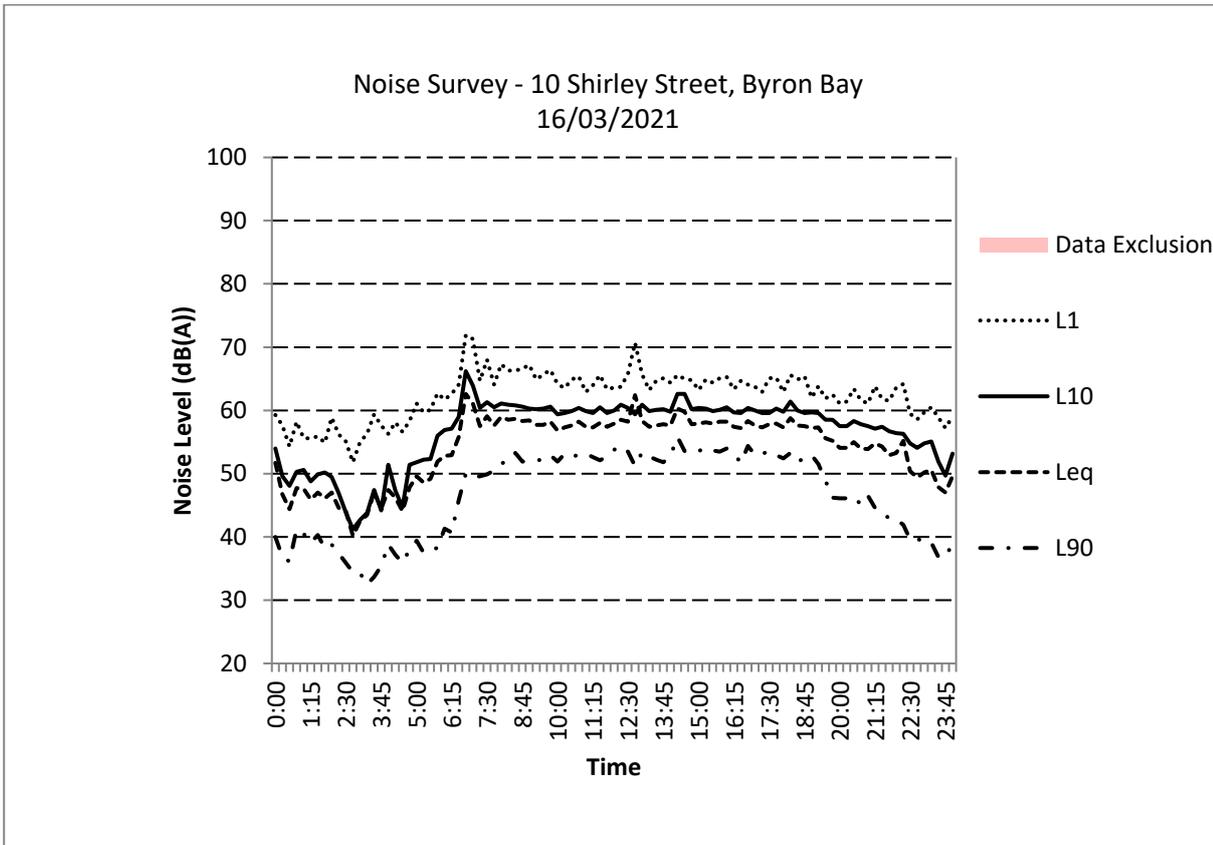
An environmental noise assessment was conducted of the proposed Byron Community Hub located at 10-12 Shirley Street, Byron Bay.

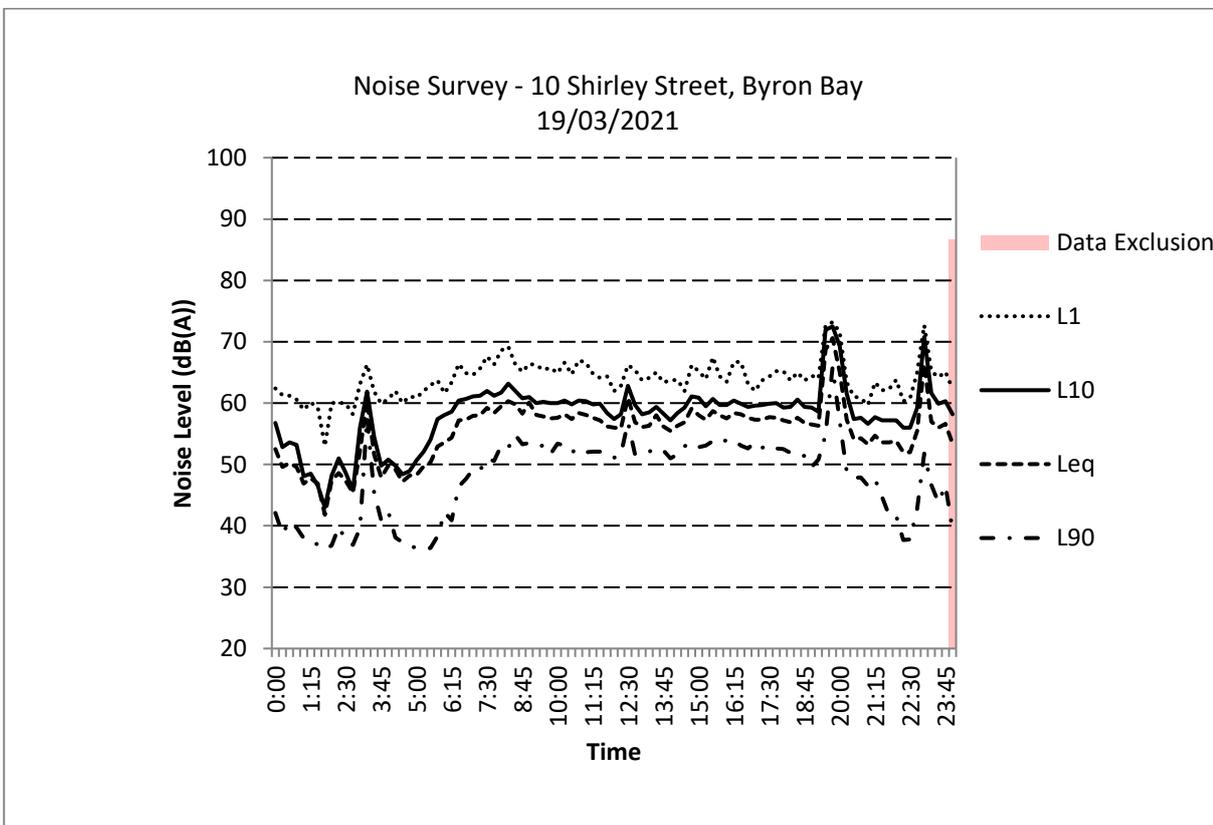
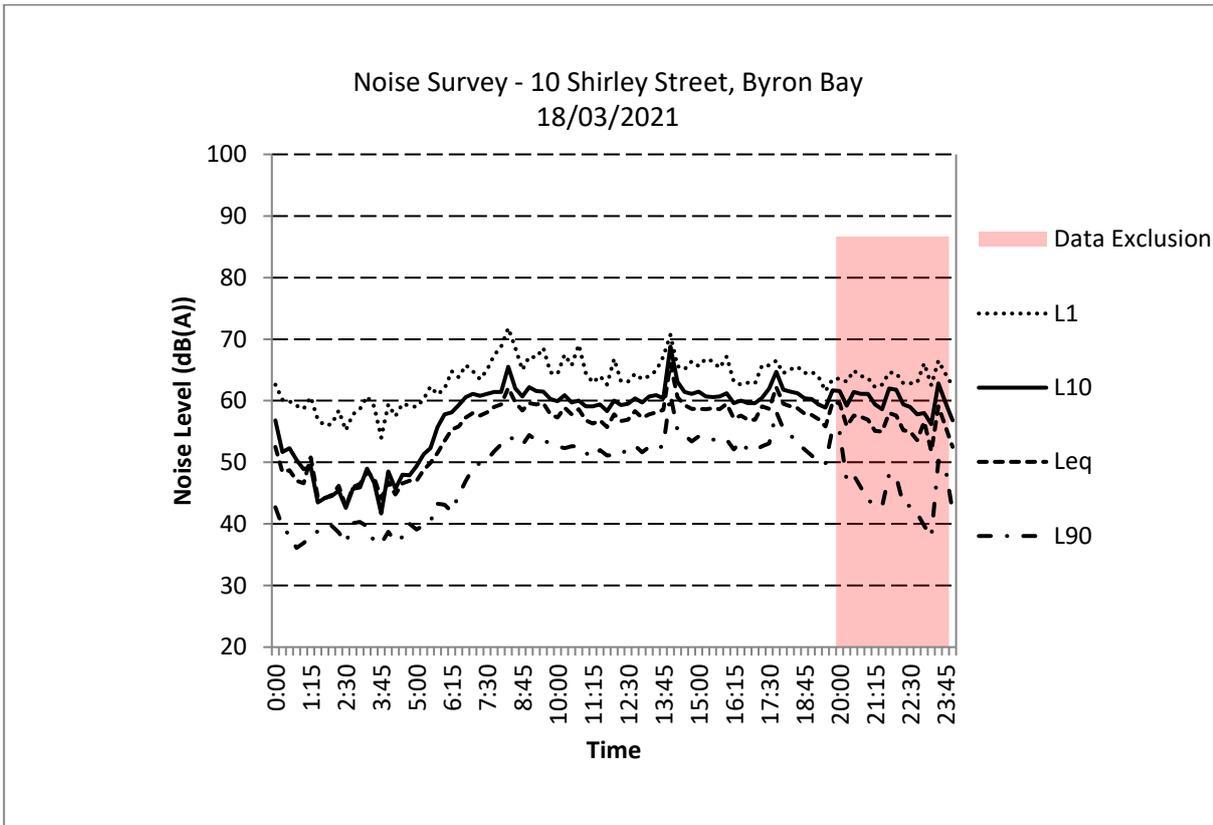
Provided the recommendations presented in Section 8 are implemented, the development is predicted to comply with the noise requirements outlined in Section 5.

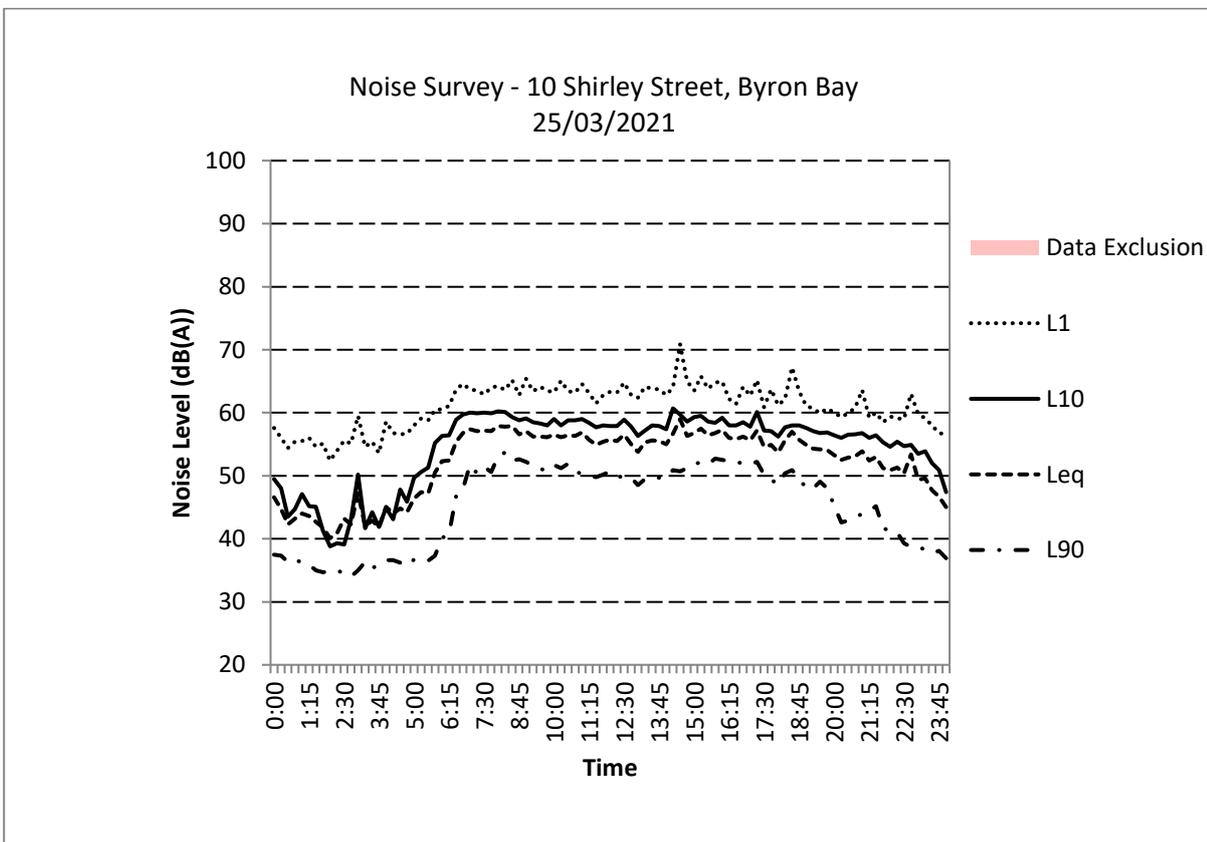
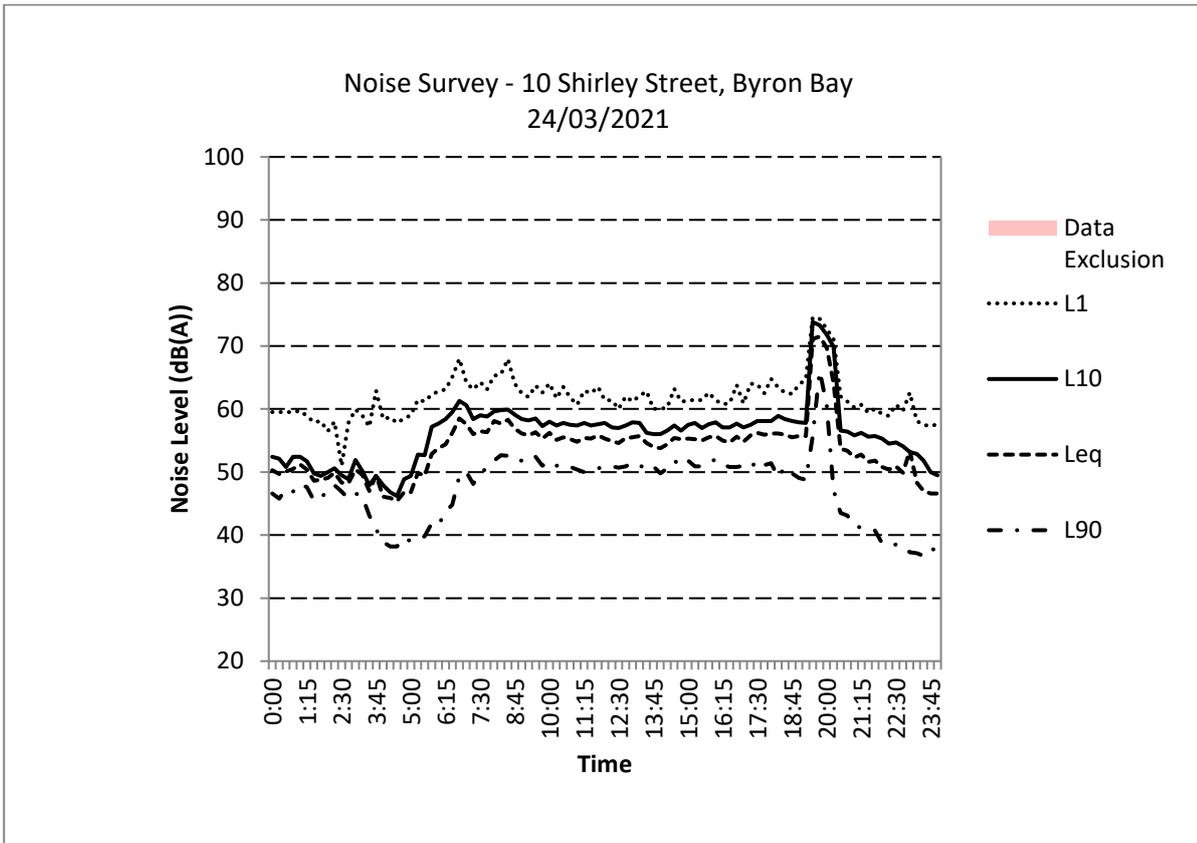
Appendix A Sample of Development Plans

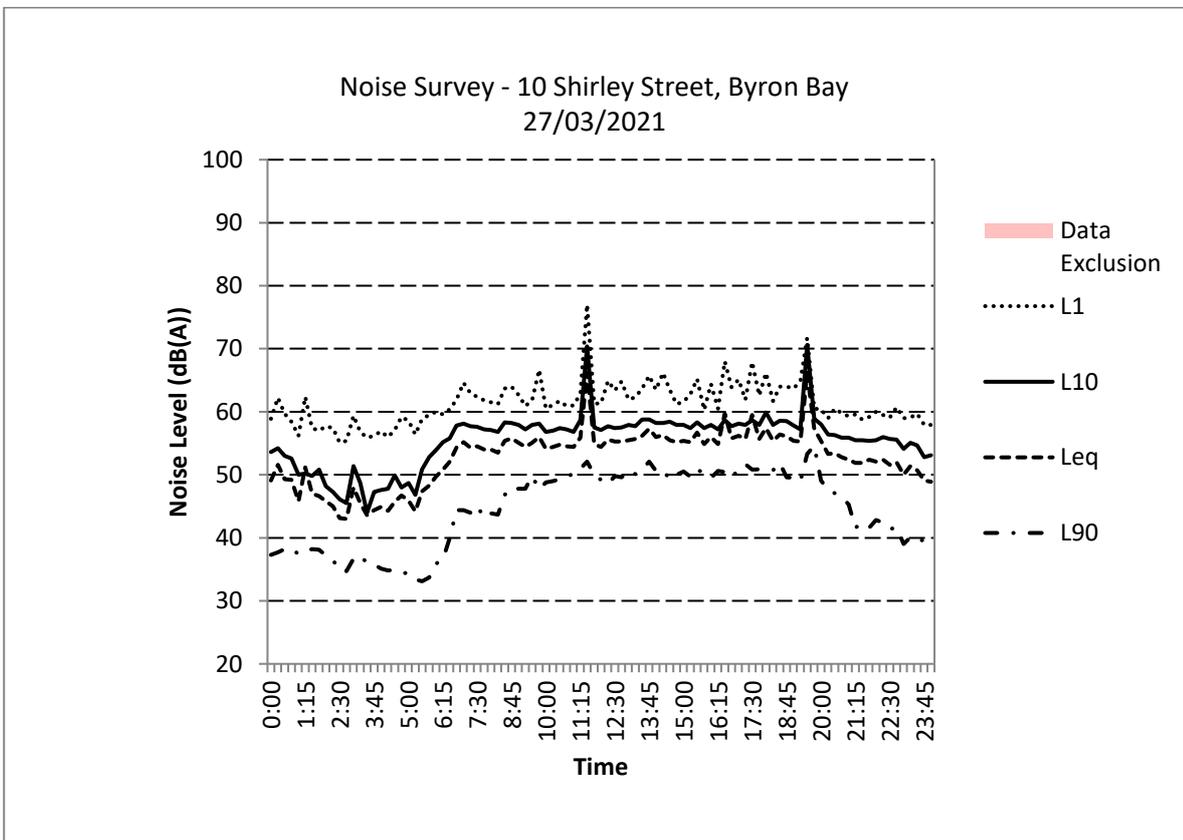
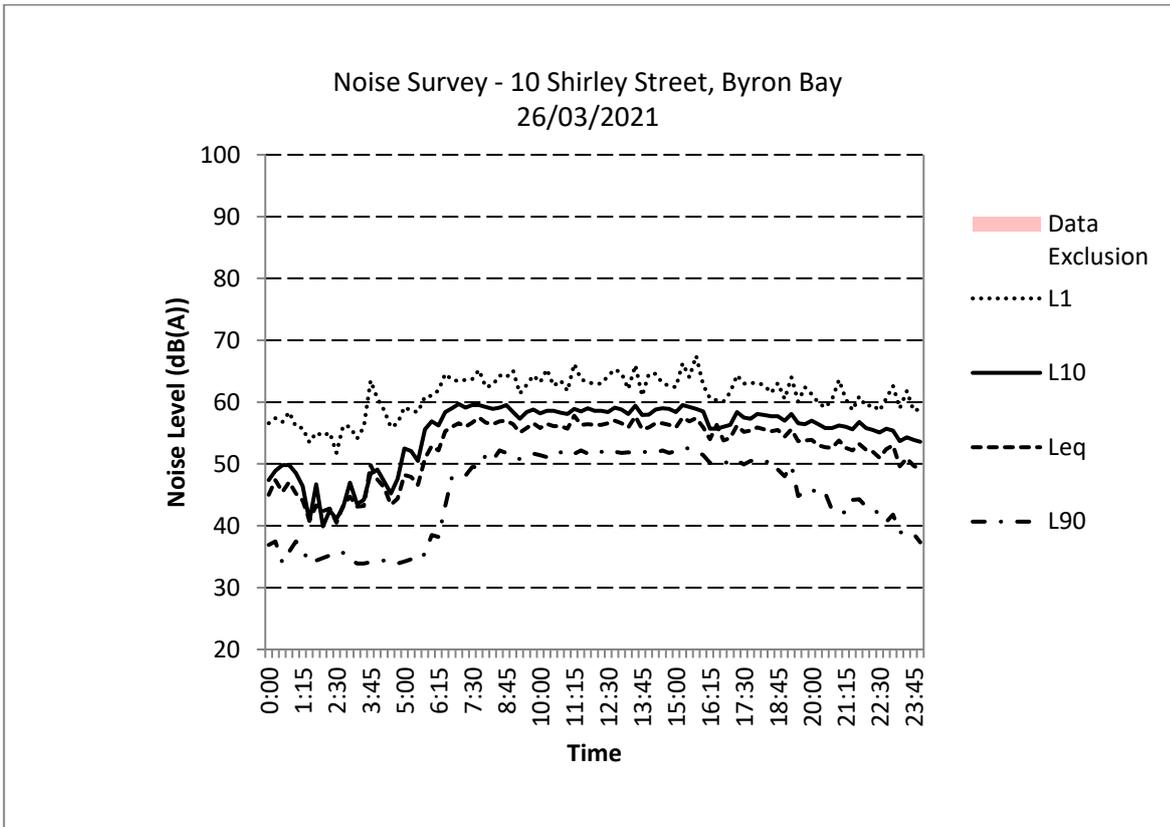


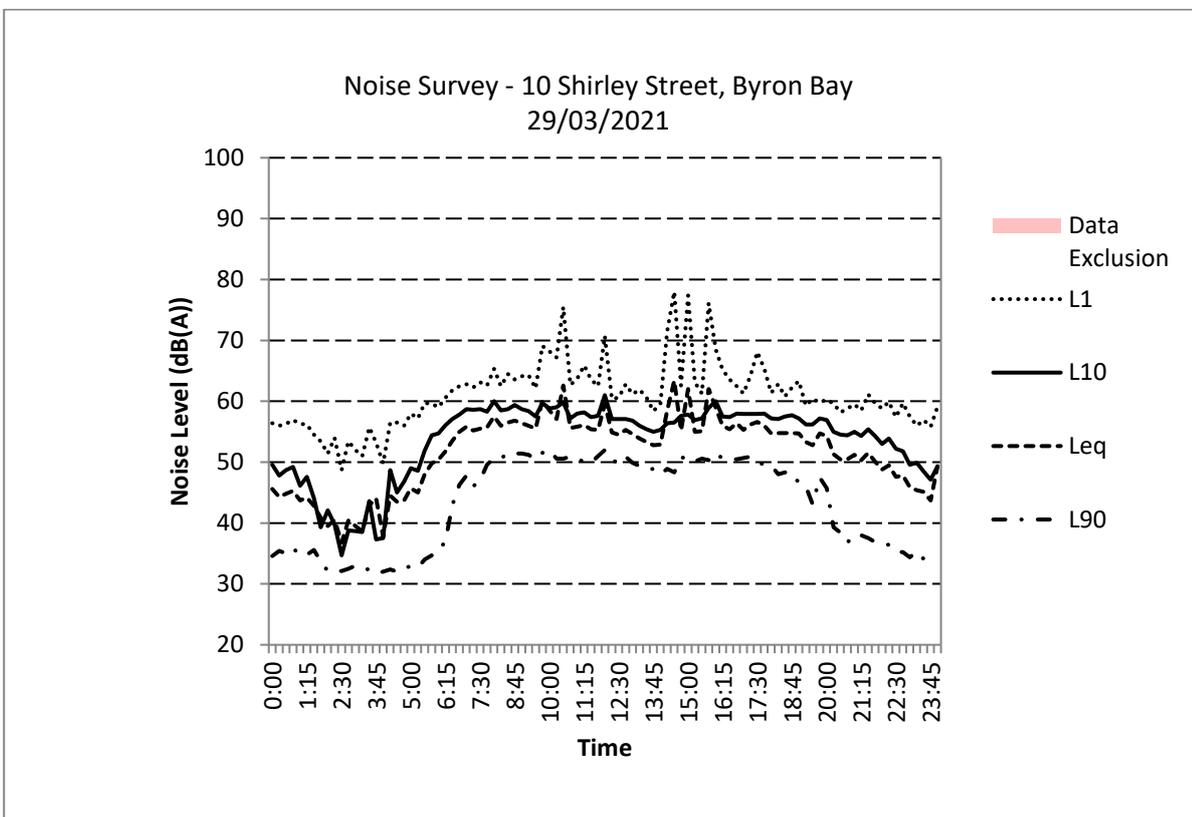
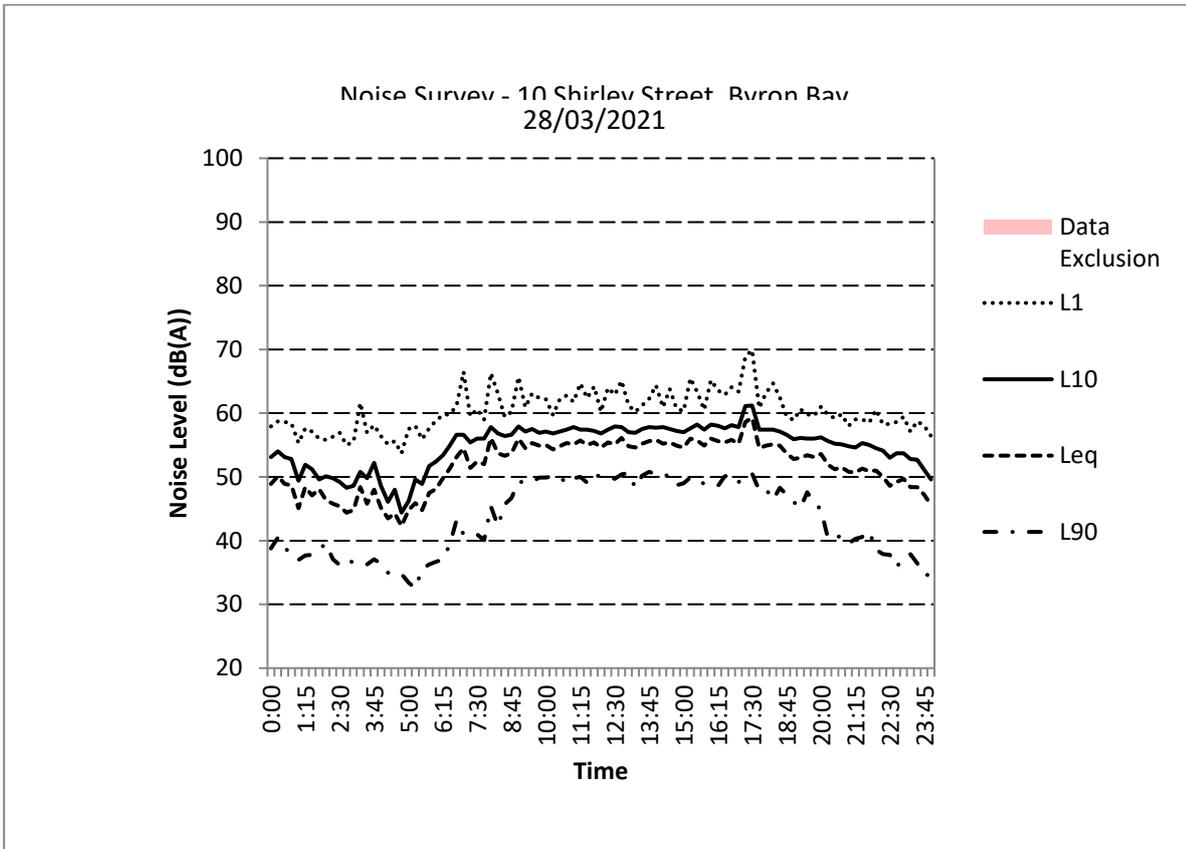
Appendix B Unattended Noise Monitoring Graphs











Appendix C Sample Calculations

Onsite Leq Noise Calculations – No Acoustic Treatment

| Noise Source | Duration | Leq | Leq 15min | Distance to the Receivers | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| | | | | NW | N | E | SW |
| Car door closure | 2 | 78 | 51 | 5 | 38 | 100 | 20 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | 6 | 69 | 47 | 11 | 30 | 95 | 10 |
| Car engine ignition | 3 | 72 | 47 | 5 | 38 | 100 | 20 |
| Conversations | 720 | 65 | 64 | 20 | 36 | 41 | 8 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | 900 | 77 | 77 | 56 | 66 | 41 | 40 |
| Truck passby | 13 | 89 | 71 | 12 | 35 | 85 | 35 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | 60 | 80 | 68 | 22 | 50 | 80 | 36 |
| Glass disposal | 4 | 93 | 69 | 24 | 50 | 80 | 36 |
| 15 minute period (s) | | 900 | | | | | |
| Noise level after Distance loss | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 37 | 20 | 11 | 25 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 26 | 18 | 8 | 27 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 33 | 16 | 7 | 21 |
| Conversations | | | | 38 | 33 | 32 | 46 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 42 | 41 | 45 | 45 |
| Truck passby | | | | 49 | 40 | 32 | 40 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 41 | 34 | 30 | 37 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 42 | 35 | 31 | 38 |
| Shielding from intervening structures | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Conversations | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 20 | 5 | 0 | 20 |
| Truck passby | | | | 0 | 0 | 14 | 5 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 0 | 5 | 14 | 10 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 6 | 6 | 14 | 10 |
| CONCAWE Atmospheric/Ground/Meteorology corrections | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conversations | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Truck passby | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SubTotal - Noise Level at Receiver | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| Car door closure | | | | 37 | 20 | -3 | 17 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 26 | 18 | -6 | 19 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 33 | 16 | -7 | 13 |
| Conversations | | | | 38 | 33 | 32 | 46 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 22 | 36 | 45 | 25 |
| Truck passby | | | | 49 | 40 | 18 | 35 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 41 | 29 | 16 | 27 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 36 | 29 | 17 | 28 |
| CALC | | | | | | | |
| | | number of events per 15mins | | | | | |
| Activity | Events | Duration | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | |
| Car door closure | 10 | | 56085 | 971 | 6 | 556 | |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | 5 | | 2188 | 294 | 1 | 420 | |
| Car engine ignition | 5 | | 10566 | 183 | 1 | 105 | |
| Conversations | 1 | | 6325 | 1952 | 1505 | 39528 | |
| Alfresco dining (café) | 1 | | 160 | 3638 | 29815 | 313 | |
| Truck passby | 2 | | 159356 | 18732 | 126 | 5924 | |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | 1 | | 13774 | 843 | 41 | 514 | |
| Glass disposal | 2 | | 7734 | 1782 | 110 | 1368 | |
| Predicted Noise Level at the Receiver | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| Car door closure | | | 47 | 30 | 7 | 27 | |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | 33 | 25 | 1 | 26 | |
| Car engine ignition | | | 40 | 23 | 0 | 20 | |
| Conversations | | | 38 | 33 | 32 | 46 | |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | 22 | 36 | 45 | 25 | |
| Truck passby | | | 52 | 43 | 21 | 38 | |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | 41 | 29 | 16 | 27 | |
| Glass disposal | | | 39 | 33 | 20 | 31 | |

Onsite Leq Noise Calculations – With Acoustic Barriers

| Noise Source | Duration | Leq | Leq 15min | Distance to the Receivers | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| | | | | NW | N | E | SW |
| Car door closure | 2 | 78 | 51 | 5 | 38 | 100 | 20 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | 6 | 69 | 47 | 11 | 30 | 95 | 10 |
| Car engine ignition | 3 | 72 | 47 | 5 | 38 | 100 | 20 |
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| Unloading a delivery vehicle | 60 | 80 | 68 | 22 | 50 | 80 | 36 |
| Glass disposal | 4 | 93 | 69 | 24 | 50 | 80 | 36 |
| 15 minute period (s) | | 900 | | | | | |
| Noise level after Distance loss | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 37 | 20 | 11 | 25 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 26 | 18 | 8 | 27 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 33 | 16 | 7 | 21 |
| Conversations | | | | 38 | 33 | 32 | 46 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 42 | 41 | 45 | 45 |
| Truck passby | | | | 49 | 40 | 32 | 40 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 41 | 34 | 30 | 37 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 42 | 35 | 31 | 38 |
| Shielding from intervening structures | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 10 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 8 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 10 | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Conversations | | | | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 20 | 5 | 0 | 20 |
| Truck passby | | | | 8 | 0 | 14 | 5 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 8 | 5 | 14 | 10 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 8 | 6 | 14 | 10 |
| CONCAWE Atmospheric/Ground/Meteorology corrections | | | | | | | |
| Car door closure | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conversations | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Truck passby | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SubTotal - Noise Level at Receiver | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| Car door closure | | | | 27 | 20 | -3 | 17 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 18 | 18 | -6 | 19 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 23 | 16 | -7 | 13 |
| Conversations | | | | 30 | 33 | 32 | 38 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 22 | 36 | 45 | 25 |
| Truck passby | | | | 41 | 40 | 18 | 35 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 33 | 29 | 16 | 27 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 34 | 29 | 17 | 28 |
| CALC | | | | | | | |
| | | number of events per 15mins | | | | | |
| Activity | Events | Duration | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| Car door closure | 10 | | | 5609 | 971 | 6 | 556 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | 5 | | | 347 | 294 | 1 | 420 |
| Car engine ignition | 5 | | | 1057 | 183 | 1 | 105 |
| Conversations | 1 | | | 1002 | 1952 | 1505 | 6265 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | 1 | | | 160 | 3638 | 29815 | 313 |
| Truck passby | 2 | | | 25256 | 18732 | 126 | 5924 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | 1 | | | 2183 | 843 | 41 | 514 |
| Glass disposal | 2 | | | 4880 | 1782 | 110 | 1368 |
| Predicted Noise Level at the Receiver | | | | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 |
| Car door closure | | | | 37 | 30 | 7 | 27 |
| Car bypass @ 5km/h | | | | 25 | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Car engine ignition | | | | 30 | 23 | 0 | 20 |
| Conversations | | | | 30 | 33 | 32 | 38 |
| Alfresco dining (café) | | | | 22 | 36 | 45 | 25 |
| Truck passby | | | | 44 | 43 | 21 | 38 |
| Unloading a delivery vehicle | | | | 33 | 29 | 16 | 27 |
| Glass disposal | | | | 37 | 33 | 20 | 31 |

Appendix D SoundPLAN Noise Modelling Results

10-12 Shirley Street
M02 - Logger Verif

| Receiver | Fl | Ground Height m | L10(18h) dB(A) |
|---------------|----|--------------------|-------------------|
| Logger - 58.5 | GF | 10.00 | 59.6 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
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SoundPLAN R 9

**10-12 Shirley Street
Assessed receiver levels
M023 - Planning Horizon 2032 - receivers**

| Receiver | Floor | Dir | L10(18h) Facade Corrected dB(A) |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Development - A | GF | N | 68.6 |
| Development - B | GF | N | 69.2 |
| Development - C | GF | N | 70.5 |
| Development - D | GF | E | 65.1 |
| Development - E | GF | E | 61.9 |
| Development - F | GF | E | 58.0 |
| Development - G | GF | E | 55.1 |
| Development - H | GF | S | 47.3 |
| Development - I | GF | W | 50.8 |
| Development - J | GF | W | 57.4 |
| Development - K | GF | N | 60.2 |
| Development - L | GF | S | 53.1 |
| Development Side Building - M | GF | E | 59.1 |

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