NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

DAA Group has been appointed to carry out a Noise Impact Assessment at Ground Floor Office, 47 Sedgeborough Road, Manchester, M16 7EU to support Planning Application Ref: 142836/FO/2025 for the Erection of a single storey rear extension in association with the conversion of the ground floor from office use to form 3 no. 1 bedroom 1 person apartments (class C3 use).

The purpose of the survey is to satisfy the following condition:

"4) a) Prior to above groundworks commencing a scheme for acoustically insulating the proposed residential accommodation against noise from Sedgeborough Road shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the City Council as local planning authority. There may be other actual or potential sources of noise which require consideration on or near the site, including any local commercial / industrial premises. The potential for overheating shall also be assessed and the noise insulation scheme shall take this into account. The approved noise insulation and ventilation scheme shall be completed before any of the dwelling units are occupied."

Using results of the noise survey, the sound insulation performance for the whole building envelope including glazing (windows) is assessed, and a scheme of noise mitigation measures is established and included in the report verified by BS8233:2014 rigorous method building envelope sound insulation calculations.

A scheme of noise mitigation measures in the report provides specification details as appropriate for sound insulation upgrade treatment to the separating walls and separating floors.

The technical content of this assessment has been provided by a Tech member of the Institute of Acoustics.

The Institute of Acoustics is the UK's professional body for those working in acoustics, noise and vibration.

2.0 NOISE CRITERIA

2.1 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)

The Department for Communities and Local Government introduced the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012. The latest revision of the NPPF is dated December 2024.

The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It provides a framework where local Councils can produce their own local and neighbourhood plans which reflect the needs of their communities.

In conserving and enhancing the natural environment, the planning system should prevent both new and existing development from contributing to, or being put at, unacceptable risk from environmental factors including noise.

Planning policies and decisions should aim to avoid noise giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of new development. Conditions may be used to mitigate and reduce noise to a minimum so that adverse impacts on health and quality of life are minimised. It must be recognised that development will often create some noise and existing businesses wanting to develop in continuance of their business should not have unreasonable restrictions put on them.

2.2 NOISE POLICY STATEMENT FOR ENGLAND (NPSE)

The long-term vision of the NPSE is stated within the documents scope, to 'promote good health and a good quality of life through the effective management of noise within the context of Government policy on sustainable development'. The policy aims are stated to:

- avoid significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life.
- mitigate and minimise adverse impacts on health and quality of life; and
- where possible, contribute to the improvement of health and quality of life.

The application of NPSE should mean that noise is properly considered at the appropriate time (for example in planning applications or appeals) where it must be considered alongside other relevant issues. The guiding principles of Government policy on sustainable development should be used to assist in the implementation of the NPSE.

The NPSE should apply to all types of noise apart from occupational noise in the workplace. The types of noises defined in the NPSE includes:

- Environmental noise from transportation sources.
- Neighbourhood noise which includes noise arising from within the community, industrial premises, trade and business premises, construction sites and noise in the street

The Noise Policy Statement England (NPSE) outlines observed effect levels relating to the above, as follows:

- **NOEL – No Observed Effect Level**
  - This is the level below which no effect can be detected. In simple terms, below this level, there is no detectable effect on health and quality of life due to the noise.
- **LOAEL – Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level**
  - This is the level above which adverse effects on health and quality of life can be detected.
- **SOAEL – Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level**
  - This is the level above which significant adverse effects on health and quality of life occur.

As stated in The Noise Policy Statement England (NPSE), it is not currently possible to have a single objective-based measure that defines SOAEL that is applicable to all sources of noise in all situations. Specific noise levels are not stated within the guidance for this reason and allow flexibility in the policy until further guidance is available.

2.3 ProPG: PLANNING AND NOISE

As outlined above, the National Planning Policy Framework encourages improved standards of design, although it provides no specific noise levels which should be achieved on site for varying standards of acoustic acceptability, or a prescriptive method for the assessment of noise.

ProPG: Planning and Noise was published in May 2017 in order to encourage better acoustic design for new residential schemes in order to protect future residents from the harmful effects of noise. This guidance can be seen as the missing link between the current NPPF and its predecessor, PPG24 (Planning Policy Guidance 24: Planning and Noise), which provided a prescriptive method for assessing sites for residential development, but without the nuance of 'good acoustic design' as outlined in ProPG.

ProPG allows the assessor to take a holistic approach to consider the site's suitability, taking into consideration numerous design factors which previously may not have been considered alongside the noise level measured on site, for example the orientation of the building in relation to the main source of noise incident upon it.

It should be noted this document is not an official government code of practice, and neither replaces nor provides an authoritative interpretation of the law or government policy, and therefore, should be seen as a good practice document only.

2.4 ACOUSTICS VENTILATION AND OVERHEATING

The AVO Guide includes:

* an explanation of ventilation requirements under the building regulations and as described in Approved Document F, along with typical ventilation strategies and associated noise considerations.
* an explanation of the overheating assessment methodology described in CIBSE TM59. potential acoustic criteria and guidance relating to different ventilation and overheating conditions, for both environmental noise ingress and building services noise.
* and a worked example of the application of the AVO Guide including indicative design solutions.

The AVO Guide is intended for the consideration of new residential development that will be exposed predominantly to airborne sound from transport sources, and to sound from mechanical services that are serving the dwellings in question. Although the policy coverage is limited to England, the approach may be applicable in other parts of the UK.

The AVO Guide is intended to contribute to the practice of good acoustic design, as emphasised in the Professional Practice Guidance on Planning and Noise (ProPG). In particular

2.5 BRITISH STANDARD BS 8233:2014

British Standard Code of Practice BS8233:2014 'Sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings' provides recommended guideline value for internal noise levels within dwellings which are similar in scope to guideline values contained within the World Health Organisation Guidelines for Community Noise 1999 (WHO).

Activity	Location	07:00 to23:00	23:00 to 07:00
Resting	Living room	35 dB $L_{Aeq,\ 16hour}$	
Dining	Dining room/area	40 dB $L_{Aeq,\ 16hour}$	
Sleeping (daytime resting)	Bedroom	35 dB $L_{Aeq,\ 16hour}$	30 dB $L_{Aeq,\ 8hour}$

2.5 Indoor ambient noise levels for dwellings

The WHO guideline noise criteria set an internal sleep disturbance noise limit of 45dB LAmax,F which should not be exceeded on a regular basis.

2.6 BRISTISH STANDARD BS 4142:2014+A1:2019

British Standard 4142: 2014 'Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound' [BS 4142] is typically used when a new noise generating development is introduced close to noise sensitive receptors. Guidance is given for new noise sensitive developments close to existing noise generating activities is Section 8.5 of BS4142:2014 as follows: "Introduction of a new noise-sensitive receptor Measure the background sound at the intended location of any new noise-sensitive receptor(s) in the absence of any specific sound.

Where a new noise-sensitive receptor is introduced and there is existing industrial and/or commercial sound, it ought to be recognized that the industrial and/or commercial sound forms a component of the acoustic environment. In such circumstances other guidance and criteria in addition to or alternative to this standard can also inform the appropriateness of both introducing a new noise-sensitive receptor and the extent of required noise mitigation." Based on the above guidance and the nature of existing noise levels, we would recommend that an appropriate internal environment can be achieved through compliance with the Local Authority condition (with the noted legal exceptions), and the specifications given according to British Standard 8233:2014 in Section 2.5.

3.0 SITE SURVEYS

3.1 SITE DESCRIPTION

The application site is located on the corner of Sedgeborough Road and Walford Street. The area is predominantly residential. Adjacent to the property across Sedgeborough Road approximately 30 meters away is Whalley Range Methodist Church. The dominant noise source is road noise from the surrounding roads. (See Figure 3.1)



Figure 3.1 – Proposed Site

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE SURVEY PROCEDURE

In order to characterise the sound profile of the area an environmental sound survey has been carried out from 22/01/2026 to 23/01/2026. The monitoring position was chosen in order to collect representative data for the potential noise break into the habitable rooms.
Noise Measurements were carried out 1m outside a window on the first floor fronting Sedgeborough Road. Measurements were also recorded in a proposed habitable room fronting Sedgeborough Road. The external monitoring location is shown in Figure 3.2.

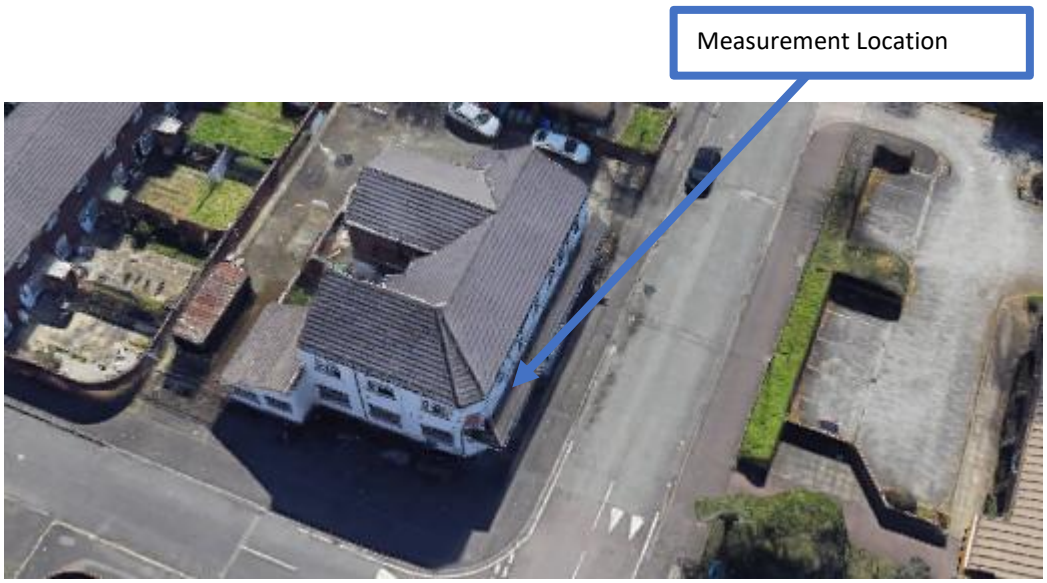


Figure 3.2 – Measurement Location

3.3 EQUIPMENT

Instrument manufacturer	**Cirrus Research Plc**
Model	**IEC 61672-3:2013**
Serial Number	**G302987**
Microphone Type	**MK:224**
Serial Number	**214457A**
Cirrus CK: 675 Outdoor Kit	
Type 1 Acoustic Calibrator	

The calibration of the sound level meters was verified in-situ before any measurements were taken, using the handheld calibrator and reference tone of 114dB at 1kHz. Validation checks at the end of the survey indicated that all instruments had operated within permitted tolerances for drift and measured level.

3.4 METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

As the environmental noise survey was carried out over a long un-manned period no localized records of weather conditions were taken. However, during the set up and collection of the monitoring equipment, the weather conditions have been documented in the following table. All measurements have been compared with met office weather data of the area, specifically the closest weather station, the data from the weather station is outlined in the table below. When reviewing the time history of the noise measurements, any scenarios that were considered potentially to be affected by the local weather conditions have been omitted. The analysis of the noise data includes statistical and percentile analysis and review of minimum and maximum values, which aids in the preclusion of any periods of undesirable weather conditions. The weather conditions were deemed suitable for the measurement of environmental noise in accordance with BS7445 Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise. The table below presents the average temperature, wind speed and rainfall range for each 24-hour period during the entire measurement.

Weather Conditions – Northolt **Weather station**				
Time Period	**Air Temp (◦C)**	**Rainfall mm/h**	**Prevailing Wind Direction**	**Wind Speed (m/s)**
22/01/2026 – 00:00 – 23:59	6 - 10	0.1	E	4 – 8
23/01/2026 – 00:00 – 23:59	6 - 8	0.0	NE	8 - 9

Table 3.4 – Weather Summary

4.0 NOISE SURVEY

The following free-field sound levels have been derived for assessment of environmental noise break-in.
A maximum value is provided for each night-time measurement period. Based on the World Health Organisation interpretation that for a noise to be regular it needs to occur several (i.e. more than two) times per hour; the LAmax(f) noise needs to be based upon an average of 10-15 events that are typical in nature. The aim of protecting against maximum noise levels is to ensure protection against typical intermittent noise levels rather than one-off events; whereby an arithmetic average of the 15 typical maximum events across each night period is used to determine values of dB LAmax(f) reported below. These have been summarised in table 4.1 and 4.2 below.

Measurement Data	Free Field Sound Pressure Level dB		
	MP 1		
Time	$L_{Aeq,15}$	$L_{AMAX,15}$	$L_{A90,15}$
07:00 – 23:00	52dB	70dB	45dB
23:00 – 07:00	43dB	62dB	33dB

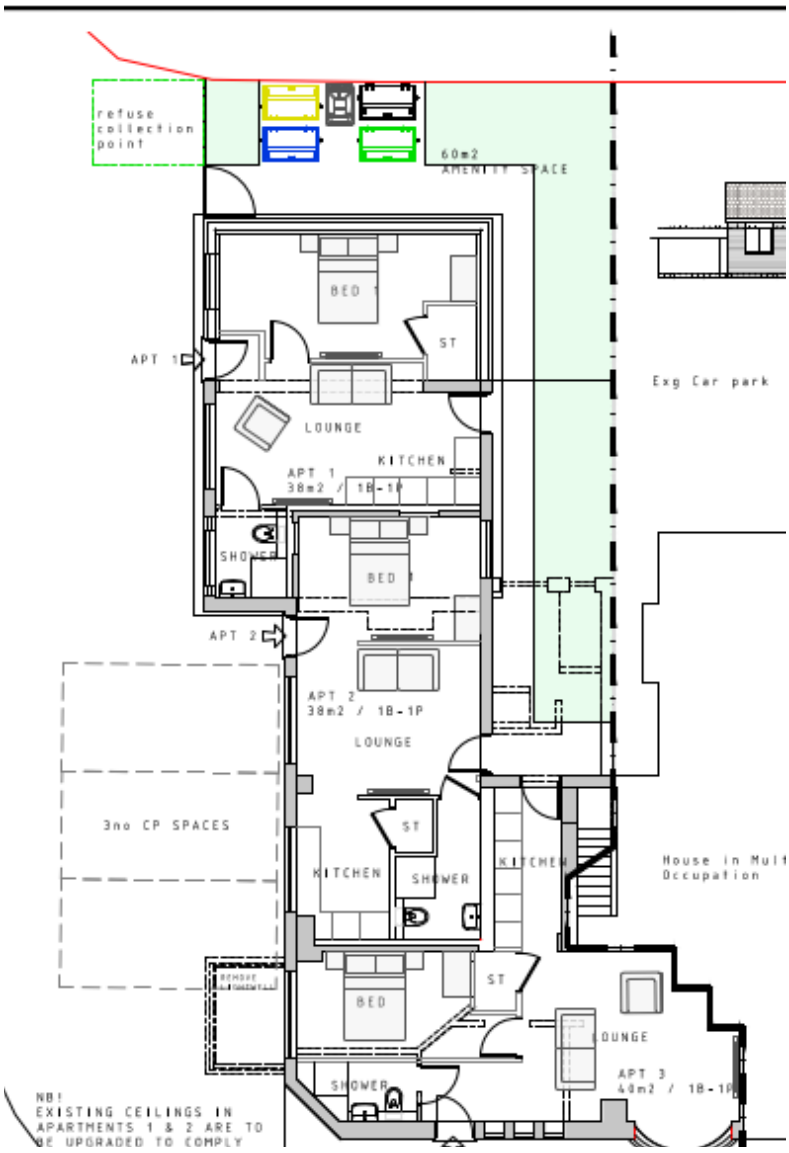
Table 4.1 Measurement Levels

Leq, ff noise levels are taken as the continuous equivalent free-field sound pressure level outside the room elements under consideration.

Location	T	Time	Free-Field Sound Pressure Level Leq, T dB re.20µPa						
			125Hz	250Hz	500Hz	1kHz	2kHz	4kHz	A
MP1	16h	Day	53	46	45	47	45	42	52
	8h	Night	44	37	36	38	36	33	43
		Max	63	56	55	57	55	52	62

Table 4.2 Summary of octave -band sound levels for break in assessment

5.0 PROPOSED LAYOUT DESIGN



5.0.1 Proposed Layout Design

6.0 EXTERNAL SOUND LEVELS

It shall be read from Table 4.2 in Section 4.0 of this report, that the external sound levels taken by means of average equivalent or maximum sound levels are within the World Health Organisation requirements for external noise as described by Community Noise Guidelines (1999) in Section 2.5 of this report.

6.1 Pro PG Acoustic Design Statement

The scope of ProPG is restricted to the consideration of new residential development that will be exposed predominantly to airborne noise from transport sources. New apartments, flats and houses are the most common type of new residential development, however the guidance can also be applied to other types of residential developments such as residential institutions, care homes etc. As such it is directly applicable to this development.

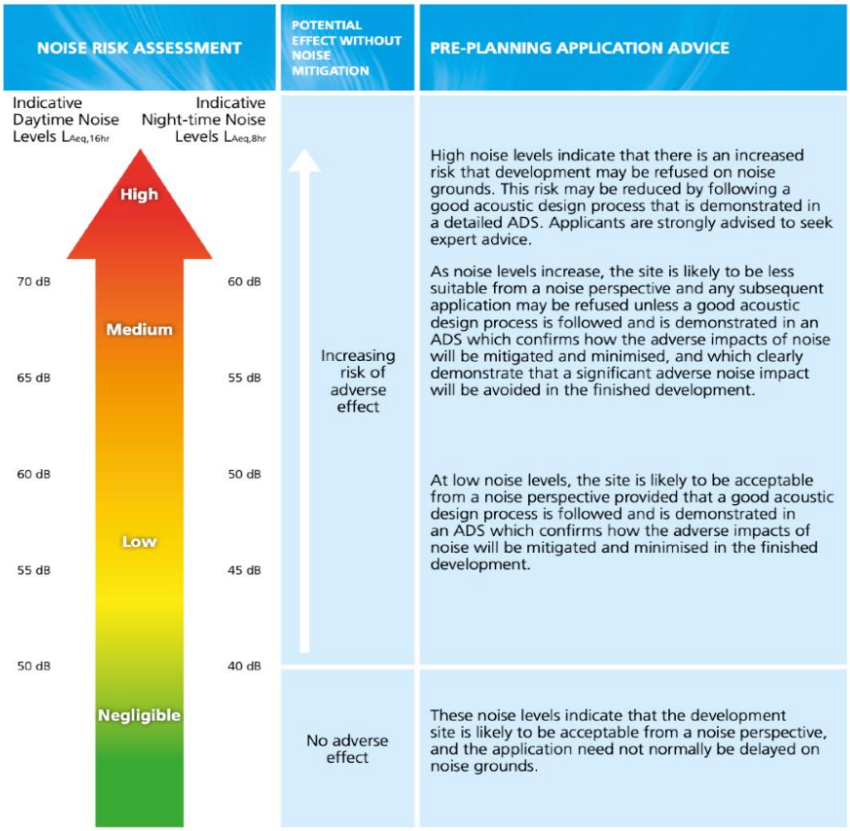


Figure 6.1 - ProPG Noise risk assessment guide

The following table assesses the ProPG noise risk for the measured data. The purpose of this is to provide a view of the noise risk at the site.

MP2	Daytime $L_{Aeq, 16hr}$ 07:00 – 23:00	Night-time $L_{Aeq, 8hr}$ 23:00 – 07:00
Noise Level	52dB	43dB
ProPG Noise Risk	**LOW**	**LOW**

Table 6.1.1 : ProPG Stage 1 Assessment table

ProPG states that “Particular care should be taken to ensure that any noise events (as quantified by LAmax,F) have been properly identified and assessed”.

7.0 FAÇADE SOUND INSULATION

In accordance with the assessment guidance in Annex G of BS 8233:2014, the sound insulation performance of the building can be estimated by simple calculation from the free-field noise.

CALCULATION		A	B	(A-B) +5
Location	Period	Free-Field Noise Levels LAeq,T dB	BS8233/WHO Internal Noise Guidance Criteria LAeq, T dB	Typical Insulation Specification dB Rw
1	**Day 07:00 – 23:00**	**52**	**35**	**22**
	Night 23:00 – 07:00	**43**	**30**	**18**
		62	**45**	**22**

Table 7.0 - Sound insulation estimate using the simple calculation method of BS8233

Following the rigorous calculation method of Annex G of BS 8233:2014, it can be shown that a suitable standard of residential amenity can be achieved with façade sound insulation of standard double glazing.

7.1 BUILDING FABRIC SPECIFICATION

Sound reduction performance calculations have been undertaken in order to specify the minimum performance required from glazed and non-glazed elements in order to achieve the recommended internal noise levels shown in Table 2.5, taking into account average and maximum noise levels monitored during the environmental noise survey.

Typical sized bedrooms with a high ratio of glazing to masonry have been used for all calculations in order to specify glazing.

As a more robust assessment, LAmax spectrum values of night-time peaks have also been considered and incorporated into the glazing calculation in order to cater for the interior limit of 45 dB LAmax for individual events, as recommended in WHO Guidelines.

7.2 NON-GLAZED ELEMENTS

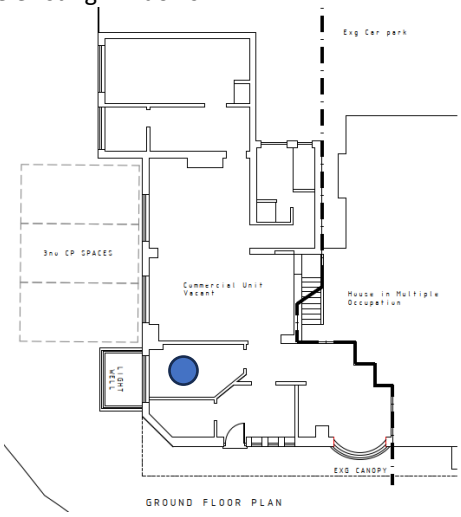
It is understood that the non-glazed element is brickwork cavity walls and would be expected to provide the minimum figures shown above when tested in accordance with BS EN ISO, 140-3:1995.

Element	Octave Band Centre Frequency SRI, dB					
	125	250	500	1K	2K	4K
Non-Glazed Element SRI	41	43	48	50	55	55

Table 7.2 non-glazed elements sound reduction minimum performance

7.3 SPECIFICATION OF GLAZED UNITS

Measurements were taken inside the most effected habitable room to assess the glazing performance of the existing windows.



Measurement Location

Measurement Data	Free Field Sound Pressure Level dB		
	Internal		
Time	LAeq,15	LAMAX,15	LA90,15
07:00 – 23:00	31dB	47dB	27dB
23:00 – 07:00	25dB	40dB	21dB

The minimum sound reduction index (SRI) value required for the new glazed elements to be installed is shown in Table 7.3.

Glazing Configuration – 3mm/ 10mm/ 3mm							
Frequency, Hz/dB					Rw	Rw + C	Rw +Ctr
125	250	500	1K	2K	**29**	-1	-4
24	10	24	31	41			

Table 7.3 – Required Glazing Performance – Standard Double Glazing

The sound reduction performance stated above must be achieved by the glazing system as a whole in its installed condition. The specification therefore applies to both the glazing element and all seals on any openable part of the system. It should be confirmed with any supplier that the full glazing system supplied complies with the requirements stated in Table 7.3. Data has been used from Guardian Glass, see Appendix C for details.

Please note that the above guidance only considers acoustic performance. Other disciplines, which consider thermal, safety, durability etc. should be consulted to ensure suitability.

8.0 INTERNAL NOISE CRITERIA

As shown above in 7.3, the existing site meets the internal noise criteria. Below is the results of the proposed extension.

MP1 Monitoring Period	Noise Criteria L_{AMAX}	No. times exceeded L_{AMAX}
07:00 – 23:00	55dB	0
23:00 – 07:00	45dB	0

Table 8.0 – Noise Criteria L_{AMAX}

MP1 Monitoring Period	Noise Criteria L_{Aeq}	Internal Noise Level
07:00 – 23:00	35dB	28dB
23:00 – 07:00	30dB	18dB

Table 8.1 - Noise Criteria L_{Aeq} -

9.0 VENTILATION AND OVERHEATING

Guidance on ventilation and associated acoustic considerations is given in Acoustic Ventilation and Overheating – Residential Design Guide [AVO] issued jointly by the Association of Noise Consultants and the Institute of Acoustics. In this guide, the need for ventilation (as falls under the requirements of Approved Document F [ADF] are covered in three main requirements as follows:

- Whole Dwelling Ventilation - General ventilation – continuous ventilation of rooms or spaces at a relatively low rate

- Extract Ventilation - Removal of air from a space or spaces (typically stale air from bathrooms or kitchens) to outside

- Purge Ventilation - Manually controlled removal of air at a high rate to eliminate fumes and odours, e.g. during painting and decorating or from burnt food. May be provided by natural or mechanical means.

Four main template systems for providing each of the above ADF ventilation requirements are summarised in the AVO guide as shown in Table 9.0.

Ventilation System	Method Of Whole Dwelling Ventilation	Method of Extract Ventilation	Method of purge Ventilation
System 1 (Background Ventilators and intermittent extract Fans	Background ventilators (Trickle Vents)	Intermittent extract fans	Typically provided by opening windows
System 2 (Passive Stack)	Background ventilators (Trickle Vents) & Passive Stack	Continuous via passive stack	Typically provided by opening windows
System 3 (Contunuous Mechanical Extract (MEV)	Continuous mechanical extract (low rate), trickle vents provide fresh air	Continuous mechanical extract (high rate), trickle vents provide fresh air	Typically provided by opening windows
System 4 (Continuously mechanical supply and extract with heat recovery (MVHR)	Continuous mechanical supply and extract (low rate)	Continuous mechanical supply and extract (high rate)	Typically provided by opening windows

Table 9.0 – Summary of ADF Ventilation Requirements

Where possible, natural forms of ventilation are typically preferred. However, in high noise areas, it may be necessary to recommend System 4, in order to minimise penetrations through the external building façade, which weaken the overall sound reduction performance.

Ventilation Strategy (according to ADF)	
System 1: Intermittent Extract Fans System 2: Passive Stack Ventilation	✓
System 3: Continuous Mechanical Extract (MEV)	✓
System 4: Continuous Mechanical Supply & Extract with Heat Recovery (MVHR)	✓

We have used standard trickle vents for our calculations.

9.1 OVERHEATING

The advice in this section has considered the internal ambient noise level with closed windows. The AVO guide requires that consideration has also been given to the overheating condition. With an advocated and simplistic insertion loss of 13 dB from external to internal areas with an open window. It has been noted from the AVO guide, that a material change in behaviour may occur with internal ambient noise levels of > 50 dB LAeq, T (07:00 – 23:00) during the day, > 42 dB LAeq, T or > 65 dB LAmax(F) (23:00 – 07:00) during the night. A Level 1 risk assessment is applicable for the rear façade.

Level 1 Risk Assessment following the AVO Guide			Internal Ambient Noise Level dB re. 20µPa		
Location	Windows	Ventilation State	Day dB LAeq,T	Night dB LAeq,T	Max dB LAeq,T
MP1	Windows closed and ventilators open	Building Ventilation	28	18	37
	Windows partially open	Overheating Ventilation	39	30	49

Table 9.1 – IANL

10.0 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION REVIEW

The floor and wall structure may be subject to pre-completion testing in accordance with requirements of The Building Regulations 2010 Approved Document E (2003 Edition & amendments). It should be expected that the proposed dwelling will exceed the minimum performance standards of the Regulations, as stipulated between dwellings in terms of dB DnT,w +Ctr.

10.1 PARTY FLOOR/ CEILING BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL UNITS

The following floor construction is recommended:

- Final floor finish
- 9-11mm plywood adhesively installed on,
- Acoustilay 6 adhesively installed to manufacturers instructions
- 200mm slab
- 2x12.5mm SoundBloc as the ceiling lining, under MF-type grid

Ensure that the screed, if applied does not come in contact with the floor slab, or perimeter walls. The resilient layer should therefore be turned up around the edges of the floor in order to ensure that it is decoupled from the main slab.

10.2 PROPOSED SEPARATING WALL CONSTRUCTION

It is understood that new build separating walls between flats is based on a twin timber stud construction. The following wall specifications are provided:

Timber Stud Party Wall

- 1 x 12.5mm Gyproc Fire Line
- 1 x 15mm Gyproc Sound Bloc
- 2 x 75mm Studs
- Minimum 200mm Cavity between inner boards
- 100mm Mineral Wool Insulation, density ≥45Kg/m^3
- 1 x 15mm Sound Bloc
- 1 x 12.5mm Fire Line

Masonry Party Wall

- 100mm Brick/Block
- 50mm Timber Stud – Not fixed to wall
- 25mm Mineral Wool Insulation, density ≥45Kg/m^3
- 1 x 12.5mm Fire Line

10.3 DOOR REQUIREMENTS

Where a degree of sound insulation is deemed necessary, doors with rated acoustic performance would be required. Recommendations with regards to the necessary sound insulation performance of the door units to be installed are shown in Table 11.3

Rw (dB)	Typical Door Construction
Entrance Doors	Solid Core timber door with drop seals and gaskets, or high quality acoustic perimeter and threshold seals
Internal Doors	Solid core timber door, no seals around the perimeter Solid core timber door, foam tape seals around the perimeter

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Table 10.3– Acoustic Specification of Door Systems

Some general points that should be followed regarding the acoustic performance of doors are as follows.

- Non-hardening caulk should be used to seal joints airtight
- If hollow metal frames are used, they should be fibre- or grout-filled
- Doors should be gasketed around the entire perimeter to be airtight when closed
- Seals should be adjustable to compensate for wear, thermal movement, settlement of building structure and other factors that cause misalignment of the doors
- Good quality hydraulic closers should be fitted on all doors likely to be subjected to heavy use

10.4 LIGHTWEIGHT WALL DETAILING

Socket backs in lightweight partitions should be boxed in using two layers of plasterboard of the same mass as the partition wall and should be staggered by at least 300mm. Party walls should 'break' any lightweight flanking constructions to ensure acoustic discontinuity between the leaves of the partition.

10.5 DOWNLIGHTERS

Downlighters should be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines at a density of no more than 1 light per 2m2 of ceiling and at centres not less than 0.75m. Openings should be no larger than 100mm diameter, or 10mm x 100mm.

10.6 WALL JUNCTIONS

Where party walls meet other constructions, the party wall construction must 'break' the flanking construction, such as the plasterboard lining of external walls. Blockwork for internal leaves of external and flanking walls should have a minimum density of 1850kg/m3 . With these proposed works implemented the flanking construction is expected to achieve the uprated performance requirements. Cavity stops should be used at all junctions between walls and floors in the external cavity

11.0 EXTERNAL AMENIETY

With a noise level of 52dB LAeq,T this is within the outdoor amenity guidelines of 50-55dB LAeq,T.

12.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

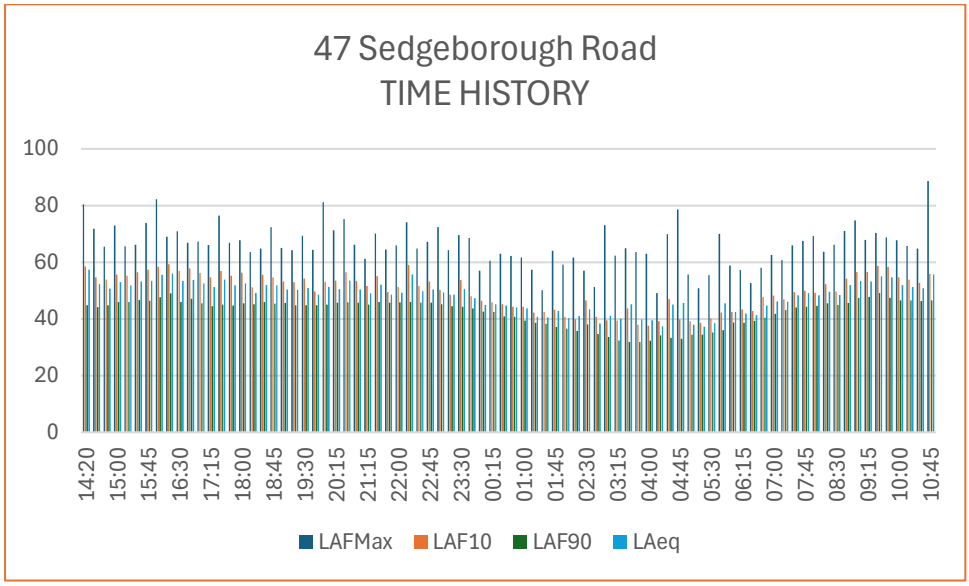
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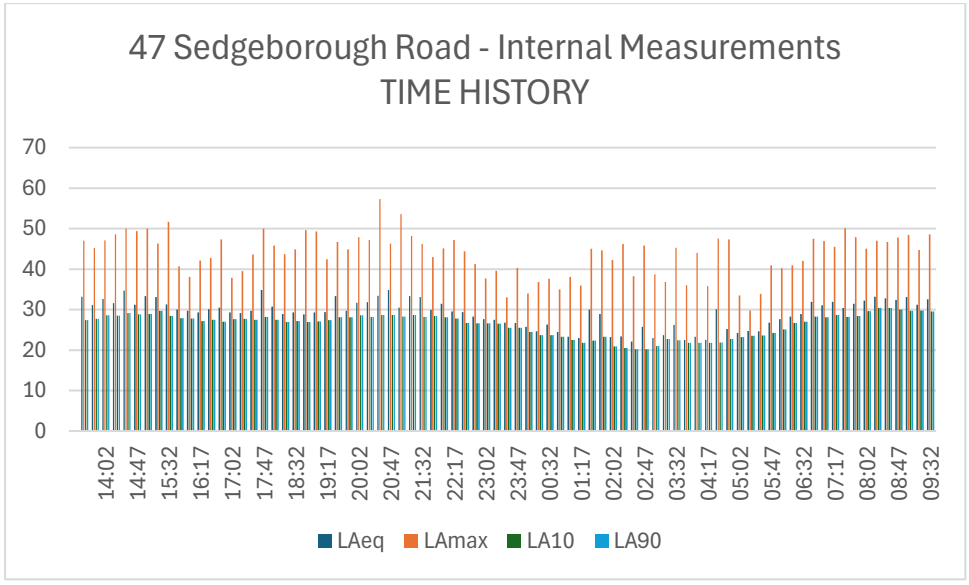
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A scheme of noise mitigation measures in the report provides specification details for the internal sound insulation.

It is concluded that, the impact of noise will not prejudice the amenities of any future occupants provided the above points are taken into consideration.

APPENDIX A – MEASUREMENTS





APPENDIX B - ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY

B.1 WEIGHTED DECIBEL, dB(A)

The unit generally used for measuring environmental, traffic or industrial noise is the A-weighted sound pressure level in decibels, denoted dB(A). The weighting is based on the frequency response of the human ear and has been found to correlate well with human subjective reactions to various sounds. An increase or decrease of approximately 10 dB corresponds to a subjective doubling or halving of the loudness of a noise, and a change of 2 to 3 dB is subjectively barely perceptible.

B.2 EQUIVALENT CONTINUOUS SOUND LEVEL, LAeq

Another index for assessment for overall noise exposure is the equivalent continuous sound level, L_{Aeq}. This is a notional steady level which would, over a given period, deliver the same sound energy as the actual time-varying sound over the same period.

B.3 MAXIMUM NOISE LEVEL, LAmax

The maximum noise level identified during a measurement period. Experimental data has shown that the human ear does not generally register the full loudness of transient sound events of less than 125 ms in duration.

B.4 NOISE RATING, NR

Noise ratings are used as a single figure criterion for specifying services noise in buildings. Each noise rating value has an associated spectrum of defined values in each third or octave frequency band. To determine the noise rating of a room the measured spectrum is compared to a set of noise rating curves. The highest NR curve that crosses any single frequency band of the measurement determines the noise rating for the room. The single figure noise rating is read at the 1 kHz band.

B.5 SOUND LEVEL DIFFERENCE (D)

The sound insulation required between two spaces may be determined by the sound level difference needed between them. A single figure descriptor which characterises a range of frequencies, the weighted sound level difference, D, is sometimes used (BS EN ISO 717-1). This parameter is not adjusted to reference conditions.

The standardized level difference, Dn, T is a measure of the difference in sound level between two rooms, in each frequency band, where the reverberation time in the receiving room has been normalised to 0.5 s. This parameter measures all transmission paths, including flanking paths.

The weighted standardized level difference, DnTw, is a measure of the difference in sound level between two rooms, which characterises a range of frequencies and is normalised to a reference reverberation time

B.6 SOUND REDUCTION INDEX (R)

The sound reduction index (or transmission loss) of a building element is a measure of the loss of sound through the material, i.e. its attenuation properties. It is a property of the component, unlike the sound level difference which is affected by the common area between the rooms and the acoustic of the receiving room. The weighted sound reduction index, Rw, is a single figure description of sound reduction index characterising a range of frequencies, which is defined in BS EN ISO 717-1: 1997. The Rw is calculated from measurements in an acoustic laboratory

B.7 STATISTICAL NOISE LEVELS (L_{A90}, (T) L_{A1}, (T) L_{A10}, (T) etc.)

For levels of noise that vary widely with time, for example road traffic noise, it is necessary to employ an index which allows for this variation. The L_{A10} is the level exceeded for ten per cent of the time under consideration, has historically been
adopted in the UK for the assessment of road traffic noise. The LA90 is the level exceeded for ninety per cent of the time, has been adopted to represent the background noise level. The L_{A1} the level exceeded for one per cent of the time, is representative of the maximum levels recorded during the sample period. A weighted statistical noise levels are denoted LA10, dB LA90, dB. etc. The reference time (T) is normally included, e.g. LA10, (5min), & LA90, (8hr).

B.8 TYPICAL NOISE LEVELS

Typical noise levels are given in the following table.

Noise Level dB(A)	Example
130	Threshold of pain
120	Jet aircraft take-offs at 100 m
110	Chain saw at 1 m
100	Inside disco
90	Heavy lorries at 5 m
80	Kerbside of busy street
70	Loud radio (in typical domestic room)
60	Office or restaurant
50	Domestic fan heaters at 1m
40	Living room
30	Ventilation Noise in Theatre
20	Remote countryside on still night
10	Sound insulated test chamber
0	Threshold of hearing.

GUARDIAN GLASS

Acoustic Performance

Glazing Configuration

3mm Float Glass
10mm Cavity
3mm Float Glass

Sound Reduction Indices

Frequency, Hz / dB*						Rw	C	Ctr	OITC	STC
125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	29	-1	-4	23	28
14	19	24	31	41	21					

*The values expressed in the frequency table correspond to the central values of the 1/3 octave band

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APPENDIX D – CALCULATIONS

Calculation Sheet

MP1 - 07:00 - 23:00 to LR

		Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Noise Source										
Noise Source - MP1 - 07:00 - 23:00										
Noise Levels		**53.0**	**53.0**	**46.0**	**45.0**	**47.0**	**45.0**	**42.0**	**40.0**	**51.6 dBA**
Composite SRI										
Facade Width (m)	6.0									
Facade Height (m)	3.0									
Main Element - External Wall										
SRI		-	41	43	48	50	55	55	-	Rw 51
Window Width (m)	2.0									
Window Height (m)	2.0									
No. of Windows (no)	2.0									
Glazed Element - 29Rw										
SRI		-	14	19	24	31	41	21	-	Rw 29
No. of Vents (no)	2.0									
Vent - Standard Vents										
Dne		36	36	38	36	32	37	39	48	Dnew 36
		-	*-17.4*	*-22.4*	*-26.9*	*-29.7*	*-35.9*	*-24.4*	-	
10 log (S/A)										
Internal Receiver - LR										
		-	*0.7*	*0.7*	*0.7*	*0.7*	*0.7*	*0.7*	-	
+3										
		-	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	-	
Internal Receiver Noise										
Internal Receiver Noise - LR										
Reverberant Field, LPrev		-	**39.2**	**27.3**	**21.8**	**20.9**	**12.8**	**21.3**	-	**28.3 dBA**

Calculation Sheet

MP1 23:00 - 07:00 to BR

		Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Noise Source										
Noise Source - MP1 23:00 - 07:00										
Noise Levels		**44.0**	**44.0**	**37.0**	**36.0**	**38.0**	**36.0**	**33.0**	**33.0**	**42.8 dBA**
Composite SRI										
Facade Width (m)	3.0									
Facade Height (m)	3.0									
Main Element - External Wall										
SRI		-	41	43	48	50	55	55	-	Rw 51
Window Width (m)	2.0									
Window Height (m)	2.0									
No. of Windows (no)	1.0									
Glazed Element - 29Rw										
SRI		-	14	19	24	31	41	21	-	Rw 29
No. of Vents (no)	1.0									
Vent - Standard Vents										
Dne		36	36	38	36	32	37	39	48	Dnew 36
		-	*-17.4*	*-22.4*	*-26.9*	*-29.7*	*-35.9*	*-24.4*	-	
10 log (S/A)										
Internal Receiver - BR										
		-	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	-	
+3										
		-	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	-	
Internal Receiver Noise										
Internal Receiver Noise - BR										
Reverberant Field, LPrev		-	**28.5**	**16.5**	**11.0**	**10.2**	**2.0**	**10.5**	-	**17.5 dBA**

Calculation Sheet

MP1 LAMAX to BR

		Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Noise Source										
Noise Source - MP1 LAMAX										
Noise Levels		**63.0**	**63.0**	**56.0**	**55.0**	**57.0**	**55.0**	**52.0**	**52.0**	**61.8 dBA**
Composite SRI										
Facade Width (m)	3.0									
Facade Height (m)	3.0									
Main Element - External Wall										
SRI		-	41	43	48	50	55	55	-	Rw 51
Window Width (m)	2.0									
Window Height (m)	2.0									
No. of Windows (no)	1.0									
Glazed Element - 29Rw										
SRI		-	14	19	24	31	41	21	-	Rw 29
No. of Vents (no)	1.0									
Vent - Standard Vents										
Dne		36	36	38	36	32	37	39	48	Dnew 36
		-	*-17.4*	*-22.4*	*-26.9*	*-29.7*	*-35.9*	*-24.4*	-	
10 log (S/A)										
Internal Receiver - BR										
		-	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	*-1.1*	-	
+3										
		-	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	*3.0*	-	
Internal Receiver Noise										
Internal Receiver Noise - BR										
Reverberant Field, LPrev		-	**47.5**	**35.5**	**30.0**	**29.2**	**21.0**	**29.5**	-	**36.5 dBA**

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