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1.0 INTRODUCTION

KP Acoustics Ltd has been commissioned by Jefferson Sheard Architects, 3-5 Bleeding Heart Yard, Greville Street, London, EC1N 8SJ to undertake a noise impact assessment of a proposed plant unit installation serving the building at Horsham Hospital, RH12 2DR.

A 24-hour environmental noise survey has been undertaken on site to prepare a noise impact assessment in accordance with BS4142:2014 '*Method for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound*' as part of the planning requirements of Horsham District Council.

This report presents the methodology and results from the environmental survey, followed by calculations in accordance with BS4142 to provide an indication as to the likelihood of the noise emissions from the proposed plant unit installation having an adverse impact on the closest noise sensitive receiver. Mitigation measures will be outlined as appropriate.

Following receipt of comments from Horsham Borough Council, the noise impact to Horsham Park to the south has also been assessed.

2.0 SITE SURVEYS

As shown in Figure 2.1, the site is bounded by Hurst Road to the north and east, the B2237 Road to the West, and Horsham Park to the south.



Figure 2.1 Site Location Plan (Image Source: Google Maps)

Initial inspection of the site revealed that the background noise profile at the monitoring location was typical of an urban cityscape environment, with the dominant source being road traffic noise from the surrounding roads.

2.1 Environmental Noise Survey Procedure

Continuous automated monitoring was undertaken for the duration of the noise survey between 12:58 on 25/01/2024 and 14:03 on 26/01/2024.

The environmental noise measurement position, proposed plant installation locations, and the closest noise sensitive receiver relative to the plant installations are described within Table 2.1.

Icon	Descriptor	Location Description
1	Noise Measurement Position 1	The microphone was installed on a tripod on the ground to the rear of the boiler house, as shown in Figure 2.2. The microphone was positioned within free-field conditions at least approx. 1.5 metres from the nearest surface.
	Nearest noise sensitive receptors	1st Floor window. Residential house approximately 100m to the north west on Parkfield.
	Proposed plant installation location	Proposed plant installations are outlined in Section 5.1.

Table 2.1 Measurement positions and descriptions

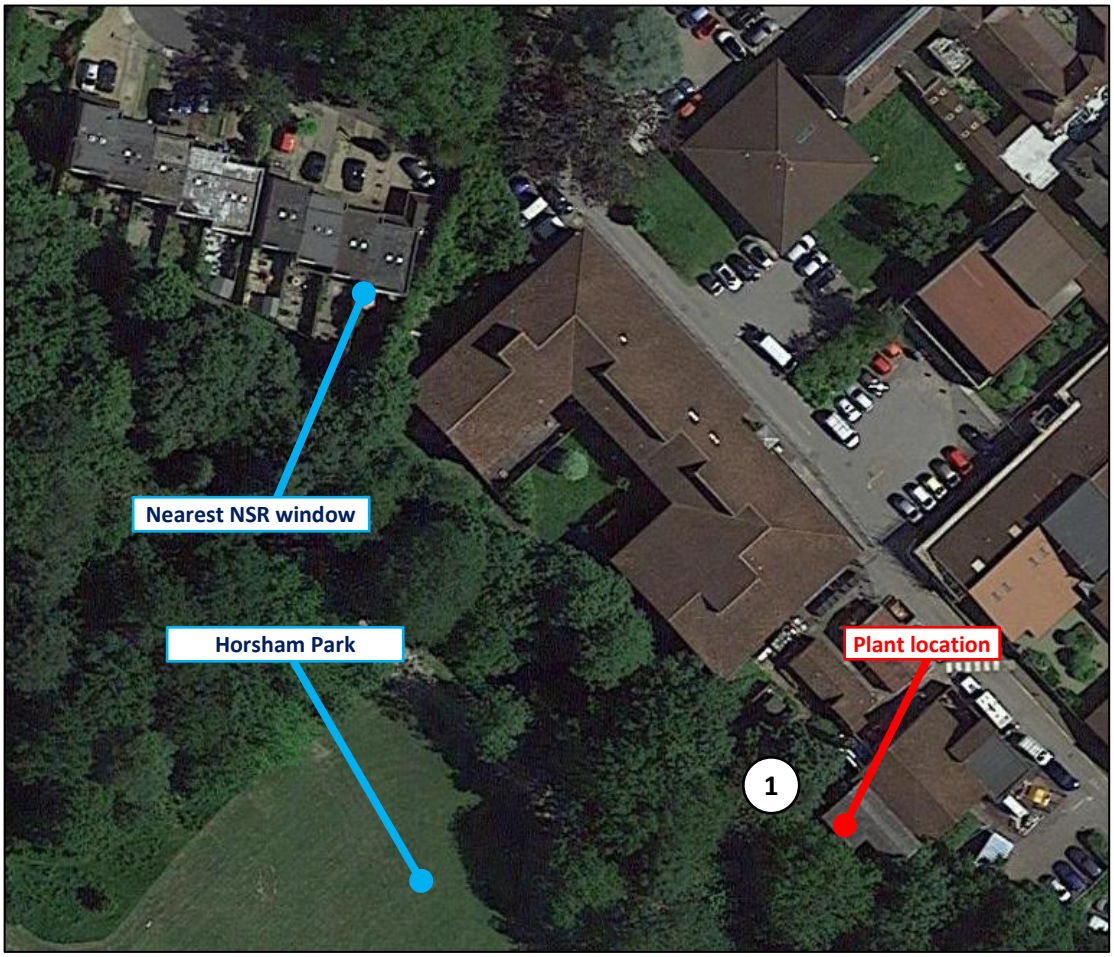

Figure 2.2 Site measurement positions (Image Source: Google Maps)

The choice of the position was based both on accessibility and on collecting representative noise data in relation to the nearest noise sensitive receiver and the proposed plant installation.

Weather conditions were generally dry with light winds and therefore suitable for the measurement of environmental noise. The measurement procedure complied with ISO 1996-2:2017 Acoustics '*Description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise - Part 2: Determination of environmental noise levels*'.

2.2 Equipment

The equipment calibration was verified before and after use and no abnormalities were observed. The equipment used is described within Table 2.2.

Measurement instrumentation		Serial no.	Date	Cert no.
Noise Kit 31	NTI Audio XL2 Class 1 Sound Level Meter	A2A-21119-E0	04/08/2022	UK-22-081
	Free-field microphone NTI Acoustics MC230A	A23402		
	Preamp NTI Acoustics MA220	10915		
	NTI Audio External Weatherproof Shroud	-	-	-
Larson Davis CAL200 Class 1 Calibrator		17148	21/03/2023	UCRT23/1363

Table 2.2 Measurement instrumentation

3.0 RESULTS

The $L_{Aeq:\ 5min}$, $L_{Amax:\ 5min}$, $L_{A10:\ 5min}$ and $L_{A90:\ 5min}$ acoustic parameters were measured throughout the duration of the survey. Measured levels are shown as a time history in Figure 27828.TH1.

Representative background noise levels are shown in Table 3.1 for daytime and night-time.

It should be noted that the representative background noise level has been derived from the most commonly occurring $L_{A90,5\ min}$ levels measured during the environmental noise survey undertaken on site, as shown in 27828.Daytime L90.TH1 and 27828.Night-time time L90.TH1 attached.

Time Period	Representative background noise level L_{A90} dB(A)
Daytime (07:00-23:00)	49
Night-time (23:00-07:00)	45

Table 3.1 Representative background noise levels

4.0 NOISE ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE

4.1 BS4142: 2014 '*Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound*'

British Standard BS4142:2014 '*Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound*' describes a method for rating and assessing sound of an industrial and/or commercial nature, which includes:

- Sound from industrial and manufacturing processes
- Sound from fixed installations which comprise mechanical and electrical plant and equipment

- Sound from the loading and unloading of goods and materials at industrial and/or commercial premises, and
- Sound from mobile plant and vehicles that is an intrinsic part of the overall sound emanating from premises or processes.

This Standard compares the Rating Level due to the noise source/s under assessment for a one-hour period during the daytime (07:00 – 23:00 hours) and a fifteen-minute period during the night-time (23:00 – 07:00 hours) with the existing background noise level in terms of an L_{A90} when the noise source is not operating.

It should be noted that the Rating Level is the Specific Sound Level in question ($L_{Aeq,\ Tr}$), including any relevant acoustic feature corrections, as follows:

- **Tonality** – '*For sound ranging from not tonal to prominently tonal the Joint Nordic Method gives a correction of between 0dB and +6dB for tonality. Subjectively, this can be converted to a penalty of 2dB for a tone which is just perceptible at the noise receptor, 4dB where it is clearly perceptible, and 6dB where it is highly perceptible*'
- **Impulsivity** – '*A correction of up to +9dB can be applied for sound that is highly impulsive, considering both the rapidity of the change in sound level and the overall change in sound level. Subjectively, this can be converted to a penalty of 3dB for impulsivity which is just perceptible at the noise receptor, 6dB where it is clearly perceptible, and 9dB where it is highly perceptible*'
- **Intermittency** – '*If the intermittency is readily distinctive against the residual acoustic environment, a penalty of 3dB can be applied*'
- **Other sound characteristics** – '*Where the specific sound features characteristics that are neither tonal nor impulsive, though otherwise are readily distinctive against the residual acoustic environment, a penalty of 3dB can be applied*'

Once the Rating Level has been obtained, the representative background sound level is subtracted from the Rating Level to obtain an initial estimate of the impact, as follows:

- Typically, the greater this difference, the greater the magnitude of the impact
- A difference of around +10 dB or more is likely to be an indication of a significant adverse impact, depending on the context
- A difference of around +5 dB could be an indication of an adverse impact, depending on the context

- The lower the rating level is relative to the measured background sound level, the less likely it is that there will be an adverse impact or significant adverse impact. Where the rating level does not exceed the background sound level, this is an indication of the specific sound having a low impact, depending on the context

NOTE: Adverse impacts may include but not be limited to annoyance and sleep disturbance. Not all adverse impacts will lead to complaints and not every complaint is proof of an adverse impact.

The initial estimate of the impact may then be modified by taking consideration of the context in which the sound occurs.

4.2 IEMA Guidelines for Environmental Noise Impact Assessment (2014)

IEMA guidelines recommend guidance on assessing a noise impact based on the change of the ambient noise level ($L_{Aeq,T}$) and the significance/importance of the effect, shown in Table 4.2.

Importance/Sensitivity of receptor	Magnitude/Scale of change
Very substantial	Greater than 10 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level perceived at a receptor of great sensitivity to noise
Substantial	Greater than 5 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level at a noise-sensitive receptor, or a 5 to 9.9 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level at a receptor of great sensitivity to noise
Moderate	A 3 to 4.9 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level at a sensitive or highly sensitive noise receptor, or a greater than 5 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level at a receptor of some sensitivity
Slight	A 3 to 4.9 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level at a receptor of some sensitivity
None/Not Significant	Less than 2.9 dB L_{Aeq} change in sound level and/or all receptors are of negligible sensitivity to noise or marginal to the zone of influence of the proposals

Table 4.2 Effects descriptors as recommended by IEMA Guidelines for Environmental Noise Impact Assessment (2014)

4.3 Local Authority Guidance

The criterion of Horsham District Council for noise emissions of new plant in this instance is as follows:

'For BS4142 assessments we like to see cumulative rating levels of 5dB below background in the urban and suburban parts of the district.'

4.4 Noise Emissions Criterion

As the proposed plant will only operate between the opening hours of 08:00 and 18:00 hours, the criterion has been set as shown in Table 4.3 to comply with the above requirements.

Time Period	Maximum Plant Noise Emissions Criterion at Nearest Residential Receiver
Daytime (23:00 to 07:00)	44dB(A)

Table 4.3 Proposed noise emissions criterion

5.0 NOISE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Proposed Plant Installations

It is understood that the proposed plant installation is comprised of 7 No. Elco Aerotop L88 Air Source Heat Pumps; however, we understand that only four of the proposed units will run at any one time. The proposed installation location for the proposed plant will be to the south of Boiler House No.2, as shown in Figure 2.2 above.

The noise emission levels as provided by the manufacturer for the units are shown in Table 5.1.

Unit	Descriptor	Octave Frequency Band (Hz)								Overall (dBA)
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Elco Aerotop L88	SWL	87	77	76	76	79	68	60	53	85

Table 5.1 Plant Units Noise Emission Levels as provided by the manufacturer

The closest noise sensitive receiver to the proposed installation location has been identified as being a residential window to the west, located approximately 100 metres from the proposed plant installation location, as shown in Figure 2.2.

It should be noted the proposed plant unit would be out of line of sight of the nearest receiving windows due to screening from the building envelope.

In the absence of 1/3 octave band data for the plant, we have used 1/1 octave band data to determine the presence of tonality. An acoustic feature correction of +6dB has been added to the plant noise to take this into account. It is worth noting that our calculations are to the nearest point at the edge of the park. Therefore, it is considered that the rest of the park will experience lower noise levels from the plant due to distance propagation.

5.2 Calculations

Taking all acoustic corrections into consideration, the noise level contribution expected at the closest residential window from the proposed plant would be as shown in Table 5.2. Detailed calculations are shown in Appendix B.

Receiver	Criterion	Noise Level at 1m From the Closest Noise Sensitive Window
Window of Residential House to the West	44dB(A)	43dB(A)

Table 5.2 Predicted noise level and criterion at nearest noise sensitive location

As shown in Appendix B and Table 5.2, transmission of noise to the nearest sensitive windows due to the effects of the proposed plant unit installation satisfies the emissions criterion of Horsham District Council.

5.3 IEMA Assessment of Noise Impact on the Amenity of Nearby Horsham Park

An assessment of the impact of the proposed plant units on the amenity of the nearby Horsham Park has been carried out.

Calculations have been undertaken using the method recommend by IEMA Guidelines for Environmental Noise Impact Assessment (2014) to assess the scale of change of the existing ambient noise level and therefore identify the potential impact on the park. Summarised calculations are shown in Table 5.3 below, using the worst-case measured noise levels, between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 at the edge of the park.

The closest point of the park is located approximately 30 metres from the plant units. The plant location in relation to Horsham Park is shown in Figure 5.3 below, and detailed calculations are shown in Appendix B.

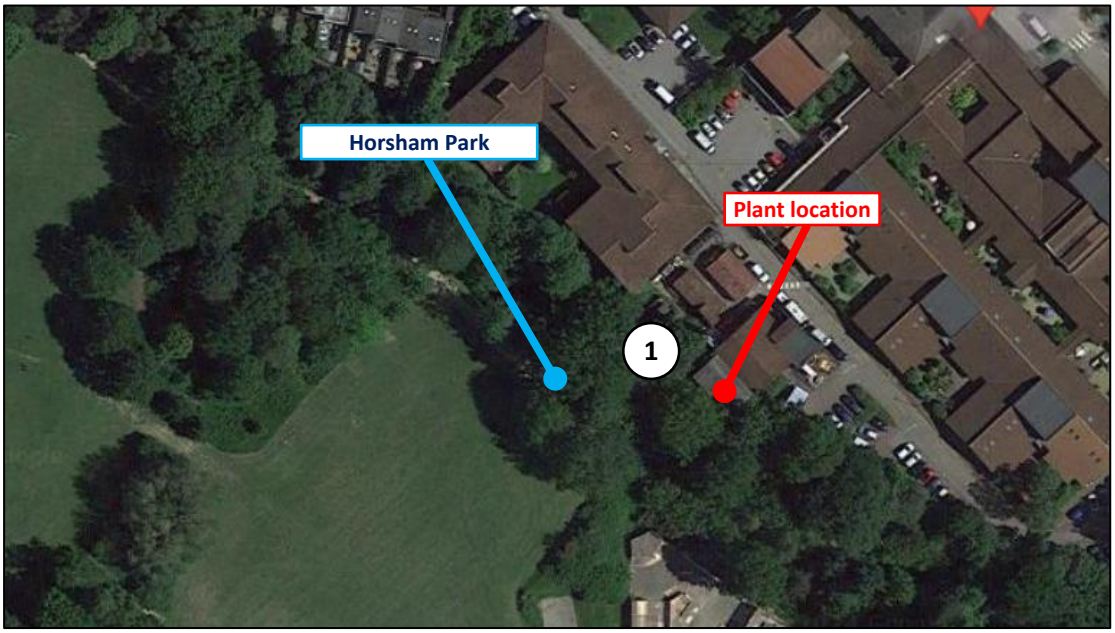

Figure 5.3 Location of Horsham Park in relation to plant location and noise measurement position 1

Noise Environment	Noise Level	Comments
A - Without plant	54.0 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,16\ hour}$	$L_{Aeq,T}$ measured during 07:00-23:00
B – With plant only	53.5 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,16\ hour}$	Predicted level at park due to plant only
C = A + B	56.7 dB(A) $L_{Aeq,16\ hour}$	Logarithmic addition of existing and predicted noise level
Change in ambient noise level (B – A)	+2.7dB	Corresponds to an effect descriptor of 'None/Not Significant'

Table 5.3 Assessment of the scale of change and potential noise impact at the sensitive receivers

As shown in Appendix B and Table 4.2 and Table 5.3, transmission of noise from proposed plant units to the park is expected to cause no significant change in ambient noise level, or noise impact.

6.0 ANTI-VIBRATION MOUNTING STRATEGY

In the case of all plant units, appropriate anti-vibration mounts should be installed in order to ensure that vibrations do not give rise to structure-borne noise. Appendix C outlines detailed advice in order to ensure that the system installer selects the appropriate anti-vibration mount for the installation.

It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that all mountings offered are suitable for the loads, operating and environmental conditions which will prevail.

7.0 CONCLUSION

An environmental noise survey has been undertaken at Horsham Hospital, RH12 2DR by KP Acoustics Ltd between. The results of the survey have enabled criteria to be set for noise emissions.

Manufacturer's noise data of proposed plant units has been used to obtain Specific and Rated Noise Level at the nearest noise sensitive receiver in accordance with British Standard BS4142:2014 for compliance with the requirements of Horsham District Council.

The rating level was compared with the representative background noise level to assess the likelihood of impact considering the environmental noise context of the area as per the requirements of BS4142:2014.

It has been concluded that noise emissions from the proposed plant units would not have an adverse impact on the nearest residential receivers.

A noise impact assessment of the plant has also been undertaken to predict noise levels at Horsham Park, in response to comments from Horsham District Council.

No further mitigation measures should be required in order to protect the nearby park from noise from plant units at Horsham Hospital.

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Environmental Time History
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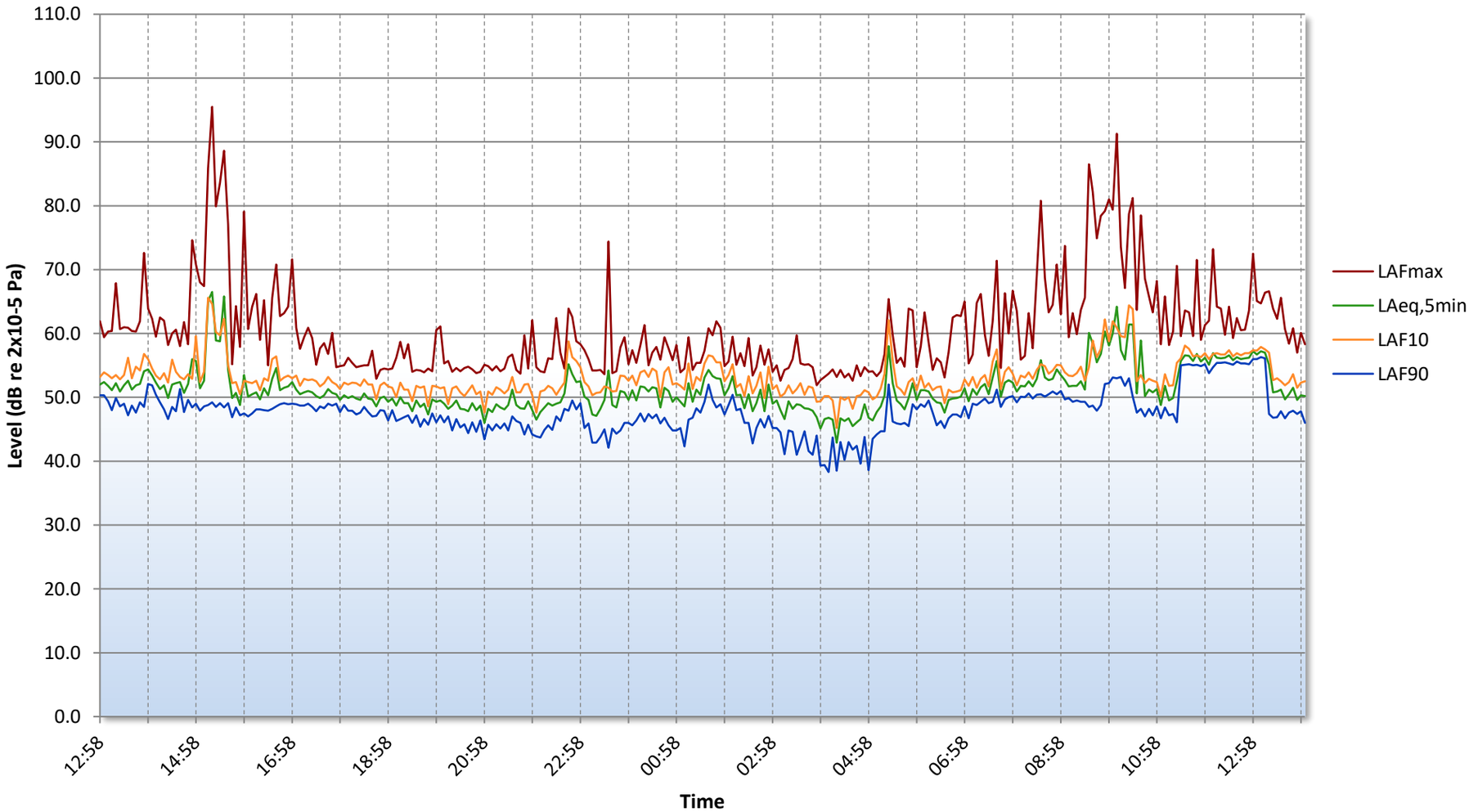

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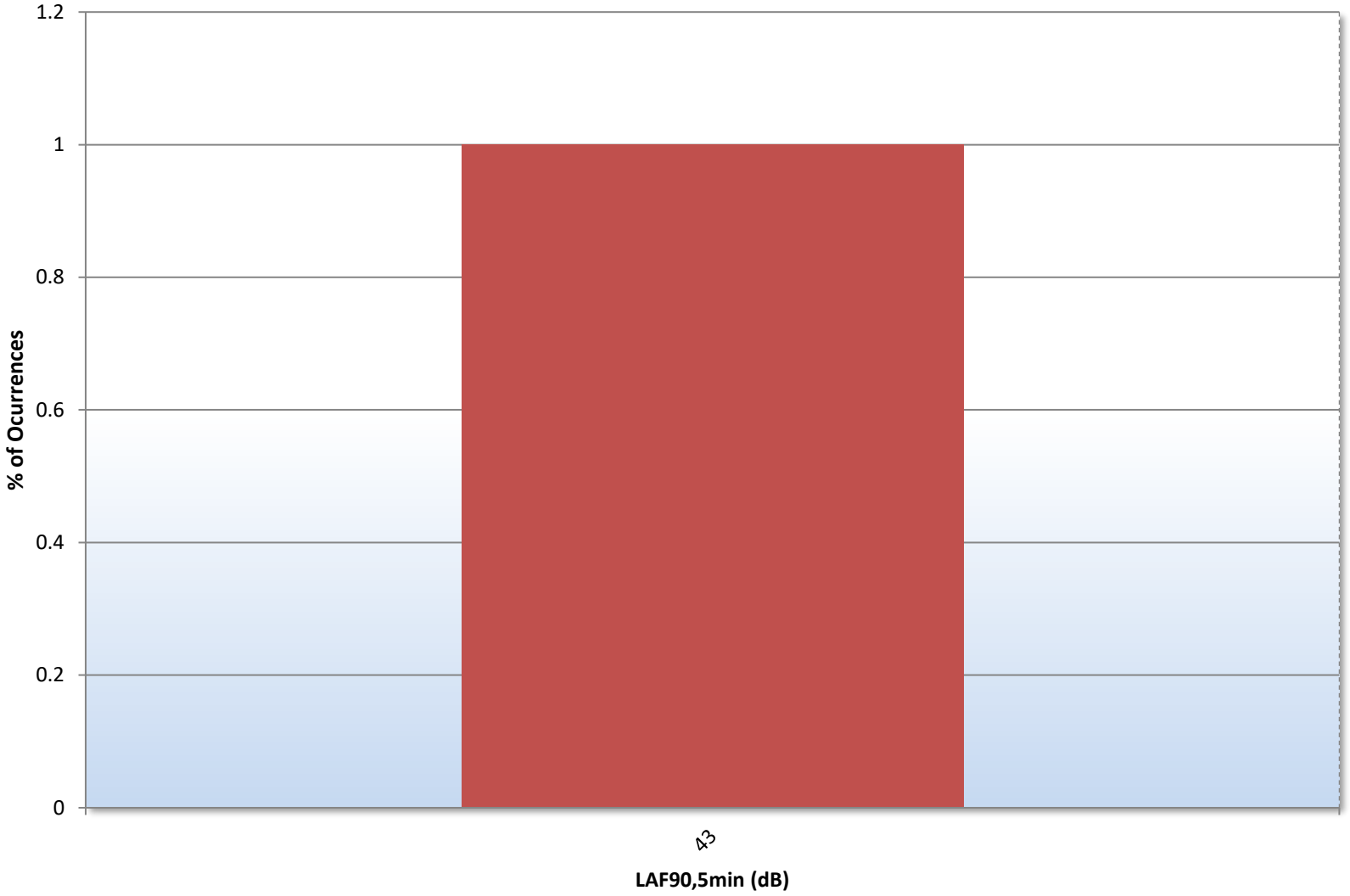

Figure 27828.Daytime L90.TH1

Horsham Hospital - Position 1
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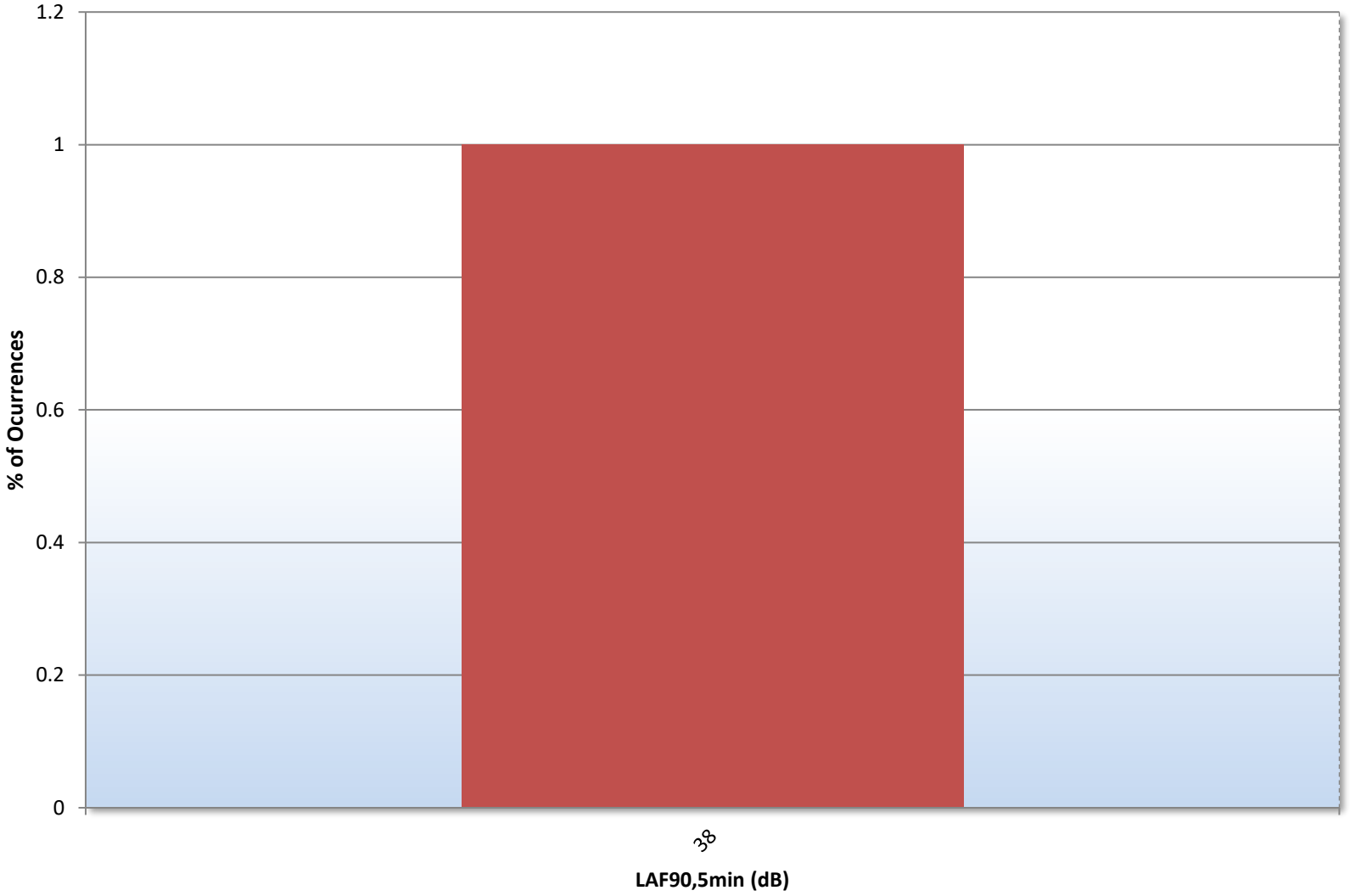

Figure 27828.Night-time L90.TH1

APPENDIX A

GENERAL ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY

Decibel scale - dB

In practice, when sound intensity or sound pressure is measured, a logarithmic scale is used in which the unit is the 'decibel', dB. This is derived from the human auditory system, where the dynamic range of human hearing is so large, in the order of 10^{13} units, that only a logarithmic scale is the sensible solution for displaying such a range.

Decibel scale, 'A' weighted - dB(A)

The human ear is less sensitive at frequency extremes, below 125Hz and above 16Khz. A sound level meter models the ears variable sensitivity to sound at different frequencies. This is achieved by building a filter into the Sound Level Meter with a similar frequency response to that of the ear, an A-weighted filter where the unit is dB(A).

L_{eq}

The sound from noise sources often fluctuates widely during a given period of time. An average value can be measured, the equivalent sound pressure level L_{eq}. The L_{eq} is the equivalent sound level which would deliver the same sound energy as the actual fluctuating sound measured in the same time period.

L_{10}

This is the level exceeded for no more than 10% of the time. This parameter is often used as a "not to exceed" criterion for noise.

L_{90}

This is the level exceeded for no more than 90% of the time. This parameter is often used as a descriptor of "background noise" for environmental impact studies.

L_{max}

This is the maximum sound pressure level that has been measured over a period.

Octave Bands

In order to completely determine the composition of a sound it is necessary to determine the sound level at each frequency individually. Usually, values are stated in octave bands. The audible frequency region is divided into 11 such octave bands whose centre frequencies are defined in accordance with international standards. These centre frequencies are: 16, 31.5, 63, 125, 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000, 8000 and 16000 Hertz.

Environmental noise terms are defined in BS7445, *Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise*.

APPENDIX A

APPLIED ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY

Addition of noise from several sources

Noise from different sound sources combines to produce a sound level higher than that from any individual source. Two equally intense sound sources operating together produce a sound level which is 3dB higher than a single source and 4 sources produce a 6dB higher sound level.

Attenuation by distance

Sound which propagates from a point source in free air attenuates by 6dB for each doubling of distance from the noise source. Sound energy from line sources (e.g. stream of cars) drops off by 3dB for each doubling of distance.

Subjective impression of noise

Hearing perception is highly individualised. Sensitivity to noise also depends on frequency content, time of occurrence, duration of sound and psychological factors such as emotion and expectations. The following table is a guide to explain increases or decreases in sound levels for many scenarios.

Change in sound level (dB)	Change in perceived loudness
1	Imperceptible
3	Just barely perceptible
6	Clearly noticeable
10	About twice as loud

Transmission path(s)

The transmission path is the path the sound takes from the source to the receiver. Where multiple paths exist in parallel, the reduction in each path should be calculated and summed at the receiving point. Outdoor barriers can block transmission paths, for example traffic noise. The effectiveness of barriers is dependent on factors such as its distance from the noise source and the receiver, its height and construction.

Ground-borne vibration

In addition to airborne noise levels caused by transportation, construction, and industrial sources there is also the generation of ground-borne vibration to consider. This can lead to structure-borne noise, perceptible vibration, or in rare cases, building damage.

Sound insulation - Absorption within porous materials

Upon encountering a porous material, sound energy is absorbed. Porous materials which are intended to absorb sound are known as absorbents, and usually absorb 50 to 90% of the energy and are frequency dependent. Some are designed to absorb low frequencies, some for high frequencies and more exotic designs being able to absorb very wide ranges of frequencies. The energy is converted into both mechanical movement and heat within the material; both the stiffness and mass of panels affect the sound insulation performance.

APPENDIX B

Horsham Hospital, RH12 2DR

PLANT NOISE EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS

Source: ASHP at Rear of Boiler House No.2 **Receiver: Residential Windows to the North West**	***Frequency, Hz*** ***63***	***125***	***250***	***500***	***1k***	***2k***	***4k***	***8k***	***dB(A)***
Elco Aerotop L88 ASHP (Sound Power Level, dB)	87	77	76	76	79	68	60	53	81
Conversion to SPL@1m	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	
Correction due to number of units (4), dB	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Correction due to surface reflections (2), dB	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Minimum attenuation provided by the building envelope, dB	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-6	-6	-7	
Minimum attenuation provided by distance (100m), dB	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	
Tonality	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Impulsivity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Intermittency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sound Pressure Level at Receiver due to All Units, dB	**49**	**39**	**38**	**38**	**41**	**29**	**21**	**13**	**43**
						Design Criterion			**44**
	-26	-16	-9	-3	0	1	-1	1	
	23	23	30	35	41	30	20	14	

APPENDIX B

Horsham Hospital, RH12 2DR

IEMA ASSESSMENT

Source: Plant Units at Rear of Boiler House No. 2 **Receiver: Horsham Park**	
Sound Power Level of ASHP, dB	76.0
Conversion to Sound Pressure Level @ 1m	-11.0
Correction for number of units (4), dB	6.0
Correction for tonality	6.0
Correction due to surface reflections (2), dB	6.0
Minimum attenuation provided by distance (30m), dB	-29.5
A. Noise from plant only, dB	53.5
B. Ambient Noise (No plant) dB	54.0
C. Combined (A + B) dB	56.7
Increase in Noise Level (C - A)	2.7
Magnitude of Effect	**Negligible**

APPENDIX C

ANTI-VIBRATION MOUNTING SPECIFICATION REFERENCE DOCUMENT

1.0 General

1.1 All mountings shall provide the static deflection, under the equipment weight, shown in the schedules. Mounting selection should allow for any eccentric load distribution or torque reaction, so that the design deflection is achieved on all mountings under the equipment, under operating conditions.

1.2 It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that all mountings offered are suitable for the loads, operating and environmental conditions which will prevail. Particular attention should be paid to mountings which will be exposed to atmospheric conditions to prevent corrosion.

1.3 All mountings shall be colour coded, or otherwise marked, to indicate their load capacity, to facilitate identification during installation.

Where use of resilient supports allows omission of pipe flexible connections for vibration/noise isolation, it shall be the Mechanical Service Consultant's or Contractor's responsibility to decide whether such devices are required to compensate for misalignment or thermal strain.

2.1 Type A Mounting (Caged Spring Type)

2.1.1 Each mounting shall consist of cast or fabricated telescopic top and bottom housings enclosing one or more helical steel springs as the principle isolation elements, and shall incorporate a built-in levelling device. The housing should be designed to permit visual inspection of the springs after installation, i.e. the spring must not be totally enclosed.

2.1.2 The springs shall have an outside diameter of not less than 75% of the operating height, and be selected to have at least 50% overload capacity before becoming coil-bound.

2.1.3 The bottom plate of each mounting shall have bonded to it a rubber/neoprene pad designed to attenuate any high frequency energy transmitted by the springs.

2.1.4 Mountings incorporating snubbers or restraining devices shall be designed so that the snubbing, damping or restraining mechanism is capable of being adjusted to have no significant effect during the normal running of the isolated machine.

2.1.5 All nuts, bolts or other elements used for adjustment of a mounting shall incorporate locking mechanisms to prevent the isolator going out of adjustment as a result of vibration or accidental or unauthorised tampering.

2.2 Type B Mounting (Open Spring Type)

2.2.1 Each mounting shall consist of one or more helical steel springs as the principal isolation elements, and shall incorporate a built-in levelling device.

2.2.2 The springs shall be fixed or otherwise securely located to cast or fabricated top and bottom plates, shall have an outside diameter of not less than 75% of the operating height, and shall be selected to have at least 50% overload capacity before becoming coil-bound.

2.2.3 The bottom plate shall have bonded to it a rubber/ neoprene pad designed to attenuate any high frequency energy transmitted by the springs.

APPENDIX C

2.3 Type C Mounting (Rubber/Neoprene Type)

Each mounting shall consist of a steel top plate and base plate completely embedded in oil resistant rubber/neoprene. Each mounting shall be capable of being fitted with a levelling device, and should have bolt holes in the base plate and a threaded metal insert in the top plate so that they can be bolted to the floor and equipment where required.

3.0 Plant Bases

3.1 **Type A Bases (A.V. Rails)**

An A.V. Rail shall comprise a steel beam with two or more height-saving brackets. The steel sections must be sufficiently rigid to prevent undue strain in the equipment and if necessary should be checked by the Structural Engineer.

3.2 **Type B Bases (Steel Plant Bases)**

Steel plant bases shall comprise an all-welded steel framework of sufficient rigidity to provide adequate support for the equipment, and fitted with isolator height saving brackets. The frame depth shall be approximately 1/10 of the longest dimension of the equipment with a minimum of 150 mm. This form of base may be used as a composite A.V. rail system.

3.3 **Type C Bases (Concrete Inertia Base: for use with steel springs)**

These shall consist of an all-welded steel pouring frame-work with height saving brackets, and a frame depth of approximately 1/12 of the longest dimension of the equipment, with a minimum of 100 mm. The bottom of the pouring frame should be blanked off, and concrete (2300 kg/m^3) poured in over steel reinforcing rods positioned 35 mm above the bottom. The inertia base should be sufficiently large to provide support for all parts of the equipment, including any components which over-hang the equipment base, such as suction and discharge elbows on centrifugal pumps.

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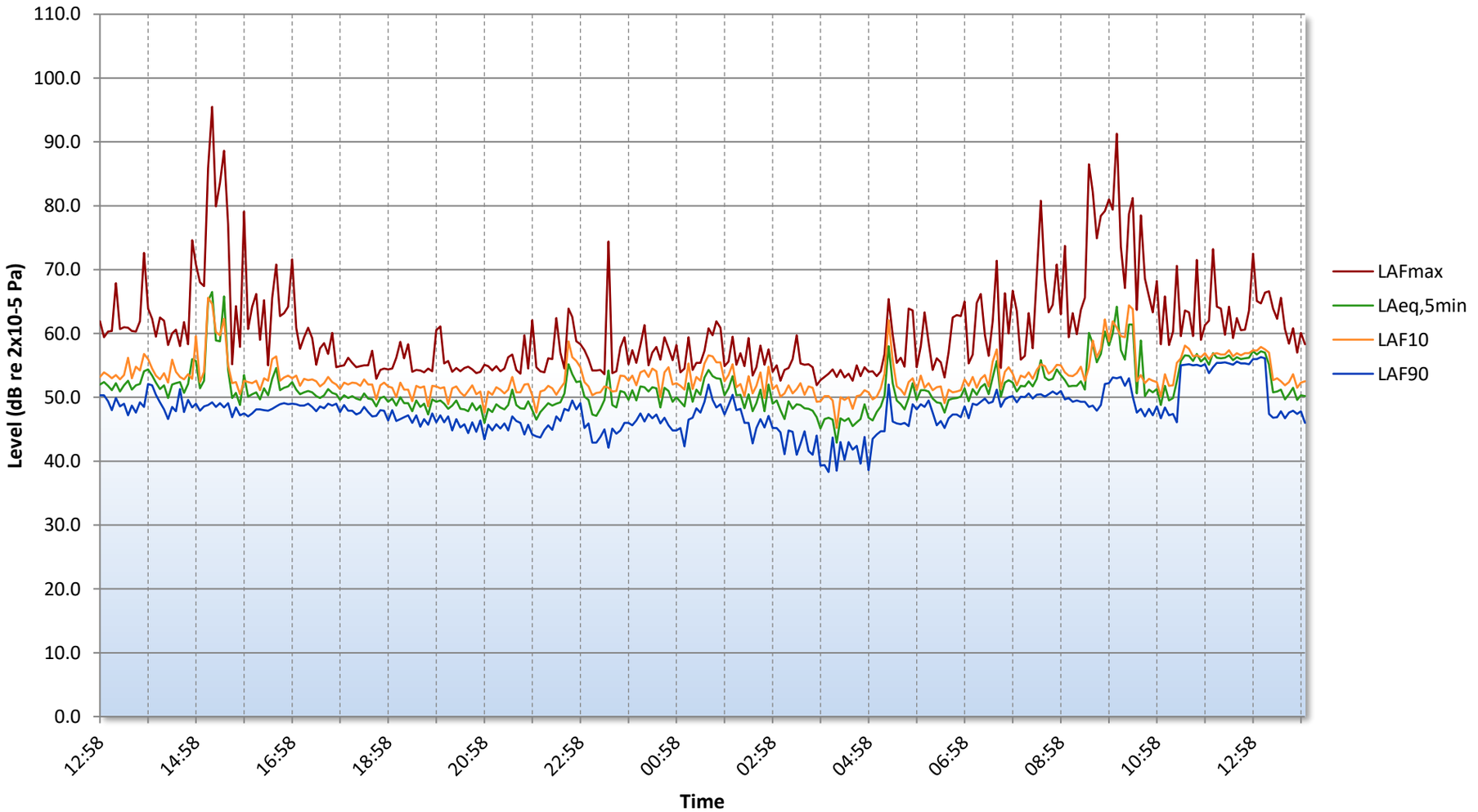

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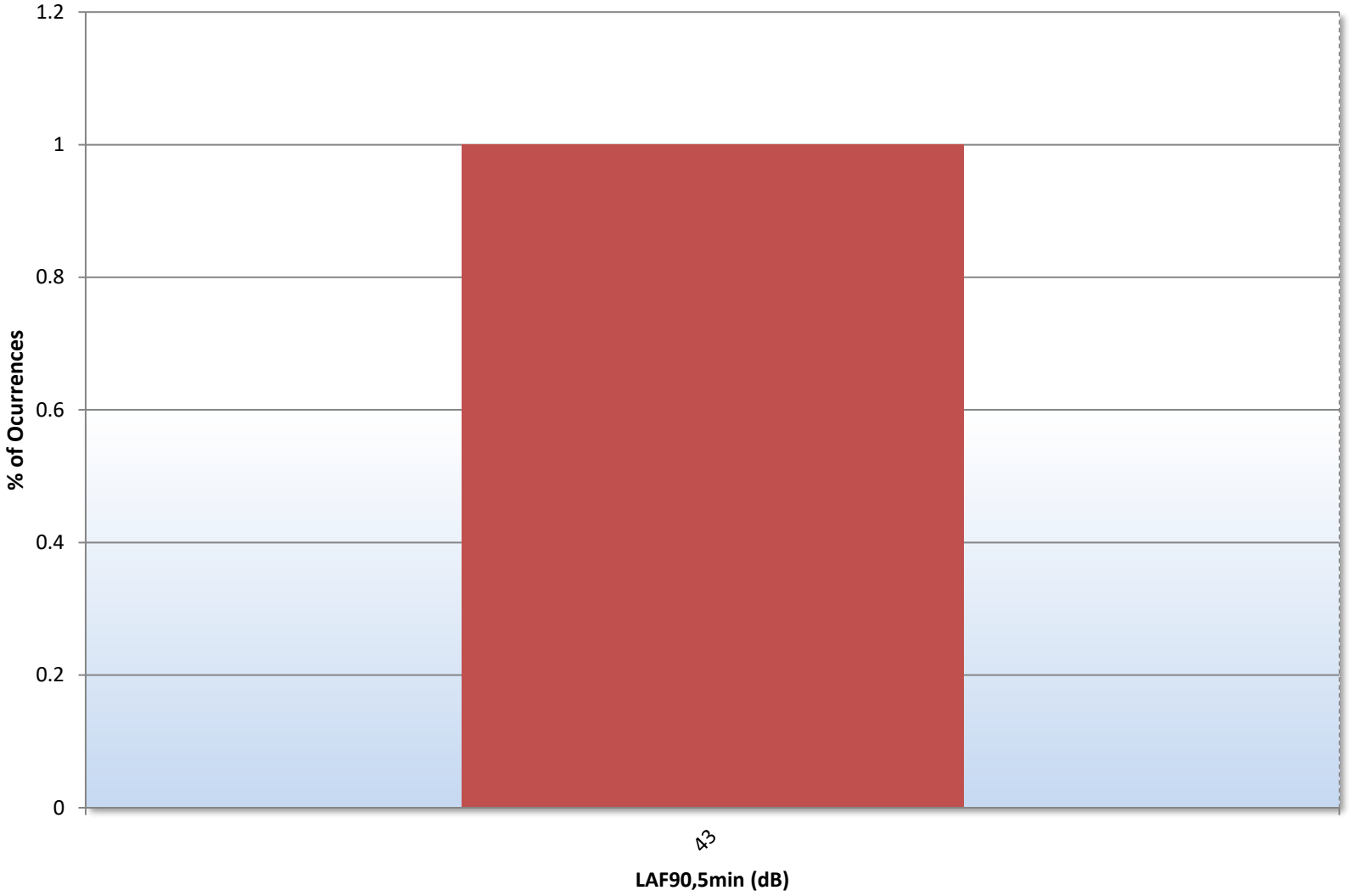

Figure 27828.Daytime L90.TH1

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Representative Night-time Background Noise Level
25/01/2024 to 26/01/2024

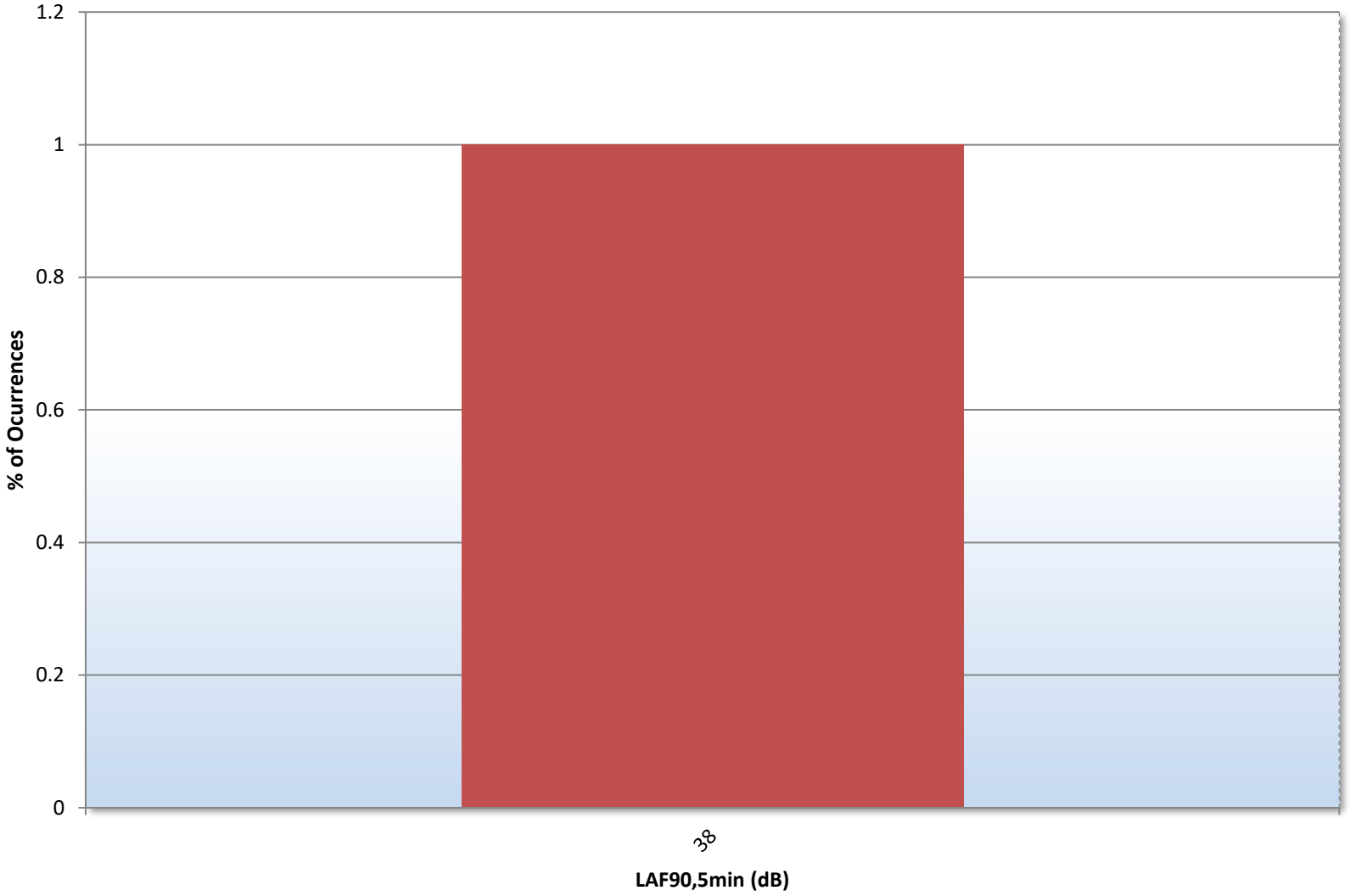

Figure 27828.Night-time L90.TH1

APPENDIX A

GENERAL ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY

Decibel scale - dB

In practice, when sound intensity or sound pressure is measured, a logarithmic scale is used in which the unit is the 'decibel', dB. This is derived from the human auditory system, where the dynamic range of human hearing is so large, in the order of 10^{13} units, that only a logarithmic scale is the sensible solution for displaying such a range.

Decibel scale, 'A' weighted - dB(A)

The human ear is less sensitive at frequency extremes, below 125Hz and above 16Khz. A sound level meter models the ears variable sensitivity to sound at different frequencies. This is achieved by building a filter into the Sound Level Meter with a similar frequency response to that of the ear, an A-weighted filter where the unit is dB(A).

L_{eq}

The sound from noise sources often fluctuates widely during a given period of time. An average value can be measured, the equivalent sound pressure level L_{eq}. The L_{eq} is the equivalent sound level which would deliver the same sound energy as the actual fluctuating sound measured in the same time period.

L_{10}

This is the level exceeded for no more than 10% of the time. This parameter is often used as a "not to exceed" criterion for noise.

L_{90}

This is the level exceeded for no more than 90% of the time. This parameter is often used as a descriptor of "background noise" for environmental impact studies.

L_{max}

This is the maximum sound pressure level that has been measured over a period.

Octave Bands

In order to completely determine the composition of a sound it is necessary to determine the sound level at each frequency individually. Usually, values are stated in octave bands. The audible frequency region is divided into 11 such octave bands whose centre frequencies are defined in accordance with international standards. These centre frequencies are: 16, 31.5, 63, 125, 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000, 8000 and 16000 Hertz.

Environmental noise terms are defined in BS7445, *Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise*.

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APPLIED ACOUSTIC TERMINOLOGY

Addition of noise from several sources

Noise from different sound sources combines to produce a sound level higher than that from any individual source. Two equally intense sound sources operating together produce a sound level which is 3dB higher than a single source and 4 sources produce a 6dB higher sound level.

Attenuation by distance

Sound which propagates from a point source in free air attenuates by 6dB for each doubling of distance from the noise source. Sound energy from line sources (e.g. stream of cars) drops off by 3dB for each doubling of distance.

Subjective impression of noise

Hearing perception is highly individualised. Sensitivity to noise also depends on frequency content, time of occurrence, duration of sound and psychological factors such as emotion and expectations. The following table is a guide to explain increases or decreases in sound levels for many scenarios.

Change in sound level (dB)	Change in perceived loudness
1	Imperceptible
3	Just barely perceptible
6	Clearly noticeable
10	About twice as loud

Transmission path(s)

The transmission path is the path the sound takes from the source to the receiver. Where multiple paths exist in parallel, the reduction in each path should be calculated and summed at the receiving point. Outdoor barriers can block transmission paths, for example traffic noise. The effectiveness of barriers is dependent on factors such as its distance from the noise source and the receiver, its height and construction.

Ground-borne vibration

In addition to airborne noise levels caused by transportation, construction, and industrial sources there is also the generation of ground-borne vibration to consider. This can lead to structure-borne noise, perceptible vibration, or in rare cases, building damage.

Sound insulation - Absorption within porous materials

Upon encountering a porous material, sound energy is absorbed. Porous materials which are intended to absorb sound are known as absorbents, and usually absorb 50 to 90% of the energy and are frequency dependent. Some are designed to absorb low frequencies, some for high frequencies and more exotic designs being able to absorb very wide ranges of frequencies. The energy is converted into both mechanical movement and heat within the material; both the stiffness and mass of panels affect the sound insulation performance.

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PLANT NOISE EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS

Source: ASHP at Rear of Boiler House No.2 **Receiver: Residential Windows to the North West**	***Frequency, Hz***								***dB(A)***
	63	***125***	***250***	***500***	***1k***	***2k***	***4k***	***8k***	
Elco Aerotop L88 ASHP (Sound Power Level, dB)	87	77	76	76	79	68	60	53	81
Conversion to SPL@1m	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	-11	
Correction due to number of units (4), dB	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Correction due to surface reflections (2), dB	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Minimum attenuation provided by the building envelope, dB	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-6	-6	-7	
Minimum attenuation provided by distance (100m), dB	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	
Tonality	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Impulsivity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Intermittency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sound Pressure Level at Receiver due to All Units, dB	**49**	**39**	**38**	**38**	**41**	**29**	**21**	**13**	**43**

Design Criterion	**44**

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IEMA ASSESSMENT

Source: Plant Units at Rear of Boiler House No. 2 **Receiver: Horsham Park**	
Sound Power Level of ASHP, dB	76.0
Conversion to Sound Pressure Level @ 1m	-11.0
Correction for number of units (4), dB	6.0
Correction for tonality	6.0
Correction due to surface reflections (2), dB	6.0
Minimum attenuation provided by distance (30m), dB	-29.5
A. Noise from plant only, dB	53.5
B. Ambient Noise (No plant) dB	54.0
C. Combined (A + B) dB	56.7
Increase in Noise Level (C - A)	2.7
Magnitude of Effect	**Negligible**

APPENDIX C

ANTI-VIBRATION MOUNTING SPECIFICATION REFERENCE DOCUMENT

1.0 General

1.1 All mountings shall provide the static deflection, under the equipment weight, shown in the schedules. Mounting selection should allow for any eccentric load distribution or torque reaction, so that the design deflection is achieved on all mountings under the equipment, under operating conditions.

1.2 It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that all mountings offered are suitable for the loads, operating and environmental conditions which will prevail. Particular attention should be paid to mountings which will be exposed to atmospheric conditions to prevent corrosion.

1.3 All mountings shall be colour coded, or otherwise marked, to indicate their load capacity, to facilitate identification during installation.

Where use of resilient supports allows omission of pipe flexible connections for vibration/noise isolation, it shall be the Mechanical Service Consultant's or Contractor's responsibility to decide whether such devices are required to compensate for misalignment or thermal strain.

2.1 Type A Mounting (Caged Spring Type)

2.1.1 Each mounting shall consist of cast or fabricated telescopic top and bottom housings enclosing one or more helical steel springs as the principle isolation elements, and shall incorporate a built-in levelling device. The housing should be designed to permit visual inspection of the springs after installation, i.e. the spring must not be totally enclosed.

2.1.2 The springs shall have an outside diameter of not less than 75% of the operating height, and be selected to have at least 50% overload capacity before becoming coil-bound.

2.1.3 The bottom plate of each mounting shall have bonded to it a rubber/neoprene pad designed to attenuate any high frequency energy transmitted by the springs.

2.1.4 Mountings incorporating snubbers or restraining devices shall be designed so that the snubbing, damping or restraining mechanism is capable of being adjusted to have no significant effect during the normal running of the isolated machine.

2.1.5 All nuts, bolts or other elements used for adjustment of a mounting shall incorporate locking mechanisms to prevent the isolator going out of adjustment as a result of vibration or accidental or unauthorised tampering.

2.2 Type B Mounting (Open Spring Type)

2.2.1 Each mounting shall consist of one or more helical steel springs as the principal isolation elements, and shall incorporate a built-in levelling device.

2.2.2 The springs shall be fixed or otherwise securely located to cast or fabricated top and bottom plates, shall have an outside diameter of not less than 75% of the operating height, and shall be selected to have at least 50% overload capacity before becoming coil-bound.

2.2.3 The bottom plate shall have bonded to it a rubber/ neoprene pad designed to attenuate any high frequency energy transmitted by the springs.

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2.3 Type C Mounting (Rubber/Neoprene Type)

Each mounting shall consist of a steel top plate and base plate completely embedded in oil resistant rubber/neoprene. Each mounting shall be capable of being fitted with a levelling device, and should have bolt holes in the base plate and a threaded metal insert in the top plate so that they can be bolted to the floor and equipment where required.

3.0 Plant Bases

3.1 **Type A Bases (A.V. Rails)**

An A.V. Rail shall comprise a steel beam with two or more height-saving brackets. The steel sections must be sufficiently rigid to prevent undue strain in the equipment and if necessary should be checked by the Structural Engineer.

3.2 **Type B Bases (Steel Plant Bases)**

Steel plant bases shall comprise an all-welded steel framework of sufficient rigidity to provide adequate support for the equipment, and fitted with isolator height saving brackets. The frame depth shall be approximately 1/10 of the longest dimension of the equipment with a minimum of 150 mm. This form of base may be used as a composite A.V. rail system.

3.3 **Type C Bases (Concrete Inertia Base: for use with steel springs)**

These shall consist of an all-welded steel pouring frame-work with height saving brackets, and a frame depth of approximately 1/12 of the longest dimension of the equipment, with a minimum of 100 mm. The bottom of the pouring frame should be blanked off, and concrete (2300 kg/m^3) poured in over steel reinforcing rods positioned 35 mm above the bottom. The inertia base should be sufficiently large to provide support for all parts of the equipment, including any components which over-hang the equipment base, such as suction and discharge elbows on centrifugal pumps.