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Non-technical summary

This Noise and Vibration Monitoring Report fulfils HS2 Limited's commitment detailed in the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs), Annex 1, Code of Construction Practice, to present the results of noise and vibration monitoring carried out within the London Borough of Ealing (LBE) during the month of March 2018.

The report presents data from noise monitoring installations in the vicinity of the Old Oak Common depot worksite (ref.: S004-WS01), Victoria Road worksite (ref.: S002-WS01), Atlas Road worksite (ref.: S001-WS02), and Willesden EuroTerminal (ref.: S001-WS03) where site possession was taken and site set up commenced.

Given the limited nature of works currently being undertaken the measured noise levels are largely dominated by the underlying ambient noise levels, rather than being attributable to HS2 related construction noise. Further noise monitoring installations within the LBE will be put in place over the coming months, in advance of significant demolition and construction activities, and resulting data incorporated within future monitoring reports.

Abbreviations and descriptions

1.1.1.1 The abbreviations, descriptions and project terminology used within this report can be found in the Project Dictionary (HS2-HS2-PM-GDE-000-000002).

Acronym	Meaning
$L_{pAeq,T}$	See equivalent continuous sound level
Ambient sound	A description of the all-encompassing sound at a given location and time which will include sound from many sources near and far. Ambient sound can be quantified in terms of the equivalent continuous sound pressure level, $L_{pAeq,T}$
decibel(s), or dB	Between the quietest audible sound and the loudest tolerable sound there is a million to one ratio in sound pressure (measured in Pascal (Pa)). Because of this wide range, a level scale called the decibel (dB) scale, based on a logarithmic ratio, is used in sound measurement. Audibility of sound covers a range of approximately 0-140dB.
decibel(s) A-weighted, or dB(A)	The human ear system does not respond uniformly to sound across the detectable frequency range and consequently instrumentation used to measure sound is weighted to represent the performance of the ear. This is known as the 'A weighting' and is written as 'dB(A)'.
Equivalent continuous sound pressure level, or $L_{pAeq,T}$	An index used internationally for the assessment of environmental sound impacts. It is defined as the notional unchanging level that would, over a given period of time (T), deliver the same sound energy as the actual time-varying sound over the same period. Hence fluctuating sound levels can be described in terms of an equivalent single figure value, typically expressed as a decibel level.
Façade	A facade noise level is the noise level 1m in front of a large reflecting surface. The effect of reflection, is to produce a slightly higher (typically +2.5 to +3 dB) sound level than it would be if the reflecting surface was not there.
Free-field	A free-field noise level is the noise level measured at a location where no reflective surfaces, other than the ground, lies within 3.5 metres of the microphone position.
Sound pressure level	The parameter by which sound levels are measured in air. It is measured in decibels. The threshold of hearing has been set at 0dB, while the threshold of pain is approximately 120dB. Normal speech is approximately 60dB at a distance of 1 metre and a change of 3dB in a time varying sound signal is commonly regarded as being just detectable. A change of 10dB is subjectively twice, or half, as loud.

1 Introduction

1.1.1 The nominated undertaker is required to undertake noise (and vibration) monitoring as necessary to comply with the requirements of the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Environmental Minimum Requirements, including specifically Annex 1: Code of Construction Practice, in addition to any monitoring requirements arising from conditions imposed through consents under section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act, 1974 or through Undertakings & Assurances given to third parties. Such monitoring may be undertaken for the following purposes:

- monitoring the impact of construction works;
- to investigate complaints, incidents and exceedance of trigger levels; or
- monitoring the effectiveness of noise and vibration control measures.

Monitoring data and interpretive reports are to be provided to each relevant local authority on a monthly basis and shall include a summary of the construction activities occurring, the data recorded over the monitoring period, any complaints received, any periods in exceedance of agreed trigger levels, the results of any investigations and any actions taken or mitigation measures implemented. This report provides noise data, and interpretation thereof, for monitoring carried out by HS2 within the London Borough of Ealing (LBE) for the period 1st to 31st March 2018.

1.1.2 Active construction sites in the local authority area during this period include:

- Old Oak Common depot, worksite ref. Soo4-WS01 (see plan 1 in Appendix A)
 - Works activities include site possession.
- Victoria Road, worksite ref. Soo2-WS01 (see plan 2 in Appendix A)
 - Works activities include site possession and set up commenced.
- Atlas Road, worksite ref. Soo1-WS02 (see plan 3 in Appendix A)
 - Works activities include site possession.
- Willesden EuroTerminal, worksite ref. Soo1-WS03 (see plan 3 in Appendix A)
 - Works activities include site possession.

1.1.3 The applicable standards, guidance, and monitoring methodology is outlined in the construction noise and vibration monitoring methodology report which can be found at the following location www.gov.uk/government/publications/monitoring-noise-and-vibration-on-the-hs2-phase-one-route.

1.2 Measurement locations

1.2.1 The following table summarises the position of noise monitoring installations within the LBE area in March 2018. No vibration monitoring was required during the period of reporting.

1.2.2 Maps showing the position of noise monitoring installations are presented in Appendix B.

Table 1 Monitoring locations.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Address
S004-WS01	N027	Old Oak Common Lane
	N028	Old Oak Common Lane, Hilltop Works
S002-WS01	N031	School Road, outside Acton Business Centre
S001-WS02	N032	Shaftesbury Gardens
	N033	Outside The Collective, Atlas Road / Victoria Road
S001-WS03	N034	Stephenson Street (north)
	N035	Stephenson Street (south)

2 Summary of results

2.1 Exceedances of SOAEL

- 2.1.1 The significant observed adverse effect levels (SOAEL) is defined in the Planning Practice Guidance – Noise as the level above which "noise causes a material change in behaviour and/or attitude, e.g. avoiding certain activities during periods of intrusion; where there is no alternative ventilation, having to keep windows closed most of the time because of the noise. Potential for sleep disturbance resulting in difficulty in getting to sleep, premature awakening and difficulty in getting back to sleep. Quality of life diminished due to change in acoustic character of the area."
- 2.1.2 Where construction noise levels exceed the SOAEL, relevant periods will be identified and summary statistics provided in order to evaluate ongoing qualification for noise insulation and temporary rehousing.
- 2.1.3 Noise monitoring in the vicinity of worksites S001-WS02, S001-WS03, S002-WS01 and S004-WS01 was not considered to be giving rise to substantial levels of HS2 related construction noise during this period and monitoring data will be used to develop an updated baseline for ambient noise.
- 2.1.4 Table 2 presents a summary of recorded exceedances of the SOAEL at each measurement location over the reporting period, including the number of exceedances during each time period. For this monitoring period no exceedances of the SOAEL were recorded.

Table 2 Summary of exceedances of SOAEL.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Day (Weekday, Saturday, Sunday, Night)	Time period	Number of exceedances of SOAEL
S004-WS01	No27	Old Oak Common depot	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	No28	Old Oak Common depot	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S002-WS01	No31	Victoria Road	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S001-WS02	No32	Atlas Road	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	No33	Atlas Road	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S001-WS03	No34	Willesden EuroTerminal	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	No35	Willesden EuroTerminal	All days	All periods	No exceedance

2.2 Summary of measured noise levels

- 2.2.1 Table 3 presents a summary of the measured noise levels at each measurement location over the reporting period. The $L_{Aeq,T}$ is presented for each of the relevant time periods averaged over the calendar month, along with the highest single period $L_{Aeq,T}$ that was found to occur within the month.
- 2.2.2 Appendix C presents graphs of the noise monitoring data over the month for each of the measurement locations. Data presented includes the hourly L_{Aeq} values and, where relevant,

the $L_{Aeq,T}$ values (where the time period T has been taken to be the averaging period as specified in Table 1 of HS2 Information Paper E23).

- 2.2.3 Given the limited nature of works currently being undertaken the measured noise levels in the vicinity of each of the worksites are largely dominated by the underlying ambient noise levels, rather than being attributable to HS2 related construction noise. Consequently, monitoring data will be used to develop an updated baseline for ambient noise, making allowance for any intermittent HS2 construction activities which may have occurred.

Table 3 Summary of measured dB L_{Aeq} data over the monitoring period.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Free-field or Façade measurement	Weekly Average L _{Aeq,T} (highest day L _{Aeq,T})*					Saturday Average L _{Aeq,T} (highest day L _{Aeq,T})*					Sunday / Public Holiday Average L _{Aeq,T} (highest day L _{Aeq,T})*	
				0700-0800	0800-1800	1800-1900	1900-2200	2200-0700	0700-0800	0800-1300	1300-1400	1400-2200	2200-0700	0700-2200	2200-0700
S004-WS01	N027	OOC Lane	Free-field	70.8 (72.8)	71.1 (72.7)	69.9 (72.2)	68.2 (74.2)	64.2 (70.3)	67.8 (69.4)	70.3 (71.8)	70.5 (71.8)	69.9 (72.9)	65.1 (68.7)	68.7 (72.8)	64.2 (69.0)
	N028	OOC Lane, Hilltop Works	Free-field	69.0 (70.4)	69.9 (71.2)	68.4 (70.6)	66.8 (71.7)	62.8 (68.1)	66.2 (67.7)	69.1 (70.1)	69.3 (70.2)	68.5 (72.0)	63.6 (67.5)	67.3 (70.7)	63.1 (68.1)
S002-WS01	N031	School Road, outside Acton Business Centre	Free-field	62.8 (64.2)	63.2 (64.1)	61.0 (62.2)	58.9 (61.7)	55.5 (64.2)	58.3 (61.2)	61.7 (62.6)	61.3 (62.4)	60.3 (64.9)	54.3 (58.2)	66.0 (85.4)	54.9 (60.4)
S001-WS02	N032	Shaftesbury Gardens	Free-field	66.7 (67.7)	67.0 (69.0)	65.9 (66.9)	65.0 (66.9)	61.8 (66.3)	63.5 (64.6)	66.4 (67.0)	65.3 (66.2)	65.8 (71.4)	62.4 (64.9)	65.7 (69.5)	61.5 (65.6)
	N033	Outside The Collective, Atlas Road / Victoria Road	Free-field	58.5 (61.3)	60.3 (67.7)	56.1 (59.8)	55.9 (59.7)	51.7 (60.3)	56.3 (60.0)	56.6 (60.3)	53.4 (55.2)	54.2 (58.5)	49.8 (56.6)	57.9 (68.7)	51.3 (57.7)
S001-WS03	N034	Stephenson Street (north)	Free-field	58.5 (61.3)	60.3 (67.7)	56.1 (59.8)	55.9 (59.7)	51.7 (60.3)	56.3 (60.0)	56.6 (60.3)	53.4 (55.2)	54.2 (58.5)	49.8 (56.6)	57.9 (68.7)	51.3 (57.7)
	N035	Stephenson Street (south)	Free-field	60.3 (65.8)	62.6 (70.4)	57.2 (61.6)	56.4 (60.6)	53.9 (62.1)	60.2 (67.5)	61.0 (71.8)	56.6 (58.6)	56.3 (59.3)	52.6 (56.2)	57.3 (62.0)	53.8 (61.9)

* For the highest day L_{Aeq,T} the time period has been taken to be the averaging period as specified in Table 1 of HS2 Information Paper E23, i.e. 1 hour during evening and night time.

2.3 Exceedances of trigger level

2.3.1 Table 4 provides a summary of exceedances of the S61 trigger noise level measured during the reporting period, along with the findings of any investigations and actions taken.

Table 4 Summary of exceedances of trigger levels.

Complaint reference number (if applicable)	Worksite reference	Date and time period	Identified Source	Results of investigation (including noise monitoring results)	Actions taken
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2.4 Complaints

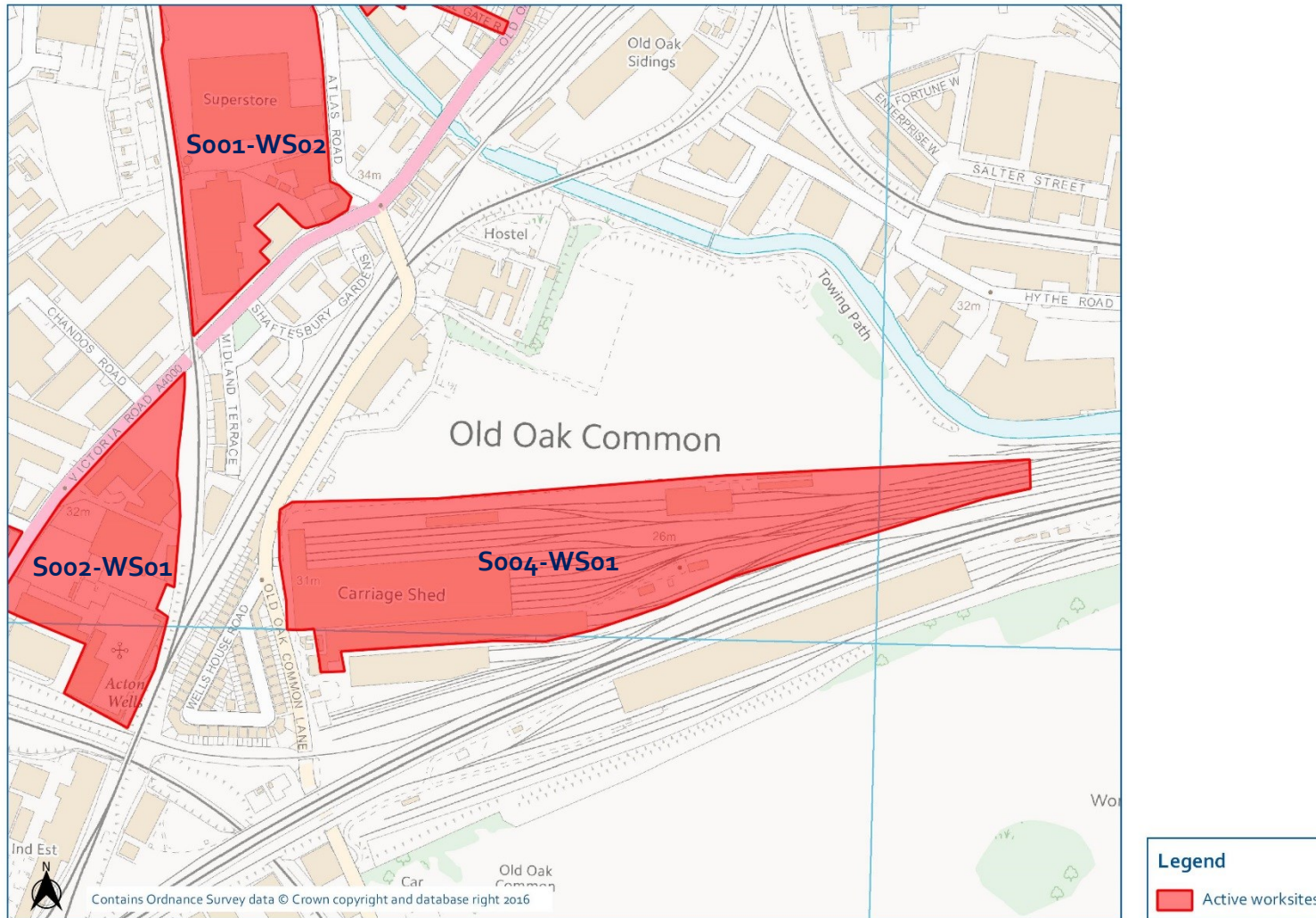
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Table 5 Summary of complaints

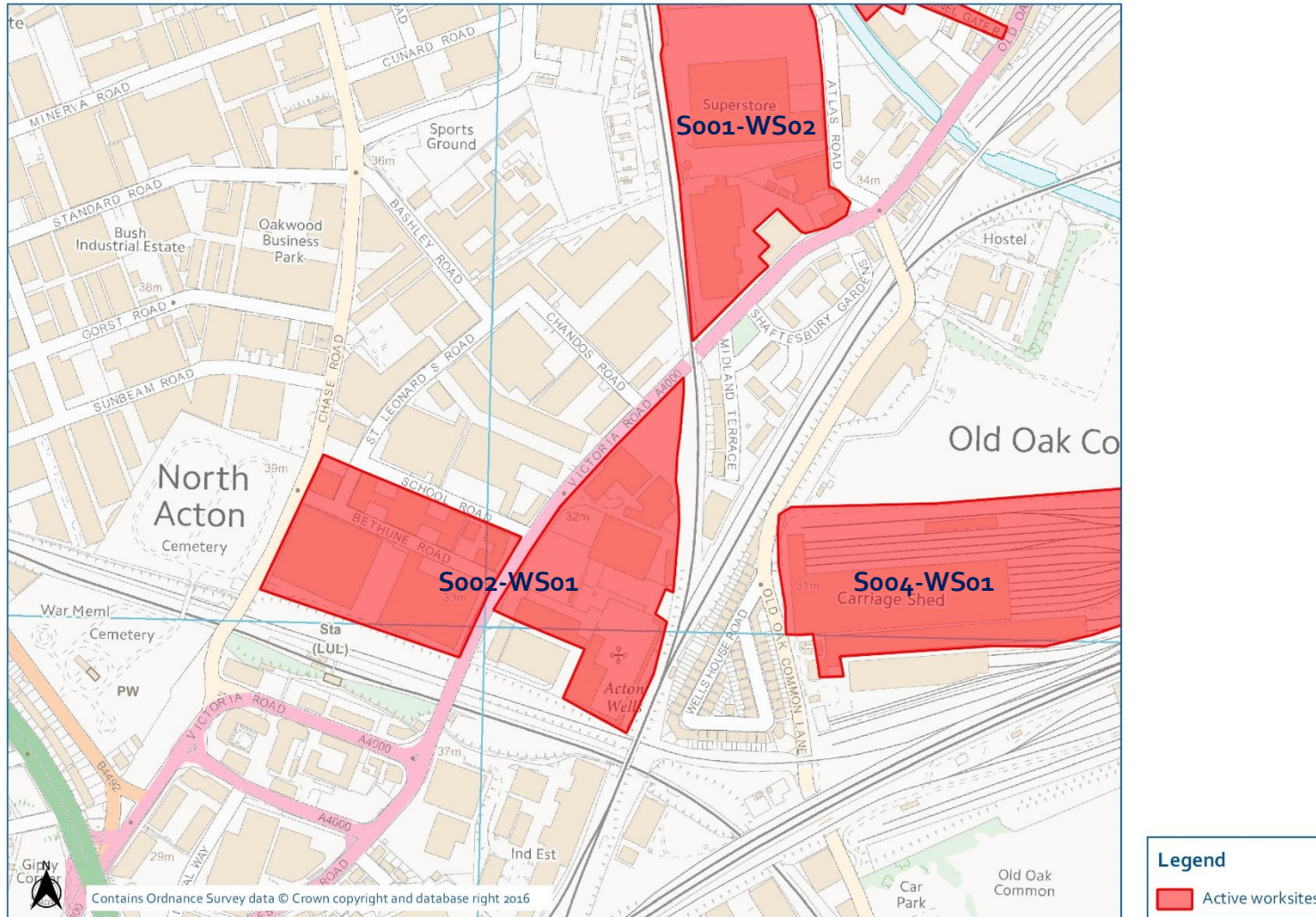
Complaint reference number	Worksite reference	Description of complaint	Results of investigation	Actions taken
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Appendix A Site locations

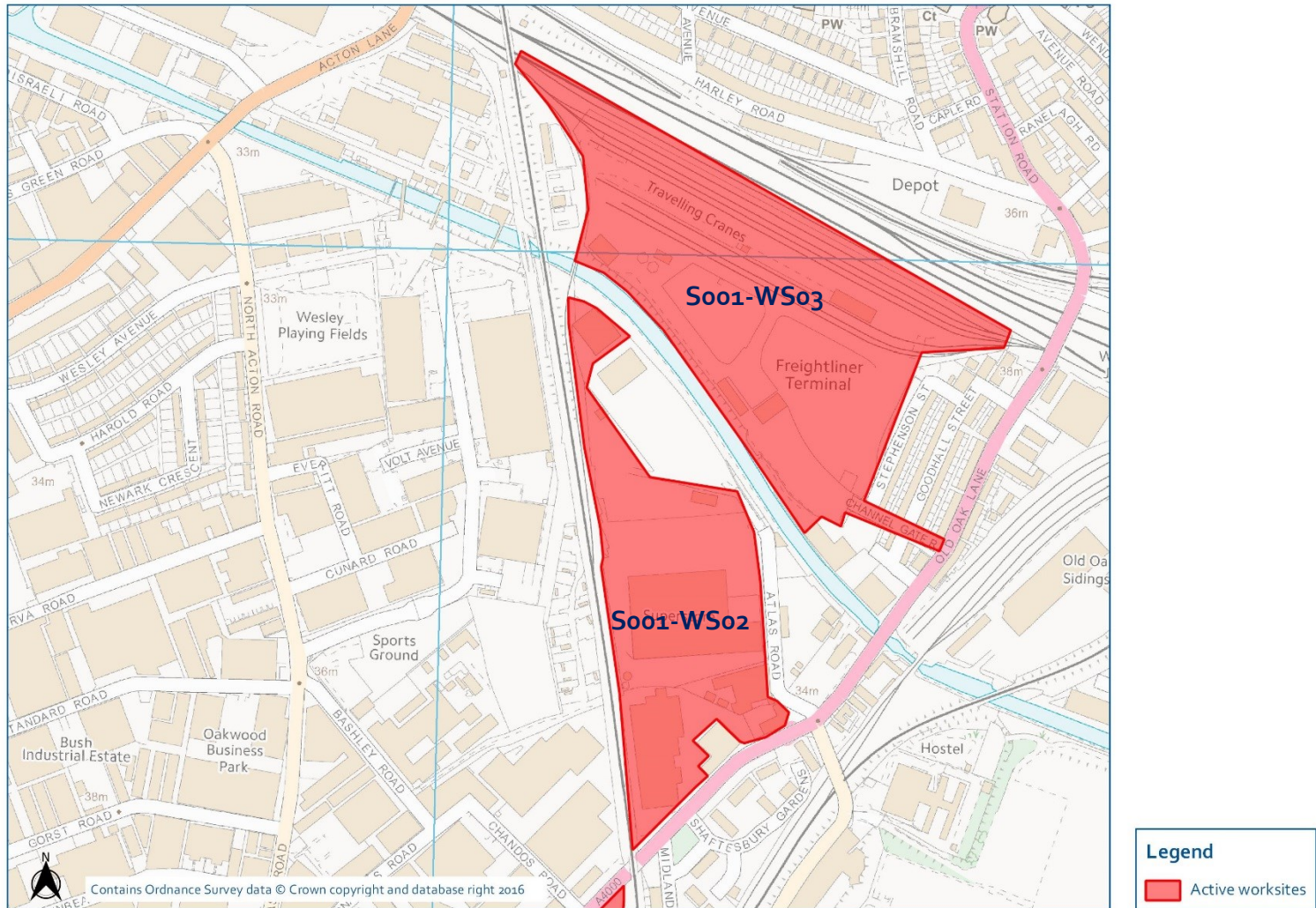
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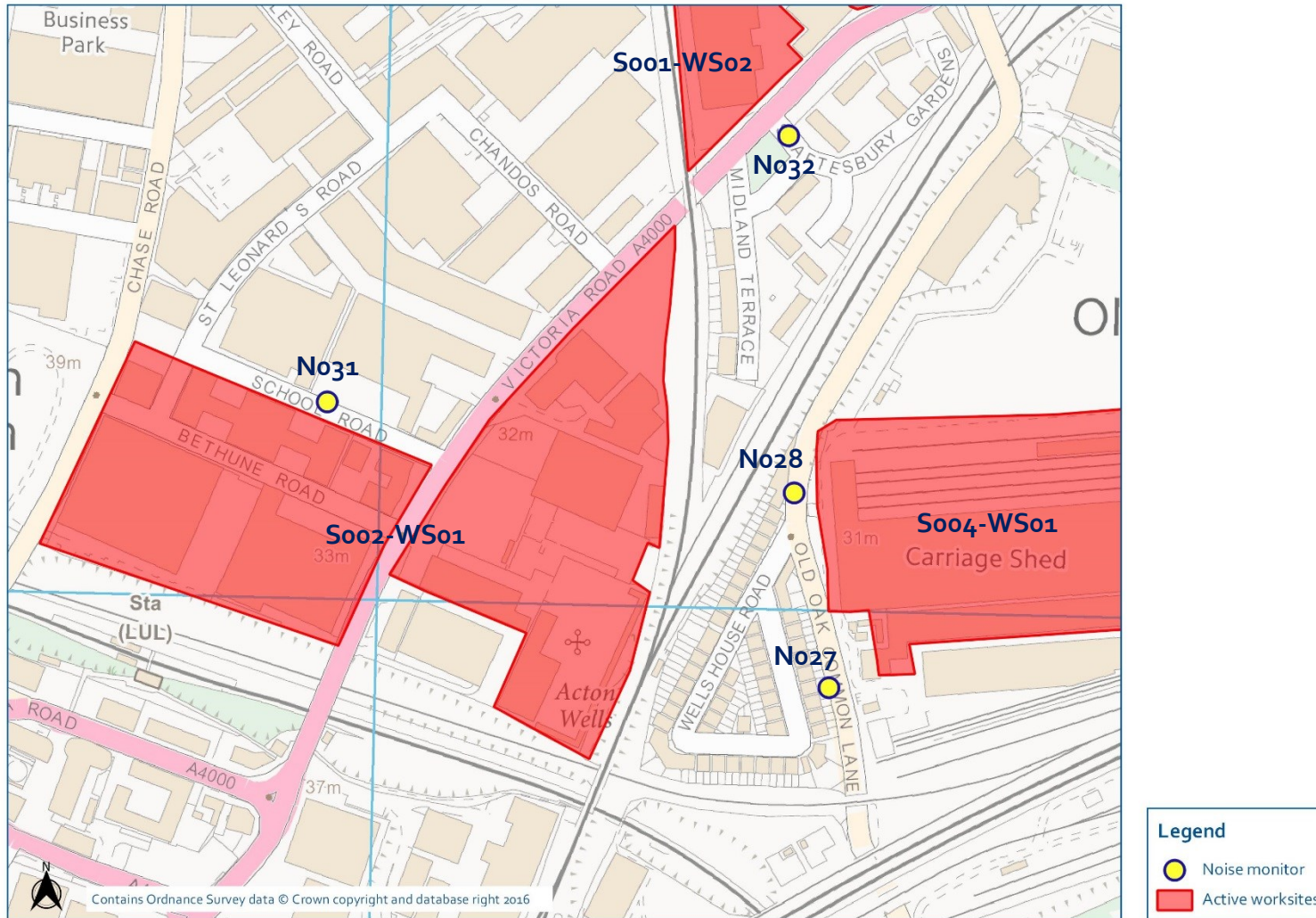


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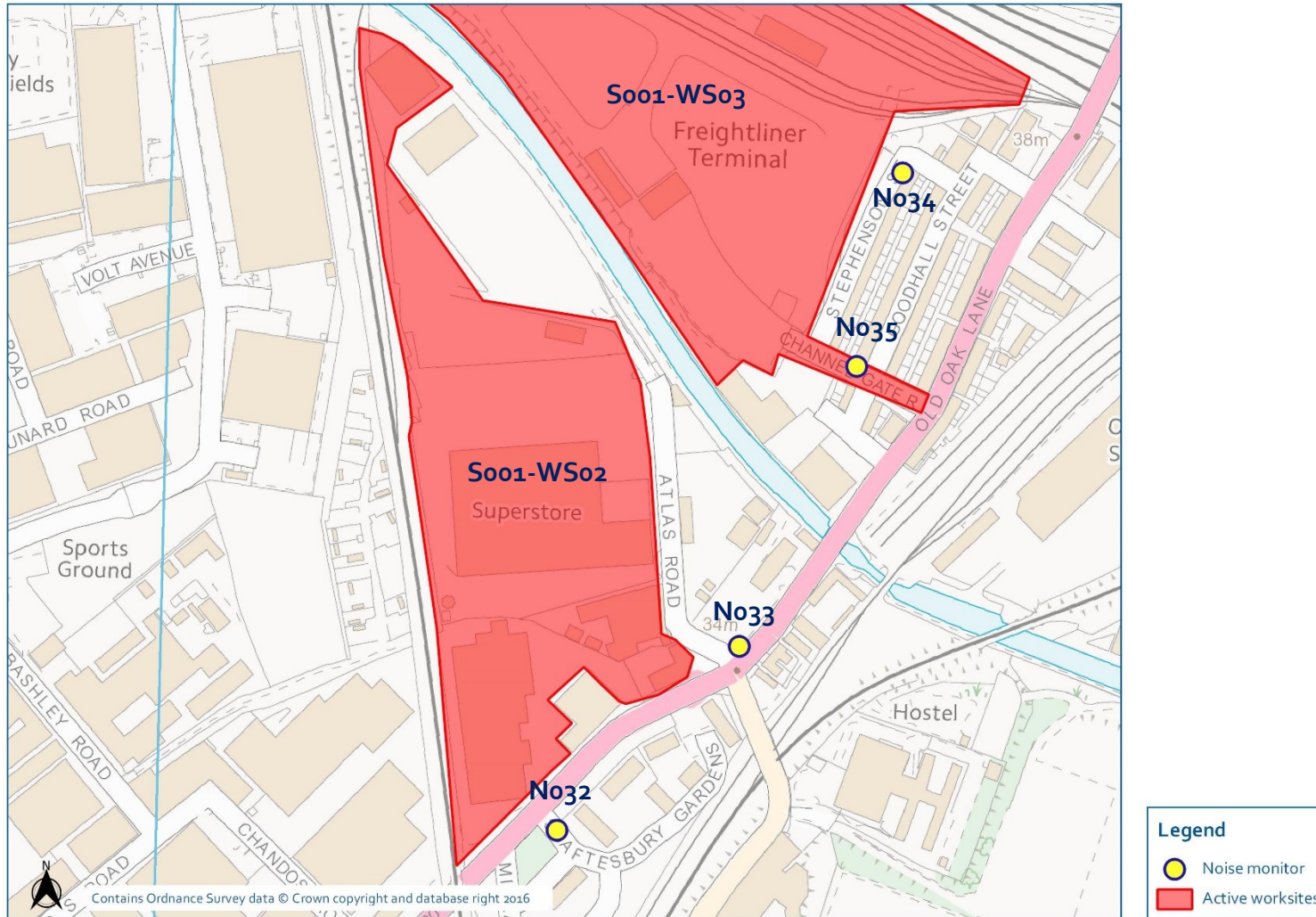


Appendix B Monitoring locations

Noise monitoring plan - 1



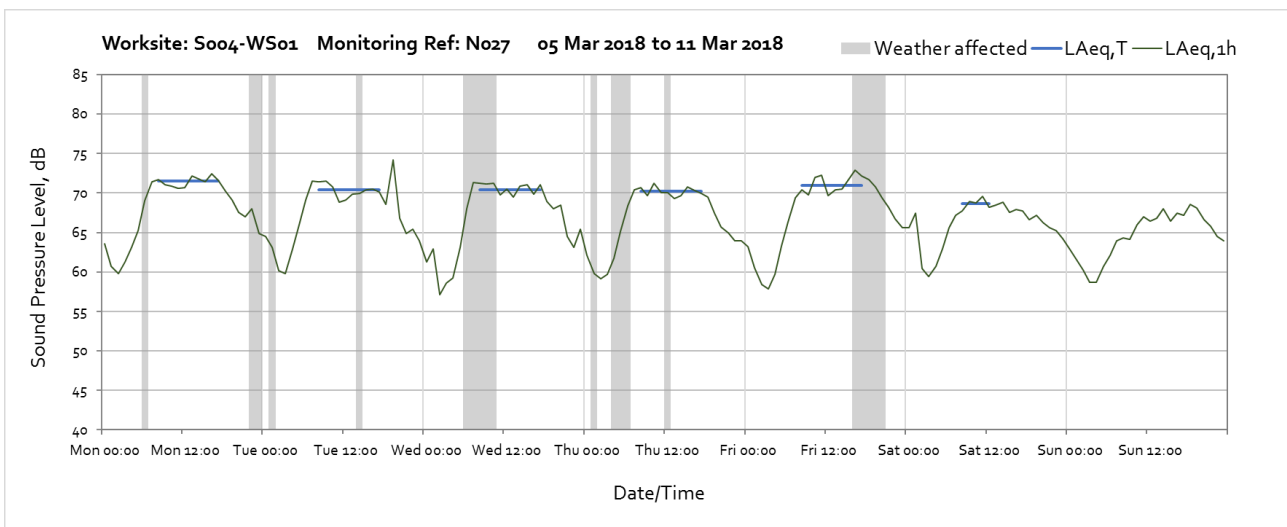
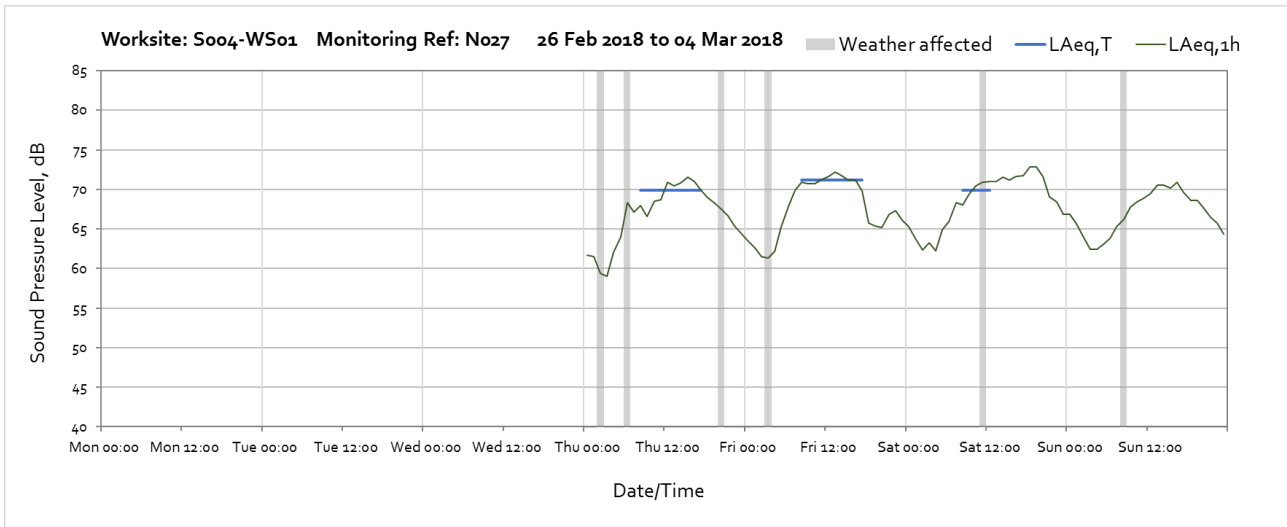
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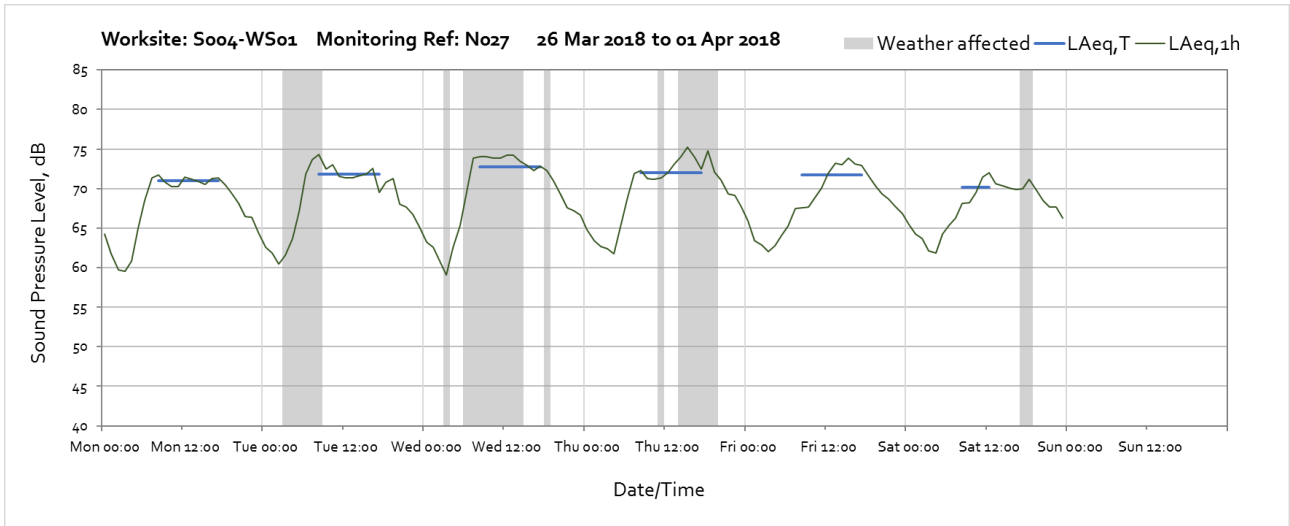
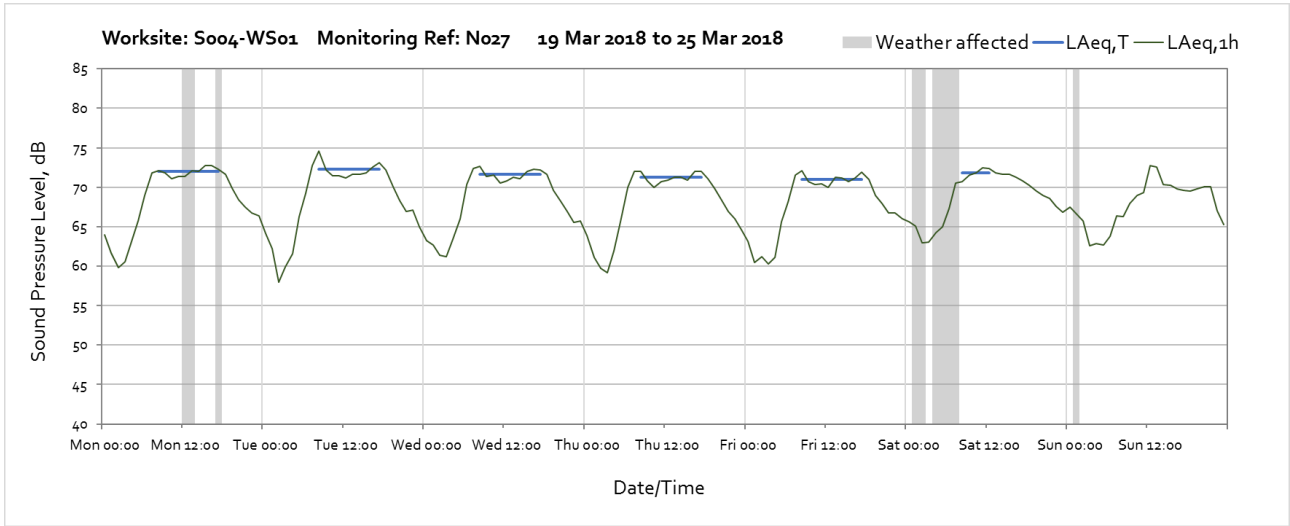
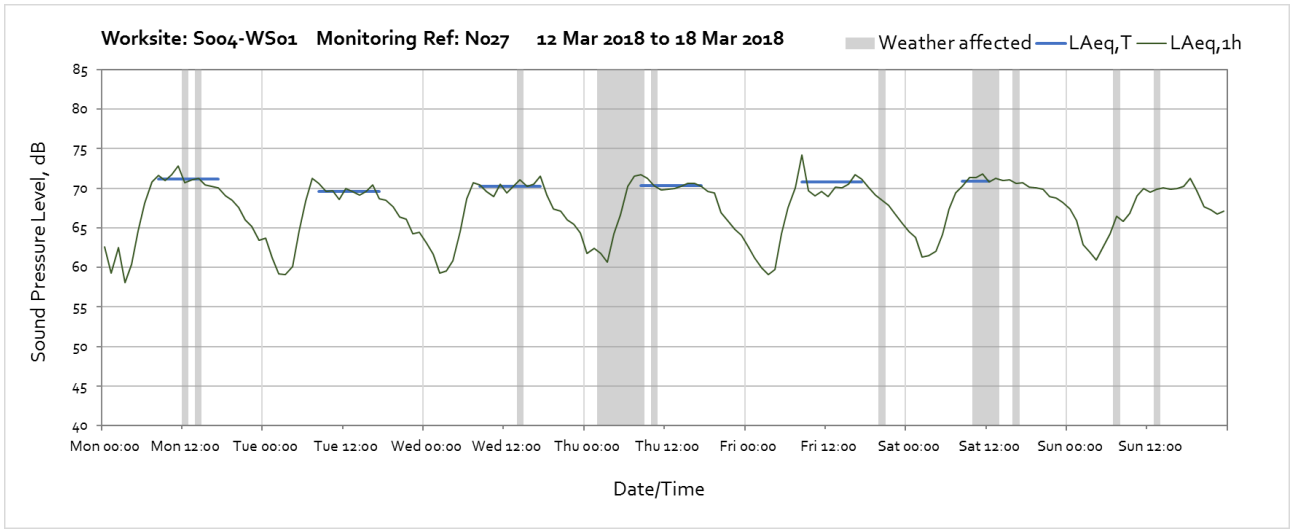


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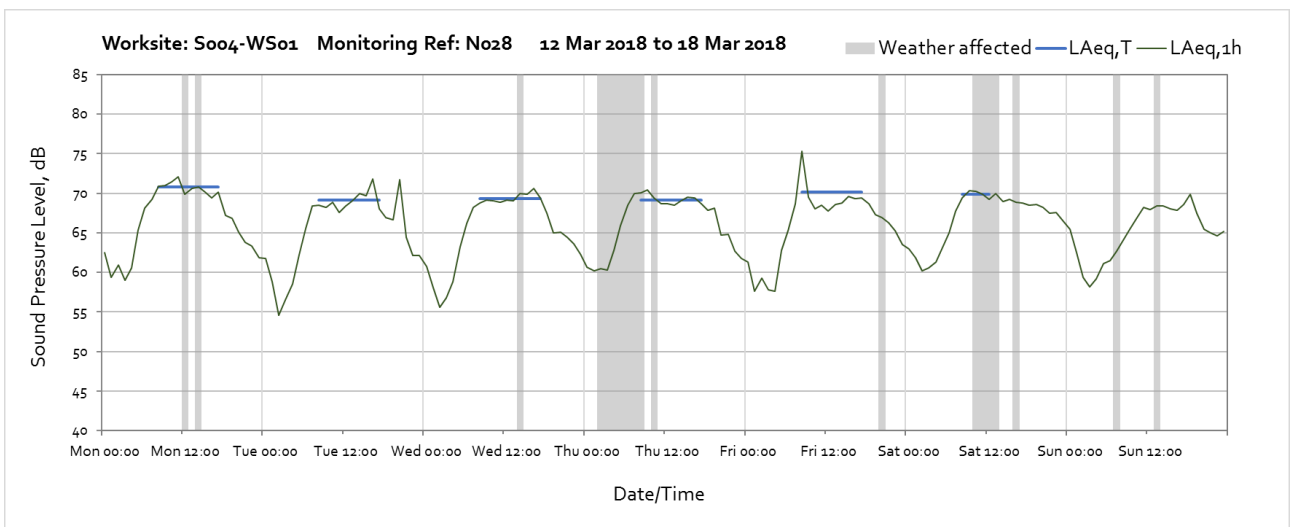
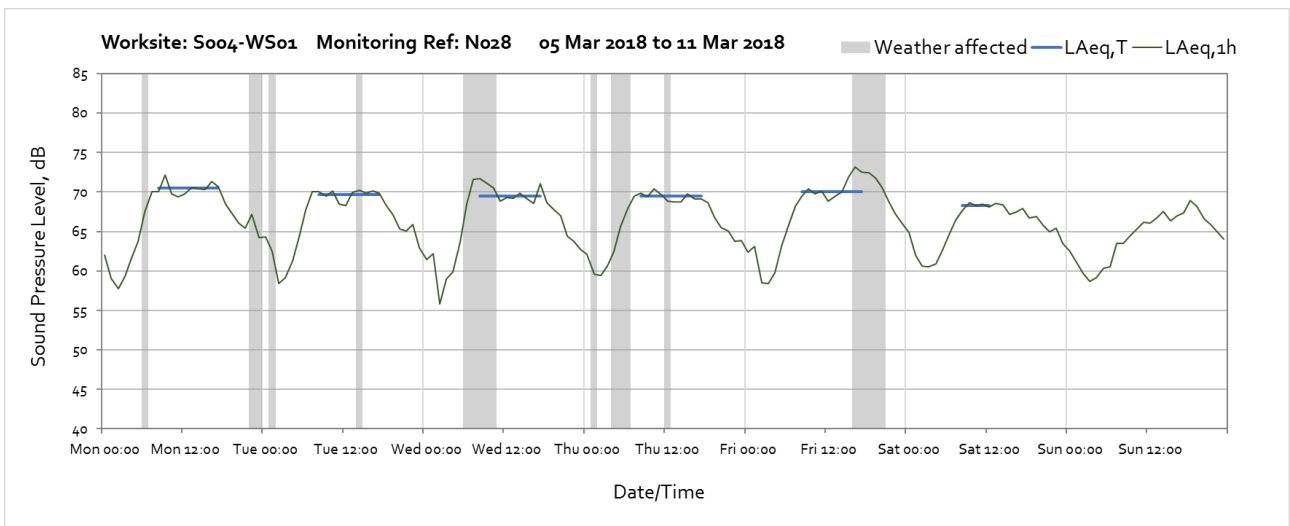
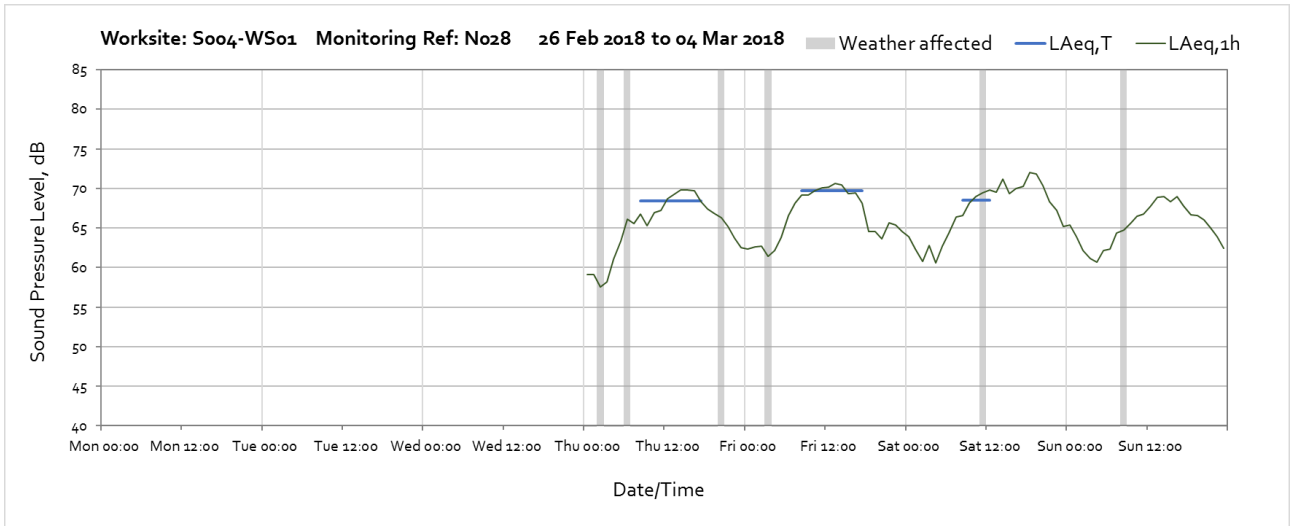
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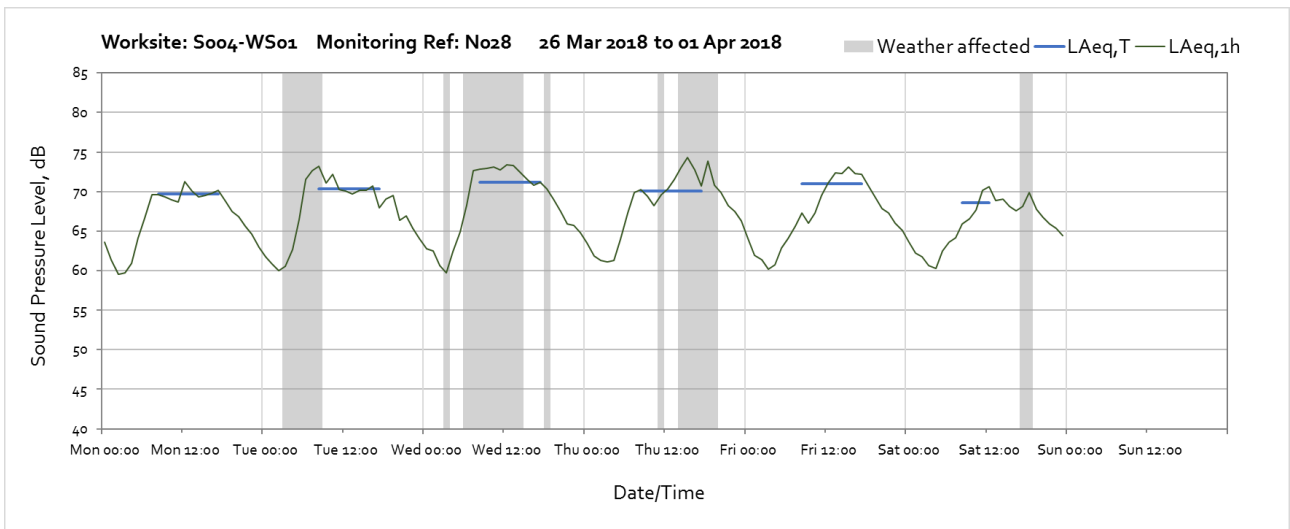
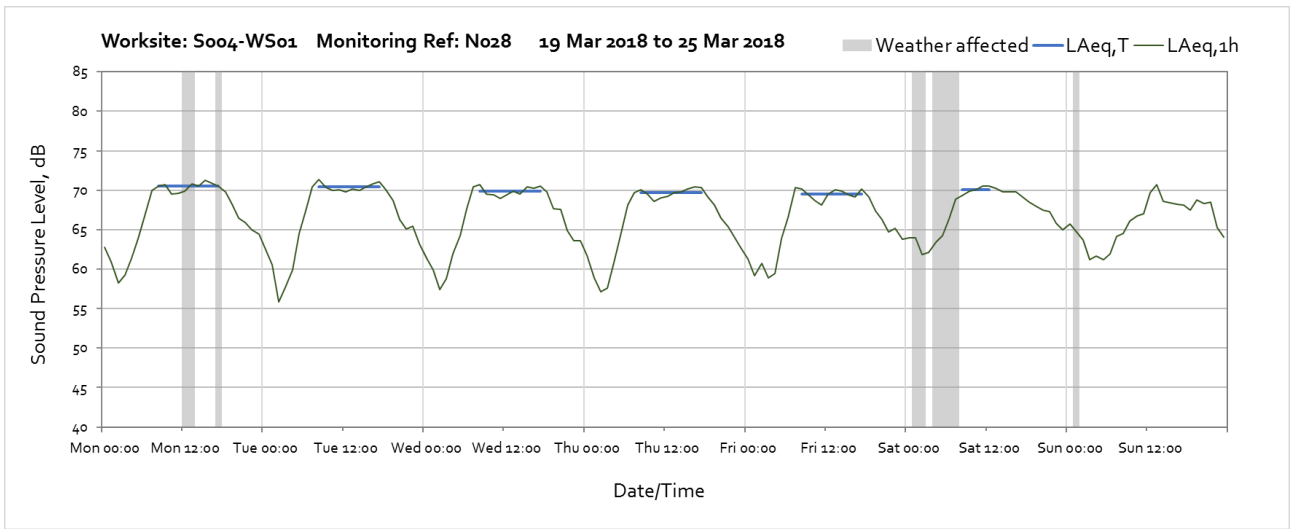
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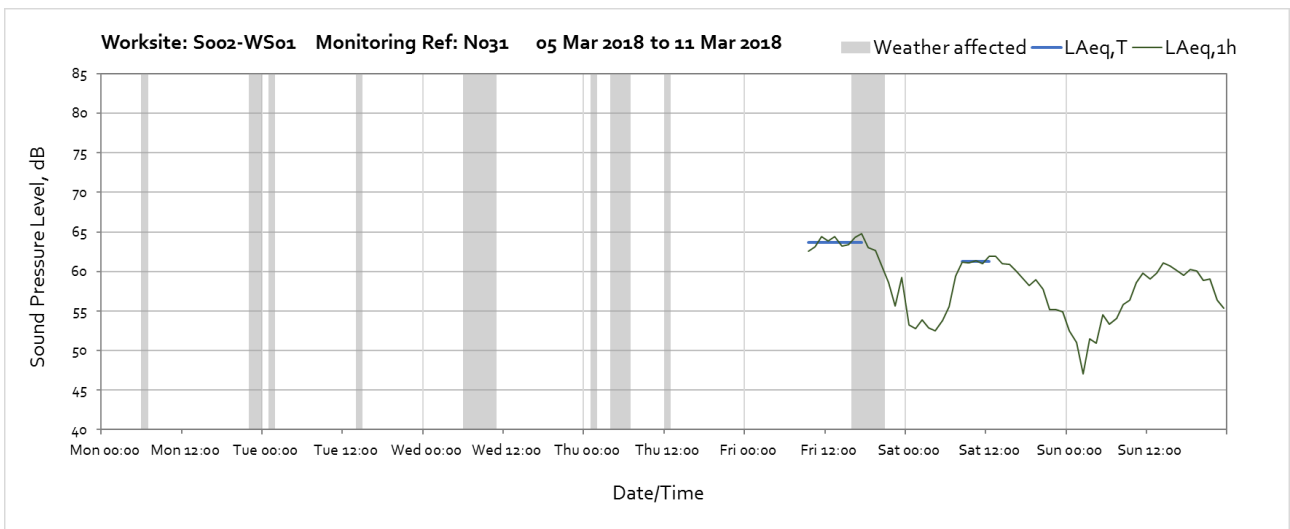


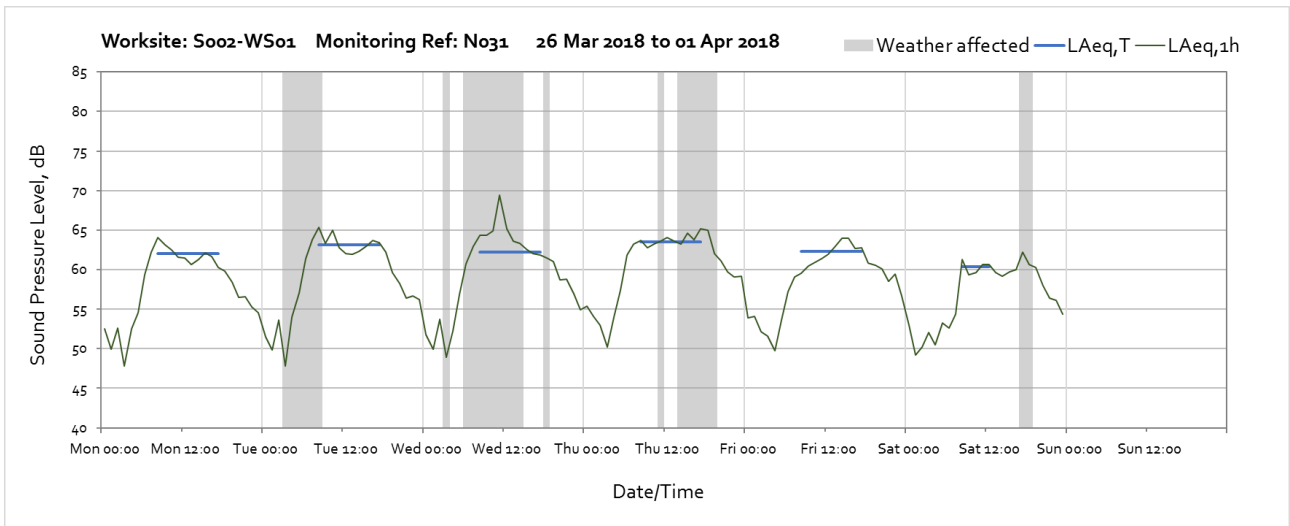
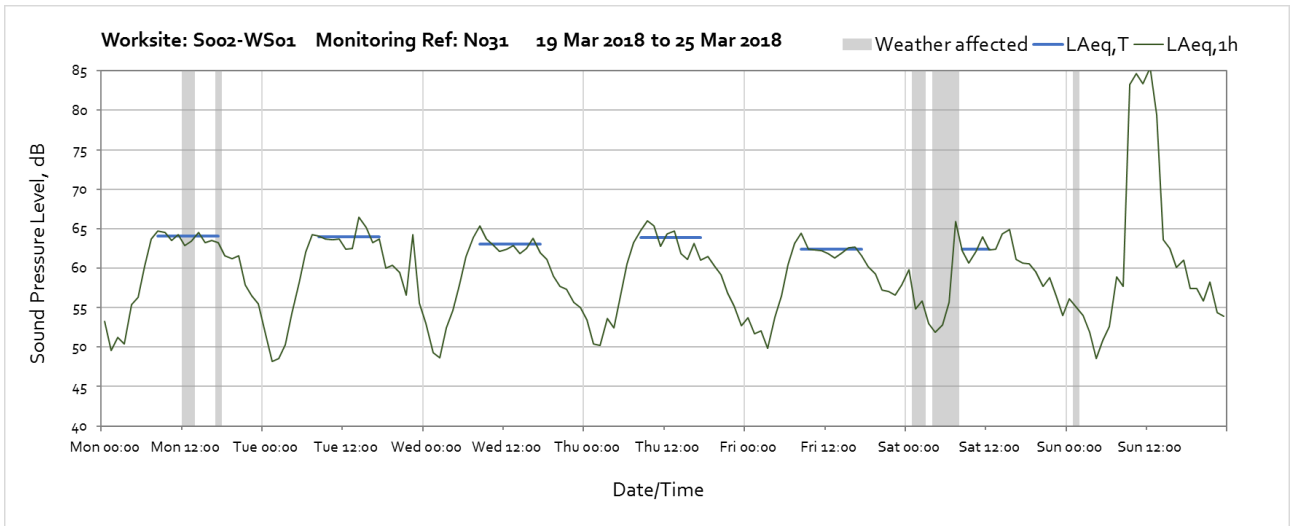
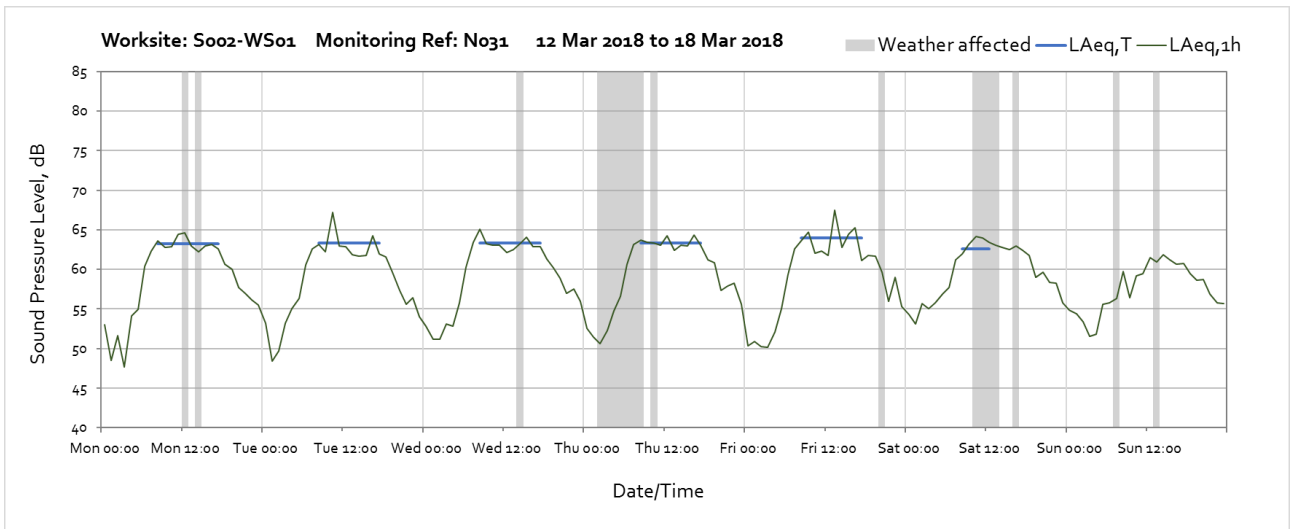
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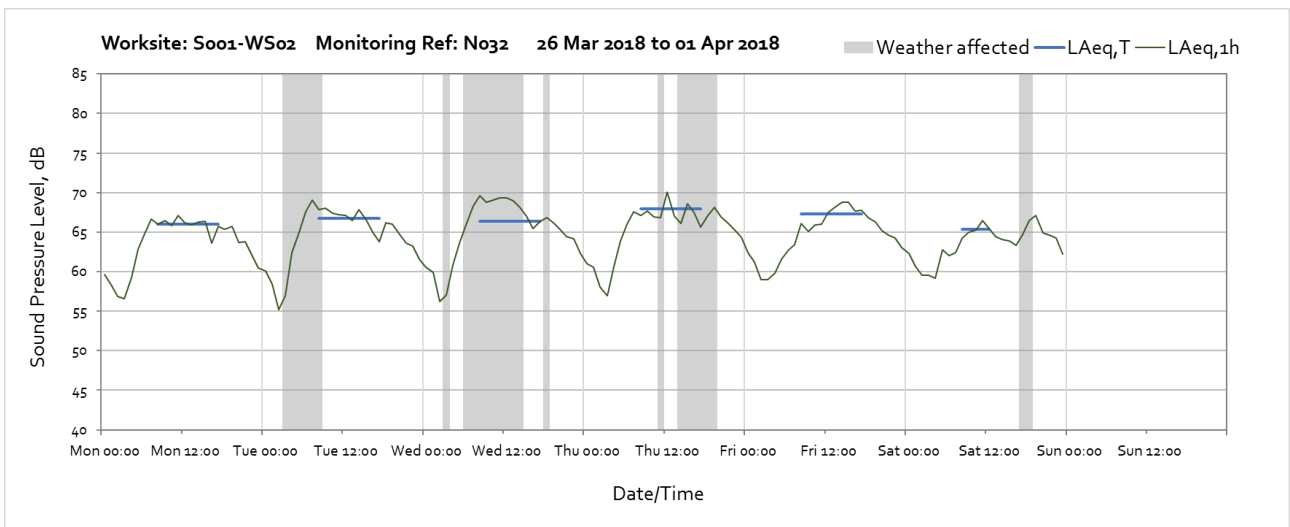
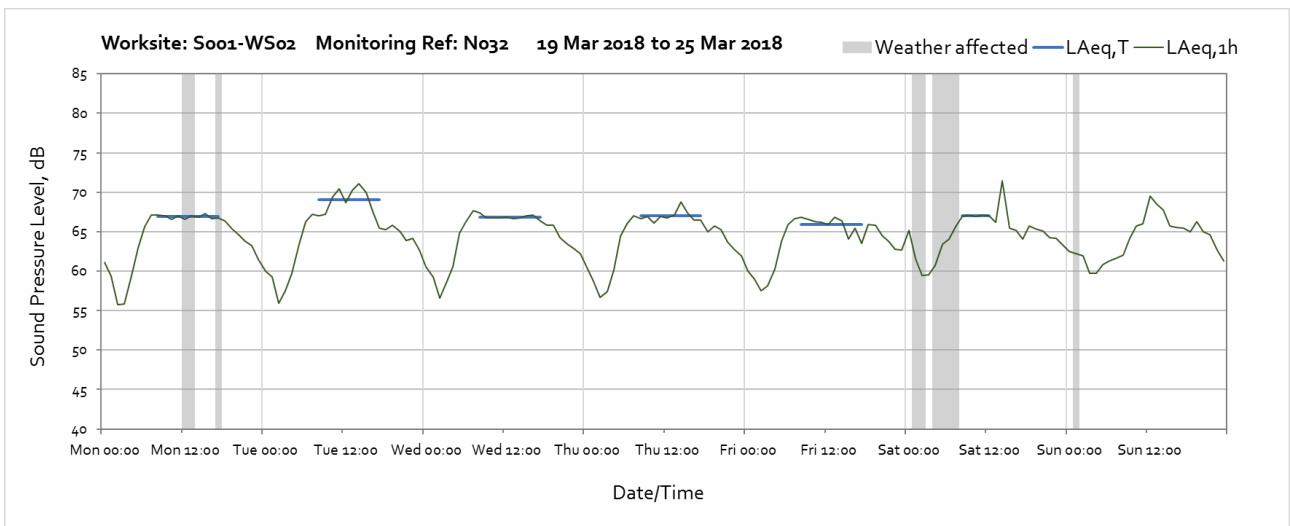
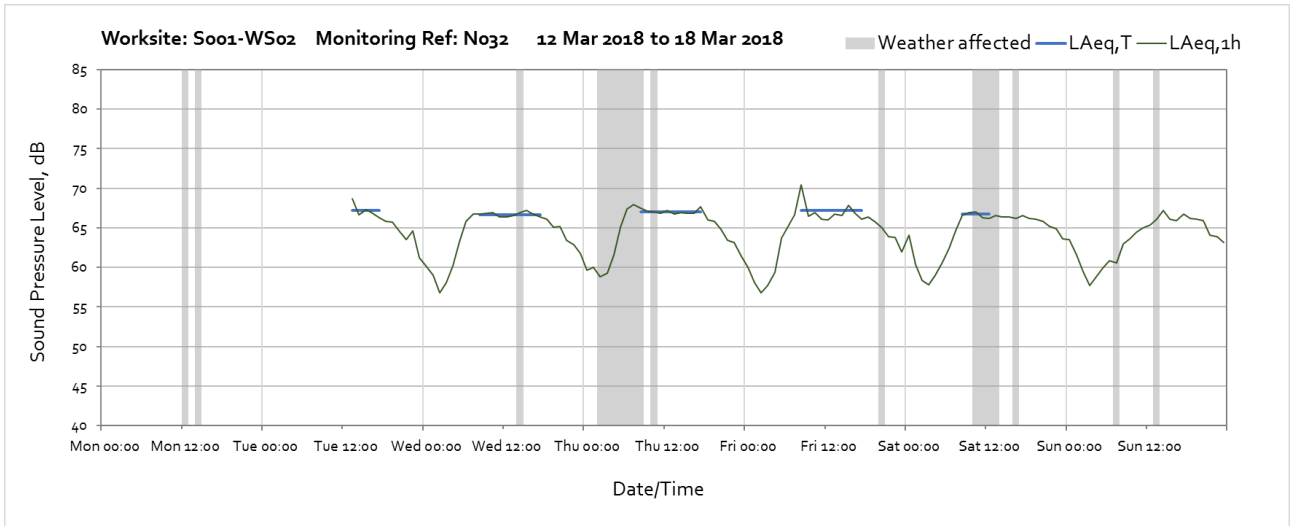


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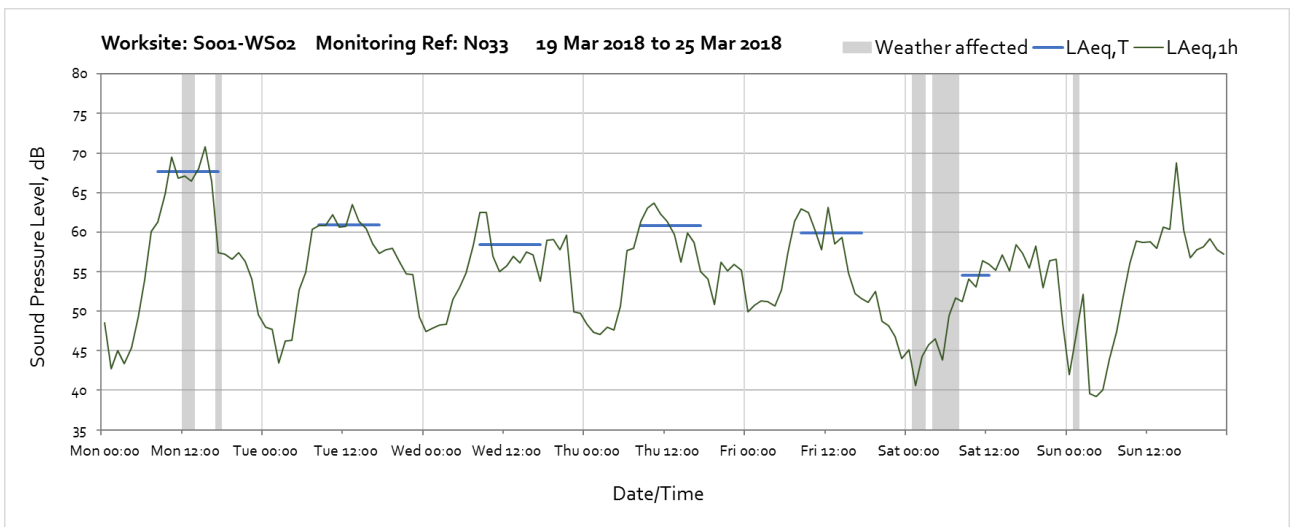
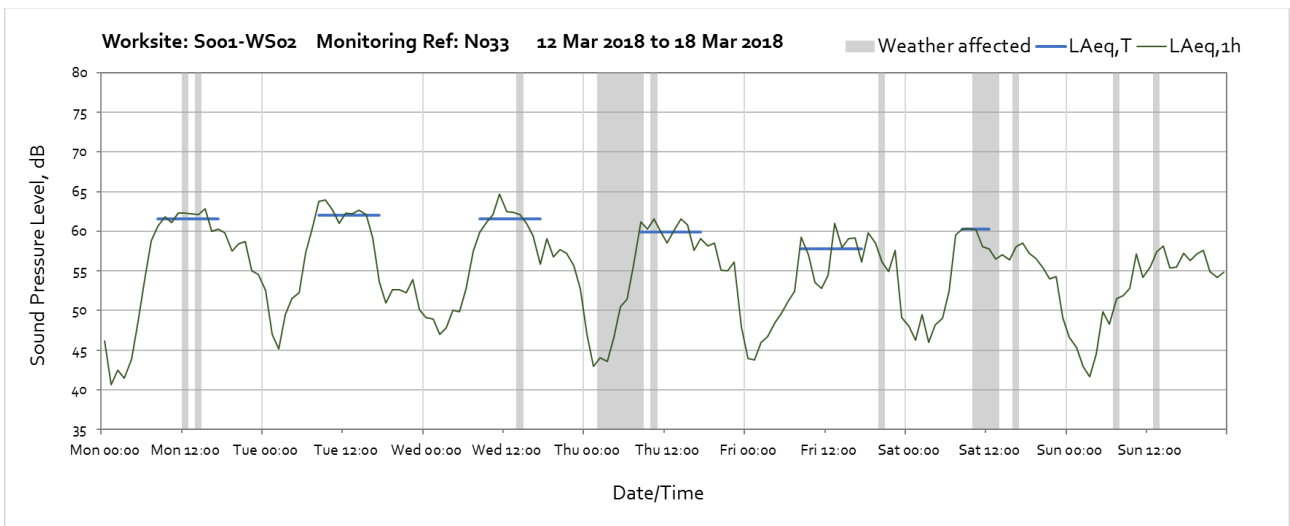
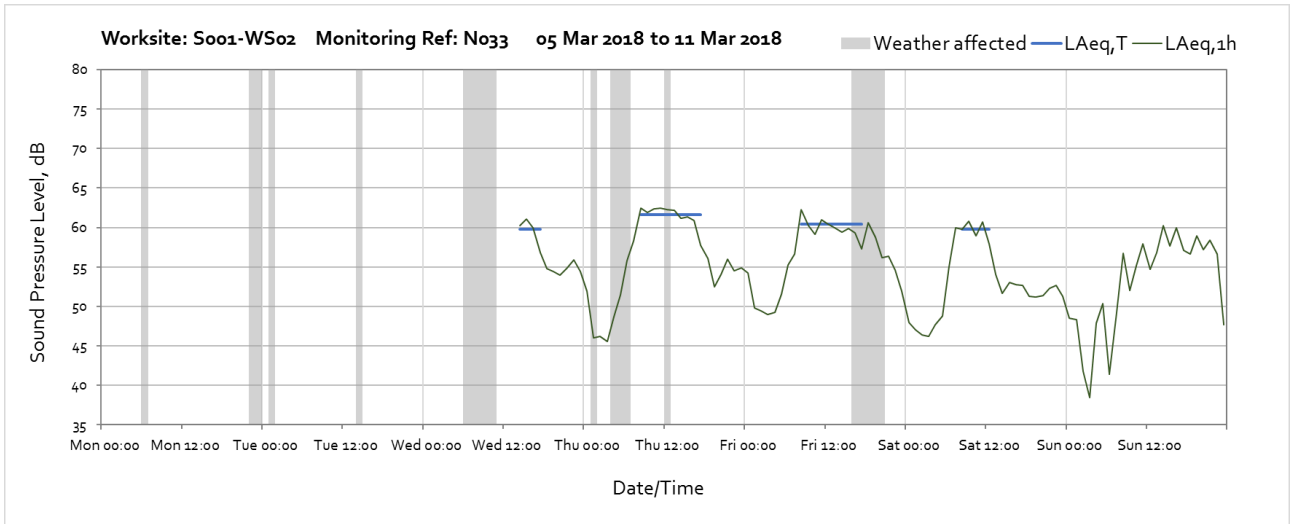


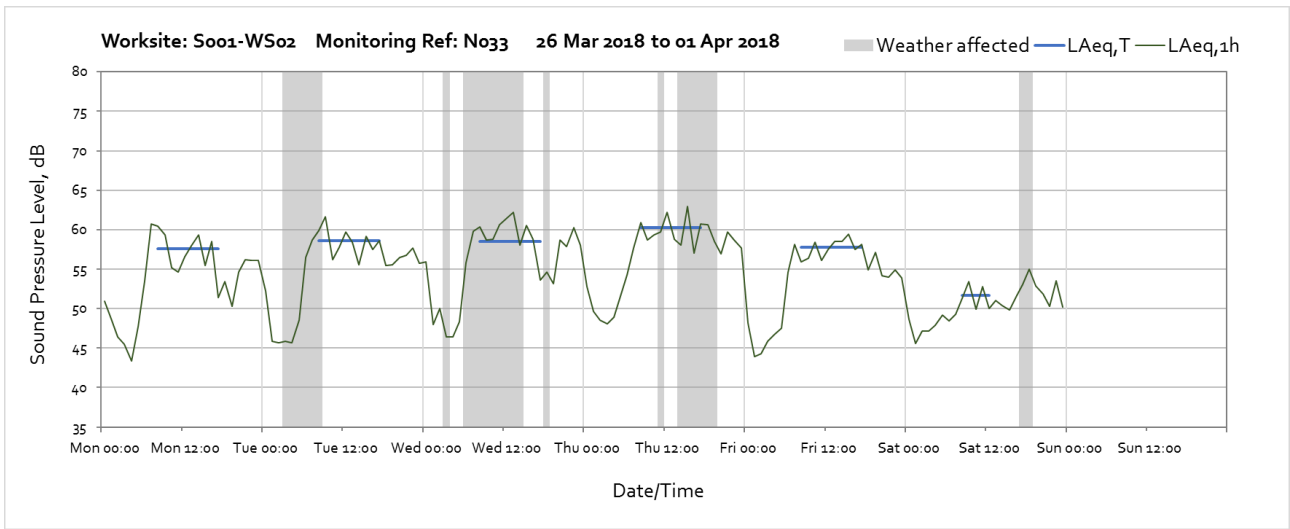


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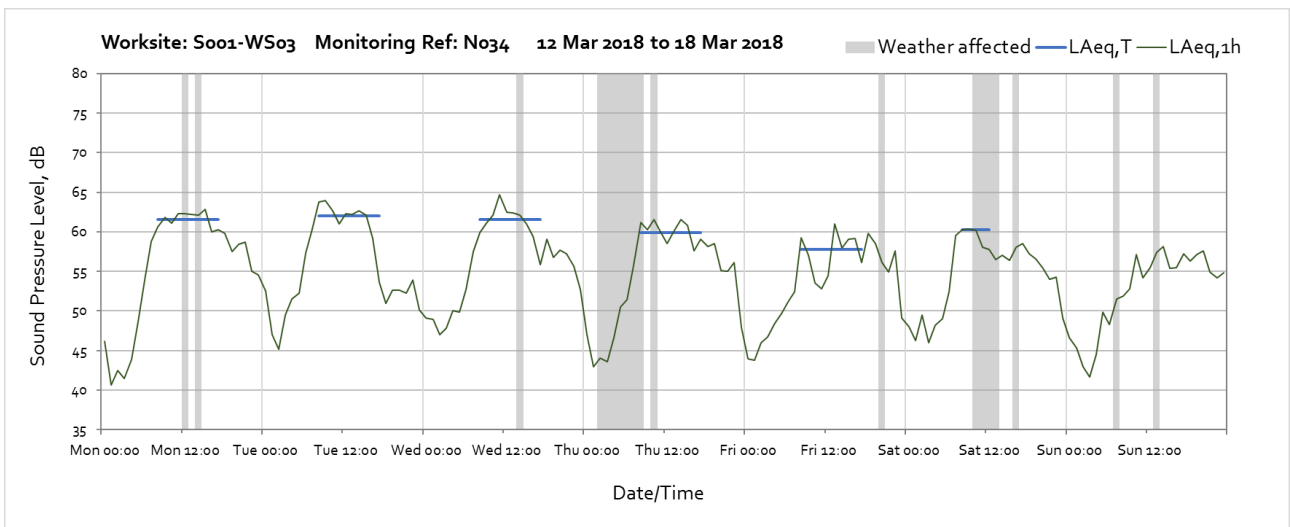
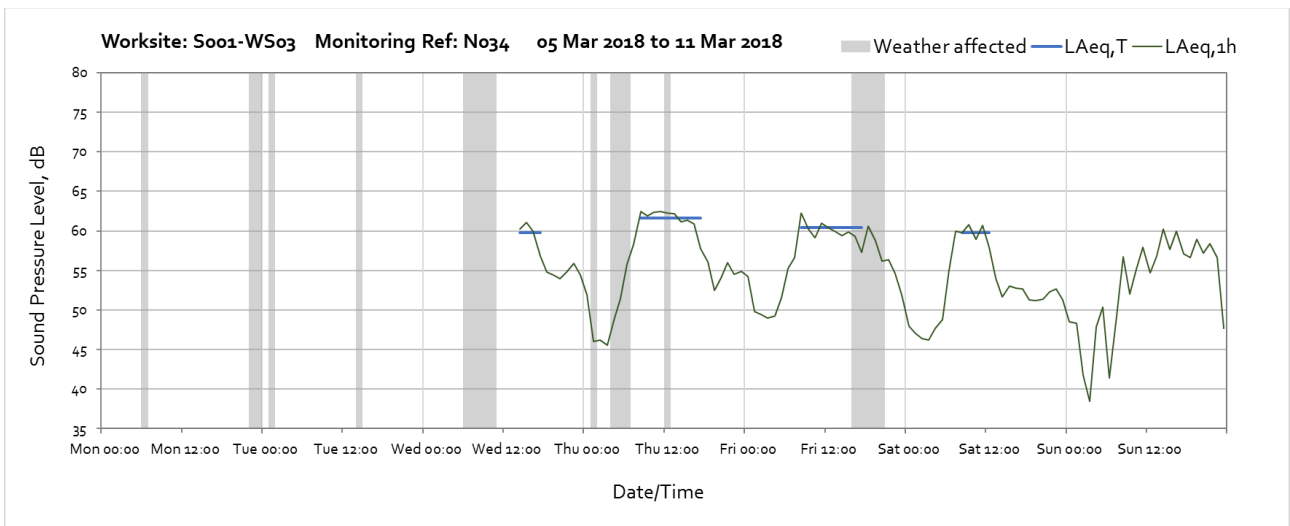


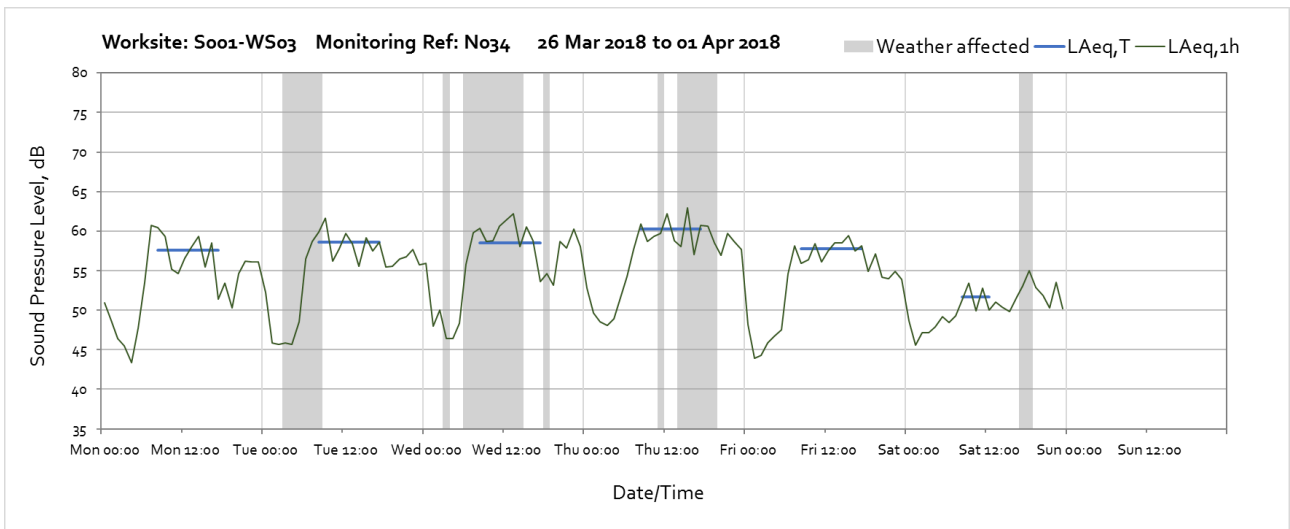
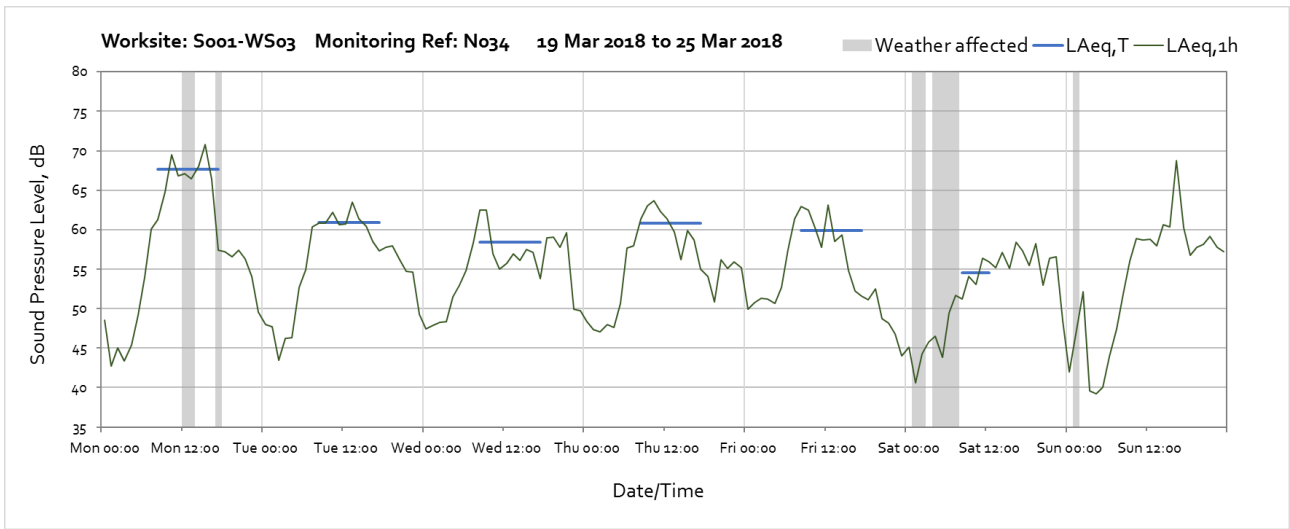
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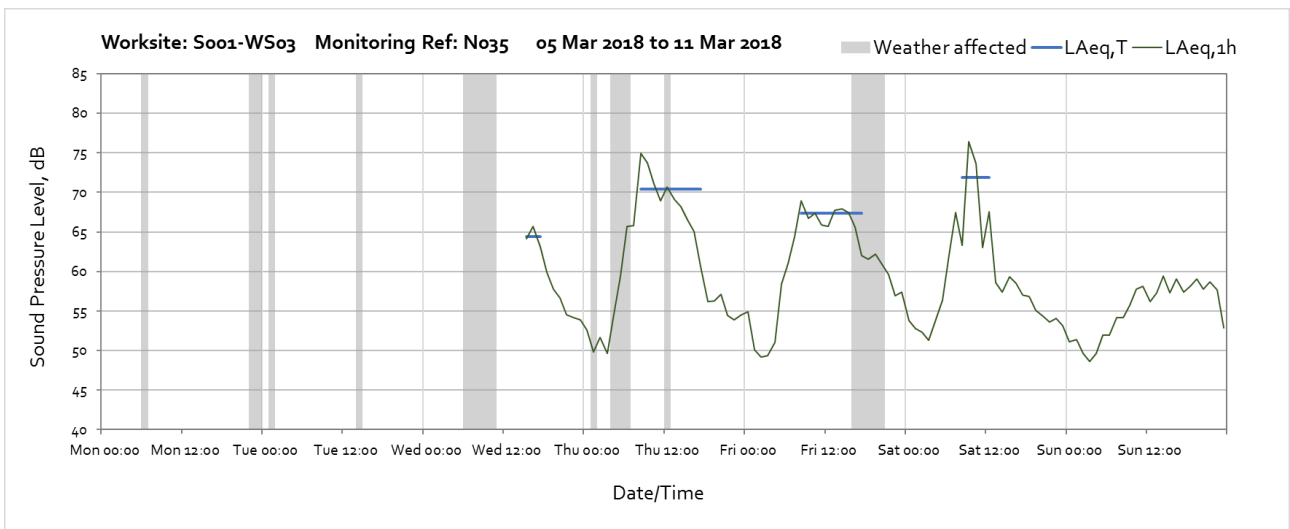


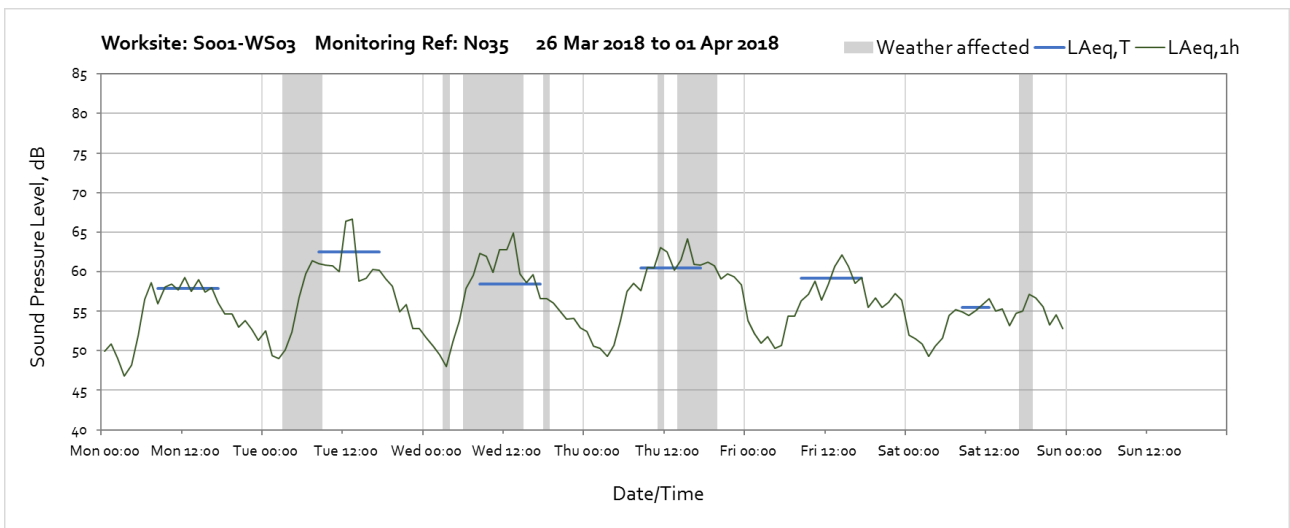
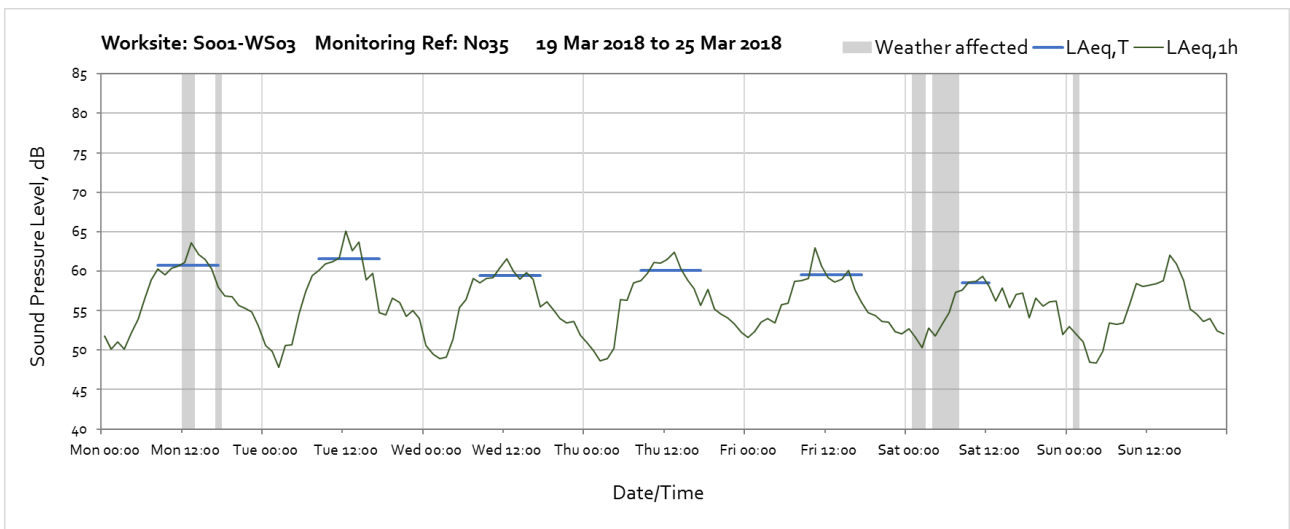
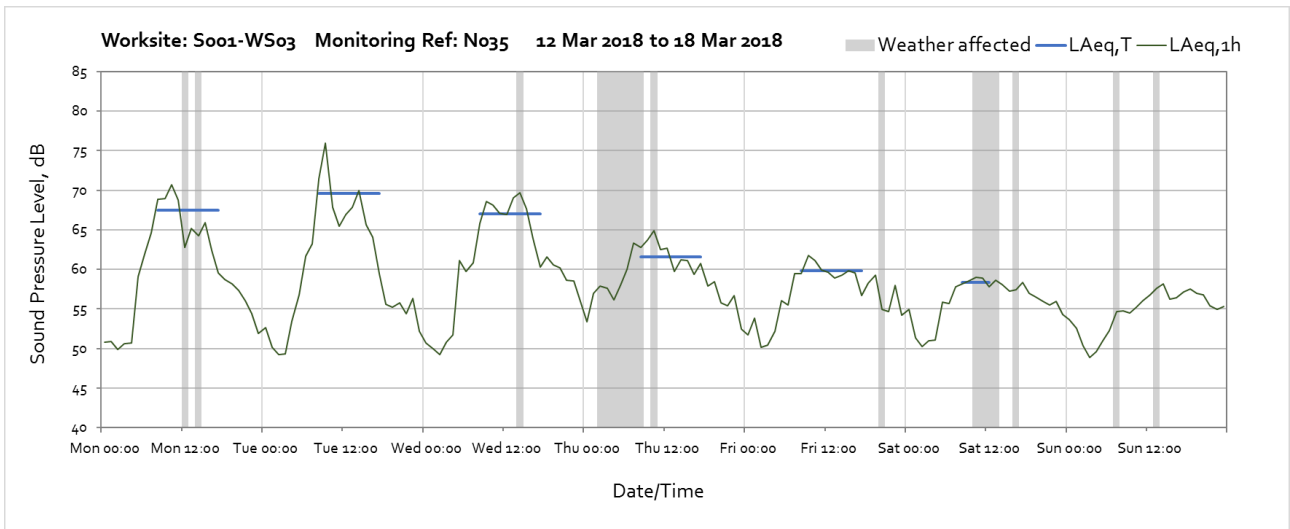
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