

## **Construction noise and vibration Monthly Report – February 2019**

**London Borough of Ealing**

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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 February 2019.

The report presents data from noise monitoring installations in the vicinity of the Atlas Road worksite (ref.: S001-WS02) where removal of fixtures and fittings and demolition were underway; the Victoria Road worksite (ref.: S002-WS01) where demolition activities were underway; the Willesden EuroTerminal worksite (ref.: S001-WS03) where crane deconstruction activities were underway; and Old Oak Common depot worksite (ref.: S004-WS01), where demolition and groundworks were being carried out.

Given the nature and location of works currently being undertaken and the high ambient noise at many of the monitoring locations, the measured noise levels are largely dominated by the underlying ambient noise levels, rather than being attributable to HS2 construction noise.

No exceedances of the SOAEL and no exceedances of S61 trigger levels due to HS2 related works were measured during the monitoring period. Two complaints were reported to HS2 for the LBE region during the February monitoring period. A noise complaint was received from residents in the vicinity of Old Oak Common Lane, about construction noise at night. However, no HS2 construction activities took place during night-time periods. A vibration complaint was received regarding deconstruction of a crane at Willesden EuroTerminal, causing perceptible vibration at residential properties nearby. Following this, work methodologies have been reviewed and assessment of environmental risks included in Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS).

# Abbreviations and descriptions

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

Table 1: Table of abbreviations

Acronym	Meaning
$L_{Aeq,T}$	See equivalent continuous sound pressure 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)'. 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.
Exclusion of data	Measurement of noise levels can be affected by weather conditions such as prolonged periods of rain, winds speeds higher than 5m/s and snow/ice ground cover. Noise levels measured during these periods are considered not representative of normal noise conditions at the site and, for the purposes of this report, are excluded from the assessment of exceedances and calculation of typical noise levels and are also greyed out in charts. Identifiable incongruous noise and vibration events not attributable to HS2 construction noise are also excluded.
Equivalent continuous sound pressure level, or $L_{Aeq,T}$	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.
Peak particle velocity, or PPV	Instantaneous maximum velocity reached by a vibrating element as it oscillates about its rest position. The PPV is a simple indicator of perceptibility and risk of damage to structures due to vibration. It is usually measured in mm/s.
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.
Vibration dose value, or VDV	An index used to evaluate human exposure to vibration in buildings. While the PPV provides information regarding the magnitude of single vibration events, the VDV provides a measure of the total vibration experienced over a specified period of time (typically 16h daytime and 8h night-time). It takes into account the magnitude, the number and the duration of vibration events and can be used to quantify exposure to continuous, impulsive, occasional and intermittent vibration. The vibration dose value is measured in $m/s^{1.75}$ .

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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

- Atlas Road, worksite ref. S001-WS02 (see plan 3 in Appendix A)
  - Works activities include removal of fixture and fittings and demolition.
- Willesden EuroTerminal, worksite ref. S001-WS03 (see plan 3 in Appendix A)
  - Works activities include crane deconstruction.
- Victoria Road, worksite ref. S002-WS01 (see plan 2 in Appendix A)
  - Works activities include demolition.
- Old Oak Common depot, worksite ref. S004-WS01 (see plan 1 in Appendix A)
  - Works activities include demolition and groundworks.

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 <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/monitoring-the-environmental-effects-of-hs2>. Noise and vibration monitoring reports for previous months can also be found at this location.

## 1.2 Measurement Locations

- 1.2.1 Table 2 summarises the position of noise monitoring installations within the LBE area in February 2019.
- 1.2.2 A new noise monitor (N042) has been installed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of February in the car park area of Boden House, to monitor noise from the Victoria Road worksite (ref.: S002-WS01).
- 1.2.3 Maps showing the position of noise monitoring installations are presented in Appendix B.

Table 2: Monitoring locations

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Address
S001-WS02	N032	Shaftesbury Gardens
	N033	Outside The Collective, Atlas Road / Victoria Road
S001-WS03	N034	Stephenson Street (north)
	N035	Stephenson Street (south)
	N041	Junction of Stephenson Street / Goodhall Street
S002-WS01	N029	Braitrim House, Victoria Road
	N031	School Road, outside Acton Business Centre
	N042	Boden House Car Park
S004-WS01	N027	Old Oak Common Lane
	N028	Old Oak Common Lane, Hiltop Works
Not near worksite	N040	Badminton Close

## 2 Summary of results

### 2.1 Exceedances of SOAEL

- 2.1.1 The significant observed adverse effect level (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 Table 3 presents a summary of recorded exceedances of the SOAEL due to HS2 related construction noise 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 3: Summary of exceedances of SOAEL.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Day (Weekday, Saturday, Sunday, Night)	Time period	Number of exceedances of SOAEL
S001-WS02	N032	Shaftesbury Gardens	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N033	Outside The Collective, Atlas Road / Victoria Road	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S001-WS03	N034	Stephenson Street (north)	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N035	Stephenson Street (south)	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N041	Junction of Stephenson Street / Goodhall Street	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S002-WS01	N029	Braitrim House, Victoria Road	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N031	School Road, outside Acton Business Centre	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N042	Bodens Car Park	All days	All periods	No exceedance
S004-WS01	N027	Old Oak Common Lane	All days	All periods	No exceedance
	N028	Old Oak Common Lane, Hiltop Works	All days	All periods	No exceedance
Not near worksite	N040	Badminton Close	All days	All periods	No exceedance

2.1.4 HS2 construction activities at worksites S001-WS02, S001-WS03, S002-WS01 and S004-WS01 were undertaken between 08:00 and 18:00 on weekdays. There were no exceedances of the SOAEL during these periods at any noise monitoring location.

## 2.2 Summary of measured noise levels

2.2.1 Table 4 presents a summary of the measured noise levels at each monitoring 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). The full data set for the monitoring equipment can be found at the following location:

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/24542ae7-dd44-444f-b259-871c4cc43b5e/environmental-monitoring-data>.

2.2.3 Given the nature and location of works currently being undertaken at worksites in LBE the measured noise levels are largely dominated by the underlying ambient noise levels, rather than being attributable to HS2 related construction noise, acknowledging that intermittent HS2 works have on occasion been taking place within the area.



Table 4: Summary of measured dB L<sub>Aeq</sub> data over the monitoring period.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Free-field or Façade measurement	Weekly Average L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> (highest day L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> )*					Saturday Average L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> (highest day L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> )*					Sunday / Public Holiday Average L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> (highest day L <sub>Aeq,T</sub> )*	
				0700 - 0800	0800 - 1800	1800 - 1900	1900 - 2200	2200 - 0700	0700 - 0800	0800 - 1300	1300 - 1400	1400 - 2200	2200 - 0700	0700 - 2200	2200 - 0700
S001-WS02	N032	Shaftesbury Gardens	Free-field	67.7 (68.5)	67.7 (69.3)	66.5 (69.3)	65.6 (69.4)	62.8 (68.2)	65.0 (65.9)	66.7 (67.4)	66.9 (68.0)	66.2 (68.6)	62.0 (64.7)	65.6 (68.1)	62.8 (69.3)
	N033	Outside The Collective, Atlas Road / Victoria Road	Free-field	69.4 (71.5)	69.6 (71.4)	67.6 (72.9)	66.2 (70.3)	63.6 (70.2)	65.9 (67.6)	68.0 (70.6)	68.9 (70.9)	66.5 (69.9)	61.8 (65.4)	65.7 (69.6)	63.6 (72.2)
S001-WS03	N034	Stephenson Street (north)	Free-field	55.3 (61.1)	56.9 (62.4)	54.2 (59.7)	52.8 (58.1)	51.5 (58.4)	55.0 (56.7)	57.5 (60.4)	54.8 (56.9)	54.4 (61.8)	48.5 (55.3)	52.4 (58.8)	49.8 (55.8)
	N035	Stephenson Street (south)	Free-field	58.0 (62.0)	57.9 (62.4)	52.1 (56.5)	51.2 (56.8)	50.6 (59.5)	55.7 (56.9)	57.1 (59.3)	53.6 (55.3)	52.6 (58.3)	48.2 (55.3)	51.1 (58.3)	48.6 (53.9)
	N041	Junction of Stephenson Street / Goodhall Street	Free-field	57.0 (60.9)	57.8 (60.6)	55.5 (57.8)	55.2 (59.5)	51.9 (56.8)	57.0 (59.8)	57.8 (60.3)	59.2 (65.9)	55.7 (61.0)	50.8 (56.1)	55.0 (61.6)	50.3 (55.0)
S002-WS01	N029	Braitrim House, Victoria Road	Free-field	54.0 (55.7)	59.2 (64.1)	53.4 (64.0)	55.9 (66.9)	55.0 (66.5)	52.6 (54.4)	55.4 (57.7)	53.7 (55.4)	53.1 (58.4)	49.9 (59.3)	51.6 (58.2)	53.3 (60.4)
	N031	School Road, outside Acton Business Centre	Free-field	64.2 (66.4)	67.0 (70.4)	62.8 (64.7)	60.0 (63.6)	56.8 (66.1)	59.8 (60.4)	63.0 (64.8)	63.3 (64.1)	61.4 (65.9)	54.1 (59.6)	59.8 (63.8)	56.3 (64.3)
	N042	Bodens car park	Free-field	56.4 (57.0)	61.1 (62.5)	54.9 (56.3)	54.1 (56.0)	52.8 (57.2)	54.5 (54.5)	57.2 (57.2)	56.3 (56.3)	56.5 (57.8)	52.2 (56.1)	54.2 (56.3)	53.2 (55.9)

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 $L_{Aeq,T}$ ) *	
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S004-WS01	N027	Old Oak Common Lane	Free-field	71.1 (73.6)	70.9 (72.7)	69.6 (73.2)	68.4 (73.1)	64.7 (70.6)	67.5 (67.8)	70.0 (70.6)	71.4 (72.7)	70.0 (74.3)	64.3 (67.5)	68.7 (73.3)	65.6 (72.9)
	N028	Old Oak Common Lane, Hiltop Works	Free-field	71.1 (73.9)	70.9 (74.0)	69.6 (73.7)	68.3 (74.0)	64.6 (70.4)	67.5 (67.9)	69.8 (70.1)	70.7 (71.5)	69.6 (73.3)	64.3 (67.3)	68.4 (72.1)	65.6 (73.2)
Not near worksite	N040	Badminton Close	Free-field	55.9 (57.8)	56.5 (61.7)	54.5 (55.5)	55.4 (58.5)	53.6 (59.6)	56.0 (57.8)	56.1 (58.6)	54.6 (56.8)	54.9 (56.8)	52.8 (56.0)	55.1 (57.6)	52.7 (56.2)

## 2.3 Exceedances of trigger level

2.3.1 Table 5 provides a summary of exceedances of the S61 trigger noise levels determined to be due to HS2 related construction noise measured during the reporting period, along with the findings of any investigation.

Table 5: 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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2.3.2 There were no exceedances of trigger levels as defined in section 61 consents during the reporting period at any monitoring position.

## 2.4 Complaints

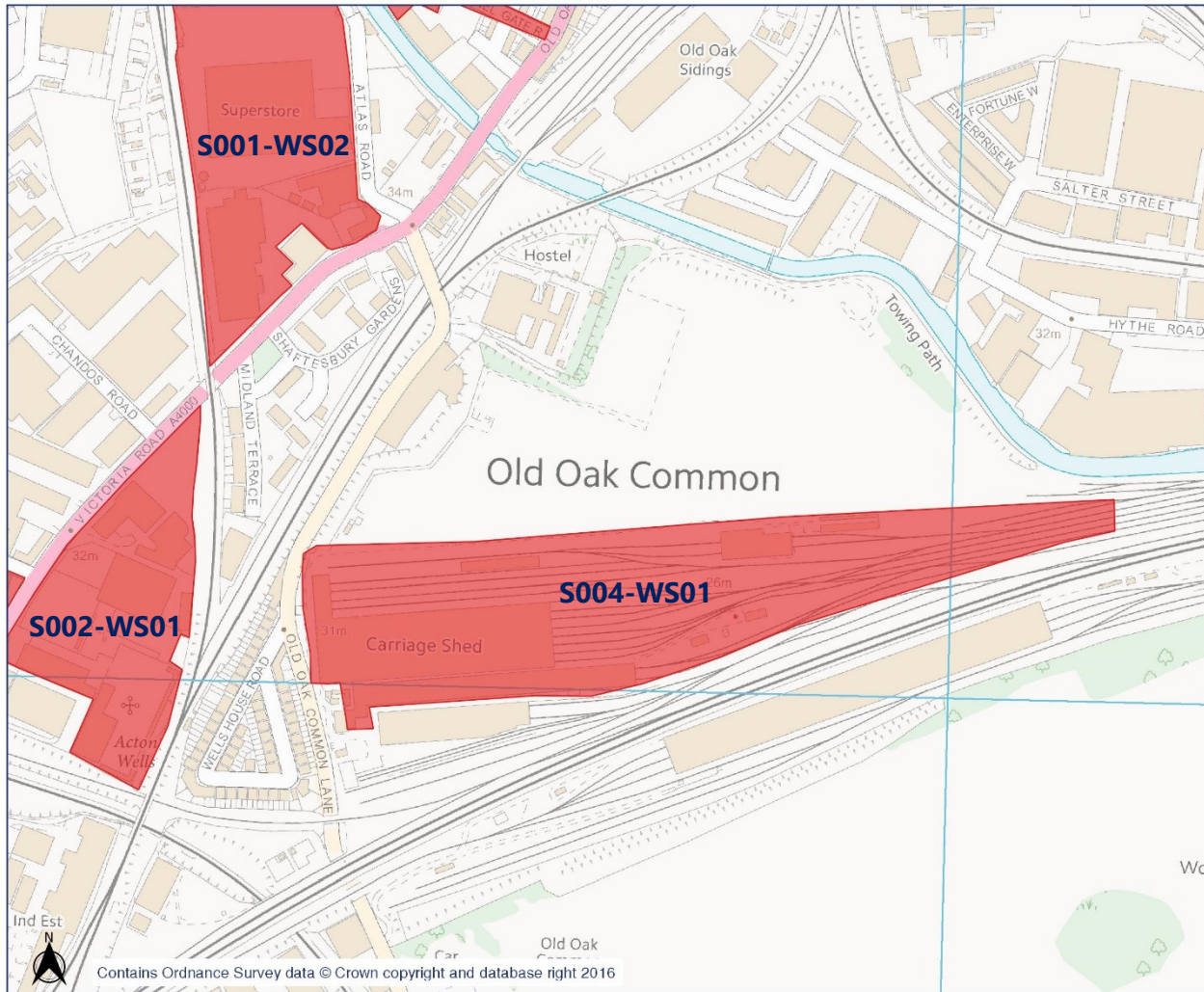
2.4.1 Table 6 provides a summary of complaint information related to noise and vibration received during the reporting period, along with the findings of any investigation.

Table 6: Summary of complaints.

Complaint Reference Number	Worksite Reference	Description of Complaint	Results of Investigation	Actions Taken
CPA-000719	S004-WS01	Complaint from resident of Wells House Road about noise disturbance from construction activities and construction vehicles during night-time periods.	All works were carried out in line with BPM and S61 consent. There were no exceedances of trigger levels or SOAEL due to these works.	Response was provided to resident. Investigation is still open.
CPA-000737	S004-WS01	Complaint from a resident in the vicinity of Old Oak Common Lane about noise disturbance during night-time period.	All HS2 construction works in the area have been carried out during daytime periods only. No HS2 construction activities were being undertaken at the time of the complaint.	Complainant was informed that no HS2 works were carried out at night. Complaint was closed
-	S001-WS03	Complaint from a resident in the vicinity of Willesden EuroTerminal worksite about a vibration impact.	A change in methodology for the deconstruction of a crane has likely resulted in a single perceptible vibration event at	A Vibration Risk Assessment was undertaken and the residence of the complainant was deemed to be at negligible risk. However changes have been implemented to improve

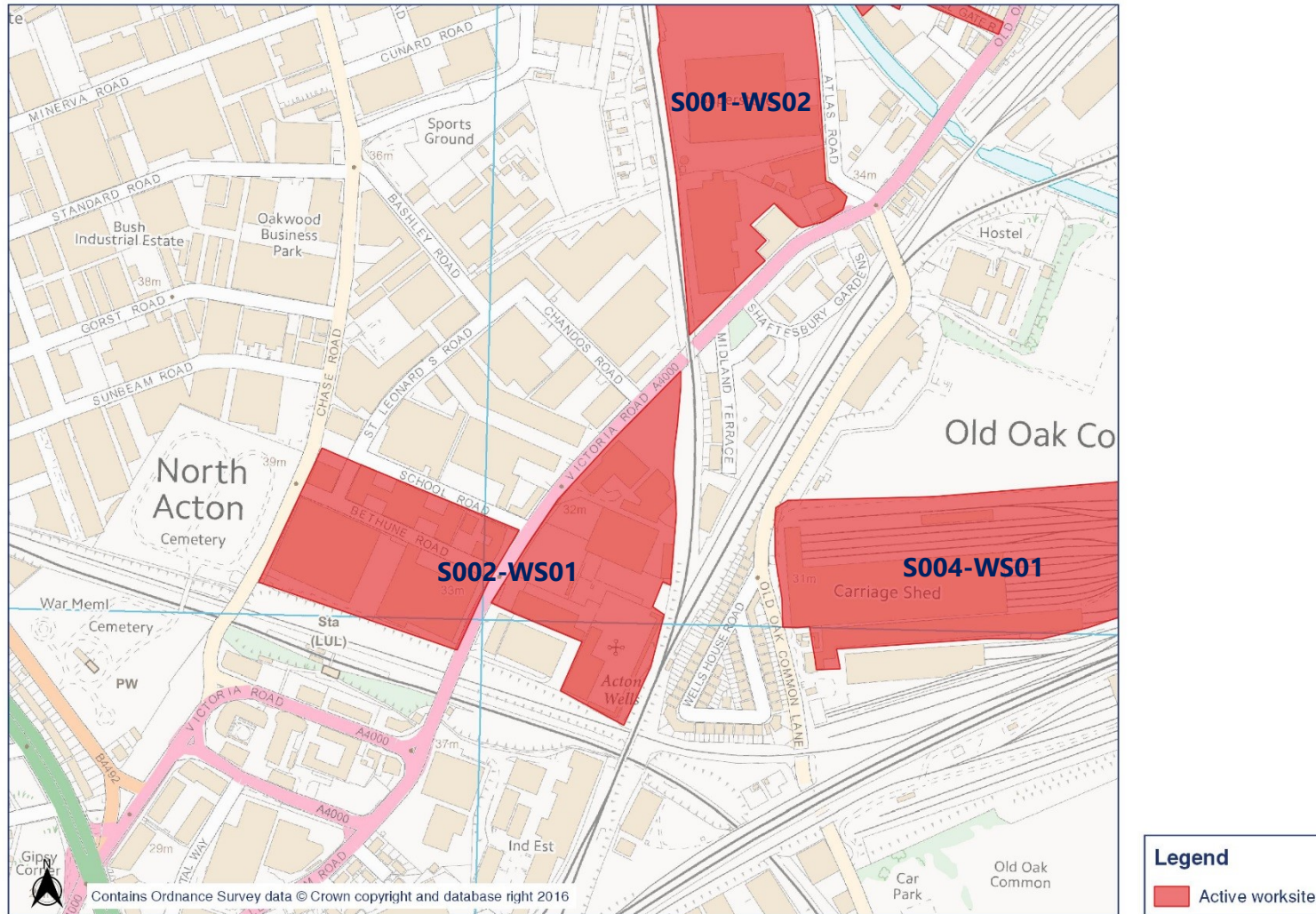
			adjacent residential premises. The change management and process did not effectively identify the alternative methodology as a potential vibration risk.	reviews of methodology, including identification of environmental risks in Risk Assessment Method Statement (RAMS). Review of complaint is in process.
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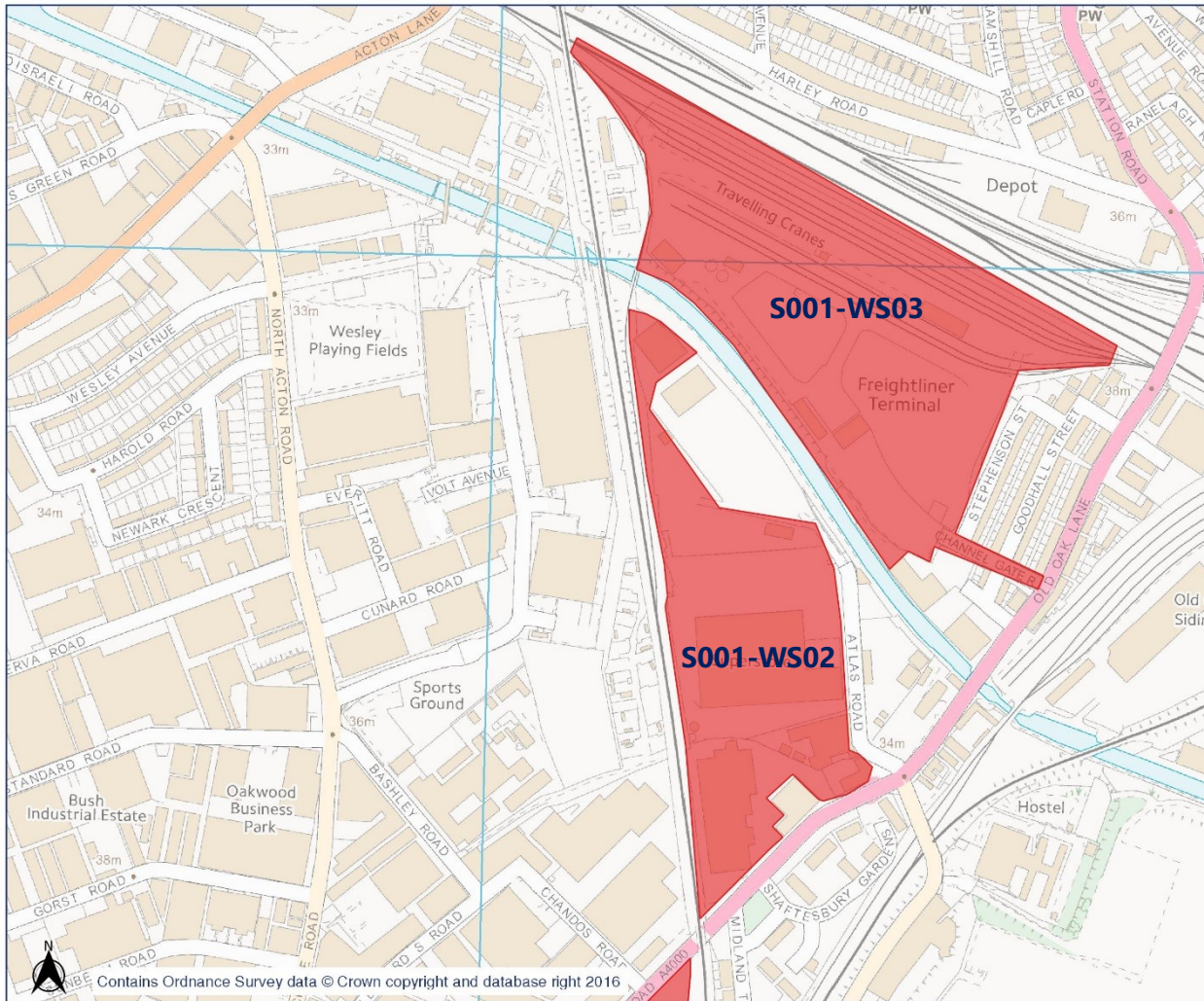
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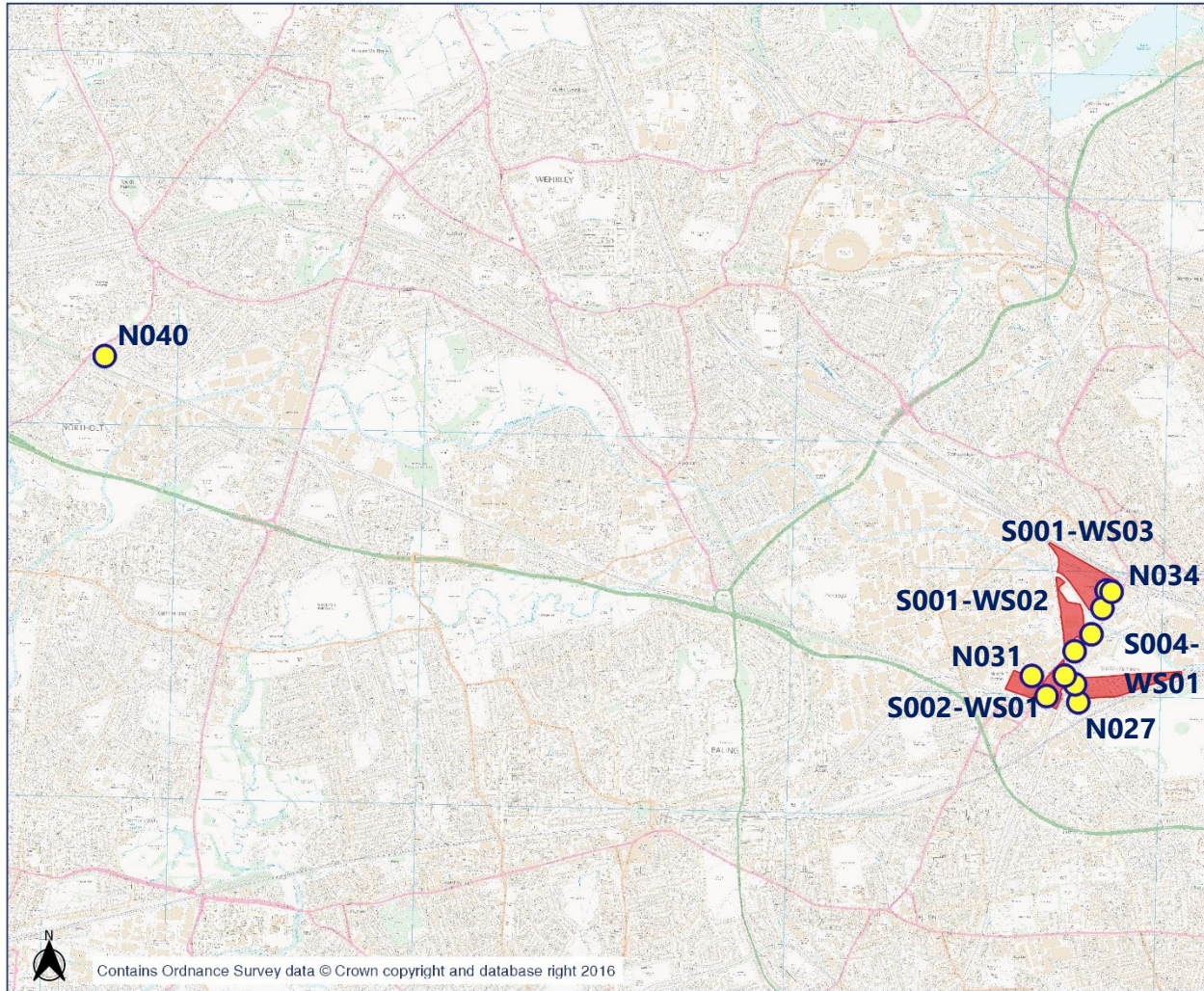
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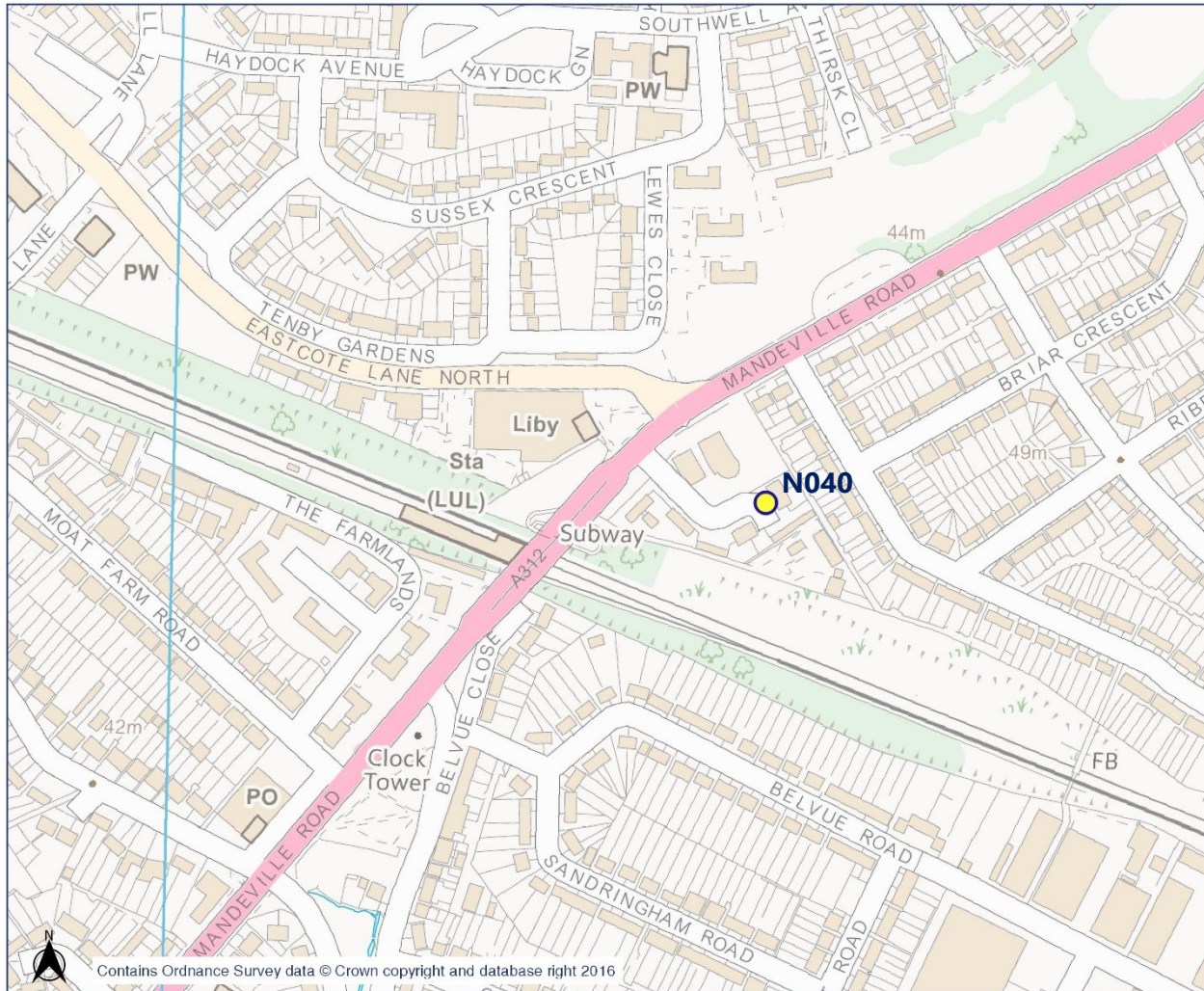






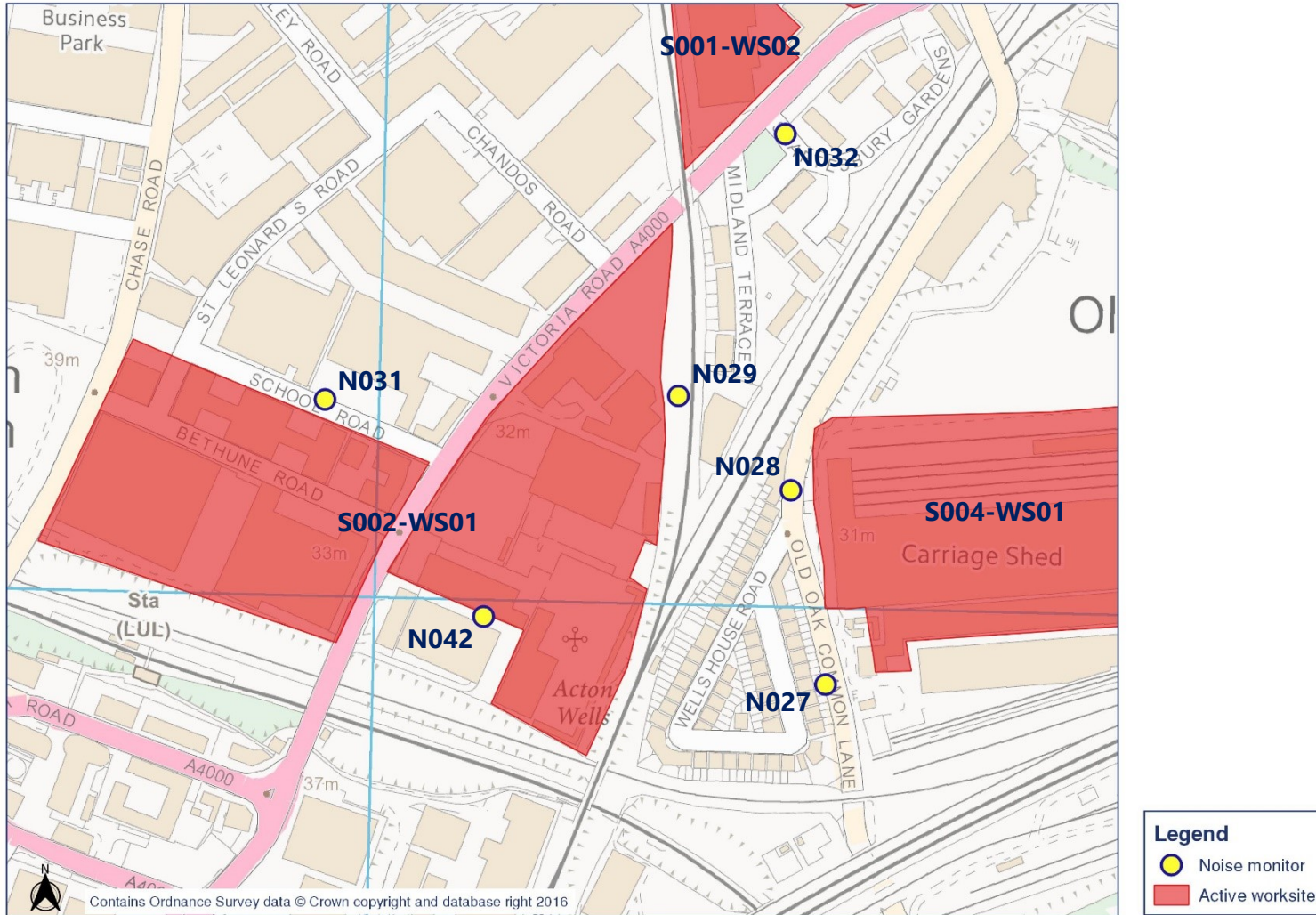
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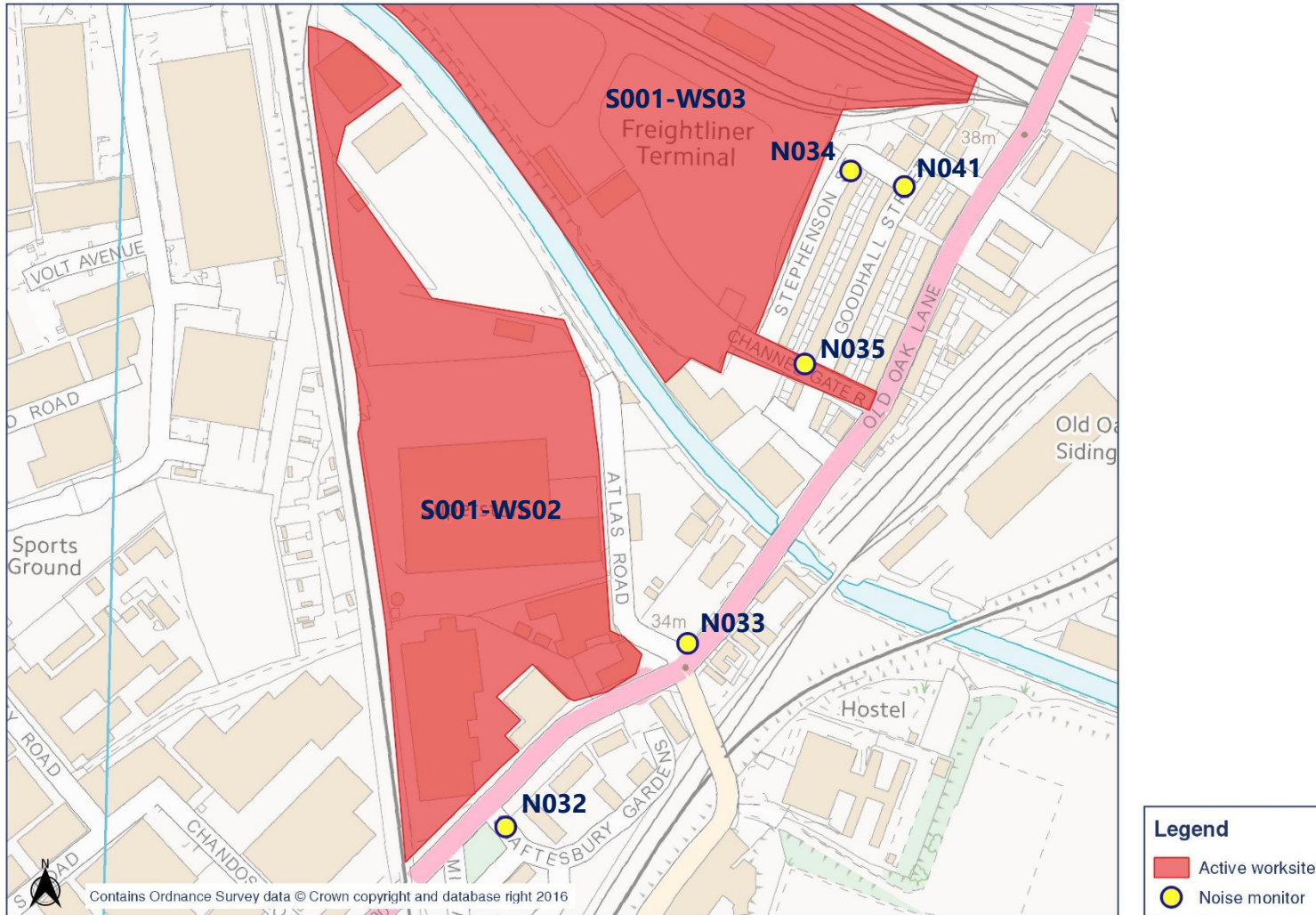




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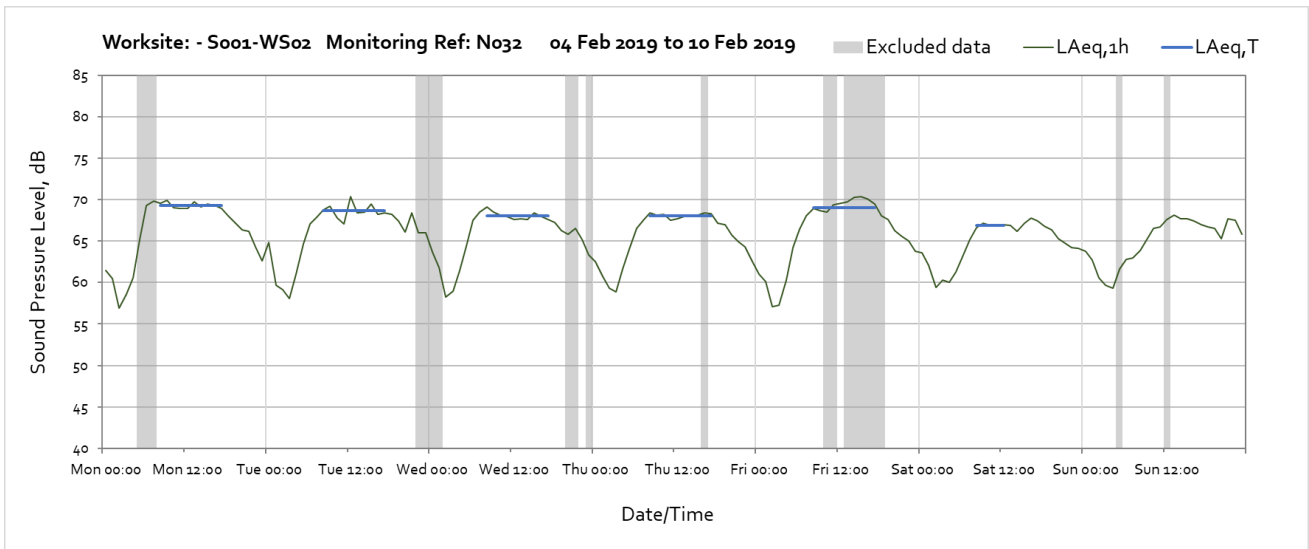
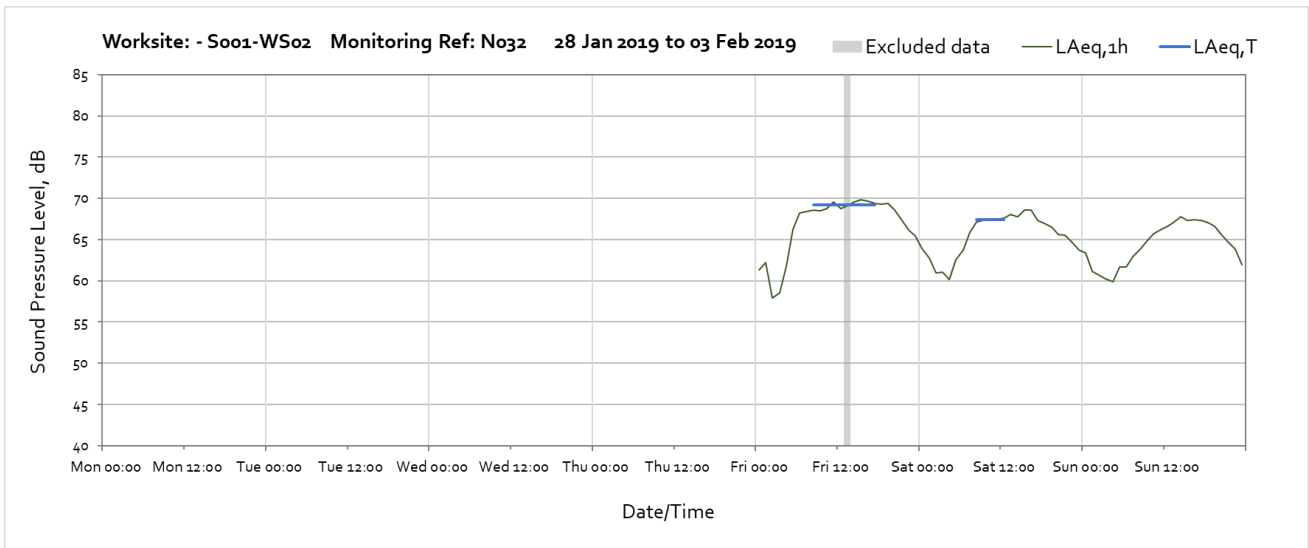


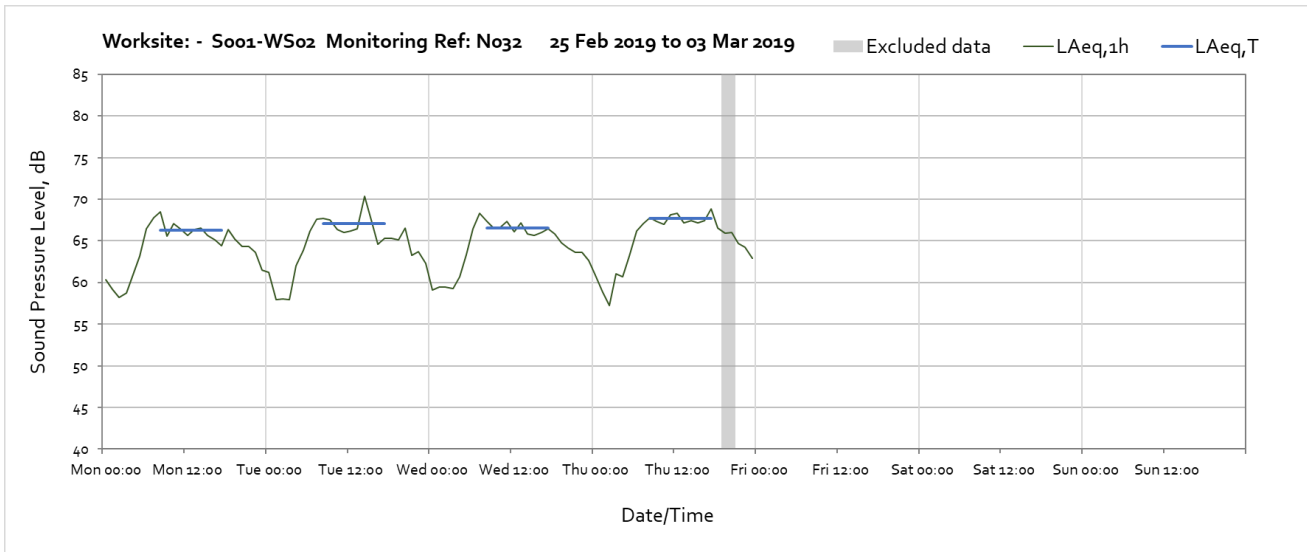
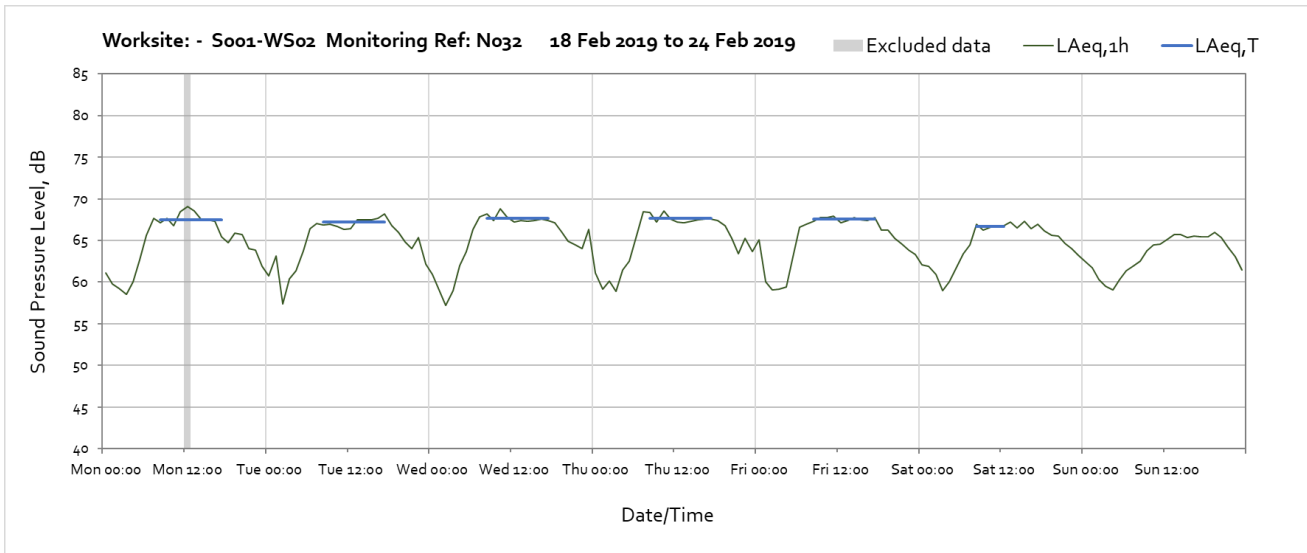
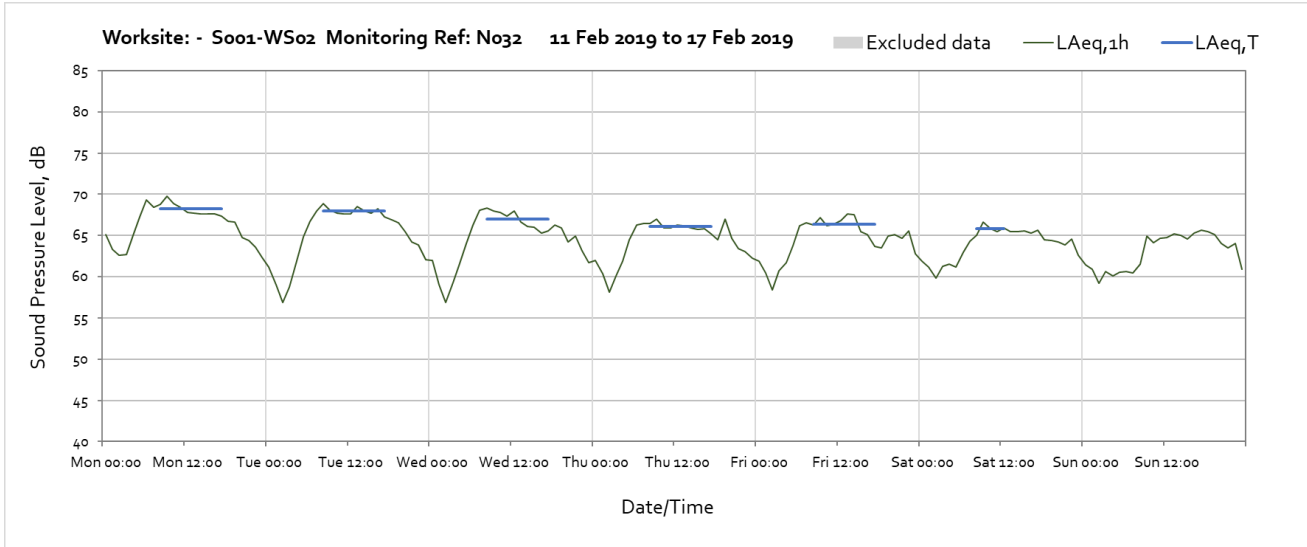


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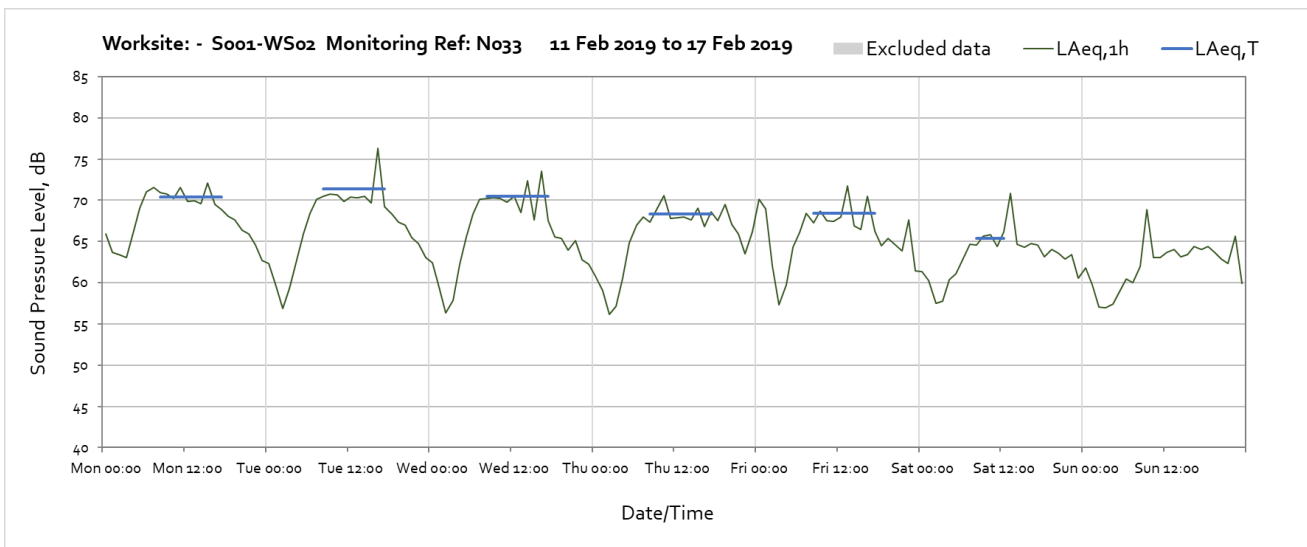
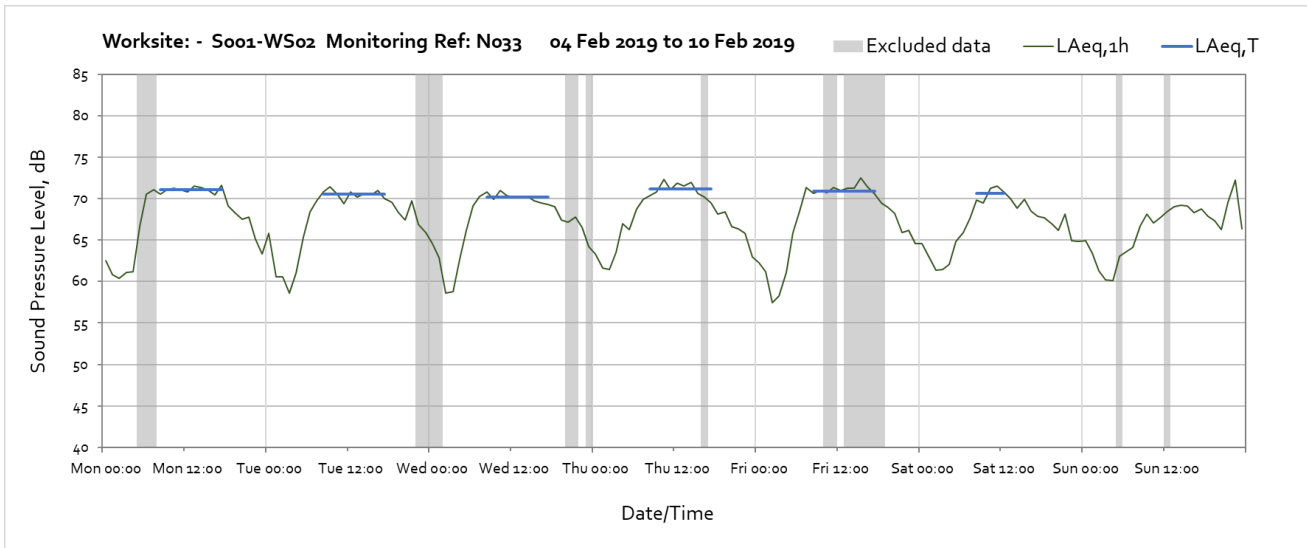
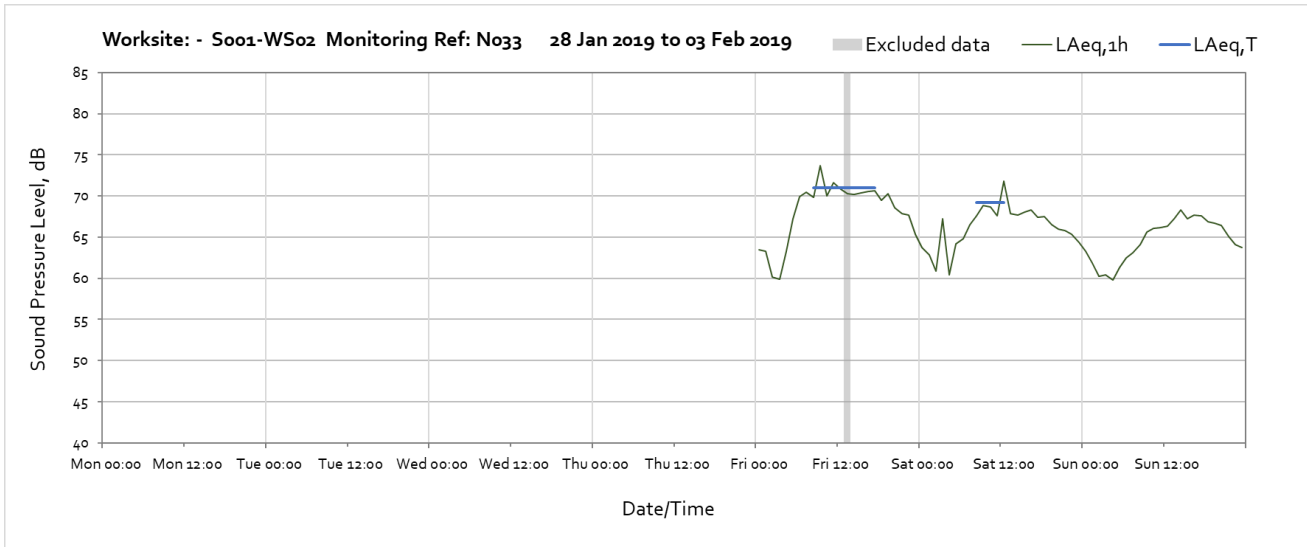
The following graphs show the hourly measured ambient noise level  $L_{Aeq,1h}$  and, where relevant, the averaged noise level  $L_{Aeq,T}$  values, where the time period T is as specified in Table 1 of HS2 Information Paper E23. Periods with adversely weather affected noise levels are greyed out and have been excluded from the calculation of the  $L_{Aeq,T}$  values.

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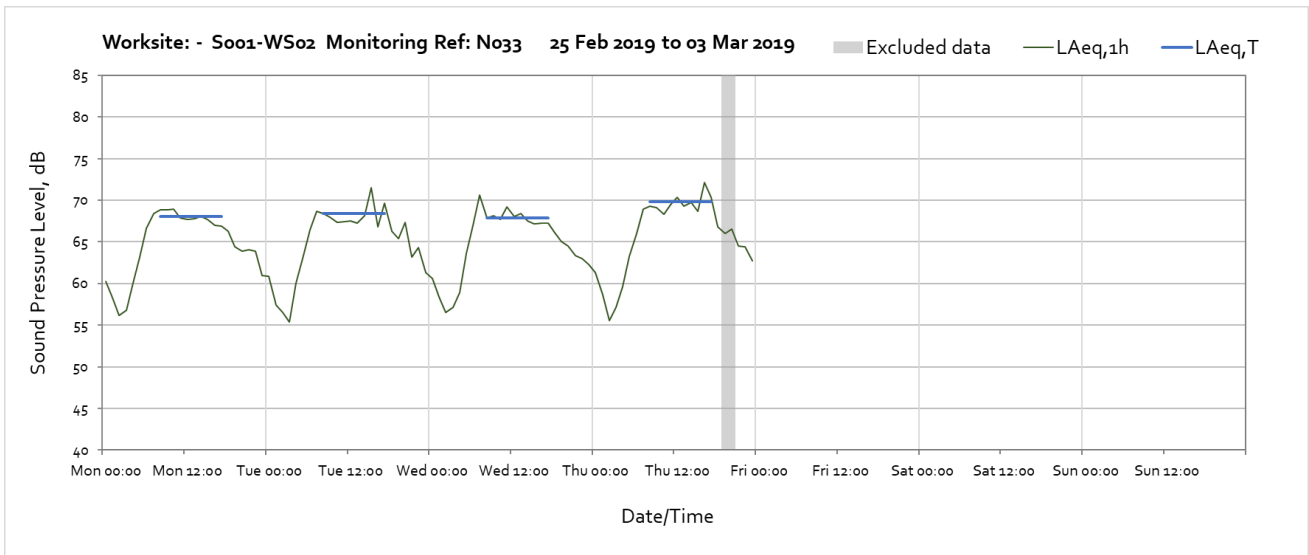
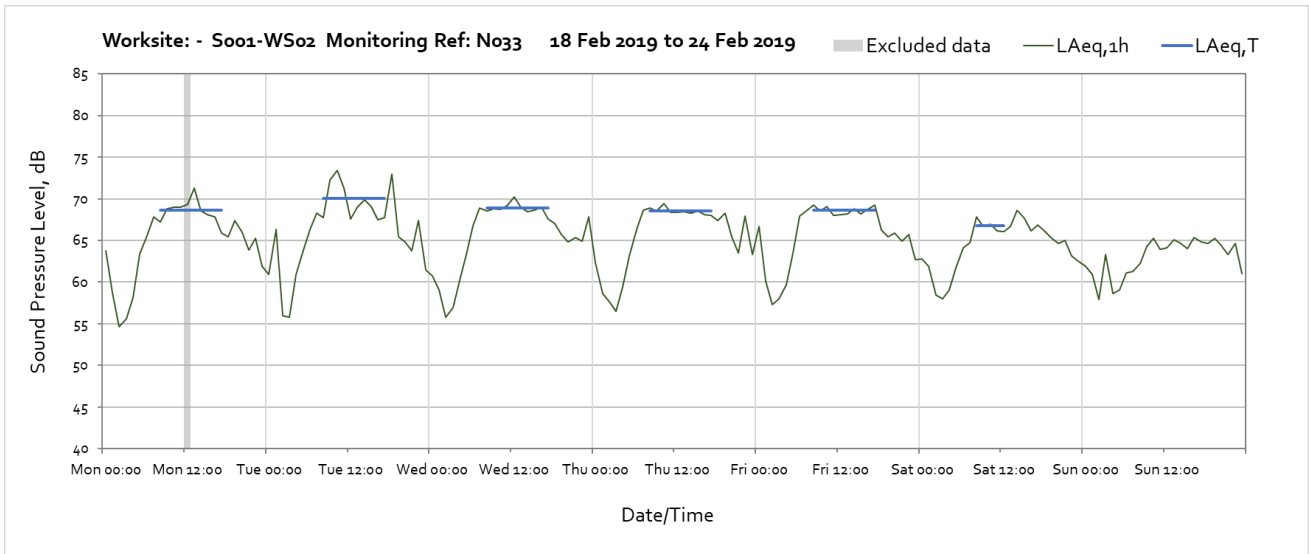




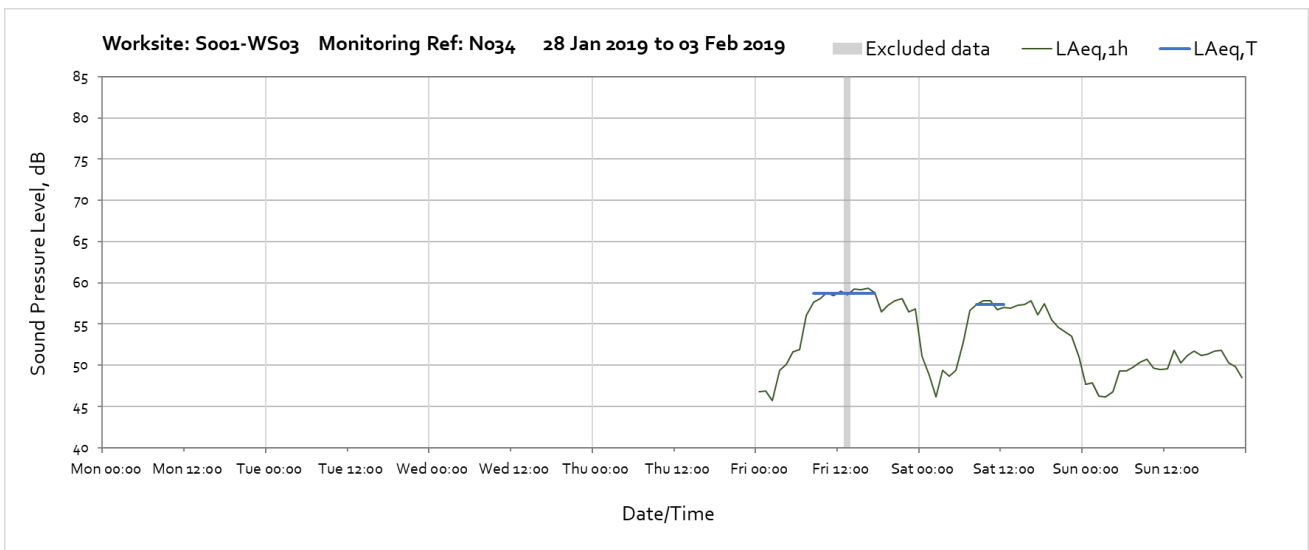
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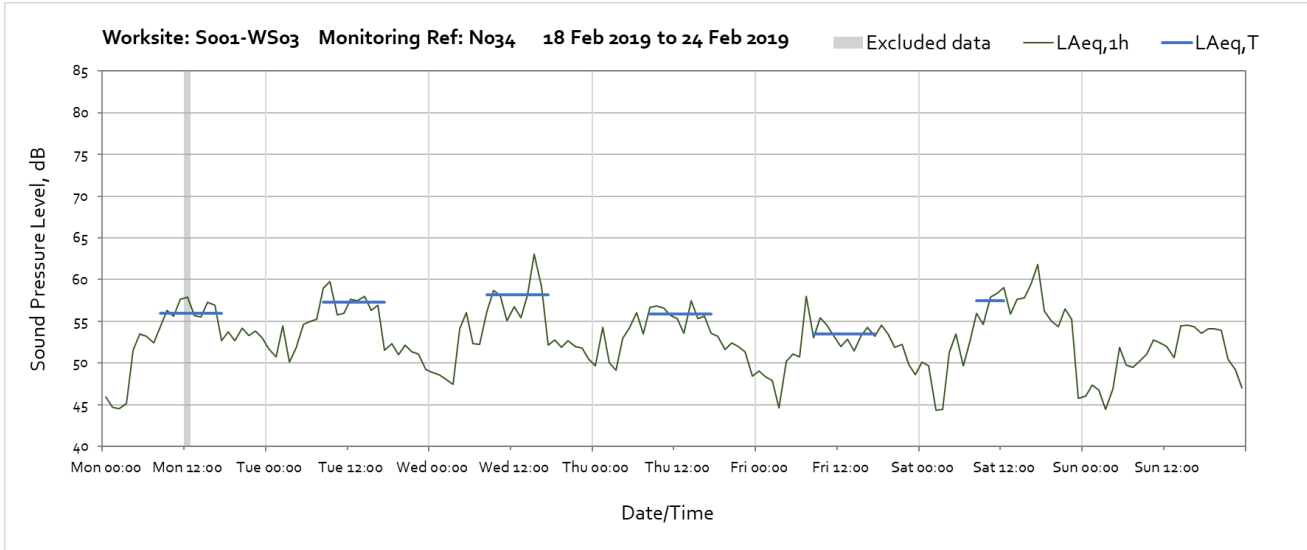
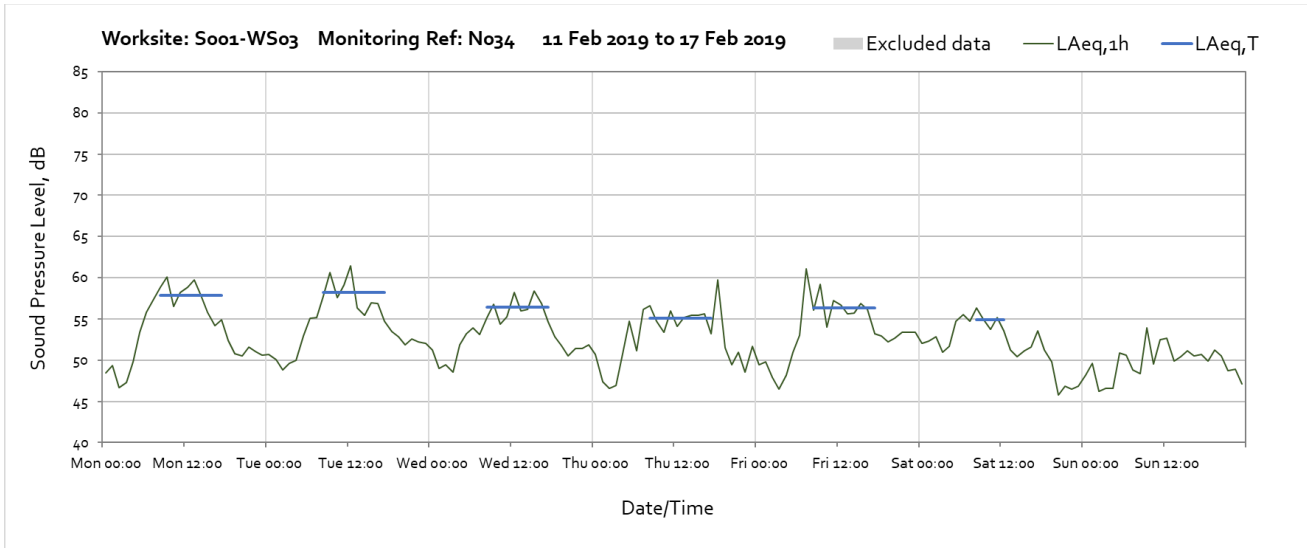
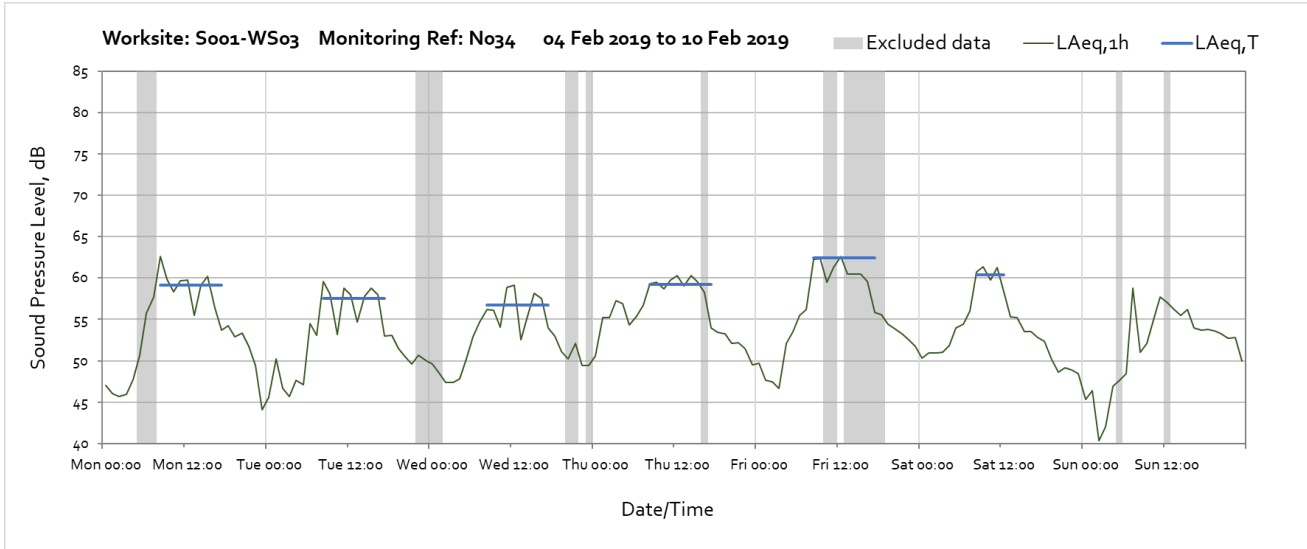


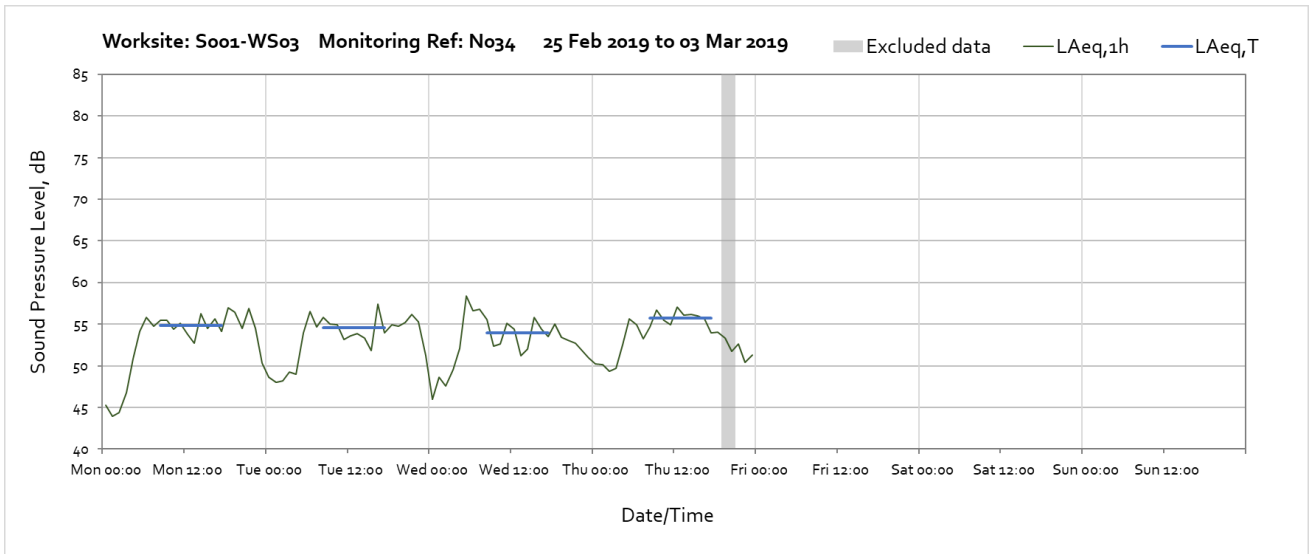




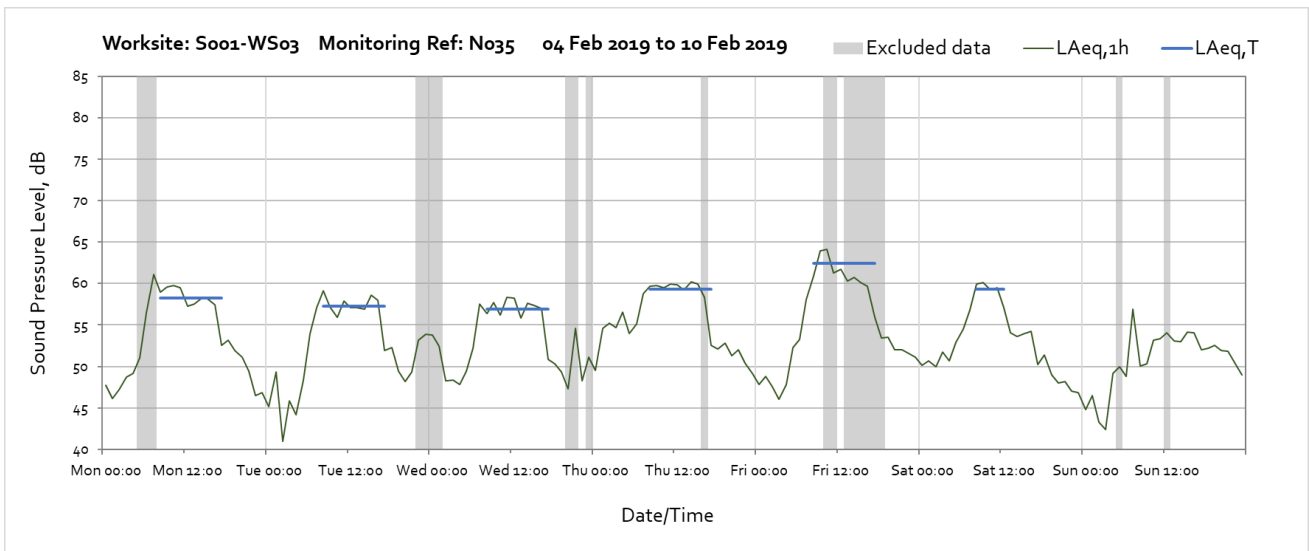
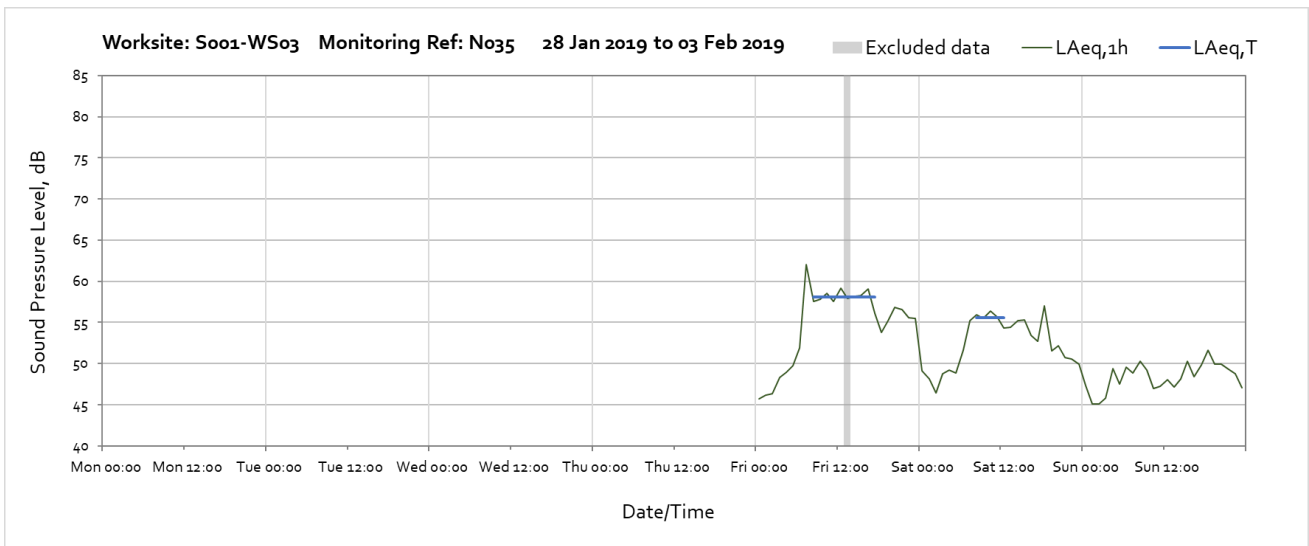
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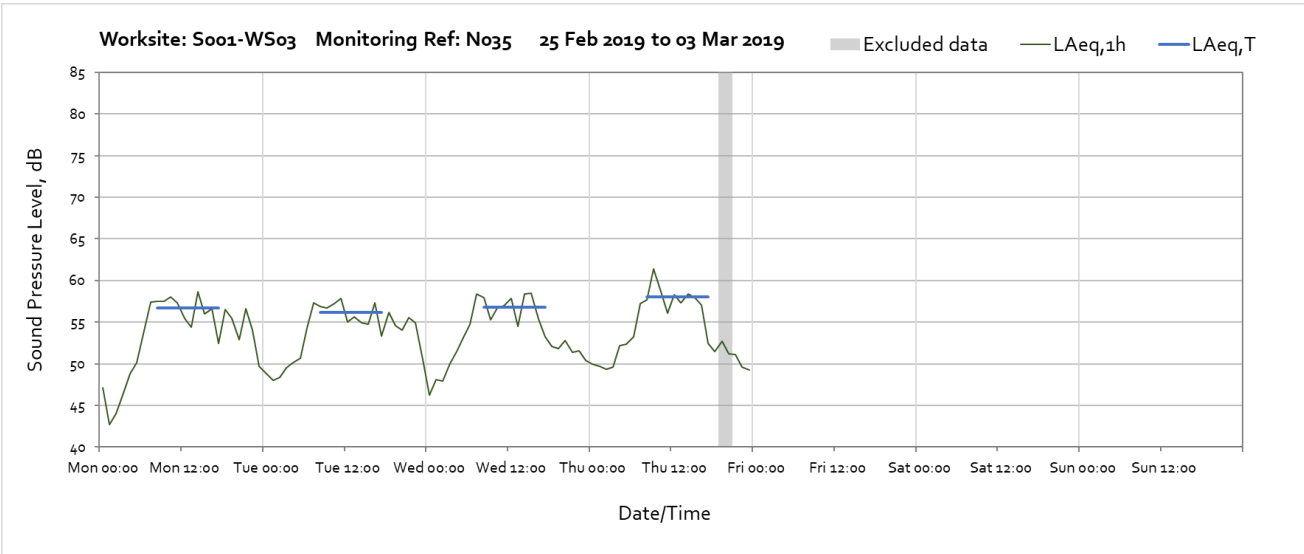
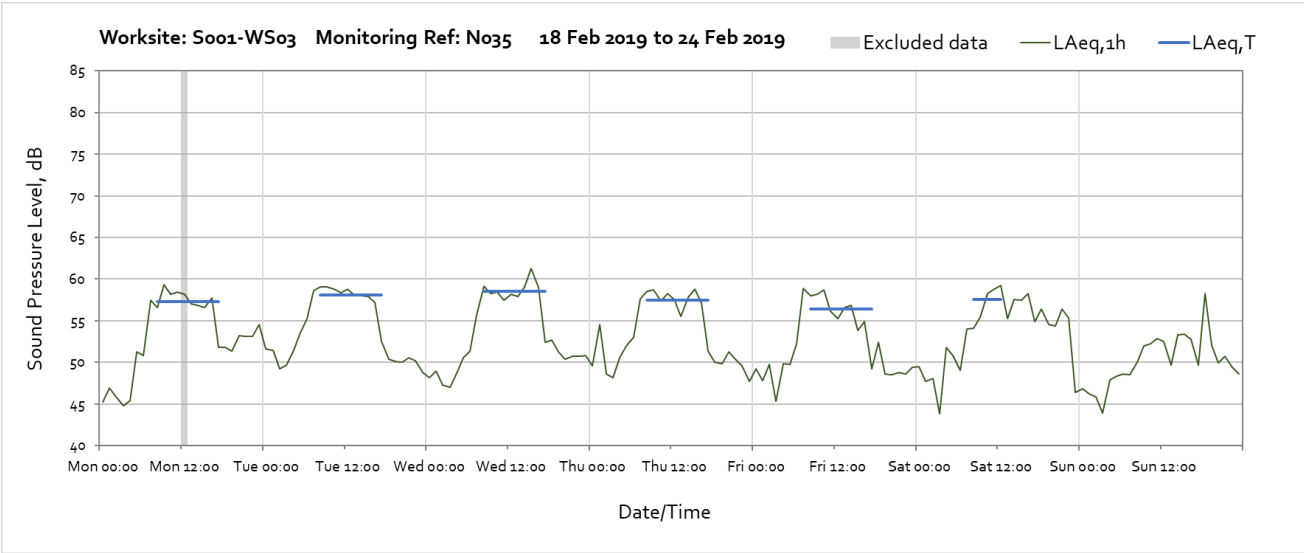
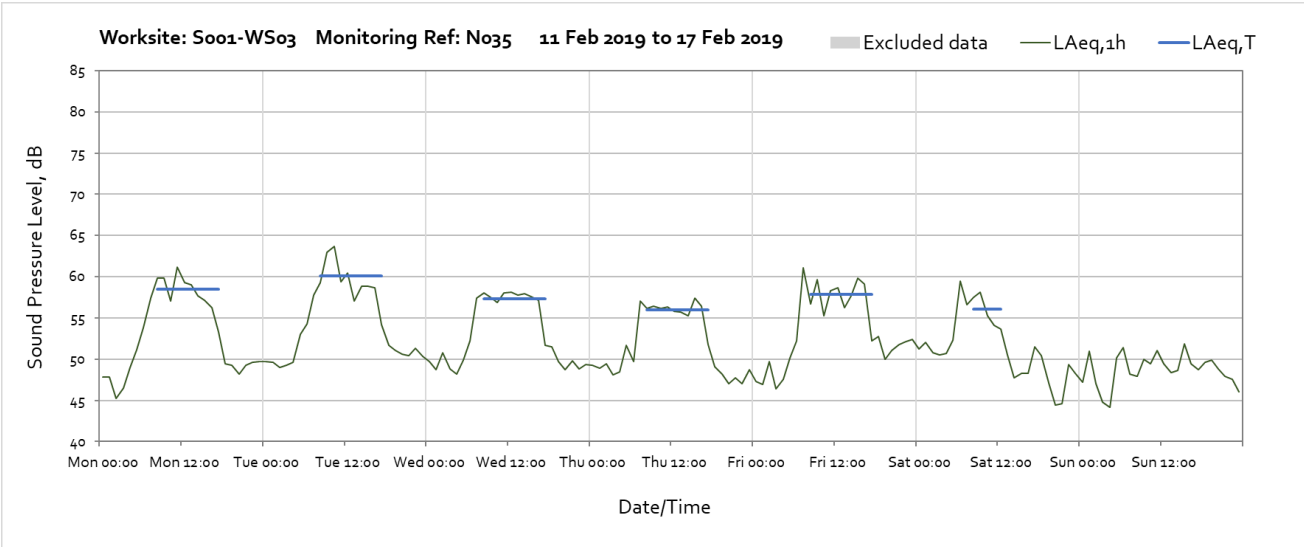




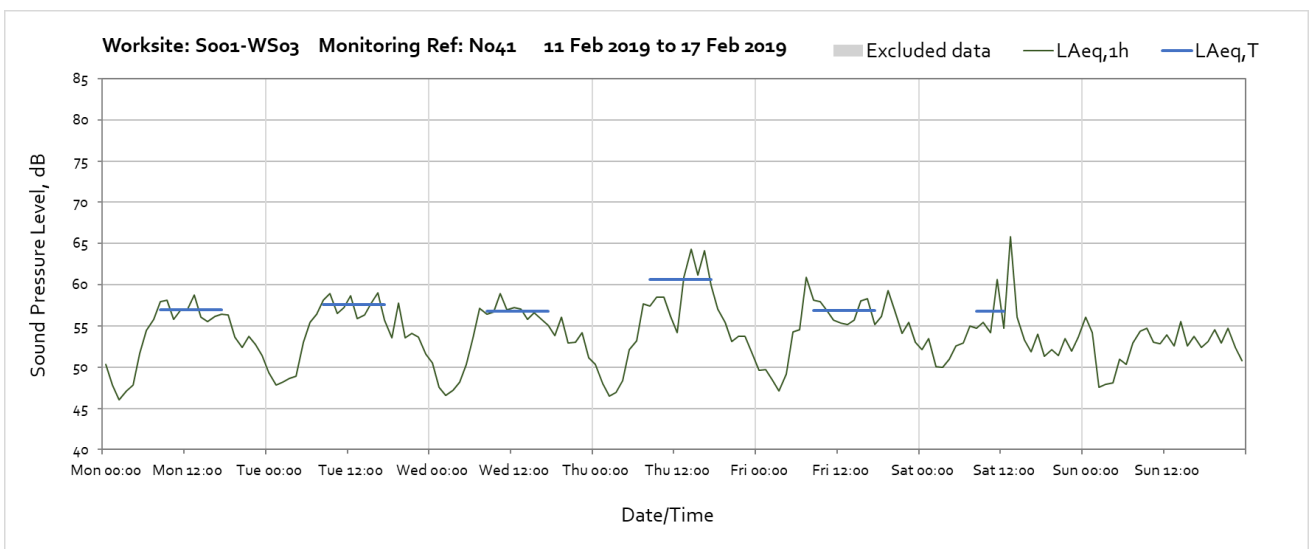
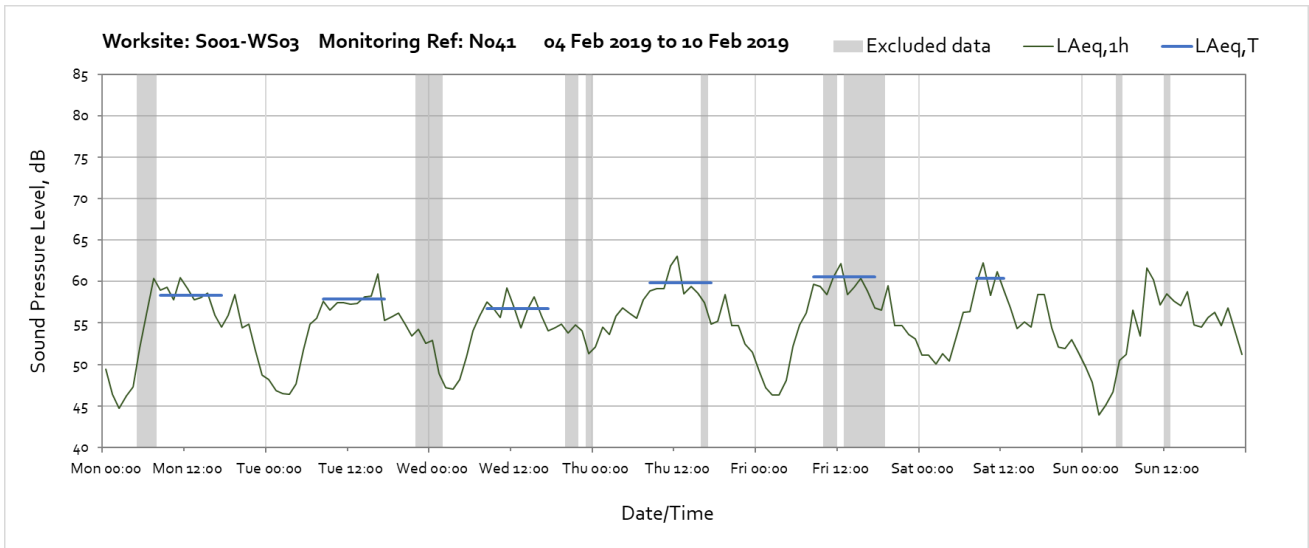
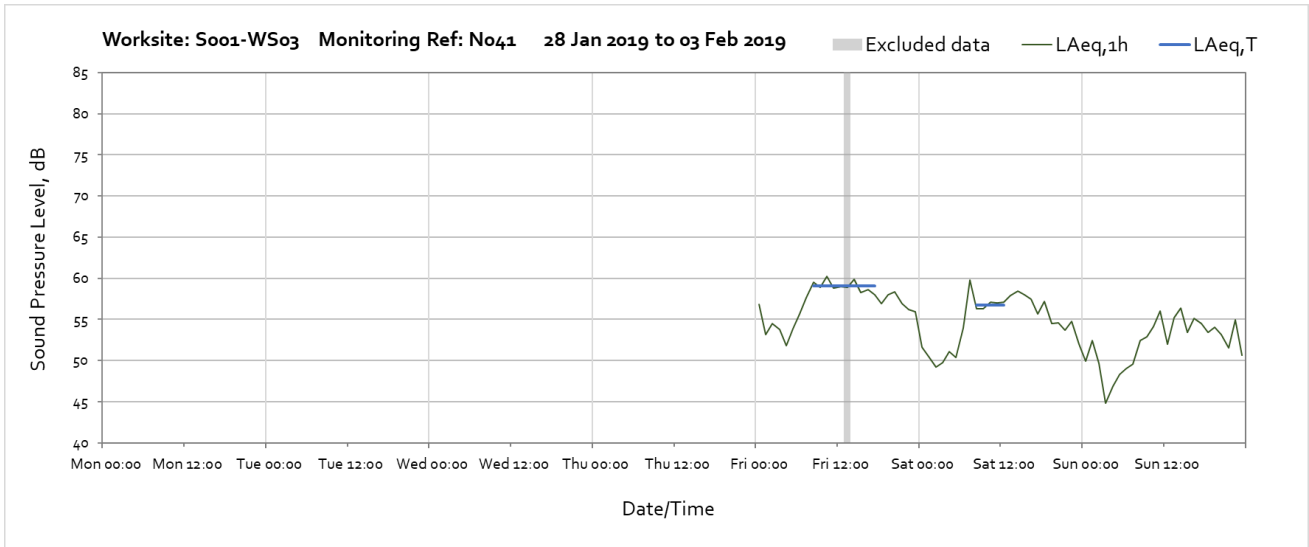


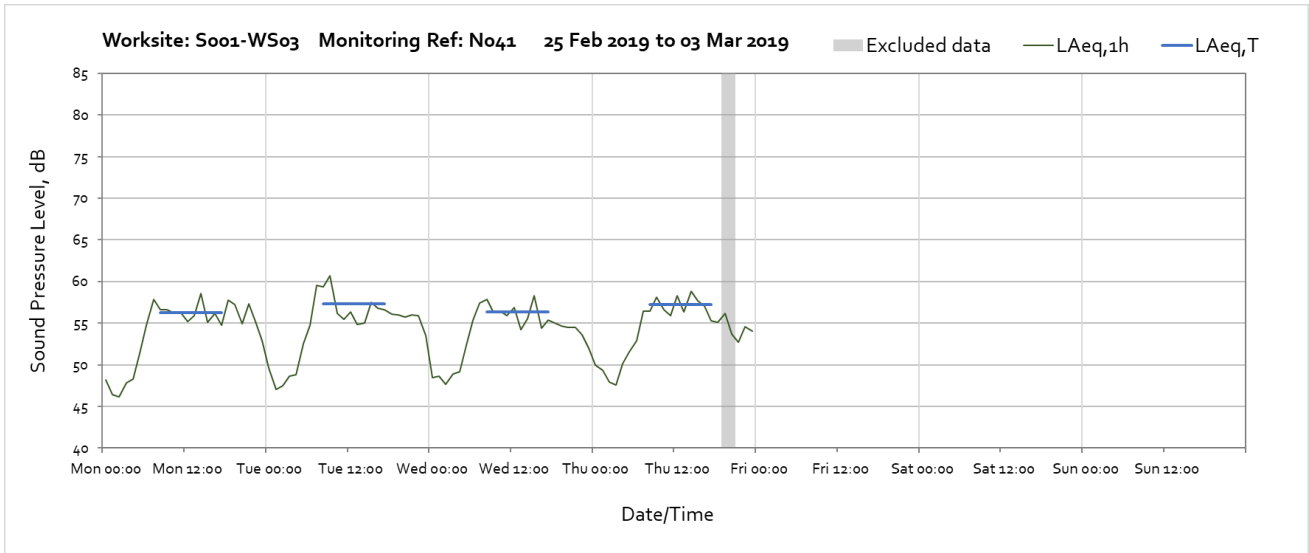
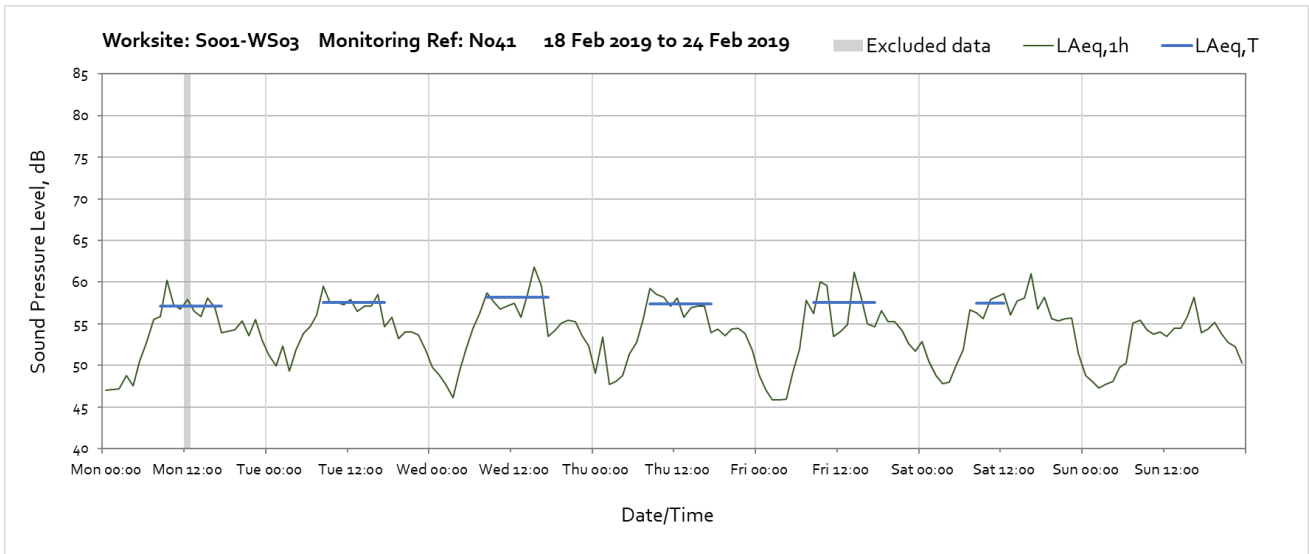
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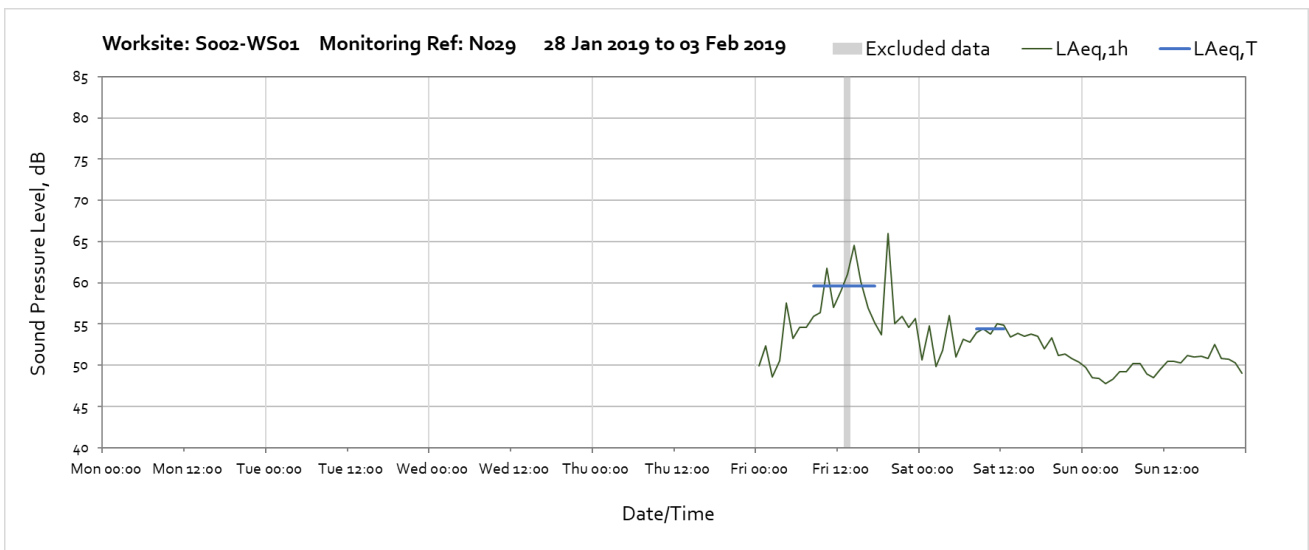


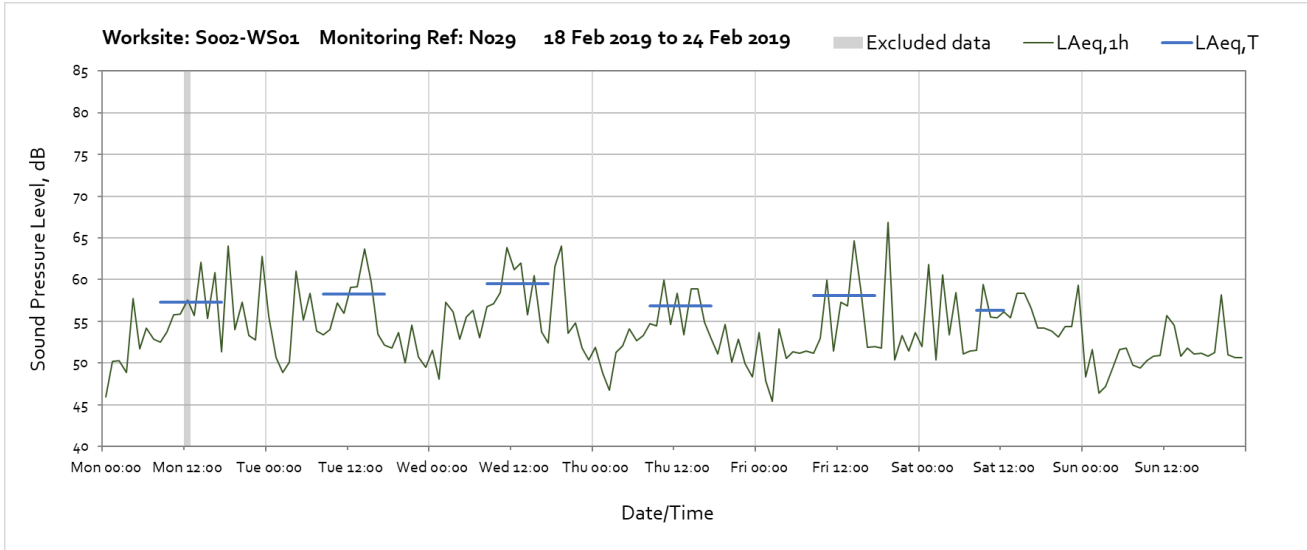
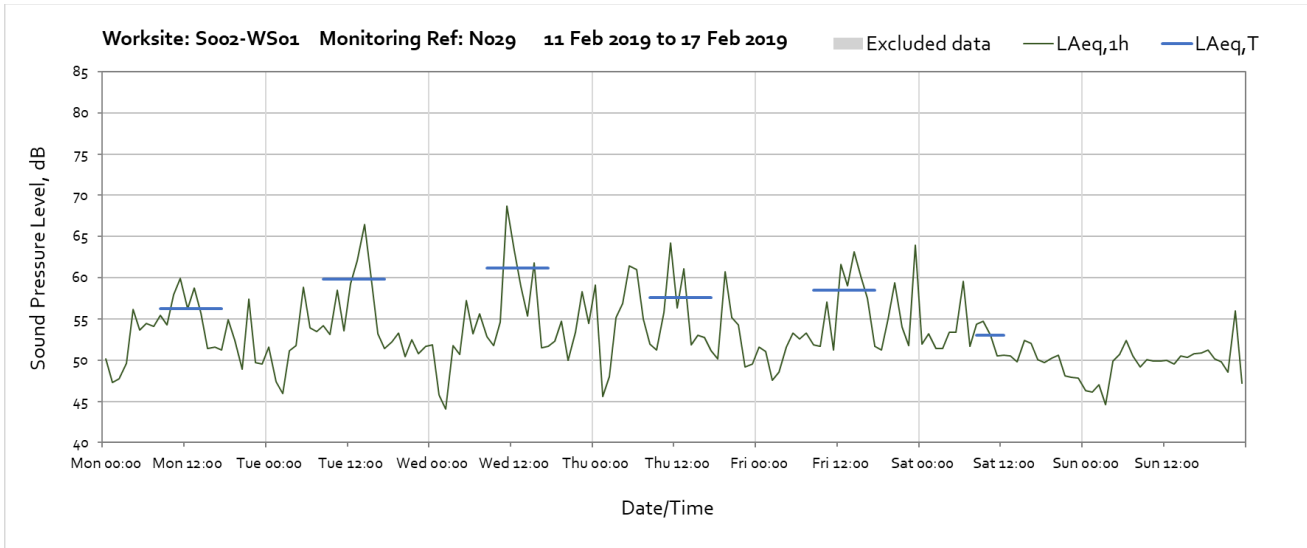
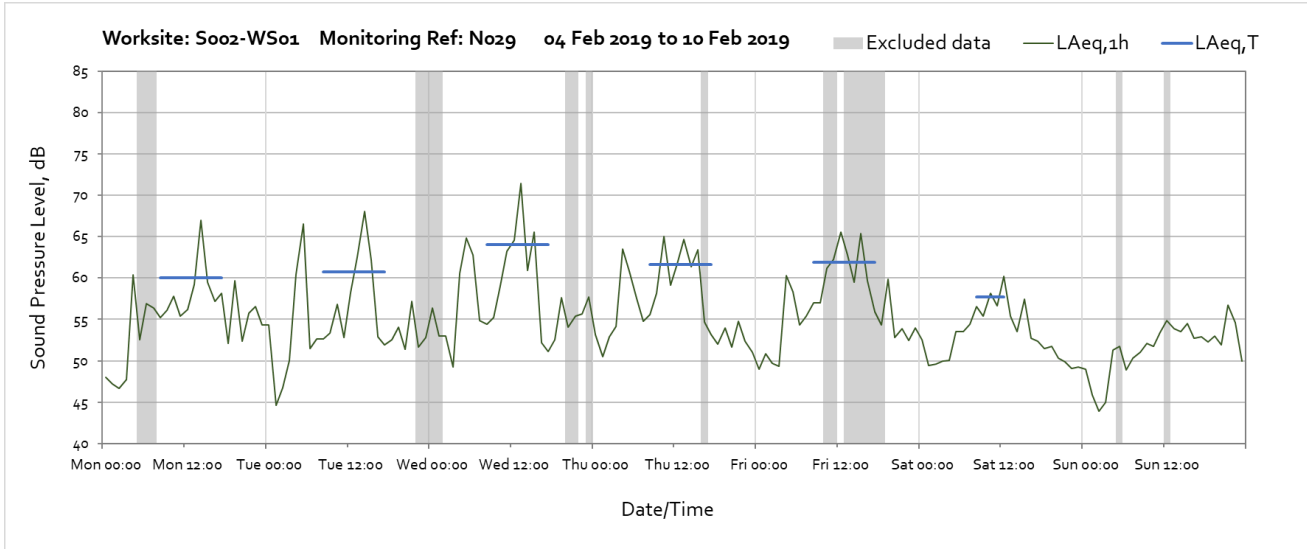
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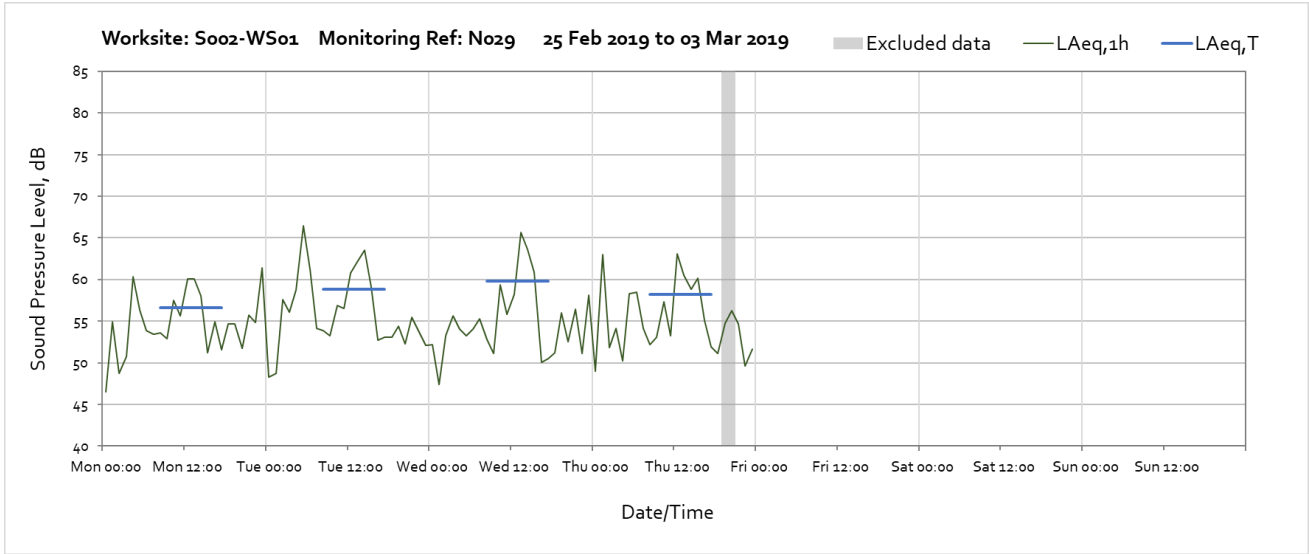




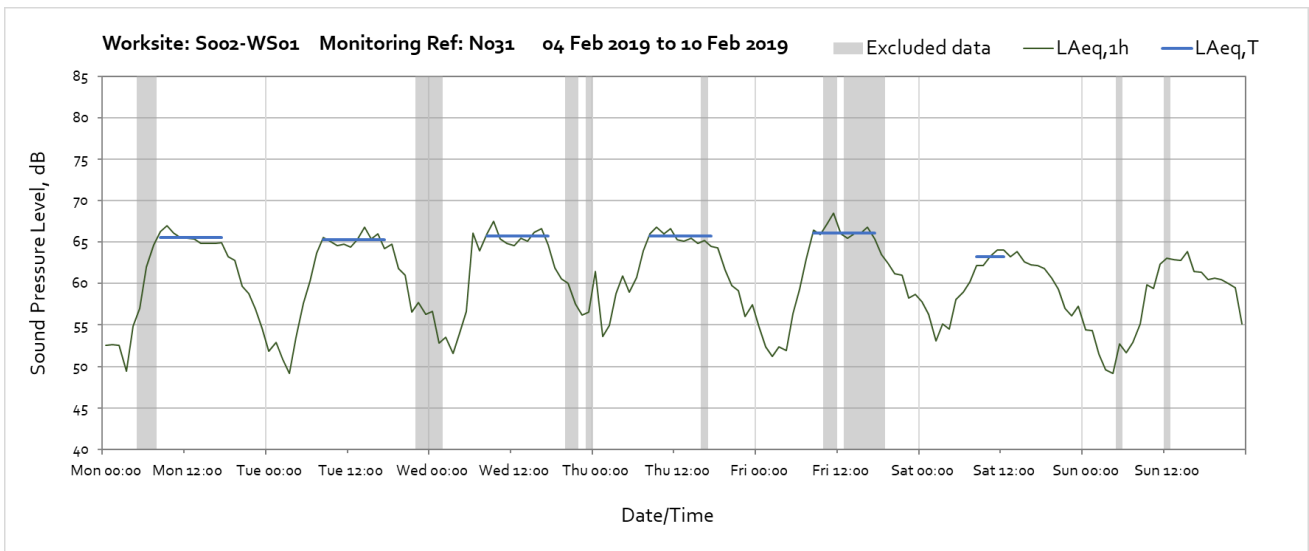
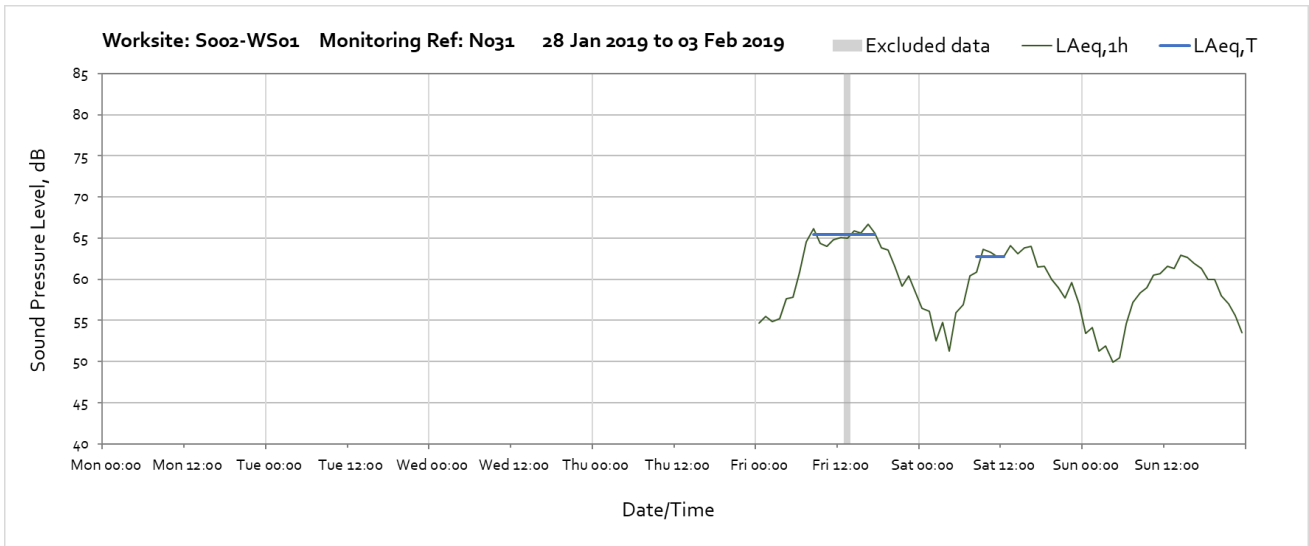
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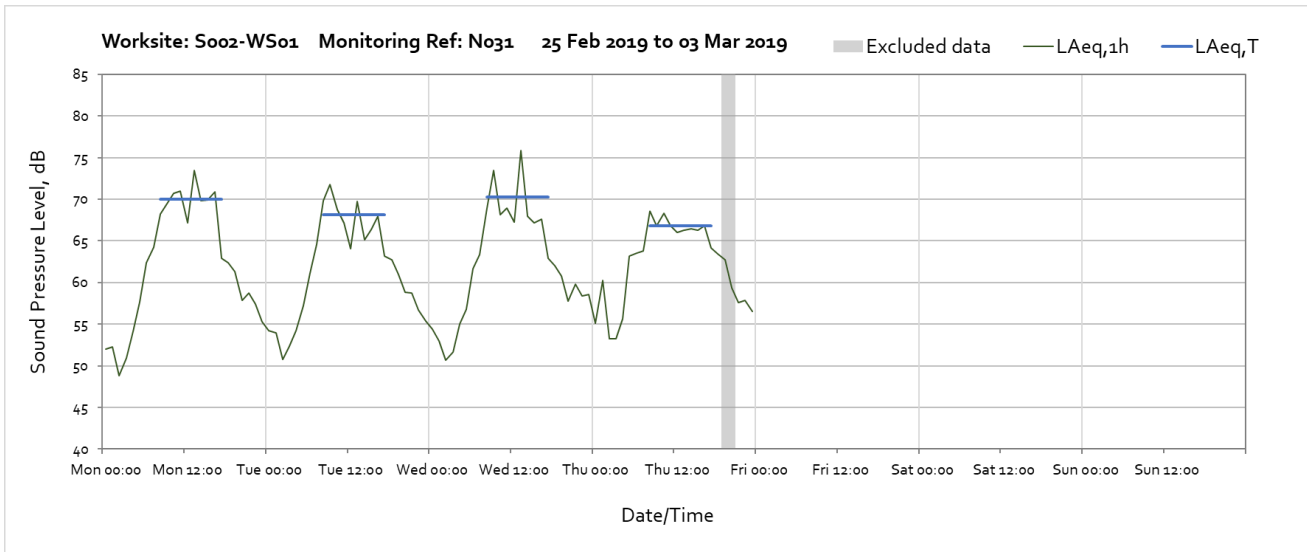
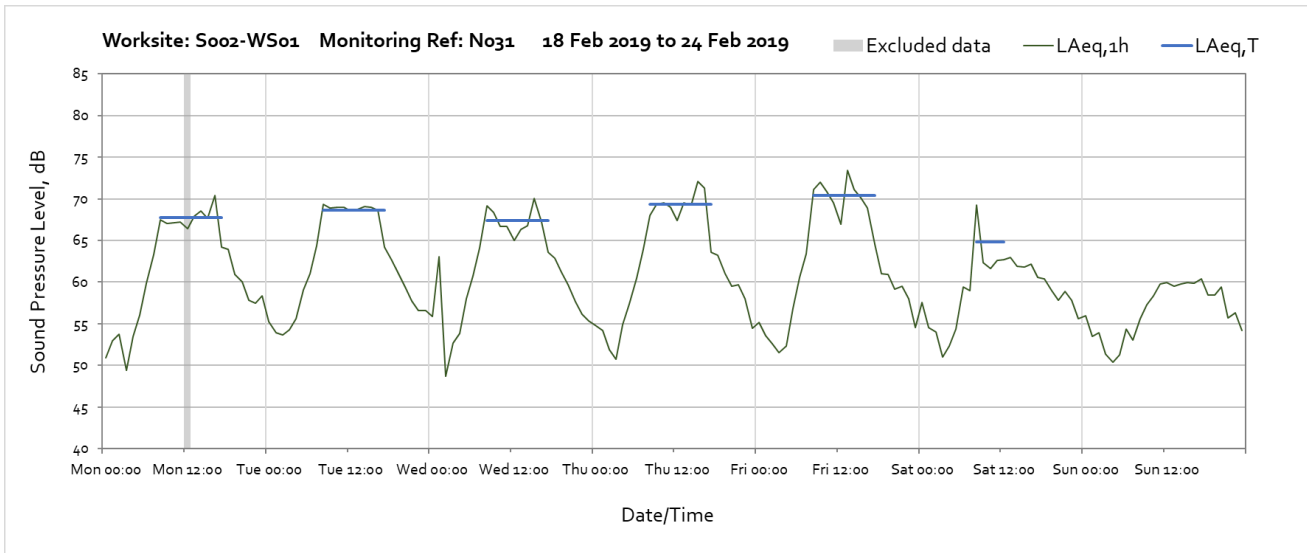
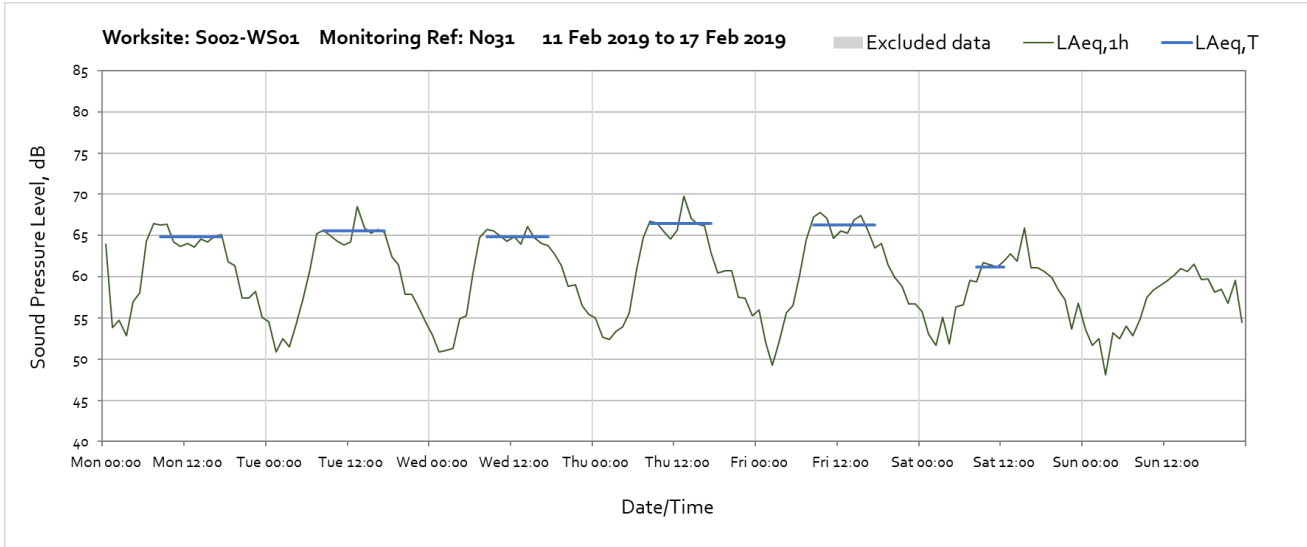




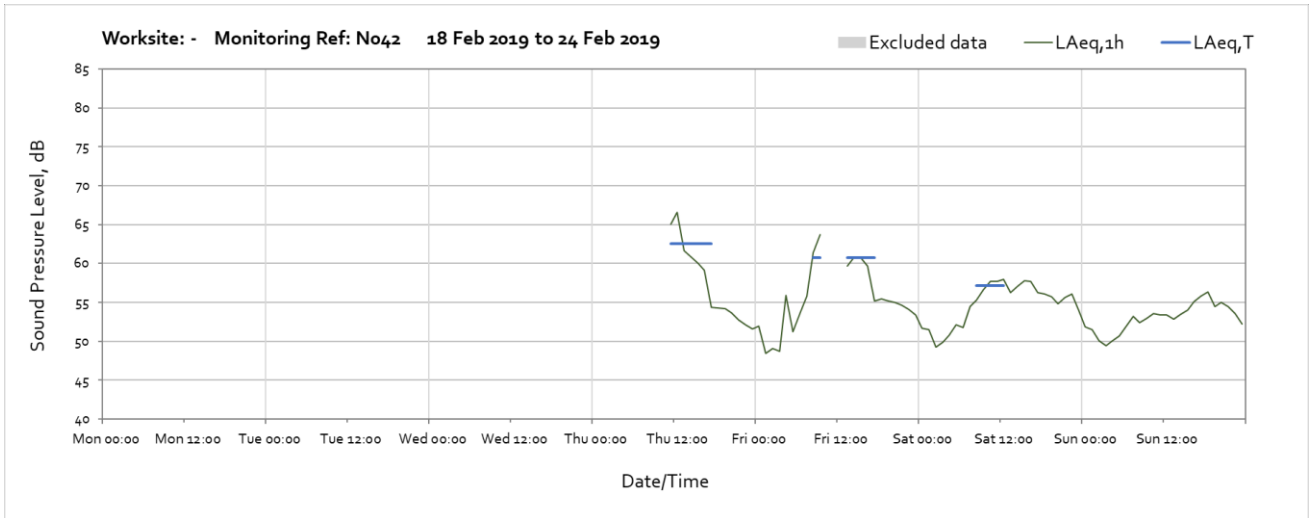
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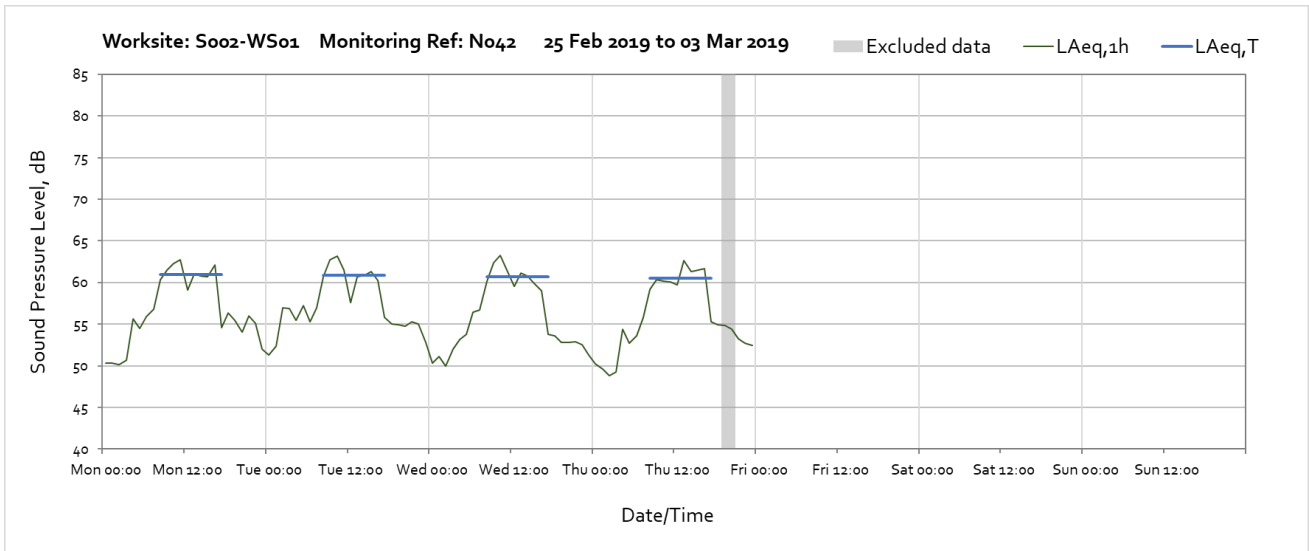




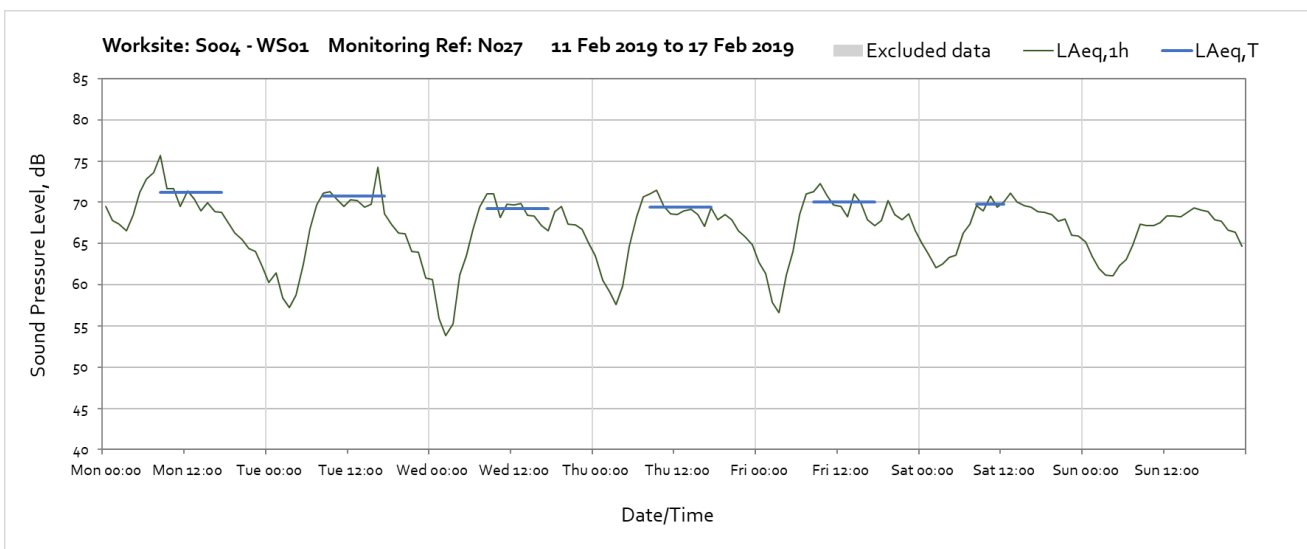
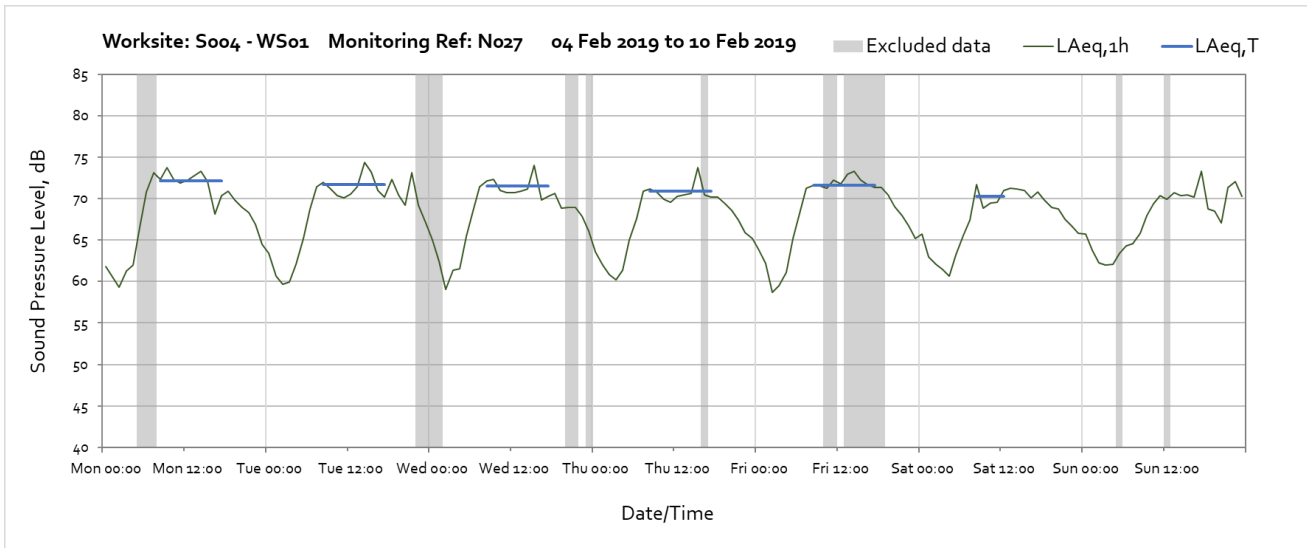
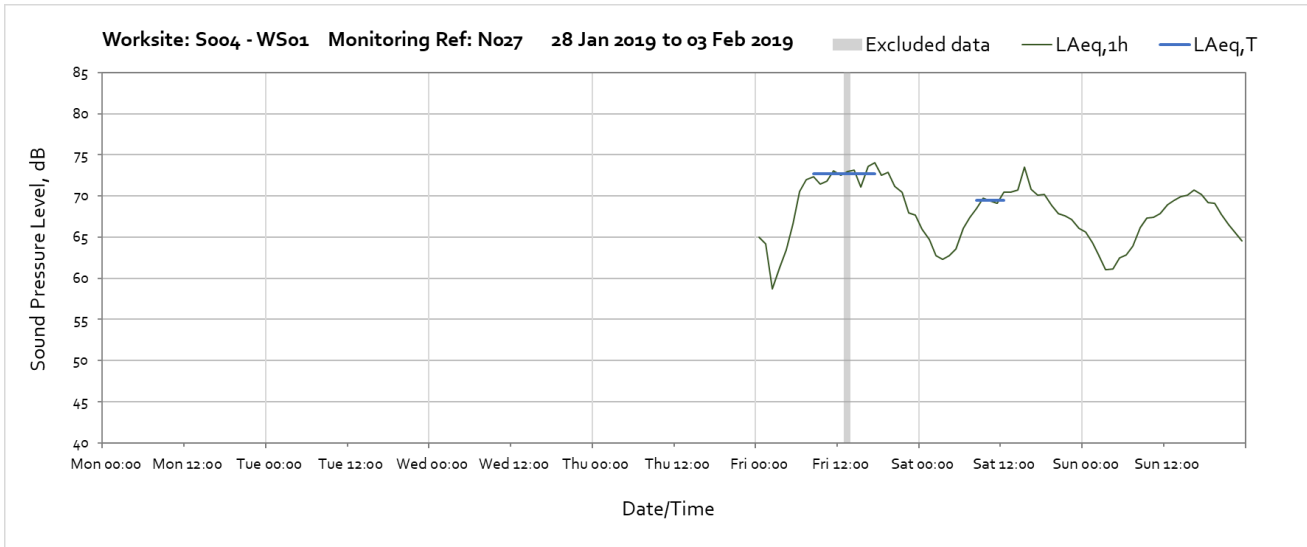
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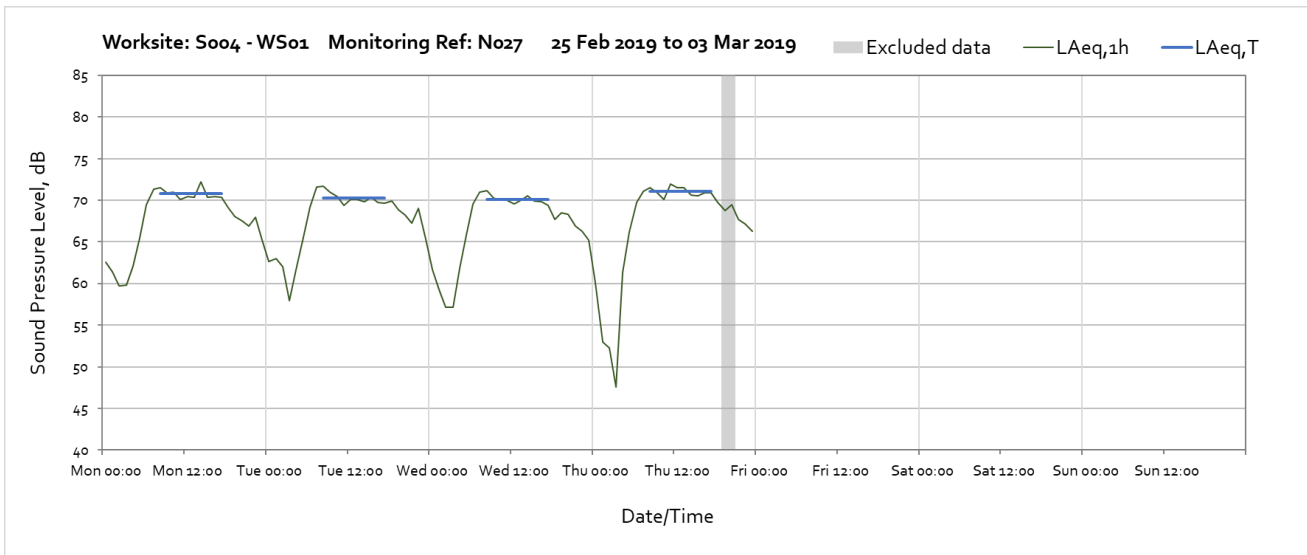
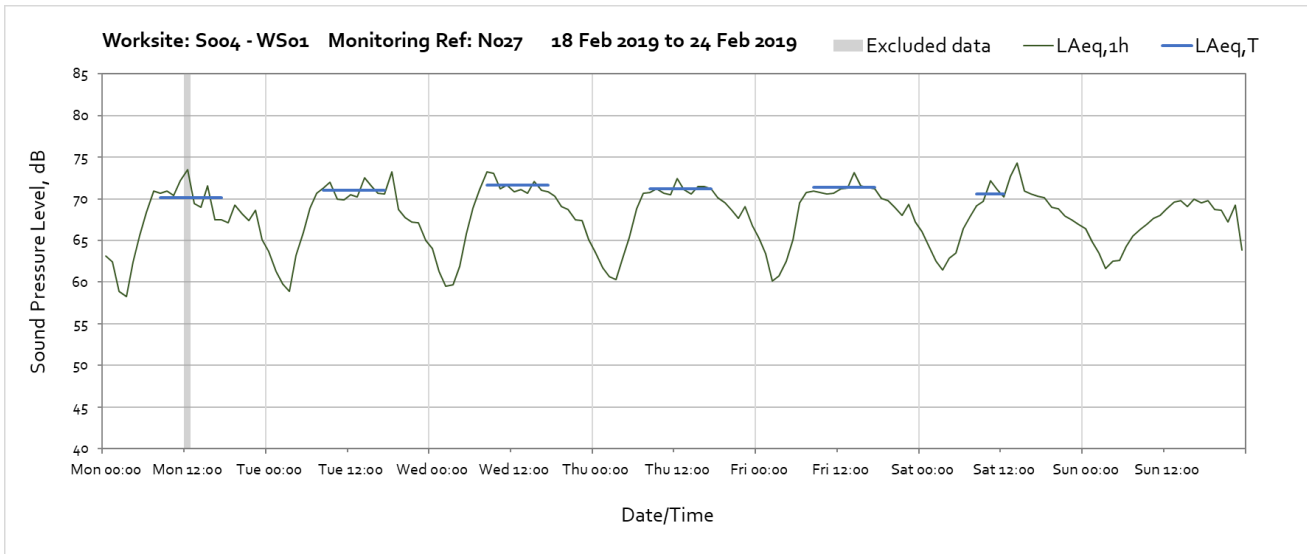


Note – Missing data between 10:00 and 13:00 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February were during maintenance operations at the noise monitor.

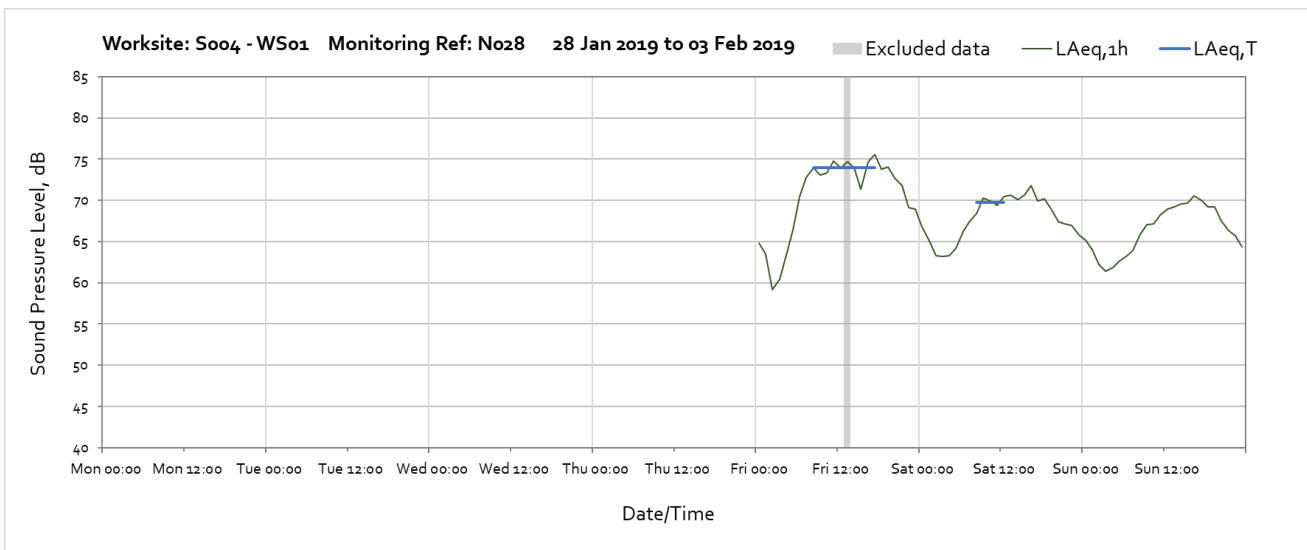


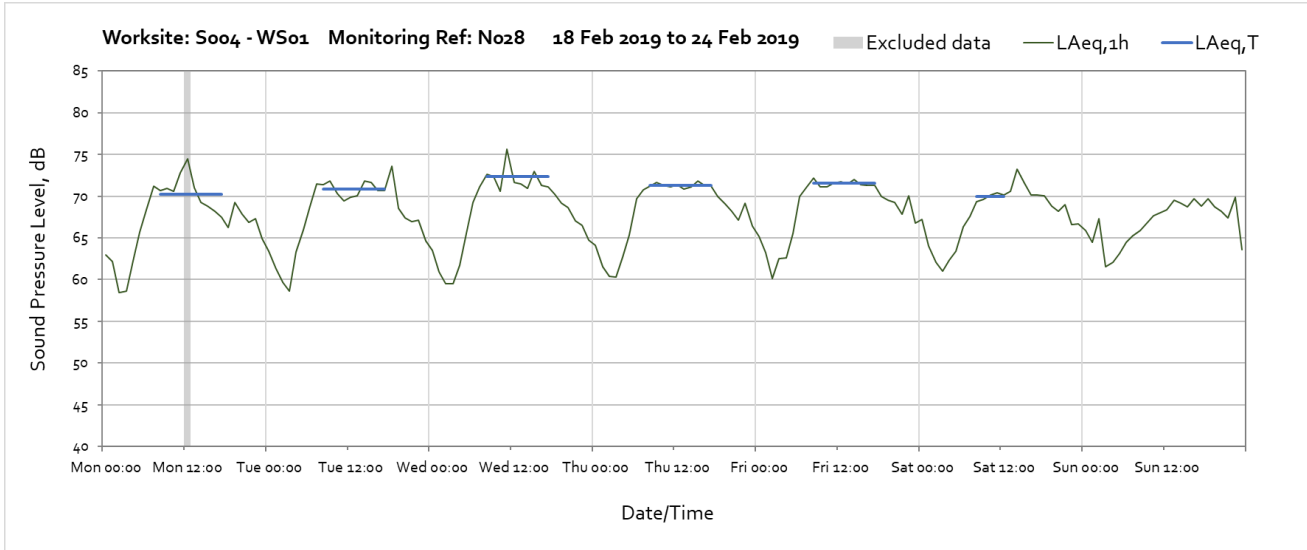
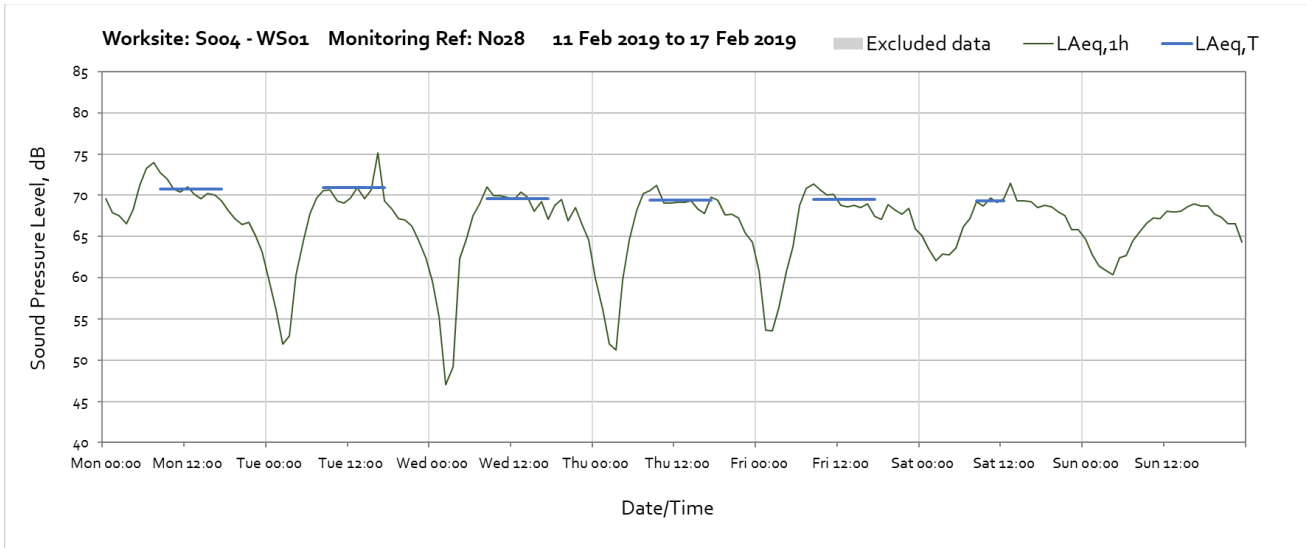
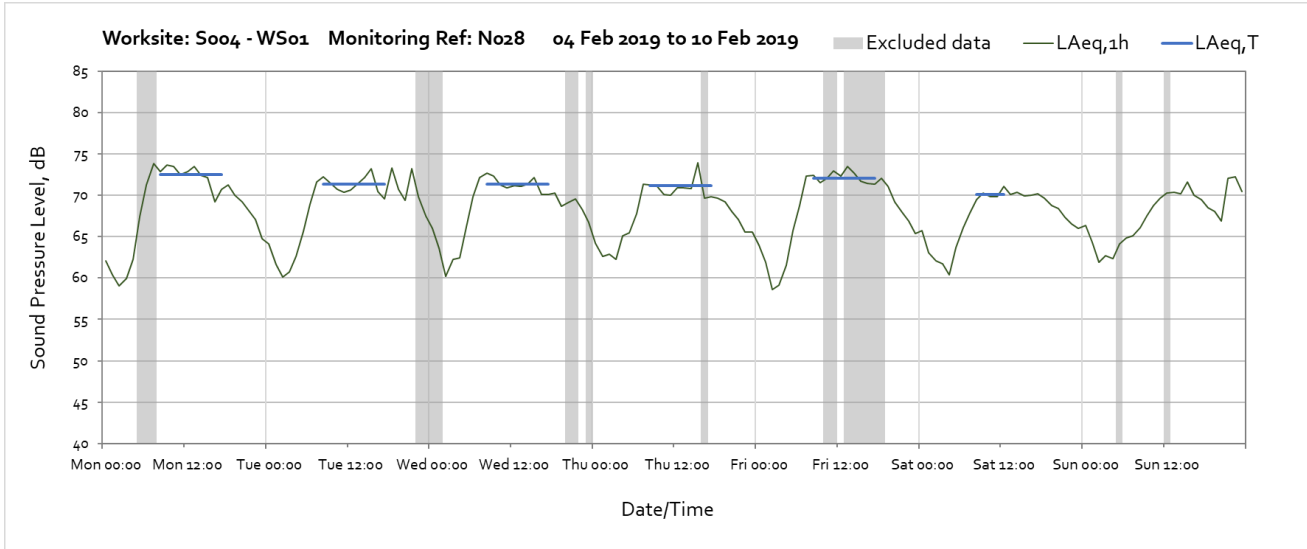
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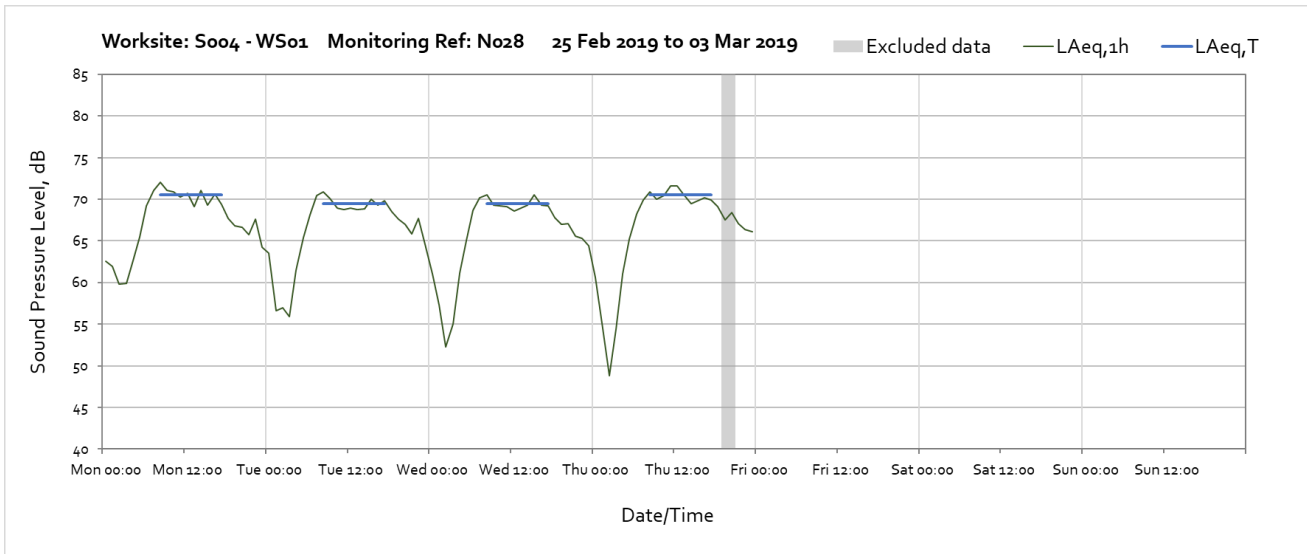




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## Monitoring Ref: N040

