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Construction Noise and Vibration Monthly Report – February 2022 Solihull Metropolitan District

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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 Solihull Metropolitan District (SMD) during the month of February 2022.

Within this period monitoring was undertaken at the following worksites:

- Noise monitoring was undertaken in the vicinity of the Birmingham Interchange Highways Worksite (ref.: WP062), where utility, highway construction and embankment works were underway.
- Noise monitoring was undertaken in the vicinity of the A452 compound (ref.: A452), where compound mobilisation works and haul road construction works were underway.
- Noise monitoring was undertaken in the vicinity of the Park Lane Worksite (ref.: PL) where construction and tarmacking of new access road, stockpiling, and deliveries occurred.
- Noise and Vibration monitoring was undertaken in the vicinity of the Balsall Common Viaduct Worksite (ref.: BCV) where piling works and site maintenance was undertaken.
- Noise monitoring was undertaken in the vicinity of the Carol Green Rail Underbridge Worksite (ref.: CGRU), where site maintenance, deliveries and rail works were undertaken.
- Noise and vibration monitoring were undertaken in the vicinity of the Waste Lane Overbridge and Satellite Worksite (ref.: WLOS), where secant piling works and working platform construction works were underway.

Further works, where monitoring did not take place, were also undertaken at the following locations:

• Hollywell Brook Birmingham Interchange Station (electricity utility works).

The HS2 threshold levels for significant noise impacts, which are defined in Information Paper E23 (<u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-information-papers-environment</u>), were not exceeded during the reporting period.

There were no exceedances of trigger levels as defined in Section 61 consents during the reporting period at any monitoring position.

No complaints were received during the monitoring period.

Abbreviations and Descriptions

The abbreviations, descriptions and project terminology used within this report can be found in Table 1.

Table 1: Table of Abbreviations

Acronym/Term	Definition
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)'.
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.
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.
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 +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.
LOAEL	Lowest Observed Adverse Effect Level - the level above which adverse effects on health and quality of life can be detected.
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.
SOAEL	Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level - the level above which significant adverse effects on health and quality of life occur.
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 HS2 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.
- 1.1.2 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 Solihull Metropolitan District (SMD) for the period 1st to 28th February 2022.
- 1.1.3 Construction sites in the local authority area where monitoring was undertaken during this period include:
 - Birmingham Interchange Highway / WP062 worksite, reference WP062 (see plan 1 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - highway and utility works at the entrance to Birmingham Business Park;
 - highway works along the B4438; and
 - embankment works for new bridge over the M42.
 - A452 worksite, reference A452 (see plan 2 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - o compound mobilisation works; and
 - haul road construction.
 - Park Lane worksite, reference PL (see plan 2 and 3 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - o construction and tarmacking of new access road;
 - o stockpiling; and
 - \circ deliveries.

- Balsall Common Viaduct worksite, reference BCV (see plan 4 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - rigid inclusion (10m holes dug using a large piling rig/hole borer, filled with concrete to eventually support an embankment); and
 - site maintenance.
- Carol Green Rail Underbridge worksite, reference CGRU (see plan 4 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - o site maintenance;
 - o deliveries; and
 - rail works including trial holes.
- Waste Lane Overbridge and Satellite worksite, reference WLOS (see plan 4 in Appendix A), where work activities included:
 - secant piling works; and
 - working platform construction.
- 1.1.4 Further works, where monitoring did not take place, were also undertaken at the following locations:
 - Hollywell Brook Birmingham Interchange Station (electricity works).
- 1.1.5 Applicable standards, guidance, and monitoring methodology are 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 Twelve (12) noise and two (2) vibration monitoring installations were active in
 February in the SMD area. Table 2 summarises the position of noise and vibration
 monitoring installations within the SMD area in February 2022.
- 1.2.2 Maps showing the position of noise monitoring installations are presented in Appendix B.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Address
WP062	WP062-1	Birmingham Business Park, Solihull Parkway, Solihull

Table 2: Monitoring Locations

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Address					
	WP062-2	Holiday Inn Express, Bickenhill Parkway, Solihull					
A452 compound	A452-1	Marsh House Farm, Brandocks Marsh, Solihull					
Park Lane	PL-1	Park Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
	PL-2	The Laurel, Lavender Hall Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
	PL-3	Holly Acre Lodge, Kenilworth Road, Solihull					
PL-4		Top Lodge, Kenilworth Road, Solihull					
Balsall Common Viaduct	BCV-1	Cherry Tree Cottage, Truggist Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
Carol Green Rail Underbridge	CGRU-1	The Stables, Truggist Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
Waste Lane	WLOS-1	19 Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green, Warwickshire					
Overbridge and Satellite	WLOS-2	Little Beanitt Farm, Waste Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
	WLOS-3	Dragonflies, Waste Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					
	WLOS-V1	19 Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green, Warwickshire					
	WLOS-V2	Little Beanitt Farm, Waste Lane, Balsall Common, Solihull					

2 Summary of Results

2.1 Summary of Measured Noise Levels

2.1.1 Table 3 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.

Table 3: Summary of Measured dB LAeq Data over the Monitoring Period

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Free-field or Façade Measurement	Weekday 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
WP062	WP062-1	Birmingham Business Park	Free-field	39.7	60.8	56.5	52.6	50.5	44.6	61.5	62.1	60.9	56.3	61.2	56.7
	WP062-2	Holiday Inn	Free-field	(65.2) 64.0	(64.2) 63.7	(64.0) 63.0	(64.6) 61.4	(63.7) 60.5	(61.9) 61.2	(62.6) 63.6	(63.0) 63.9	(64.0) 64.1	(61.4) 59.8	(65.8) 63.4	(64.4) 59.6
	Express	Express		(67.5)	(66.0)	(66.9)	(66.1)	(75.6)	(63.4)	(65.5)	(66.2)	(75.2)	(69.6)	(67.5)	(67.1)
A452	A452 A452-1 Marsh Hous Compound Farm	Marsh House	Free-field	52.3	54.1	49.3	47.6	46.6	50.3	52.7	52.1	50.3	44.7	51.3	46.0
Compound		Farm		(55.5)	(64.4)	(52.5)	(53.9)	(53.0)	(51.8)	(54.3)	(53.2)	(54.6)	(49.9)	(58.1)	(55.1)
Park Lane	PL-1	Park Lane	Free-field	60.1	61.9	51.1	48.4	47.3	51.8	55.7	53.9	51.0	47.5	52.6	49.1
				(74.2)	(67.4)	(56.7)	(58.9)	(57.7)	(53.1)	(60.8)	(55.4)	(55.6)	(53.8)	(60.2)	(62.9)
	PL-2	The Laurel	Free-field	50.3	52.0	47.5	46.2	43.4	48.7	51.7	50.1	48.2	42.7	50.1	44.3
				(56.9)	(59.9)	(51.1)	(52.5)	(52.3)	(50.5)	(53.5)	(51.4)	(53.1)	(51.1)	(57.2)	(56.4)
	PL-3	Holly Acre Lodge	Free-field	56.2	55.7	53.5	50.9	48.8	53.8	56.2	55.8	53.7	47.7	54.4	49.7
				(59.5)	(59.9)	(56.6)	(57.1)	(56.2)	(55.0)	(56.9)	(56.4)	(56.5)	(50.9)	(57.9)	(58.6)
	PL-4	Top Lodge	Free-field	62.8	63.5	58.4	55.9	54.9	57.6	61.2	60.9	58.5	55.4	60.2	55.9
				(66.9)	(67.0)	(64.1)	(62.3)	(65.9)	(59.2)	(63.5)	(62.5)	(61.1)	(61.1)	(65.8)	(65.2)
Balsall	BCV-1 Cherry Tree		Free-field	53.1	55.9	51.1	50.1	49.3	51.1	53.9	53.0	52.1	45.5	53.2	50.2
Common Viaduct		Cottage		(58.2)	(61.5)	(53.9)	(55.3)	(55.8)	(52.6)	(54.9)	(53.4)	(55.2)	(51.0)	(58.4)	(57.3)

Worksite Measurement Reference Reference		Site Address	Free-field or Façade Measurement	,		y Avera est day	<u> </u>	r		Saturda (high	y Avera est day	<u> </u>	ſ	Pul Holi Averag (highe	day / blic iday ge L _{Aeq,T} est day e _{q,T})
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Carol Green Rail Underbridge	CGRU-1	The Stables	Free-field	53.5 (57.4)	55.3 (61.3)	50.7 (52.8)	50.1 (53.1)	50.2 (58.1)	51.0 (51.7)	53.8 (56.1)	53.7 (56.3)	51.9 (55.7)	46.3 (53.1)	51.9 (57.4)	49.3 (53.4)
Waste Lane Overbridge and Satellite	WLOS-1	19 Hodgetts Lane	Façade	52.1 (62.5)	64.9 (70.9)	44.8 (57.2)	42.4 (61.9)	42.0 (58.3)	48.3 (51.3)	56.2 (63.1)	48.3 (51.1)	47.3 (54.5)	43.2 (50.3)	50.1 (59.1)	45.6 (62.7)
WP062 WLOS-2	WLOS-2	Waste Lane (East)	Façade	51.6 (53.2)	52.9 (55.5)	48.2 (50.6)	45.4 (50.3)	42.3 (51.2)	48.1 (49.5)	51.9 (53.5)	50.7 (51.6)	47.6 (52.0)	42.5 (47.6)	49.3 (53.9)	43.2 (51.4)
	WLOS-3	Waste Lane (West)	Free-field	60.3 (62.0)	61.6 (63.0)	58.1 (59.9)	54.9 (58.2)	49.8 (58.3)	55.5 (56.1)	60.7 (61.8)	60.3 (60.9)	56.9 (59.2)	49.2 (53.7)	58.0 (63.2)	50.2 (58.9)

2.1.2 Table 4 presents a summary of the measured vibration levels at the monitoring location over the reporting period. The highest PPV measured during the monitoring along any axis is presented in the table.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Monitor Address	Highest PPV measured in any axis, mm/s
WLOS	WLOS-V1	19 Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green, Warwickshire, CV8 1PH	1.42 (X-axis)
WLOS	WLOS-V2	Little Beanitt Farm, Waste Lane, Berkswell, Balsall Common, Solihull, CV7 7GH	0.57 (X-axis)

Table 4: Summary of Measured PPV Data over the Monitoring Period

2.1.3 Appendix C presents graphs of the noise and vibration monitoring data over the month for each of the measurement locations. Noise data presented consists of 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). Vibration data presented consist of hourly PPV values. 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 Exceedances of the LOAEL and SOAEL

- 2.2.1 The lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) is defined in the Planning Practice Guidance – Noise (PPG) as the level above which "noise starts to cause small changes in behaviour and/or attitude, e.g. turning up volume of television; speaking more loudly; where there is no alternative ventilation, having to close windows for some of the time because of the noise. Potential for some reported sleep disturbance. Affects the acoustic character of the area such that there is a perceived change in the quality of life".
- 2.2.2 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."
- 2.2.3 HS2 Phase One Information Paper E23: Control of Construction Noise and Vibration sets out the LOAELs and SOAELs for construction noise.

- 2.2.4 Where reported construction noise levels exceed the LOAEL and SOAEL, relevant periods will be identified. Summary statistics to evaluate ongoing qualification for noise insulation and temporary rehousing are also presented where relevant.
- 2.2.5 Table 5 presents a summary of recorded exceedances of the LOAEL and SOAEL at each measurement location over the reporting period, including the number of exceedances during each time period.

Worksite Reference	Measurement Reference	Site Address	Day (Weekday, Saturday, Sunday, Night)	Time period	Number of exceedances of LOAEL	Number of exceedances of SOAEL
WP062	WP062-1	Birmingham Business Park	All Days	All Periods	Not applicable*	Not applicable*
	WP062-2	Holiday Inn Express	All Days	All Periods	Not applicable*	Not applicable*
A452 Compound	A452-1	Marsh House Farm	Weekday	0800-1800	1	No exceedance
Park Lane	PL-1**	Park Lane	Weekday	0800-1800	6	No exceedance
	PL-2**	The Laurel	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
	PL-3**	Holly Acre Lodge	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
Park Lane	PL-4	Top Lodge	Weekday	0800-1800	2	No exceedance
Balsall Common Viaduct	BCV-1**	Cherry Tree Cottage	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
Carol Green Rail Underbridge	CGRU-1**	The Stables	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
Waste Lane Overbridge	WLOS-1**	19 Hodgetts Lane	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
and Satellite	WLOS-2	Waste Lane (East)	All Days	All Periods	No exceedance	No exceedance
	WLOS-3	Waste Lane (West)	Weekday	0800-1800	3	No exceedance

Table 5: Summary of Exceedances of LOAEL and SOAEL

*The defined LOAEL and SOAEL criteria are not applicable to non-residential properties.

**A distance correction has been applied when calculating exceedances of the LOAEL and SOAEL.

2.2.6 Exceedances of the LOAEL were recorded at 4 monitoring locations, where a total of 12 LOAEL exceedance were observed during February 2022. No exceedances of the SOAEL were recorded during February 2022 across all worksites.

2.3 Exceedances of Trigger Level

2.3.1 Table 6 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.

Complaint Reference Number (if applicable)	Worksite Reference	Date and Time Period	ldentified Source	Results of Investigation (including noise monitoring results)	Actions Taken
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Table 6: Summary of Exceedances of Trigger Levels

2.4 Complaints

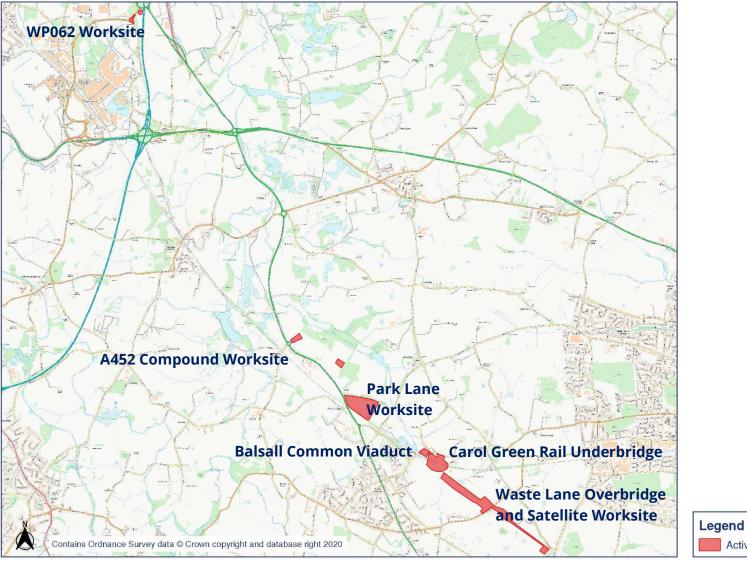
2.4.1 Table 7 provides a summary of complaint information related to noise and vibration received during the reporting period, along with the findings of any investigation.

Table 7: Summary of Complaints

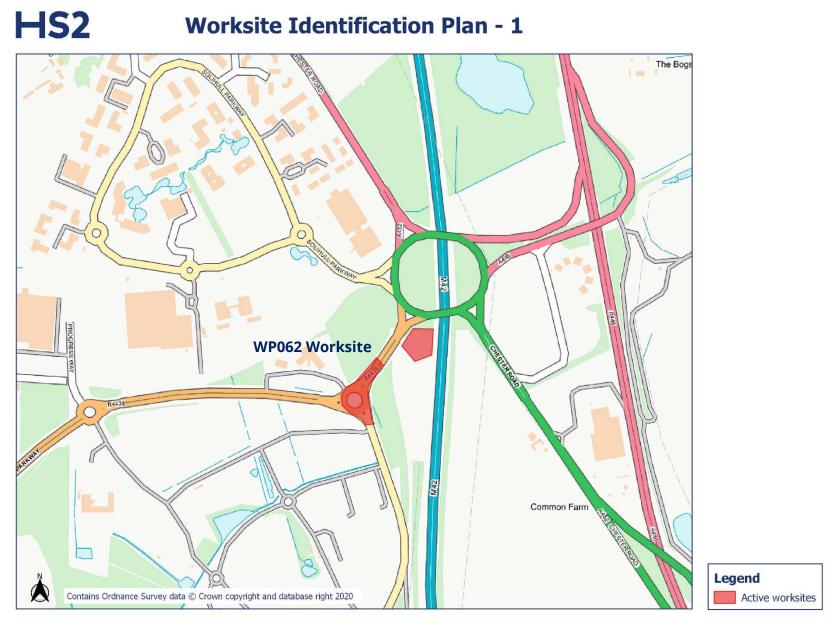
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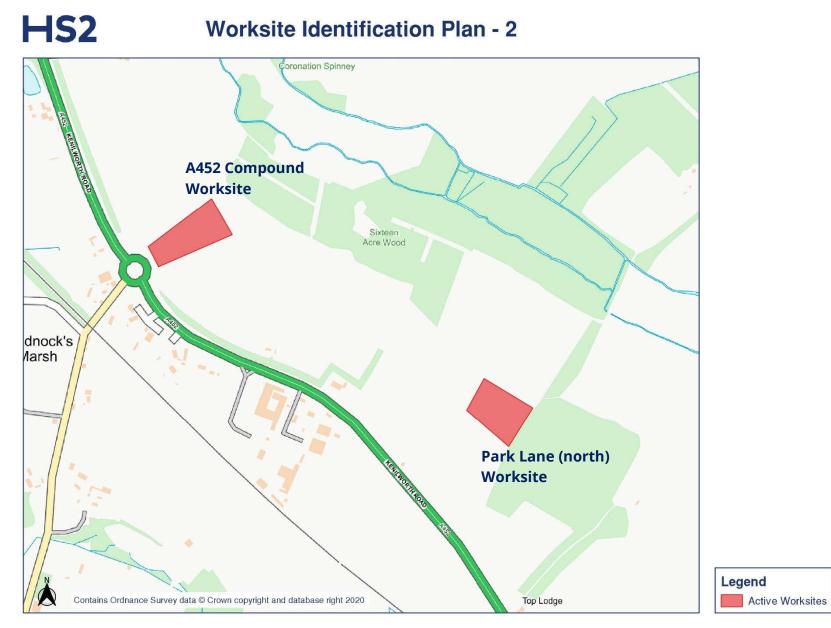
Appendix A Site Locations

HS2 Worksite Identification Plan - Overview

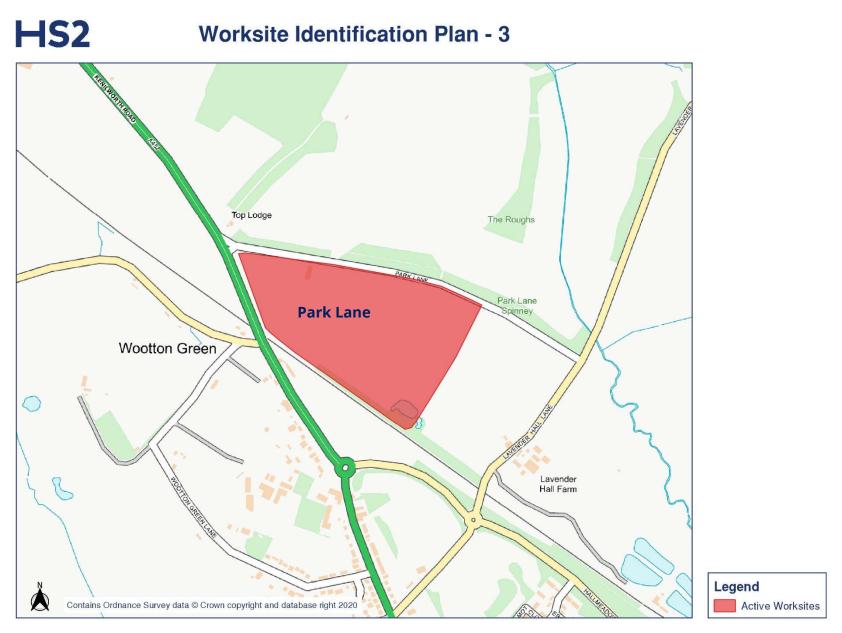


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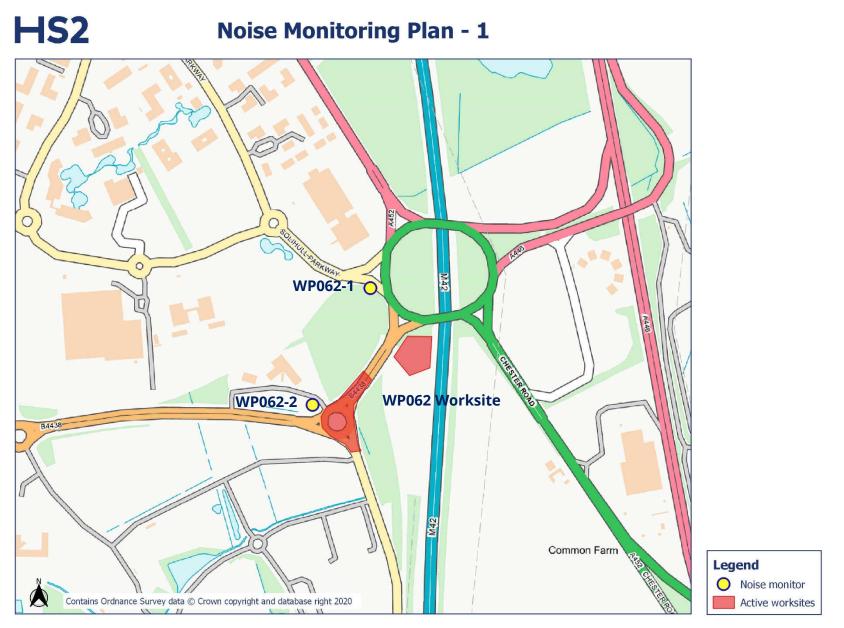
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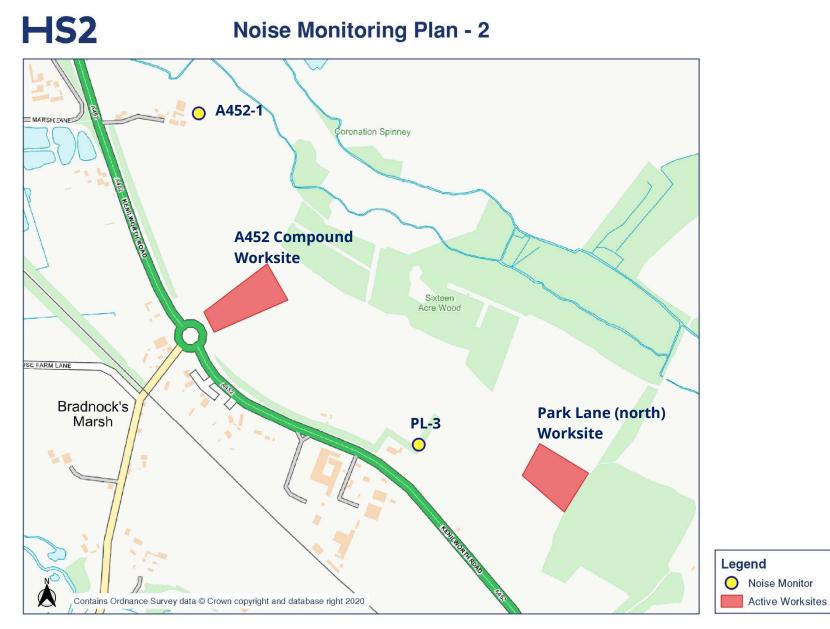




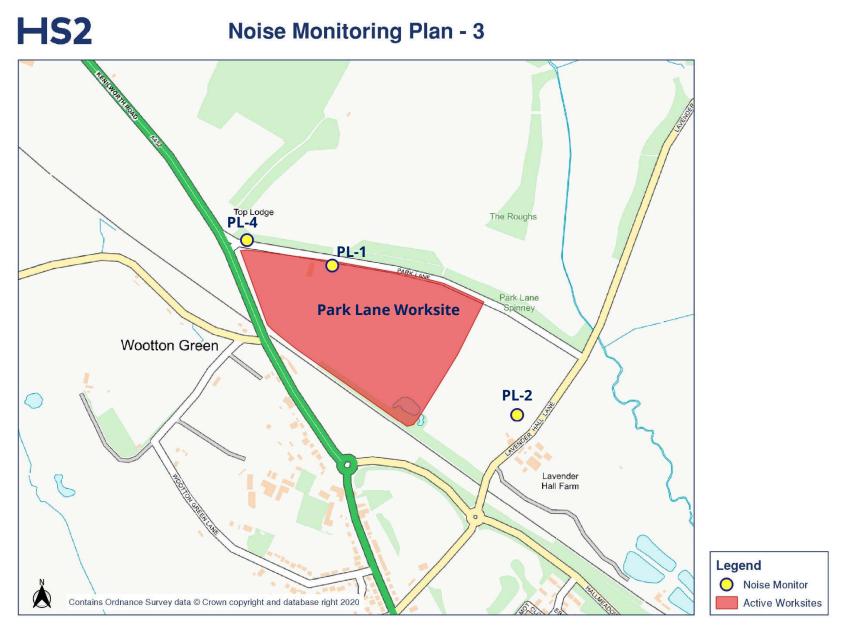


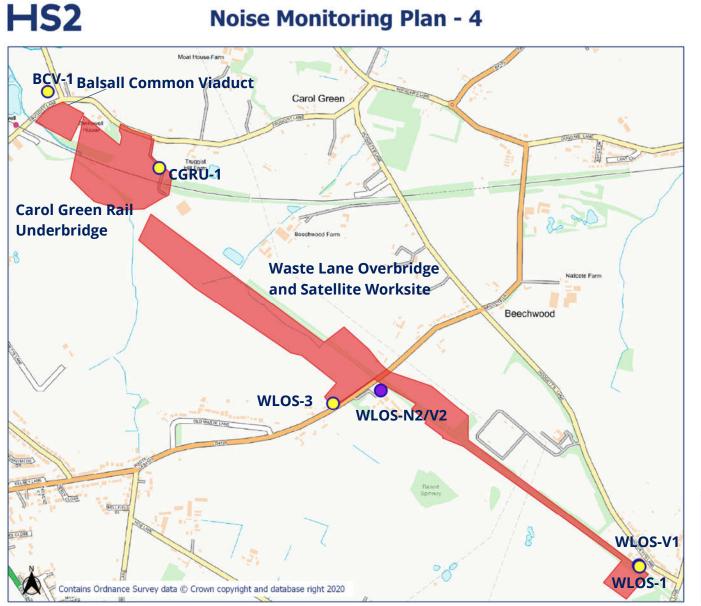
Appendix B Monitoring Locations













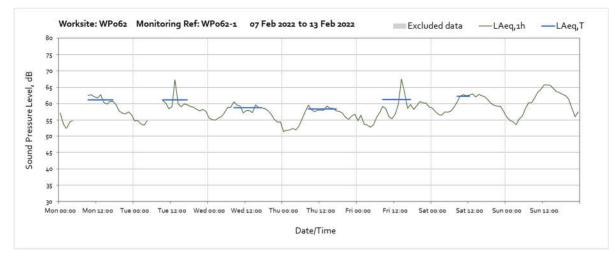
Appendix C Data

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 in Table 3 of the main report.



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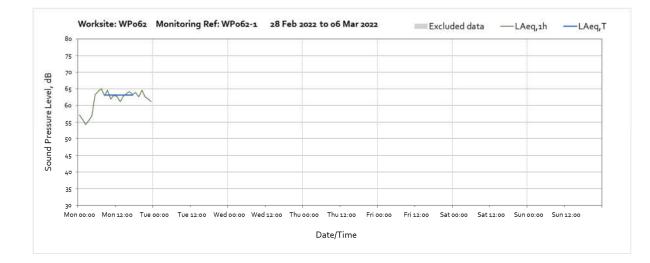
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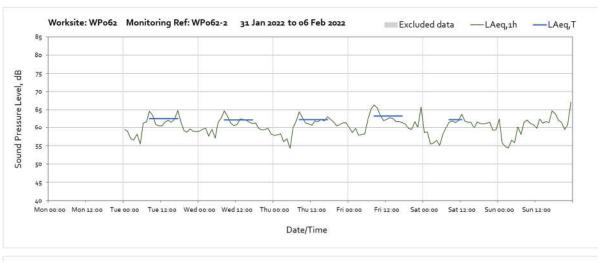


Note: Missing data between 05:00 and 09:00 on Monday 7th February and 05:00 and 09:00 on Tuesday 8th February was due to solar charger unit fault. The equipment has been replaced with view of preventing further loss of data in the future.

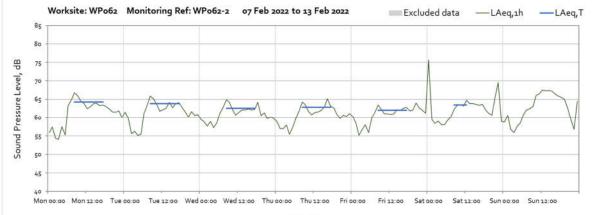


Note: Missing data between 09:00 on Wednesday 23rd February and 10:00 on Thursday 24th February was due to high winds knocking the solar panel over leading to loss of battery power. The equipment was repositioned on 24th February. Missing data between 02:00 and 08:00 on Friday 25th February was due to lack of battery charge, no works were being undertaken during this time.

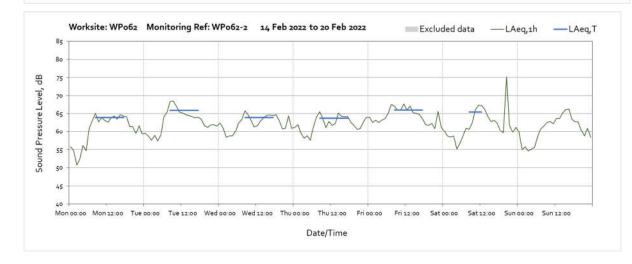






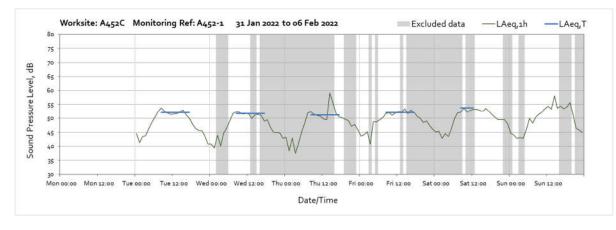


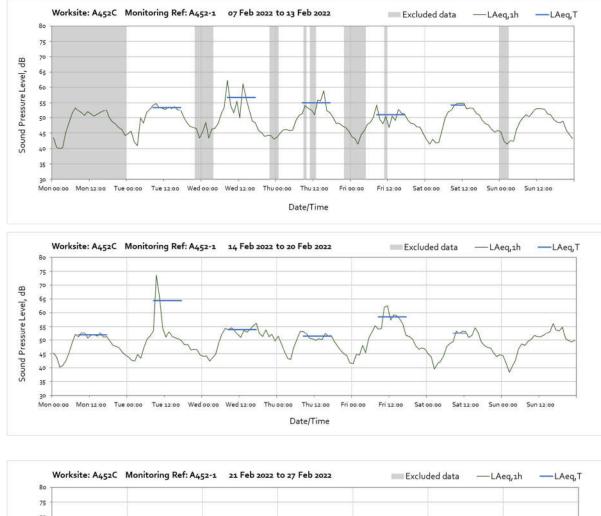
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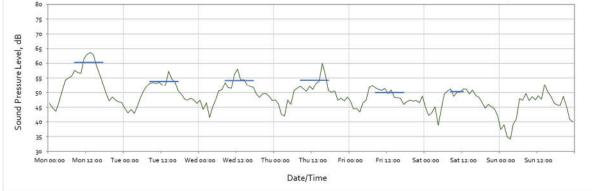


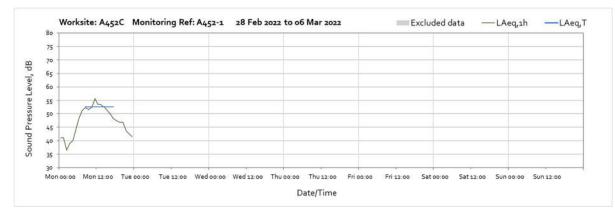


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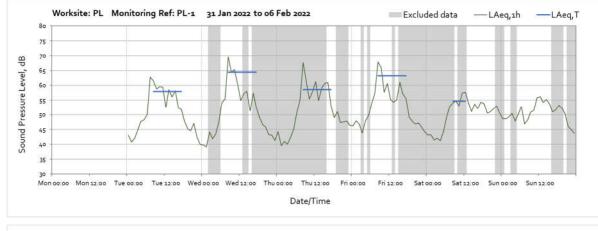


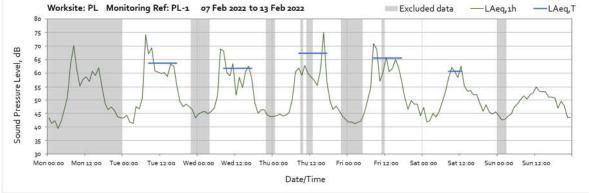


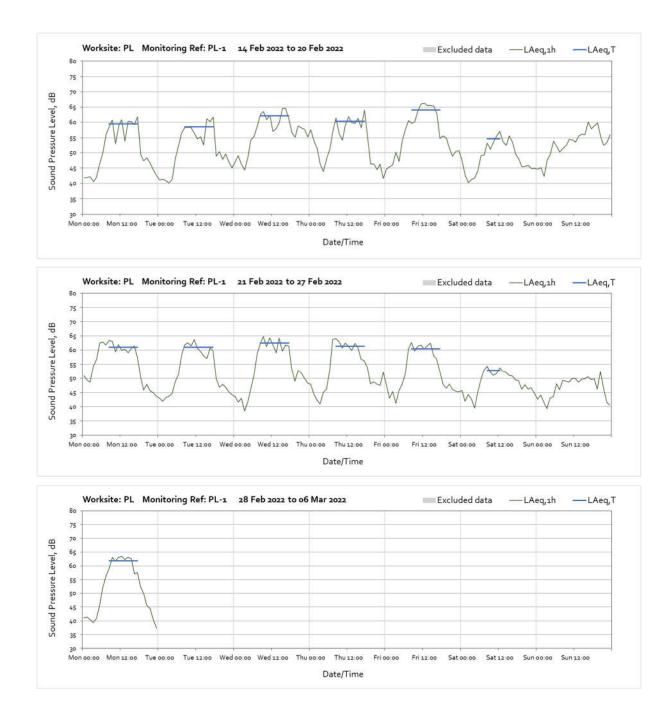


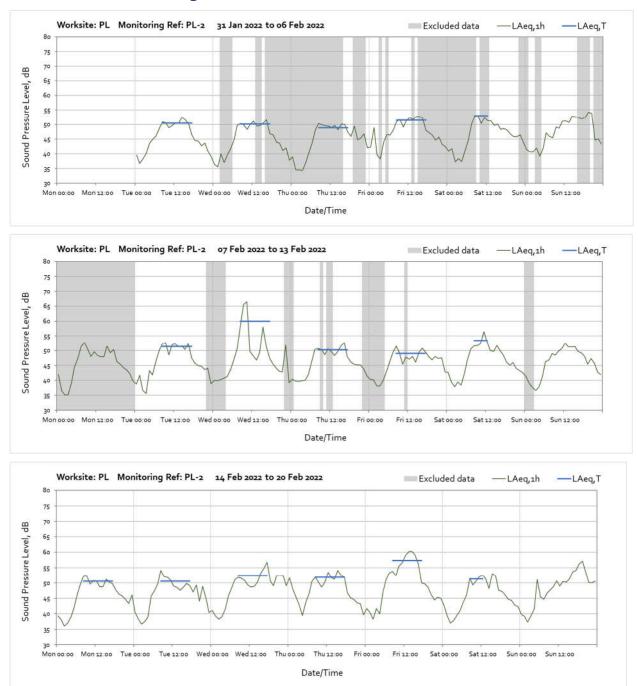




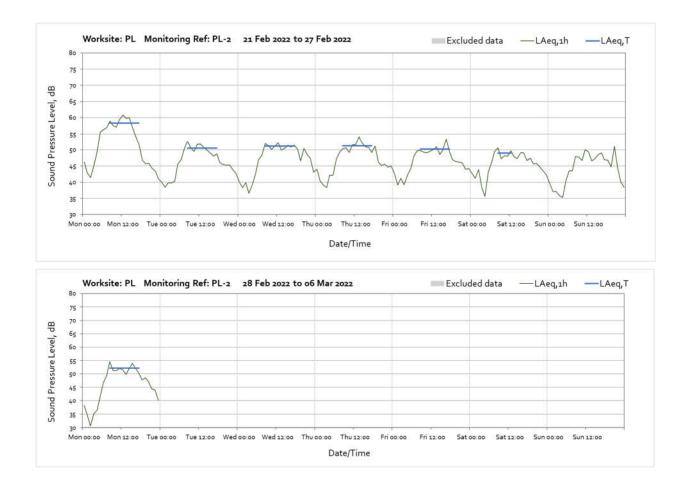




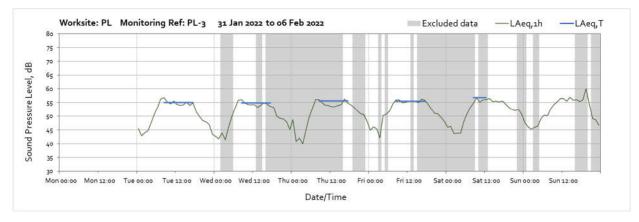


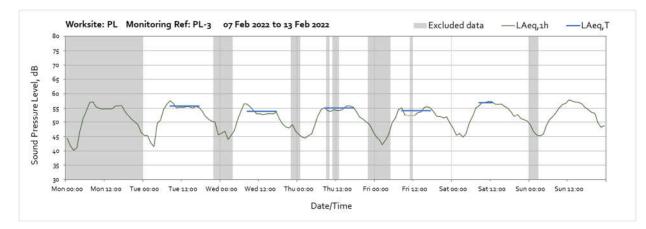


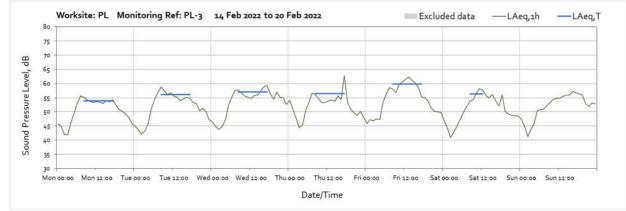
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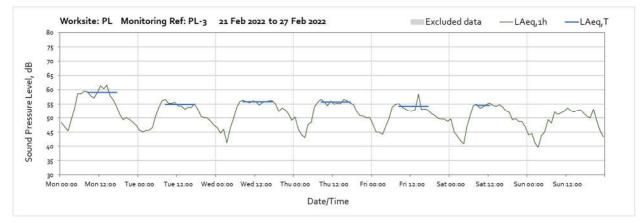


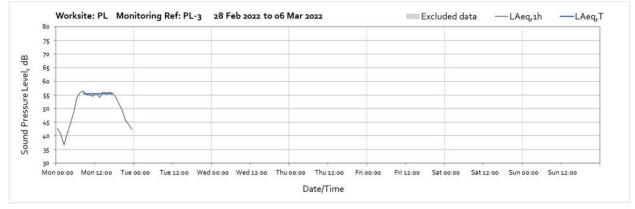
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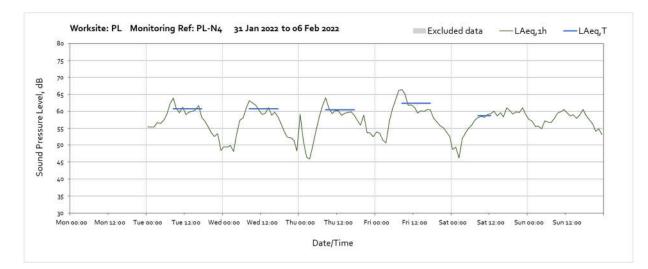




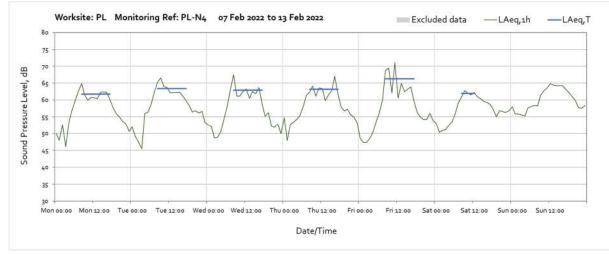


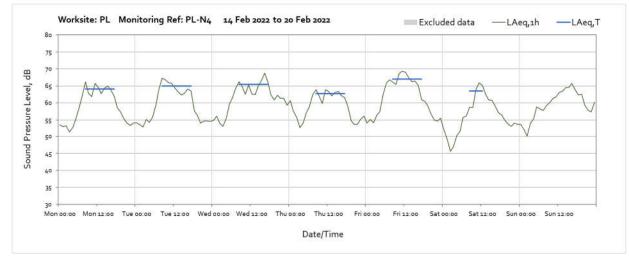






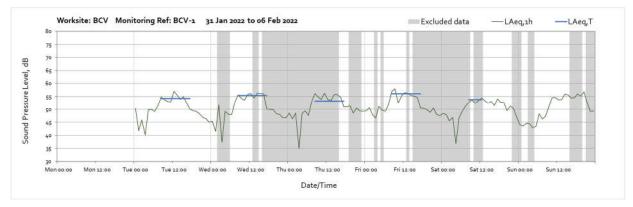
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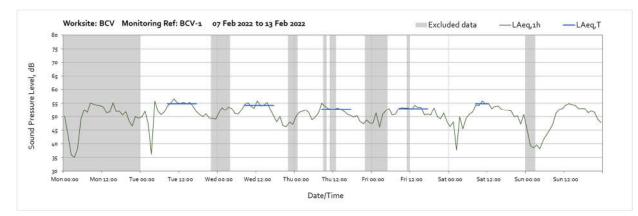






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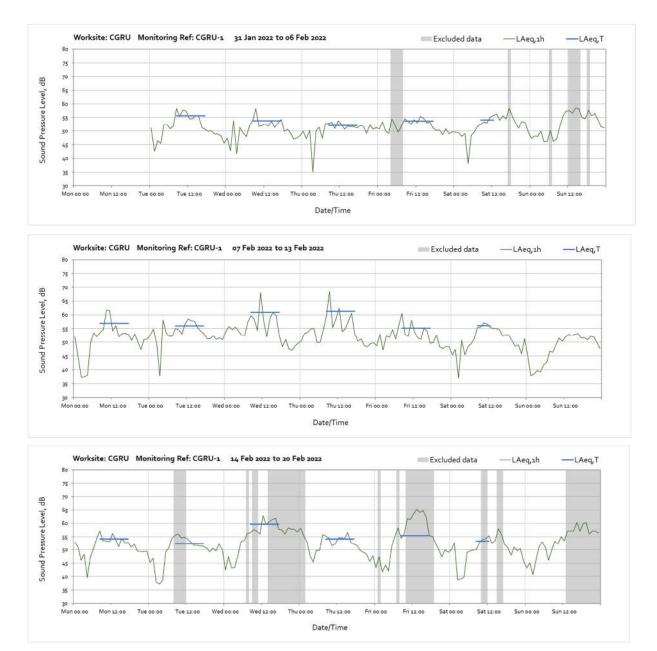


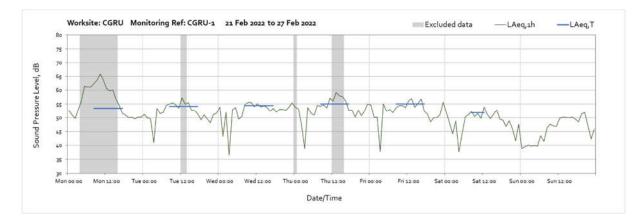


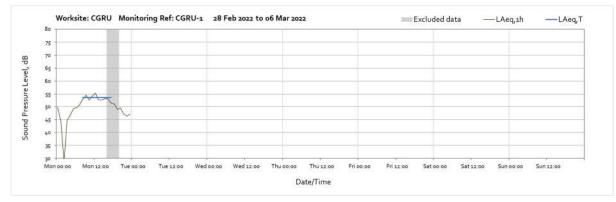




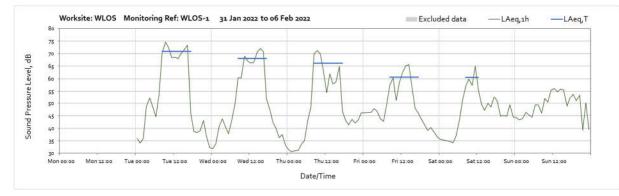


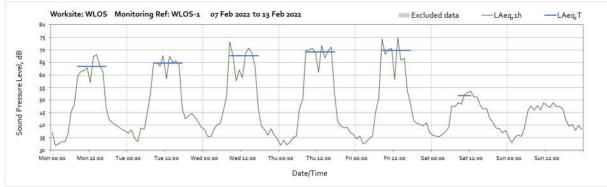


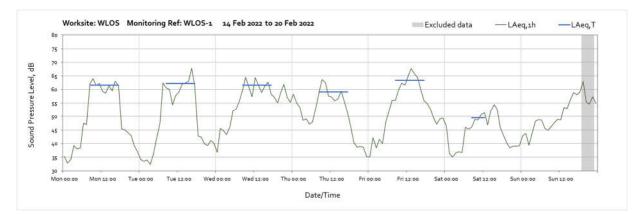


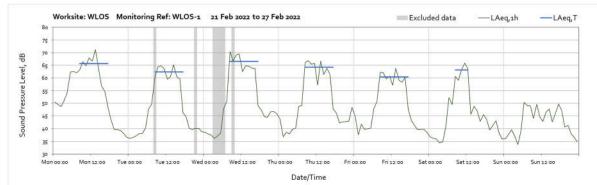


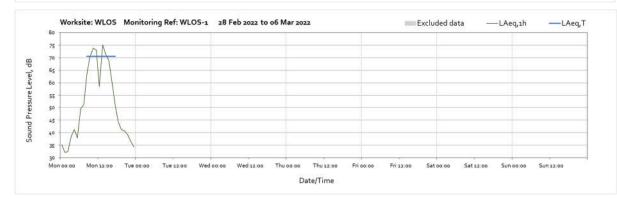
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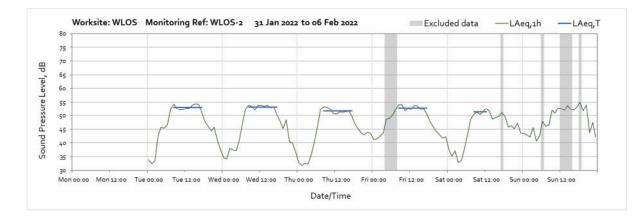


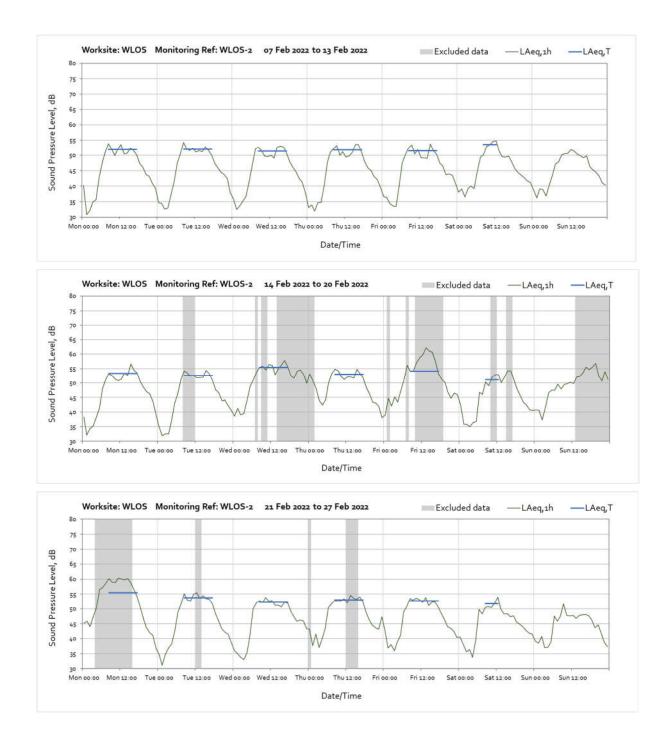


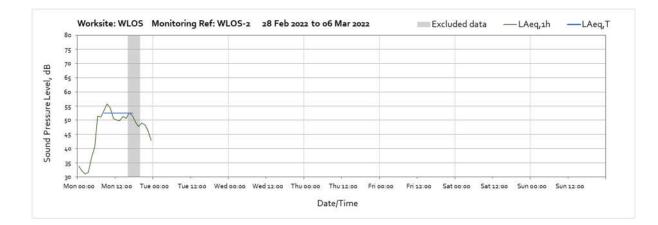




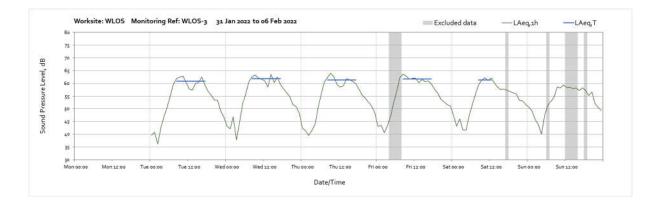


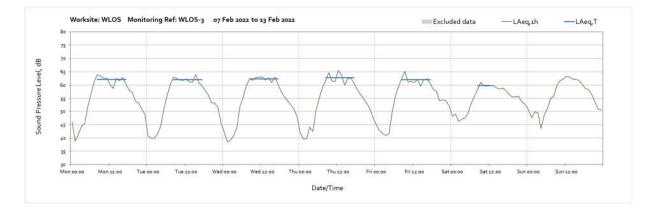


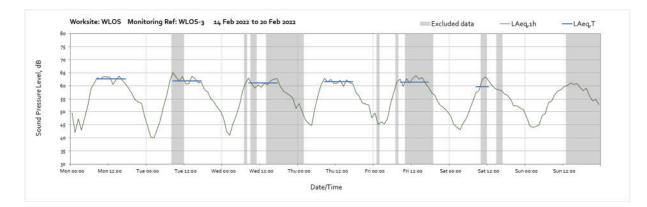


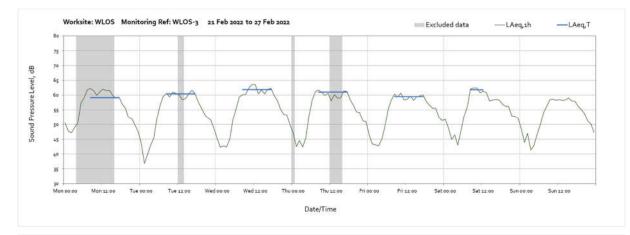


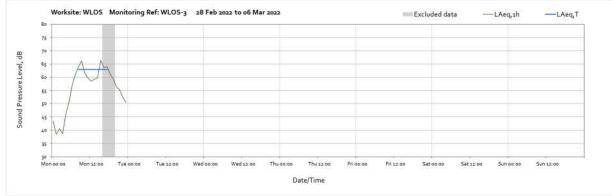
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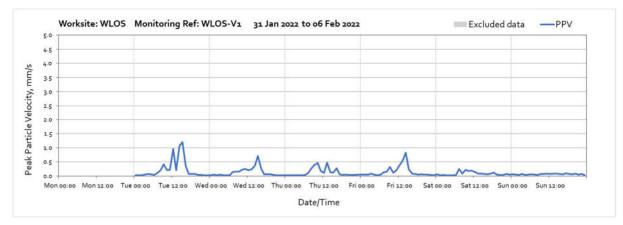


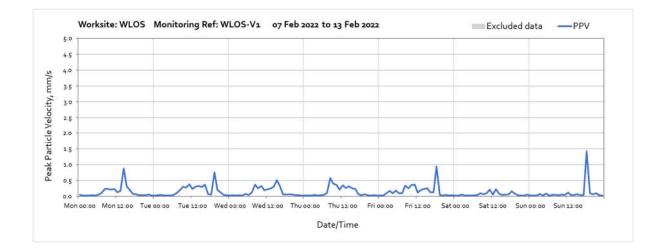


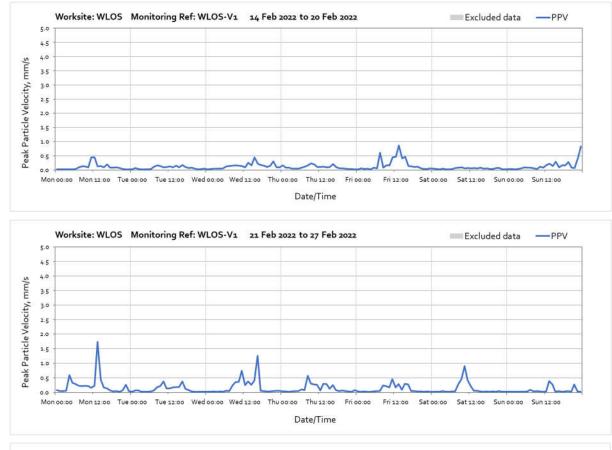
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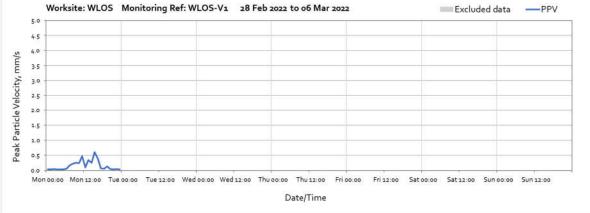
The following graphs show the hourly measured peak particle velocity PPV recorded during the monitoring period. The graphs show the highest PPV of the three orthogonal axes x, y and z. Where high values of PPV were caused by local interference with the vibration monitor, which are not representative of HS2 construction works, these values have been greyed out in the following charts and have been excluded to calculate values in Table 4 of the main report.

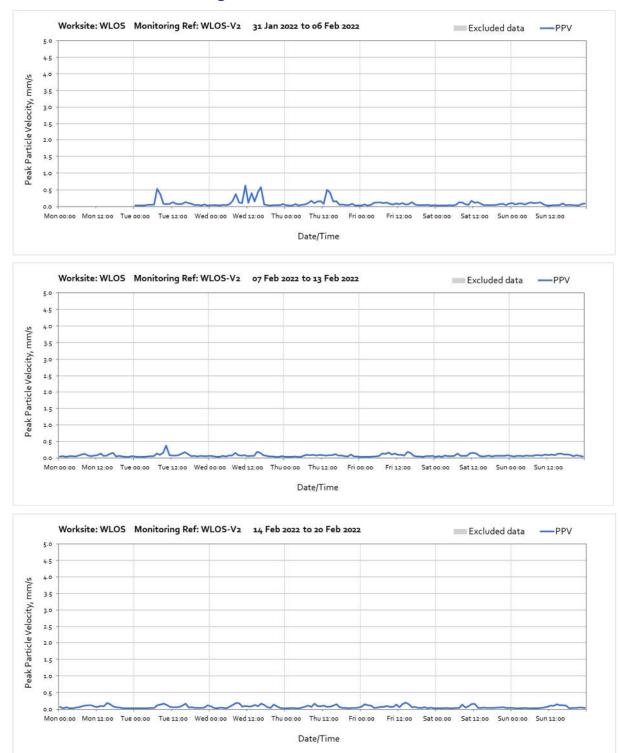
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