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## Executive Summary

TNEI was commissioned by Glenora Wind Farm DAC ('the Applicant') to undertake an operational noise assessment for the proposed Glenora Wind Farm (hereinafter referred to as 'the Proposed Development'). The aim of this was to assess the potential impact of operational noise from the Proposed Development on the nearest noise sensitive receptors.

The Irish Governments 'Wind Energy Development Guidelines, 2006' (WEDG), produced by the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG), are the current guidelines for setting noise limits for wind energy developments. The information relating to noise in the WEDG, in parts, is very limited and it is widely agreed that the limits proposed in the WEDG were drafted to broadly align with the UK guidance ETSU-R-97 'The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms'. In 2013, the UK guidance was supplemented by a document produced by the Institute of Acoustics 'A good practice guide to the application of ETSU-R-97 for the assessment and rating of wind turbine noise' (IOA GPG). For this assessment the guidance contained in ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG has been used to supplement the WEDG.

The operational noise assessment has been undertaken in three stages:

- 1) deriving the Total WEDG Noise Limits (which are applicable to noise generated from all wind turbines in the area operating concurrently) at noise sensitive receptors;
- 2) predicting the likely effects (undertaking a cumulative noise assessment where required) to determine whether noise immissions at noise sensitive receptors will meet the Total WEDG Noise Limits; and
- 3) deriving Site Specific Noise Limits for the Proposed Development (taking account of the noise limit that has already been allocated to / could realistically be used by other schemes) and undertaking predictions against those limits.

Background noise monitoring was undertaken at two noise sensitive receptors. The monitoring locations were selected to be representative of the noise sensitive receptors located closest to the Proposed Development.

Wind speed data was measured using a LIDAR unit. The wind data measured at 41 m and 110 m height was used to calculate hub height wind speeds (at 99 m). These hub height wind speeds were then standardised to a height of 10m in accordance with current good practice.

Analysis of the measured data has been undertaken in accordance with the WEDG 2006, ETSU-R-97 and current good practice to determine the pre-existing background noise environment and to establish the daytime and night time noise limits at each of the NALs.

There are 14 buildings (potential Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSRs)) identified within the ~3 km search area defined from the proposed turbine locations within the Wind Farm Site. Building H3 was subsequently classified as derelict and therefore was not considered to be noise sensitive for the purposes of this assessment. Of the remaining identified NSRs, a total of three were chosen as Noise Assessment Locations (NALs). The NALs were chosen to represent the noise sensitive receptors located closest to the Proposed Development. The modelling results for the NALs have been presented within the main body of this report whilst an assessment for all NSRs has been included within an Annex to the report. For the assessment locations where no background noise measurements were undertaken, noise data collected at proxy locations deemed representative of the expected background noise environment was used to assess the wind turbine noise impact at those receptors. For clarity all NSRs are labelled with the letter 'H', to ensure consistency with the labelling within the rest of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Two sets of noise limits have been derived; the Total WEDG Noise limits apply to the cumulative noise level of all turbines operating in the area including the Proposed Development, whilst the Site Specific Noise limits apply to operational noise from the Proposed Development only.

Based on the guidance in the WEDG 2006, the daytime Total WEDG Noise Limit was set at 40 dB(A) where background noise levels were <30 dB, and 45 dB(A) or background plus 5 dB whichever is the greater where background noise levels were >30 dB. The night time Total WEDG Noise Limit has been set at 43 dB(A) or background plus 5 dB whichever is the greater.

The 'Site Specific Noise Limits' were derived to take account of the proportion of the noise limit that has been allocated to, or could theoretically be used by, other wind farm developments (operational, consented or in planning (planning application submitted) in proximity to the Proposed Development.

Predictions of wind turbine noise for the Proposed Development were made, based upon the sound power level data for a candidate wind turbine with a rotor diameter of 162 m, serrated trailing edge blades and a hub height of 99 m. The candidate turbine modelled is considered to be representative of the type of turbine that could be installed at the site.

Modelling was undertaken using the noise prediction model ISO 9613: 1996 '*Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors Part 2: General method of calculation*', which accords with current good practice and is considered to provide a realistic impact assessment. For the other schemes, predictions have been undertaken using sound power level data for the installed turbines or a suitable candidate. The models of turbines were identified through an online search.

A cumulative assessment was undertaken at the NALs where predictions from the Proposed Development were found to be within 10 dB of the noise predictions from all other wind farm developments. The assessment of likely cumulative noise levels undertaken at all three NALs shows that the Proposed Development can operate concurrently with other wind farm developments in the area, whilst still meeting the Total WEDG Noise Limits at the receptors.

Site Specific Noise Limits have also been derived that take account (where required) of the other wind farm developments. Where wind turbine immissions from the other wind turbines at a given receptor were found to be at least 10 dB below the Total WEDG Noise Limit, it is considered that they will be using a negligible proportion of the limit, as such it was considered appropriate to allocate the entire noise limit to the Proposed Development. This was found to be the case for all NSRs.

Predicted noise levels indicate that at all noise assessment locations wind turbine noise immissions from the Proposed Development were below the Site Specific Noise Limits.

Should planning permission be granted for the Proposed Development it would be appropriate to include a set of noise related planning conditions, which detail the noise limits applicable to the Proposed Development. The use of Site Specific Noise Limits would ensure that the Proposed Development could operate concurrently with other consented or operational turbines in the area and would also ensure that the Proposed Development's individual contribution could be measured and enforced if required.

There are a number of wind turbine makes and models that may be suitable for the Proposed Development. Should the Proposed Development receive planning permission the final choice of turbine would be subject to a competitive tendering process. As such, predictions of wind turbine noise are for the purposes of assessment only. The final choice of turbine would, however, need to meet the noise limits determined and contained within any condition imposed.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Brief

1.1.1 TNEI was commissioned by Glenora Wind Farm DAC ('the Applicant') to undertake an operational noise assessment for the proposed Glenora Wind Farm (hereinafter referred to as 'the Proposed Development'). The following steps summarise the noise assessment process:

- Measure and analyse existing background noise levels and present the measured noise data with reference to existing government guidance and the recommendations of the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG), which are contained in the '*Wind Energy Development Guidelines, 2006*'<sup>(1)</sup> (WEDG 2006), in conjunction with the guidance produced by the United Kingdom's Department of Trade and Industry Noise Working Group on Noise from Wind Turbines, which are contained within ETSU-R-97 '*The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms*'<sup>(2)</sup> and '*A Good Practice Guide to the Application of ETSU-R-97 for the Assessment and Rating of Wind Turbine Noise*'<sup>(3)</sup> (IOA GPG);
- Determine the Total WEDG 2006 noise limits applicable to all wind farms in the area;
- Assess and undertake a cumulative noise assessment, where required, to take account of other proposed, consented or operational schemes near to the Proposed Development;
- Derive site specific noise limits for the Proposed Development, suitable for inclusion in a noise related planning condition should An Bord Pleanála be minded to grant planning permission;
- Undertake predictions of the operational wind turbine noise immissions from the Proposed Development that will be incident at neighbouring noise sensitive receptors;
- Compare the predictions of the operational wind turbine noise immissions from the Proposed Development against the site specific noise limits; and
- Assess the impact of noise from the Proposed Development with reference to existing government guidance and the recommendations of the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government, which are contained in the WEDG 2006.

## 1.2 Background

1.2.1 The Proposed Development is located in an area of Coillte forestry approximately 5 km south west of Ballycastle in County Mayo. The approximate Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM) reference for the centre of the site is 503298, 834174 and the proposed layout is shown on Figure A1.1 in Annex 1.

1.2.2 In the absence of a confirmed turbine model, this noise assessment models a candidate turbine with a rotor diameter of 162 m, serrated trailing edge blades and a hub height of 99 m. The candidate turbine modelled is considered representative of the type of turbine that could be installed at the site.



1.2.3 The noise assessment has considered schemes that are operational, consented and proposed (planning application submitted). The schemes considered in the assessment are summarised in Table 1.1.

**Table 1.1 Cumulative Wind Farm/ Turbine Developments**

Wind Farm/ Wind Turbine	Number of Turbines	Status	Make and Model of Turbine Considered in Modelling
Oweninny 1	29	Operational	Siemens SWT 3.2-113
Oweninny 2	32	Under Construction	Nordex N117
ABO Sheskin	8	Under Construction	117 m rotor turbine
Oweninny 3	18	In planning	GE158
Sheskin South	21	In planning	Siemens Gamesa SG 6.2-170

1.2.4 Corvoderry Wind Farm has not been considered in the assessment as it's planning permission expired in October 2022. In addition, the operational Bellacorrick Wind Farm has not been considered as it is understood that it will be decommissioned as part of the construction phase of Oweninny 2 Wind Farm (as detailed in Section 1.2.3 of An Bord Pleanála Report PA00029, dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014).

1.2.5 Figure A1.1a in Annex 1 shows the location of the above developments relative to the Proposed Development. The turbine type modelled for each of the schemes detailed in Table 1.1 was chosen using information contained within the Environmental Impacts Statements for the schemes or using information detailed on the specific project websites.

1.2.6 For a number of the consented schemes detailed in Table 1.1, noise related planning conditions have been set within the relevant Decision Notices, as detailed in Annex 2. The site specific noise limits presented in this report for the Proposed Development have taken account of the noise limits that have already been allocated to, or could potentially be used by, the other wind farms in the area.

1.2.7 For the purposes of assessing the other wind farms (detailed in Table 1.1) operating in conjunction with the Proposed Development the following terms have been referred to throughout:

- **'Total WEDG Noise Limits'**; defined as being the limit that should not be exceeded from the cumulative operation of all wind farm developments, including the Proposed Development; and
- **'Site Specific Noise Limits'**; defined as being the limit that is specific to the Proposed Development only, and derived through the apportionment (where required), of the 'Total WEDG Noise Limits' in accordance with current good practice (IOA GPG).

1.2.8 Note that the term 'noise emission' relates to the sound power level *emitted* from each wind turbine, whereas the term 'noise immission' relates to the sound pressure level *received* at any receptor location, due to the operation of the wind turbines. All references to dB are dB(A) unless otherwise stated. A full glossary of terms is provided in Section 8.

## 2 Noise Planning Policy and Guidance

### 2.1 Overview of Noise Planning Policy and Guidance

2.1.1 In assessing the potential noise impacts of the Proposed Development, the following guidance and policy documents have been considered:

- National Planning Policy;
- Regional Planning Policy;
- Local Policy;
- Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) ‘*Wind Energy Development Guidelines*,’ 2006;
- ETSU-R-97 ‘*The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms*’; and
- Institute of Acoustics ‘*A Good Practice Guide to the Application of ETSU-R-97 for the Assessment and Rating of Wind Turbine Noise*’ (IOA GPG) May 2013.

### 2.2 National Planning Policy

2.2.1 The National Planning Framework ‘Project Ireland 2040’<sup>(4)</sup> was adopted on 29 May 2018. The document sets out a number of National Policy Objectives, of which number 65 relates to noise.

2.2.2 National Policy Objective 65 states:

*“Promote the pro-active management of noise where it is likely to have significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life and support the aims of the Environmental Noise Regulations through national planning guidance and Noise Action Plans.”*

2.2.3 The document does not contain specifics with regards to the assessment of noise. Rather, it states (page 5):

*‘The National Planning Framework, is a planning framework to guide development and investment over the coming years. It does not provide every detail for every part of the country; rather it empowers each region to lead in the planning and development of their communities, containing a set of national objectives and key principles from which more detailed and refined plans will follow.’*

Accordingly, it is necessary to look at regional and local guidance and policy for further direction.

### 2.3 Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) 2020-2032

2.3.1 The RSES provides a strategy for delivering effective regional development in the Northern and Western Region of Ireland. In relation to renewable energy it states (page 163):

*‘It is important that our region sets out its ambitions concerning renewable energy in this context and shows its ability to help contribute to achieving national targets.’*

2.3.2 The RSES does not include any information specific to noise but states the following:

*'The forthcoming Renewable Electricity Policy and Development Framework will aim to identify strategic areas for the sustainable development of renewable electricity projects of scale, in a sustainable manner, compatible with environmental and cultural heritage, landscape and amenity considerations. The development of the Wind Energy Guidelines and the Renewable Electricity Development Plan will also facilitate informed decision making, in relation to renewable energy infrastructure.'*

2.3.3 The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is currently preparing the Renewable Electricity and Policy Development Framework (REPDF).

## 2.4 Local Policy

2.4.1 The Mayo County Development Plan (2021-2027) has not yet been formally adopted but is understood to be in the final draft stages. Chapter 11 'Climate Action & Renewable Energy' of Volume 1 states (Section 11.7.2) that local authorities must be consistent with following national plans, policies and strategies when considering renewables energy projects, which include the:

*"..... Wind Energy Development Guidelines, Planning Guidelines (2006), as amended or replaced"*

2.4.2 Section 8.8.1 of Volume 2, 'Wind Energy' states that:

*'Planning applications for wind energy development shall be in compliance with DoEHLG Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 (including any new guidelines when issued) and the Renewable Energy Strategy for Mayo.'*

2.4.3 The current Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo (2011 – 2020) states that prior to the development of a renewable energy project:

*'Impacts from noise during the construction phase and the operation phase of renewable energy projects shall be considered to avoid, prevent and reduce on a prioritised basis exposure to unacceptable levels of environmental noise..... Due regard shall be taken of the parameters outlined in the Noise Action Plan for the County Mayo and Noise Regulations 2006.'*

2.4.4 The Noise Action Plan for the County Mayo and Noise Regulations 2006 has now been replaced by County Mayo Local Authorities Noise Action Plan 2018-2023.

2.4.5 In relation to wind farm developments, the document refers to the WEDG 2006 and states:

*'this DoEHLG document suggests a "lower fixed limit of 45dB(A) or a maximum increase of 5dB(A) above background noise at nearby noise sensitive locations". The latter requirement may be relaxed in areas with low background levels. A fixed limit of 43dB(A) at night-time is deemed appropriate, as there is no requirement to protect external amenity. These guidelines are currently under review and due to be published in Revised form shortly.'*

## 2.5 Wind Energy Development Guidelines, 2006

- 2.5.1 The current guidelines for setting noise limits are detailed in the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG), 'Wind Energy Development Guidelines, 2006' (WEDG).
- 2.5.2 The information relating to noise in the WEDG is very limited (for example there is no guidance on where or how to measure background noise levels and how to correlate these with wind speed on the proposed wind farm site. There is also no mention of how to consider cumulative effects). The WEDG 2006 guidelines do, however, include guidance on how to derive limits for daytime and night time periods.
- 2.5.3 The daytime limits take account of existing background noise levels and include a fixed limit of 45 dB or background + 5 dB, whichever is the greater, except in low background noise environments where a fixed minimum limit in the range 35-40 dB should be considered. TNEI's interpretation of these limits is that turbine noise should not exceed:
- 45 dB  $L_{A90, 10 \text{ min}}$  or background noise + 5 dB, whichever is the greater, for daytime hours (applicable where background noise levels are greater than 30 dB  $L_{A90}$ ); or,
  - 35 to 40 dB  $L_{A90, 10 \text{ min}}$  where background noise is less than 30 dB  $L_{A90}$ ;
- 2.5.4 The WEDG states that a "fixed limit of 43dB(A) will protect sleep inside properties during the night", however, whilst it is not explicit within the WEDG guidance, the addition of a night time 'background noise +5 dB' parameter is commonly applied in wind turbine noise assessments. This is detailed in numerous examples of planning conditions issued by local authorities and An Bord Pleanála. On that basis, the night time noise limits used in this assessment have been based on 43 dB or background noise + 5 dB, whichever is the greater.
- 2.5.5 It is widely agreed that the limits proposed in the WEDGs were drafted to broadly align with the UK guidance ETSU-R-97 'The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms'. In 2013 this UK guidance was supplemented by a document produced by the Institute of Acoustics' (IOA) 'A good practice guide to the application of ETSU-R-97 for the assessment and rating of wind turbine noise' (IOA GPG). Given the lack of detail in parts of the WEDG, information contained in ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG is often used to supplement the WEDGs and to inform wind farm noise assessments in Ireland.

### Draft 2019 WEDG

- 2.5.6 It is noted that the WEDG are currently under review and a set of 'draft 2019 WEDG' were issued for consultation in December 2019. The draft 2019 WEDG included reference to, and reliance upon, some elements of ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG, however, significant concerns were raised during the consultation process regarding the noise section of the draft 2019 WEDGs and at the time of writing this report, no further updates have been issued. Given the limitations of the draft 2019 WEDGs and the likelihood that significant changes would need to be made to them before they could be adopted, an assessment using those draft guidelines has not been undertaken.
- 2.5.7 On the 22 February 2023, a request for tender (RFT) was published for the review and redraft of the WEDGs by the Department of Environment. The timescales of the review indicated completion of the works by Q4 2023, in line with the Climate Action Plan 2023.

- 2.5.8 The guidance in the WEDG 2006 has been used to assess operational noise from the Proposed Development. In the absence of detailed guidance being included in WEDG 2006 the assessment methodology has been supplemented by the guidance in ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG where appropriate. This report has been prepared by suitably qualified Acousticians, affiliated with the IOA. Based on our experience of undertaking wind farms noise assessment projects with a combined rated capacity of >5 GW, TNEI consider the use of these documents to represent best available evidence.

## 2.6 ETSU-R-97 The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms

- 2.6.1 As wind farms started to be developed in the UK in the early 1990's, it became apparent that existing noise standards did not fully address the issues associated with the unique characteristics of wind farm developments and there was a need for an agreed methodology for defining acceptable noise limits for wind farm developments. The methodology was developed for the former Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) by the Working Group on Noise from Wind Turbines (WGNWT).

- 2.6.2 The WGNWT comprised a number of interested parties including, amongst others, Environmental Health Officers, wind farm operators, independent acoustic consultants and legal experts who:

*'...between them have a breadth and depth of experience in assessing and controlling the environmental impact of noise from wind farms.'*

- 2.6.3 In this way it represented the views of all the stakeholders that are involved in the assessment of noise impacts of wind farm developments. The recommendations of the WGNWT are presented in the DTI Report – ETSU-R-97 *'The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms (1996).'*

- 2.6.4 The basic aim of the WGNWT in arriving at the recommendations was the intention to provide:

*'Indicative noise levels thought to offer a reasonable degree of protection to wind farm neighbours, without placing unreasonable restrictions on wind farm development or adding to the costs and administrative burdens on wind farm developers or local authorities.'*

- 2.6.5 ETSU-R-97 makes it clear from the outset that any noise restrictions placed on a wind farm must balance the environmental impact of the wind farm against the national and global benefits that would arise through the development of renewable energy sources:

*'The planning system must therefore seek to control the environmental impacts from a wind farm whilst at the same time recognising the national and global benefits that would arise through the development of renewable energy sources and not be so severe that wind farm development is unduly stifled.'*

- 2.6.6 ETSU-R-97 states that noise limits should reflect the variation in both turbine source noise and background noise with wind speed. Absolute lower limits, different for daytime and night time, are applied where low levels of background noise are measured. The wind speed range that should be considered ranges between the cut-in wind speed for the turbines (usually about 2 to 3 ms<sup>-1</sup>) and up to 12 ms<sup>-1</sup>, where all wind speeds are referenced to a 10 metre measurement height.

- 2.6.7 Separate noise limits apply for daytime and for night time. Daytime limits are chosen to protect a property's external amenity, and night time limits are chosen to prevent sleep disturbance indoors, with windows open.
- 2.6.8 The daytime noise limit is derived from background noise data measured during so-called 'quiet periods of the day', which comprise weekday evenings (18:00 to 23:00), Saturday afternoons and evenings (13:00 to 23:00) and all day and evening on Sundays (07:00 to 23:00). Multiple samples of 10 minute background noise levels using the  $L_{A90,10min}$  measurement index are logged continuously over a range of wind speed conditions. These measured noise levels are then plotted against concurrent wind speed data and a 'best fit' curve is fitted to the data to establish the background noise level as a function of wind speed. The ETSU-R-97 daytime noise limit, sometimes referred to as a 'criterion curve', is then set at a level 5 dB(A) above the best fit curve over the desired wind speed range; subject to an appropriate daytime fixed minimum limit.
- 2.6.9 The night time noise limit is derived from background noise data measured during the night time periods (23:00 to 07:00), with no differentiation being made between weekdays and weekends. The 10 minute  $L_{A90}$  noise levels measured over the night time periods are plotted against concurrent wind speed data and a 'best fit' correlation is established. The night time noise limit is also based on a level 5 dB(A) above the best fit curve over the 0 – 12  $ms^{-1}$  wind speed range, with a fixed minimum limit of 43 dB  $L_{A90}$ .
- 2.6.10 The exception to the setting of both the daytime and night time fixed minimum limits occurs where a property occupier has a financial involvement in the wind farm development. Paragraph 24 of ETSU-R-97 states:
- 'The Noise Working Group recommends that both day and night time lower fixed limits can be increased to 45 dB(A) and that consideration should be given to increasing the permissible margin above background where the occupier of the property has some financial involvement in the wind farm.'*
- 2.6.11 ETSU-R-97 provides a robust basis for determining the noise limits for wind turbine(s) and since its introduction has become the accepted standard for such developments across the UK.
- 2.6.12 As detailed above, for this assessment the ETSU-R-97 guidance will be used to supplement the guidance provided within the WEDG. The noise limits have been derived in accordance with WEDG 2006.

## 2.7 Current Good Practice

### A Good Practice Guide on the Application of ETSU-R-97

- 2.7.1 In May 2013, the Institute of Acoustics issued 'A Good Practice Guide to the Application of ETSU-R-97 for the Assessment and Rating of Wind Turbine Noise' (IOA GPG). The document provides guidance on background noise data collection, data analysis and limit derivation, noise predictions, cumulative issues, reporting requirements and other matters such as noise related planning conditions.
- 2.7.2 The Authors of the IOA GPG sets out the scope of the document in Section 1.2:

*“This guide presents current good practice in the application of the ETSU-R-97 assessment methodology for all wind turbine developments above 50 kW, reflecting the original principles within ETSU-R-97, and the results of research carried out and experience gained since ETSU-R-97 was published. The noise limits in ETSU-R-97 have not been examined as these are a matter for Government.”*

- 2.7.3 The guidance document was endorsed by all Governments within the UK.
- 2.7.4 As with ETSU-R-97, for this assessment the recommendations included in the IOA GPG have been used to supplement the guidance provided within the WEDG.
- 2.7.5 The IOA GPG refers to six Supplementary Guidance Notes and where applicable these have also been considered in this report.
- 2.7.6 To summarise, the assessment of operational noise from the Proposed Development has been undertaken in accordance with WEDG 2006, supplemented by the guidance presented in ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG where appropriate.

## 2.8 WSP BEIS Report

- 2.8.1 On 10 February 2023, WSP published ‘A review of noise guidance for onshore wind turbines’ (‘WSP BEIS report’)<sup>(5)</sup>, a report that had been commissioned by (the former) UK Government Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The primary aim of the review was to make a recommendation on whether, in view of government policies on noise and Net Zero, and available evidence, the existing UK guidance requires updating.

- 2.8.2 The WSP BEIS report concluded that:

*‘the guidance would benefit from further review and updating of the aspects identified. This could be supported by currently available evidence, which is summarised in this report. However, the study has also highlighted gaps in the state of knowledge, which should be addressed by further research, to support any updates to the guidance.’*

- 2.8.3 A series of recommendations are made regarding further research whilst some additional suggestions are included regarding the development of new or updated guidance. The following recommendation is included on page 15 of the WSP BEIS report:

*‘the separation of the ‘policy position’ (addressing the balance between controlling noise impact and enabling renewable energy development), ‘technical guidance’ (application of the assessment approach), and ‘technical justification’ (the supporting evidence) into discrete, linked documents’*

- 2.8.4 The WSP BEIS report notes at the outset that ‘Any views expressed within it do not necessarily represent the views of the UK government or the governments of any of the devolved administrations’. The report does state on page 26 that:

*‘Consideration should be given to including a clear position statement in guidance confirming the intended policy balance between protection from noise impact, and enabling of renewable energy development (to achieve Net Zero), linked with the wider policies that underpin the government approach to noise management.’*

- 2.8.5 At time of writing there has been no official response to the report from BEIS or any of the new UK Government departments which are being created to replace BEIS. In the event that a decision is made to follow up on the recommendations within the WSP BEIS report, it is unknown how new guidelines would account for the UK Governments' Net Zero targets nor is there any indication of timescales within which updated guidance would be produced.
- 2.8.6 The guidance contained within ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG has therefore been used to supplement the WEDG 2006.



## 3 Potential Impacts

### 3.1 Operational Noise Sources

3.1.1 Wind turbines may emit two types of noise. Firstly, aerodynamic noise is a more natural sounding ‘broad band’ noise, albeit with a characteristic modulation, or ‘swish’, which is produced by the movement of the rotating blades through the air. Secondly, mechanical noise may emanate from components within the nacelle of a wind turbine. Potential sources of mechanical noise include gearboxes or generators.

3.1.2 Aerodynamic noise is usually perceived when the wind speeds are fairly low although at very low wind speeds the blades either do not rotate, or rotate very slowly, and so negligible aerodynamic noise is generated. In higher winds aerodynamic noise may be masked by the normal sound of wind blowing through the trees and around buildings. The level of this natural ‘masking’ noise relative to the level of wind turbine noise is one of the several factors that determine the subjective audibility of the wind turbines<sup>(6)</sup>.

### 3.2 Infrasound, Low Frequency Noise and Vibration

3.2.1 The term infrasound can be defined as sound in the frequency range below 20 Hz, while low frequency noise (LFN) is typically in the frequency range 20 – 200 Hz<sup>(7)</sup>. An average young healthy adult has an audible range from 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz, although the sensitivity of the ear varies with frequency and is most sensitive to sounds with frequencies between 500 Hz and 4,000 Hz. Wind turbines do produce low frequency sounds<sup>(8)</sup>, but our threshold of hearing at such low frequencies is relatively high and they therefore go unnoticed. Infrasound from wind turbines is typically at levels below that of the noise generated by wind around buildings and other obstacles.

3.2.2 In 2004, the former DTI commissioned The Hayes McKenzie Partnership to report on claims that infrasound or LFN emitted by wind turbine generators (WTGs) were causing health effects. Of the 126 wind farms operating in the UK, five had reported LFN problems, therefore, such complaints are an exception, rather than a general problem that exists for all wind farms. Hayes McKenzie investigated the effects of infrasound and LFN at three wind farms for which complaints had been received and the results were reported in May 2006<sup>(9)</sup>. The report concluded that:

- *‘infrasound associated with modern wind turbines is not a source which will result in noise levels which may be injurious to the health of a wind farm neighbour;*
- *low frequency noise was measurable on a few occasions but below the existing permitted Night Time Noise Criterion. Wind turbine noise may result in internal noise levels within a dwelling that is just above the threshold of audibility, however at all sites it was always lower than that of local road traffic noise;*
- *that the common cause of complaint was not associated with LFN, but the occasional audible modulation of aerodynamic noise especially at night. Data collected showed that the internal noise levels were insufficient to wake up residents at these three sites. However once awoken, this noise can result in difficulties in returning to sleep.’*

- 3.2.3 The Applied and Environmental Geophysics Research Group at Keele University was commissioned by the Ministry of Defence (MOD), the DTI and the British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) to undertake microseismic and infrasound monitoring of LFN and vibrations from wind farms for the purposes of siting wind farms in the vicinity of Eskdalemuir in Scotland. Whilst the testing showed that vibration can be detected several kilometres away from wind turbines, the levels of vibration from wind turbines were so small that only the most sophisticated instrumentation can reveal their presence and they are almost impossible to detect. In response to allegations of adverse health effects and articles in the popular press, the report's authors expressed concern over the way in which their work had been misinterpreted and issued a rebuttal statement<sup>(10)</sup> in August 2005:

*'Vibrations at this level and in this frequency range will be available from all kinds of sources such as traffic and background noise – they are not confined to wind turbines. To put the level of vibration into context, they are ground vibrations with amplitudes of about one millionth of a millimetre. There is no possibility of humans sensing the vibration and absolutely no risk to human health.'*

- 3.2.4 In response to concerns that wind turbines emit infrasound and cause associated health problems, Dr Geoff Leventhall, Consultant in Noise Vibration and Acoustics and author of the Defra Report on Low Frequency Noise and its Effects<sup>(11)</sup>, said in the Scotsman ('Wind farm noise rules 'dated'- James Reynolds, 5 August 2005'):

*'I can state quite categorically that there is no significant infrasound from current designs of wind turbines.'*

- 3.2.5 An article<sup>(12)</sup> published in the IOA Bulletin (March/April 2009) concluded that there is no robust evidence that either low frequency noise (including 'infrasound') or ground-borne vibration from wind farms, has an adverse effect on wind farm neighbours.

- 3.2.6 Work<sup>(13)</sup> by Dr Leventhall looked at infrasound levels within the ear compared to external sources and concluded:

*'The conclusion is that the continuous inner ear infrasound levels due to internal sources, which are in the same frequency range as wind turbine rotational frequencies, are higher than the levels produced in the inner ear by wind turbines, making it unlikely that the wind turbine noise will affect the vestibular systems, contrary to suggestions made following the measurements at Shirley. The masking effect is similar to that in the abdomen (Leventhall 2009). The body, and vestibular systems, appear to be built to avoid disturbance from the high levels of infrasound which are produced internally from the heartbeat and other processes. In fact, the hearing mechanisms and the balance mechanisms, although in close proximity, have developed to minimise interaction (Carey and Amin 2006).'*

- 3.2.7 More recently during a planning Appeal (PPA-310-2028, Clydeport Hunterston Terminal Facility, approximately 2.5 km south-west of Fairlie, 9 Jan 2018), the health impacts related to LFN associated with wind turbines were considered at length by the appointed Reporter (Mr M Croft). The Reporter considered evidence from Health Protection Scotland and the National Health Service. In addition, he also considered LFN surveys undertaken by the Appellant and the Local Authority, both of which demonstrated compliance with planning conditions and did not identify any problems attributable to the turbine operations; some periods with highest levels of low frequency noise were in fact recorded when the turbines were not operating.

3.2.8 The Reporter concluded that:

- The literature reviews by bodies with very significant responsibilities for the health of local people found insufficient evidence to confirm a causal relationship between wind turbine noise and the type of health complaints cited by some local residents;
- The NHS's assessment is that concerns about health impact are not supported by good quality research; and
- Although given the opportunity, the Community Council failed to provide evidence that can properly be set against the general tenor of the scientific evidence.

3.2.9 The WSP BEIS Report notes on page 115 that:

*'Several studies have investigated the claimed links between adverse health symptoms and infrasound emissions from wind turbines. Although some experimental studies have linked infrasonic signals with activation of physiological sensory processing<sup>315,316</sup>, these have tended to be based on signals that are not representative of wind turbine infrasound. There remains no compelling evidence of adverse health effects associated with wind turbine infrasound exposure at sound frequencies and levels expected to be present at noise-sensitive receptor locations in the vicinity of wind farms'*

3.2.10 The WSP BEIS Report goes on to note on page 116 that:

*'Overall, the findings from the existing evidence base indicate that infrasound from wind turbines at typical exposure levels has no direct adverse effects on physical or mental health, and reported symptoms of ill-health are more likely to be psychogenic in origin.'*

3.2.11 It is noted that research into infrasound is ongoing but the WSP BEIS report concluded that:

*'It is expected that further evidence from ongoing studies into wind turbine infrasound effects will emerge soon, in particular from the NHMRC studies in Australia. However, based on the existing scientific evidence, it does appear probable that the above findings will not be contradicted by newer evidence.'*

3.2.12 Since the publication of the WSP BEIS report, the study that was granted funding by NHMRC (the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia) was published in the Environmental Health Perspectives (EHP) journal which is published by the United States National Institute of Environmental Health. The study<sup>(14)</sup> aimed to test the effect of exposure to 72 hours of infrasound (designed to simulate a wind turbine infrasound signature) exposure on human physiology, particularly sleep. The study concluded that:

3.2.13 *'Our findings did not support the idea that infrasound causes WTS<sup>1</sup>. High level, but inaudible, infrasound did not appear to perturb any physiological or psychological measure tested in these study participants.'*

3.2.14 It is therefore not considered necessary to carry out specific assessments of LFN and it has not been considered further in the noise assessment.

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<sup>1</sup> WTS stands for Wind Turbine Syndrome which is a term for adverse human health effected related to the proximity of wind turbines.

### 3.3 Amplitude Modulation of Aerodynamic Noise (AM)

- 3.3.1 In the context of wind turbine noise, amplitude modulation describes a variation in noise level over time; for example, observers may describe a ‘whoosh whoosh’ sound, which can be heard close to a wind turbine as the blades sweep past. Amplitude Modulation of aerodynamic noise is an inherent characteristic of wind turbine noise and was noted in ETSU-R-97, on page 68:

*‘The modulation or rhythmic swish emitted by wind turbines has been considered by some to have a characteristic that is irregular enough to attract attention. The level and depth of modulation of the blade noise is, to a degree, turbine-dependent and is dependent upon the position of the observer. Some wind turbines emit a greater level of modulation of the blade noise than others. Therefore, although some wind turbines might be considered to have a character that may attract one’s attention, others have noise characteristics which are considerably less intrusive and unlikely to attract one’s attention and be subject to any penalty.*

*This modulation of blade noise may result in a variation of the overall A-weighted noise level by as much as 3dBA (peak to trough) when measured close to a wind turbine. As distance from the wind turbine [or] wind farm increases, this depth of modulation would be expected to decrease as atmospheric absorption attenuates the high frequency energy radiated by the blade.’*

- 3.3.2 In recent times the Acoustics community has sought to make a distinction between the AM discussed within ETSU-R-97, which is expected at most wind farms and as such may be considered as ‘Normal Amplitude Modulation’ (NAM), compared to the unusual AM that has sometimes been heard at some wind farms, hereinafter referred to as ‘Other Amplitude Modulation’ (OAM). The term OAM is used to describe an unusual feature of aerodynamic noise from wind turbines, where a greater than normal degree of regular fluctuation in sound level occurs at blade passing frequency, typically once per second. In some appeal decisions it may also be referred to as ‘Excess Amplitude Modulation’ (EAM). It should be noted that the noise assessment and rating procedure detailed in ETSU-R-97 fully takes into account the presence of the intrinsic level of NAM when setting acceptable noise limits for wind farms.

- 3.3.3 On 16 December 2013, RenewableUK (RUK) released six technical papers<sup>(15)</sup> on AM, which reflected the outcomes of research commissioned over the previous three years, together with a template planning condition. Whilst this research undoubtedly improved understanding of Other Amplitude Modulation (OAM) and its effects, it should be noted that at the time of writing it has not been endorsed by any relevant body such as the Institute of Acoustics (IOA).

- 3.3.4 On 22 January 2014, the IOA released a statement regarding the RUK research and the proposed planning condition to deal with the issue of amplitude modulation from a wind turbine and stated:

*‘This research is a significant step forward in understanding what causes amplitude modulation from a wind turbine, and how people react to it. The proposed planning condition, though, needs a period of testing and validation before it can be considered to be good practice. The IOA understands that RenewableUK will shortly be making the analysis tool publicly available on their website so that all interested parties can test the proposed*



*condition, and the IOA will review the results later in the year. Until that time, the IOA cautions the use of the proposed planning condition.'*

3.3.5 Research regarding amplitude modulation continued. In April 2015, the IOA issued a discussion document entitled *'Methods for Rating Amplitude Modulation in Wind Turbine Noise'*. The document presented three methods that can be used to quantify the level of AM at a given measurement location. After extensive consultation a preferred method of measuring OAM, which provides a framework for practitioners to measure and rate AM, was recommended by the IOA.

3.3.6 On 3 August 2015, the UK Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), now the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), commissioned independent consultants WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff to carry out a literature review on OAM (which they refer to simply as AM). The stated aims were as follows:

- *To review the available evidence on Amplitude Modulation (AM) in relation to wind turbines, including but not limited to the research commissioned and published by RenewableUK in December 2013;*
- *To work closely with the Institute of Acoustics' AM working group, who are expected to recommend a preferred metric and methodology for quantifying and assessing the level of AM in a sample of wind turbine noise data;*
- *To review the robustness of relevant dose response relationships, including the one developed by the University of Salford as part of the RenewableUK study, on which the correction (or penalty) for amplitude modulation proposed as part of its template planning condition is based;*
- *To consider how, in a policy context, the level(s) of AM in a sample of noise data should be interpreted, in particular determining at what point it causes a significant adverse impact;*
- *To recommend how excessive AM might be controlled through the use of an appropriate planning condition; and*
- *To consider the engineering/cost trade-offs of possible mitigation measures.*

3.3.7 Their report, which was released in October 2016, concluded that there is sufficient robust evidence that excessive AM leads to increased annoyance from wind turbine noise and recommended that excessive AM is controlled through a suitably worded planning condition, which will control it during periods of complaint. Those periods should be identified by measurement using the metric proposed by the work undertaken by the IOA, and enforcement action would rely upon professional judgement by Local Authority Environmental Health Officers based on the duration and frequency of occurrence.

3.3.8 It is not clear within the body of the report which evidence the authors relied upon to arrive at their conclusions, although the Executive Summary states (page 4);

*"It is noted that none of the Category 1 or 2 papers have been designed to answer the main aim of the current review in its entirety. The Category 1 studies have limited representativeness due to sample constraints and the artificiality of laboratory environments, whereas the Category 2 studies generally do not directly address the issue of AM WTN exposure-response. A meta – analysis of the identified studies was not possible due to the incompatibility of the various methodologies employed. Notwithstanding the*



*limitations in the evidence, it was agreed with DECC that the factors to be included in a planning condition should be recommended based on the available evidence, and supplemented with professional experience”.*

3.3.9 The report <sup>(16)</sup> states that any planning condition must accord with existing planning guidance, and should be subject to legal advice on a case by case basis. Existing guidance would include compliance with the six tests of a planning condition embodied in (UK) Circular 4/98<sup>(17)</sup>. The report’s authors did not dictate a particular condition to be used but did suggest that any condition should include the following elements (p5):

- *“The AM condition should cover periods of complaints (due to unacceptable AM);*
- *The IoA-recommended metric should be used to quantify AM (being the most robust available objective metric);*
- *Analysis should be made using individual 10-minute periods, applying the appropriate decibel ‘penalty’ to each period, with subsequent analysis;*
- *The AM decibel penalty should be additional to any decibel penalty for tonality; and*
- *An additional decibel penalty is proposed during the night time period to account for the current difference between the night and day limits on many sites to ensure the control method works during the most sensitive period of the day.”*

3.3.10 AM was considered in the WSP BEIS report. The report notes that the IOA Method provides a suitable approach to measure and quantify AM (whilst noting that work is ongoing to refine the approach) but also highlights that further work is required to develop a robust mechanism for controlling AM that could be incorporated into a planning condition. In relation to the potential adoption of a penalty scheme to control AM the WSP BEIS report notes on page 208 that:

*‘In practice, the details of applying such a penalty scheme are complicated by the complexities of wind turbine sound measurements. These often involve a considerable amount of data filtering and data aggregation to address the practical difficulties of measuring a highly variable source, which is often also at a level that is relatively low compared with other, fluctuating residual sounds present in the acoustic environment. Such details will need to be carefully considered in further study, and the example planning condition proposed by a group of IOA members in 2017 should be considered as a starting point.’*

3.3.11 Until such a ‘further study’ is completed, and additional guidance is published, the approach set out in the IOA GPG remains valid, the document states (paragraph 7.2.10):

*‘7.2.1 The evidence in relation to “Excess” or “Other” Amplitude Modulation (AM) is still developing. At the time of writing, current practice is not to assign a planning condition to deal with AM.’*

3.3.12 It is therefore considered unnecessary to carry out specific assessments of OAM, and it has not been considered further in the noise assessment.

## 4 Methodology

### 4.1 Consultation

#### Scoping Opinion (dated 3 August 2021)

#### 4.1.1 Mayo County Council stated the following in relation to noise:

*'4. Establish baseline noise conditions at noise sensitive receptors prior to works commencing on site.*

*Submit a noise impact assessment for the proposed development.'*

### 4.2 Assessing Operational Noise Impact

#### 4.2.1 To undertake an assessment of the operational noise impact in accordance with the requirements of the WEDG and additional guidance / best practice, the following steps are required:

- Specify the location of the wind turbines for the Proposed Development;
- Measure the background noise levels as a function of on-site wind speed at a selection of representative Noise Monitoring Locations (NML);
- Establish for each NML the 'Total WEDG Noise Limits' on analysis of the measured background noise levels;
- Identify the locations of all nearby noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) and select a sample of relevant Noise Assessment Locations (NAL). For each NAL, identify the most representative measured background noise dataset;
- Specify the likely noise emission characteristics of the wind turbines for the Proposed Development and all nearby cumulative wind turbines;
- Calculate the likely noise immission levels due to the cumulative operation of all relevant wind turbines and compare it to the Total WEDG Noise Limits;
- Determine the 'Site Specific Noise Limits,' which take account of the noise limit already allocated to, or could theoretically be used by, other wind farm developments in the area; and
- Calculate the likely noise immission levels due to the operation of the Proposed Development on its own and compare it to the Proposed Development's 'Site Specific Noise Limits'.

#### 4.2.2 In order to fully consider cumulative noise, the assessment has been split into three separate stages:

- Stage 1 – determine existing Total WEDG Noise Limits, which are already set for other wind farms within the vicinity of the Proposed Development at each NAL or establish the Total WEDG Noise Limits for each NAL (where noise limits are not already set) based on the measured background noise levels;
- Stage 2 – undertake a cumulative assessment for locations where noise predictions from the Proposed Development are within 10 dB of the total noise predictions from any

other wind farms/turbine developments in the area, or where cumulative predictions (excluding the Proposed Development) are greater than 30 dB; and

- Stage 3 – establish the Proposed Development’s Site Specific Noise Limits (at levels below the Total WEDG Noise Limits, where limit apportionment is required) and compare the noise predictions from the Proposed Development on its own against the proposed ‘Site Specific Noise Limits’.

### 4.3 Stage 1 Assessment Methodology - Setting the Total WEDG Noise Limits

#### Wind Shear

4.3.1 Wind shear can be defined as ‘*the change in the relationship between wind speed at different heights*’. Due to wind shear, wind speeds recorded on one meteorological mast at different heights usually vary, generally the higher the anemometer the higher the wind speed recorded. For example, if a wind speed of 4 ms<sup>-1</sup> is recorded at 80 m height, 3.5 ms<sup>-1</sup> may be recorded at 40 m and 2.5 ms<sup>-1</sup> may be recorded at 10 m.

4.3.2 Hub height wind speed is the key wind speed for a wind farm noise assessment, as it is the wind speed at hub height which will determine the noise emitted by the wind turbines and informs the turbine control system. Ideally, both wind turbine noise predictions and background noise level measurements should refer to hub height wind speed (or a representation thereof), ensuring that there is no discrepancy between the wind speed at which the noise is emitted and the wind speed at which the corresponding background noise is measured.

4.3.3 The IOA GPG states that one of three methods of wind speed measurement may be adopted. For this assessment wind speeds recorded at the two heights closest to hub height (41 m and 110 m) were used to calculate hub height wind speeds (99 m) in line with ‘Method A’ of Section 2.6.3 of the IOA GPG to fully take account of wind shear. The hub height wind speeds have then been standardised to 10 m in accordance with ETSU-R-97 and current good practice.

#### Noise Impact Criteria in the WEDG

4.3.4 Analysis of the measured data has been undertaken in accordance with ETSU-R-97 and current good practice to determine the pre-existing background noise environment and to establish the daytime and night time Total WEDG Noise Limits for each NAL.

4.3.5 The Total WEDG Noise Limits for the daytime have been set at;

- 40 dB(A) where background noise levels are below 30 dB; and,
- 45 dB(A) or background noise plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater, where background noise levels are greater than 30 dB.

4.3.6 Total WEDG Noise Limits at night time has been set at;

- 43 dB(A) or background plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater.

4.3.7 This ‘Total’ limit relates to noise from all wind farm developments in the area (including the Proposed Development). The limit was chosen with due regard to the guidance in the WEDG





and with due consideration given to the limits already adopted for other wind farm developments in the area.

- 4.3.8 The acceptable limits for wind turbine operational noise are clearly defined for all time periods by the application of the WEDG methodology. Consequently, the test applied to operational noise is whether or not the predicted wind turbine noise immission levels at nearby noise sensitive properties lie below the WEDG Noise Limits. Depending on the levels of background noise, the satisfaction of the WEDG derived limits can lead to a situation whereby, at some locations under some wind conditions and for a certain proportion of the time, the wind turbine noise would be audible.

#### 4.4 Stage 2 Assessment Methodology - Likely effects & cumulative assessment

- 4.4.1 The WEDG do not include any information on the assessment of cumulative noise impacts, therefore, the guidance provided within the IOA GPG has been adopted, which contains a detailed section on cumulative noise and where a cumulative assessment is required. Section 5.1.4 and 5.1.5 of the GPG state:

*‘During scoping of a new wind farm development consideration should be given to cumulative noise impacts from any other wind farms in the locality. If the proposed wind farm produces noise levels within 10 dB of any existing wind farm/s at the same receptor location, then a cumulative noise impact assessment is necessary.*

*Equally, in such cases where noise from the proposed wind farm is predicted to be 10 dB greater than that from the existing wind farm (but compliant with ETSU-R-97 in its own right), then a cumulative noise impact assessment would not be necessary.’*

- 4.4.2 An assessment was undertaken at each of the NSRs proximate to the Proposed Development and other nearby operational, consented and proposed wind farm developments to determine whether the wind turbine noise immissions from the Proposed Development were within 10 dB of the wind turbine noise immissions from other wind farm developments. Where predictions were found to be within 10 dB of each other, a cumulative noise assessment was undertaken, however, if wind turbine immissions were more than 10 dB apart, a cumulative noise assessment was not required.

#### Noise Prediction / Propagation Model

- 4.4.3 The ISO 9613-2: 1996 ‘Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors Part 2: General method of calculation’<sup>(18)</sup> model algorithm provides a robust prediction method for calculating the noise immission levels at the nearest receptors. A European Commission (EC) research project into wind farm noise propagation over large distances, published as ‘Development of a Wind Farm Noise Prediction Model,’ JOULE project JOR3-CT95-0051 in 1998, identified a simplified version of ISO 9613-2 as the most suitable at that time, but the full method has been used for this assessment.

- 4.4.4 Guidance on noise prediction and propagation modelling is not provided within the WEDG, however, the IOA GPG recognises the standard as appropriate for the prediction of wind turbine noise.

4.4.5 There is currently no standard approach to specifying error bands on noise predictions, however, Table 5 of ISO 9613-2 suggests, at best, an estimated of accuracy of  $\pm 3$  dB(A). The work undertaken as part of the EC research study concluded that the ISO 9613-2 algorithm reliably predicted noise levels that would generally occur under downwind propagation conditions. The error bands referenced in the ISO standard itself relate to the general application of the standard. Additional, wind farm specific studies, have also been undertaken to validate the use of the standard to predict wind farm noise and these are referenced in Section 4 of the IOA GPG, which goes on to conclude that:

*"The outcome of this research has demonstrated that the ISO 9613-2 standard in particular, which is widely used in the UK, can be applied to obtain realistic predictions of noise from on-shore wind turbines during worst case propagation conditions (i.e. sound speed gradients due to downwind conditions or temperature inversions), but only provided that the appropriate choice of input parameters and correction factors are made."*

4.4.6 TNEI's experience of undertaking compliance monitoring for operational wind farms indicates that the predictions undertaken using the guidance in the IOA GPG show a good correlation with measured levels.

4.4.7 The ISO 9613-2 model can take account of the following factors that influence sound propagation outdoors:

- Geometric divergence;
- Atmospheric absorption;
- Reflecting obstacles;
- Screening;
- Vegetation; and
- Ground attenuation.

4.4.8 The model uses as its acoustic input data the octave band sound power output of the turbine and calculates, on an octave band basis, attenuation due to the factors above, as appropriate.

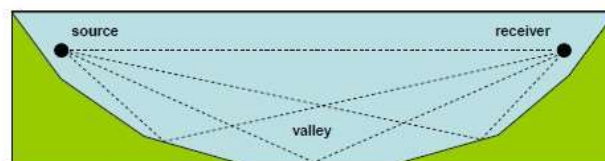
4.4.9 The IOA GPG quotes a comparative study undertaken in Australia that indicated ISO 9613-2 can, in some conditions, under-predict ground attenuation effects and the potential for additional reflection paths 'across a valley', whilst slightly over-predicting on flat terrain. It should be noted, however, that the wind farm layouts studied were untypical for Ireland, with rows of turbines spreading over 10 km on an elevated ridge. It also should be noted that no correction for background contribution was undertaken and the monitoring locations were located as far as 1.7 km from the nearest turbine, where turbine noise may be at similar levels to background noise and therefore difficult to differentiate. For the study's modelling work topographic height data was included as an input, which is consistent with ISO 9613-2 methodology generally, but not with how barrier attenuations are calculated using the topography data as part of the requirements of the IOA GPG.

4.4.10 The model used in this assessment does not model barrier attenuation using the method in ISO 9613-2, but instead uses the guidance in the IOA GPG to consider whether any topographical corrections are required as set out below in Sections 4.4.11 to 4.4.14. Any differences in ground height between the receptors and the turbines are considered when calculating the propagation distance between each source and receiver.



- 4.4.11 The IOA GPG discusses the potential for topographical screening effects of the terrain surrounding a wind farm and the nearby noise sensitive receptors. Although barrier screening effects in ISO 9613-2 can make corrections of up to 15 dB, the IOA GPG states that where there is no line of sight between the highest point on the rotor and the receiver location a reduction of no more than 2 dB may be applied.
- 4.4.12 The IOA GPG also states that a *'further correction of +3 dB should be added to the calculated overall A-weighted level for propagation 'across a valley', i.e. a concave ground profile or where the ground falls away significantly between a turbine and the receiver location.'* The potential reflection paths are illustrated in Schematic 4.1 below.

**Schematic 4.1: Multiple reflection paths for sound propagation across concave ground**



Source: IOA GPG, page 21, Figure 5

- 4.4.13 A formula from the JOULE Project JOR3-CT95-0051 dated 1998 is suggested for determining whether a correction is required.

$$h_m \geq 1.5 \times (\text{abs}(h_s - h_r) / 2)$$

where  $h_m$  is the mean height above the ground of the direct line of sight from the receiver to the source (as defined in ISO 9613-2, Figure 3), and  $h_s$  and  $h_r$  are the heights above local ground level of the source and receiver respectively).

- 4.4.14 The calculation of  $h_m$  requires consideration of the digital terrain model and needs to be performed for each path between every turbine and every receiver. Interpretation of the results of the calculation above and the subsequent inclusion of a concave ground profile correction requires careful consideration with any topographical variation considered in the context of a site.

## 4.5 Noise Propagation Parameters

- 4.5.1 The noise immission levels have been calculated using the full ISO 9613-2 model with a receiver height of 4.0 m above local ground level, mixed ground ( $G=0.5$ ) and air absorption based on a temperature of 10 °C and 70 % relative humidity. The modelling parameters reflect current good practice as detailed within the IOA GPG.
- 4.5.2 The wind turbine noise immission levels are based on the  $L_{A90,10 \text{ minute}}$  noise indicator in accordance with the recommendations in the WEDG, which were obtained by subtracting 2dB(A) from the turbine sound power level data ( $L_{Aeq}$  indicator).
- 4.5.3 A topographical assessment has been undertaken between each NSR and wind turbine location to determine whether any concave ground profiles exist between the source and receiver. Analysis undertaken using a combination of CadnaA<sup>(19)</sup> and an Excel model found that if the formula in the IOA GPG is applied directly, a +3 dB correction is required for some turbines at a number of receptors, as summarised in Annex 7.

- 4.5.4 In addition, an assessment has been undertaken to determine whether any topographical screening effects of the terrain occur where there is no direct line of sight between the highest point on the turbine rotor and the receiver location. Upon analysis of each NSR it was found that a barrier correction of -2 dB could be applied for some turbines at a number of receptors as detailed in Annex 7. In reality, there is significant screening at some of the locations, so more attenuation may occur in practice. The use of a 2 dB value is therefore considered to be conservative as it results in the highest predicted levels. All corrections have been applied, where necessary, in all of the tables and graphs in this report.
- 4.5.5 The need to include a concave ground/screening correction may change depending on the final location of the turbines (following micrositing) and the final turbine hub height. Nevertheless, turbine noise levels will have to meet the noise limits detailed in planning conditions regardless of any difference in noise propagation caused by topography. Should planning permission be granted, the need to apply a concave slope correction will need to be considered by the Applicant prior to the final selection of a turbine model for the Proposed Development.
- 4.5.6 The cumulative assessment has taken into account directivity effects in line with good practice. The directivity of wind turbines has been recognised for some time. Building on earlier work by NASA, in 1988 Wyle Laboratories studied sound propagation using an omnidirectional loudspeaker source elevated 80 ft above ground, in upwind, downwind and cross wind situations, and in both flat and hilly terrain, then compared those measurements to measured data from actual wind turbines. Their study quantified directivity factors for a limited frequency range, but was unable to conclusively demonstrate the anticipated directivity effects on real wind turbines. It also highlighted, but was unable to explain, measured differences observed between flat and hilly terrain.
- 4.5.7 Hubbard (1990) (IOA GPG Section 4.4.3) described a number of factors believed to influence propagation and directivity, notably refraction caused by vertical wind and temperature gradients. In the downwind direction the wind gradient causes the sound rays to bend toward the ground, whereas in the upwind direction the rays curve upward away from the ground. Upwind of the turbine this results in a region of increased attenuation termed the 'shadow zone'. The excess attenuation is frequency dependent, with lowest frequencies least attenuated. Relating this to the earlier NASA studies, Hubbard noted that the distance from the source to the edge of the shadow zone is related to the wind speed gradient and the elevation of the source, which for a typical turbine source was calculated to be approximately 5 times the source height.
- 4.5.8 This observation was adopted in the IOA GPG, which states (Section 4.4.2) 'Such reductions (due to "shadow zone" refraction effects) will in practice only progressively come into play at distances of between 5 and 10 turbine tip heights', while Section 4.4.3 provides graphical examples of increasing broadband directivity with increasing tip height scaling in both flat and hilly terrain, without qualifying either of those designations.
- 4.5.9 The IOA GPG recommends (Section 4.4.1) that directivity attenuation factors adopted in any assessment should be clearly stated. The TNEI noise model can consider the effect of directivity and in line with current good practice the attenuation values used are in detailed in Table 4.1. These are based upon the examples given in the IOA GPG (Section 4.4.2), using interpolation where required.

**Table 4.1 Wind Directivity Attenuation Factors used in Modelling**

Direction (°)	0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165
Attenuation dB(A)	-10	-9.9	-9.3	-8.3	-6.7	-4.6	-2	0	0	0	0	0
Direction (°)	180	195	210	225	240	255	270	285	300	315	330	345
Attenuation (dB(A))	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-4.6	-6.7	-8.3	-9.3	-9.9

## 4.6 Stage 3 Assessment Methodology - Site Specific Noise Limits

### 4.6.1 Summary Box 21 of the IOA GPG states:

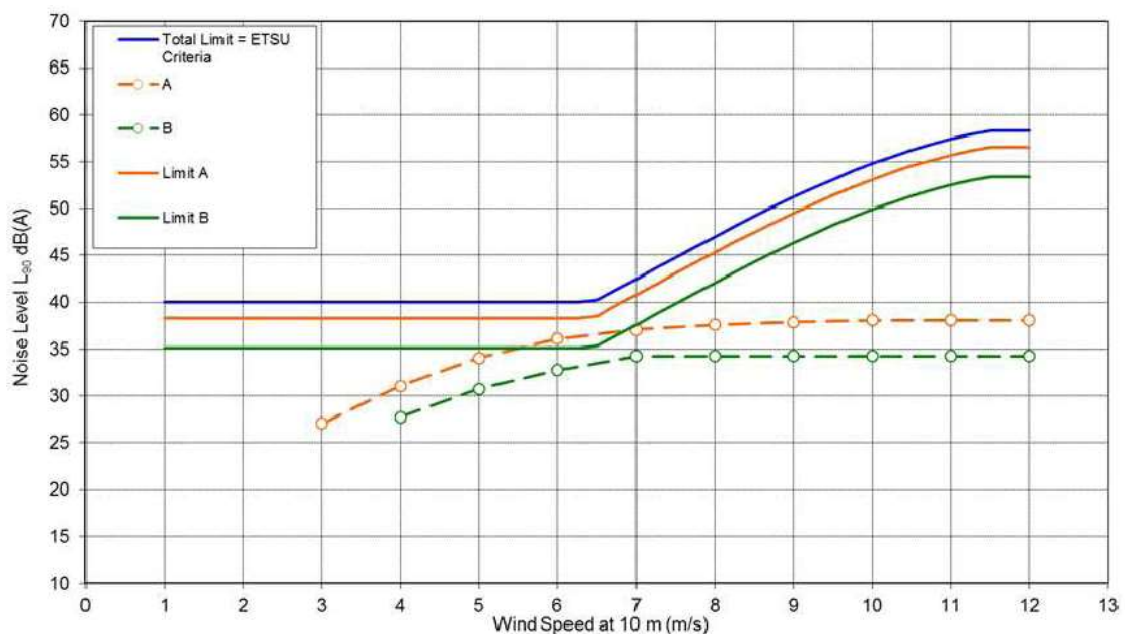
*'Whenever a cumulative situation is encountered, the noise limits for an individual wind farm should be determined in such a way that no cumulative excess of the total ETSU-R-97 noise limit would occur.'*

### 4.6.2 In order to determine Site Specific Noise Limits at receptors in proximity to the Proposed Development (where required), the guidance detailed within Section 5.4 of the IOA GPG has been considered. The options detailed within Section 5.4 are summarised below.

#### *Limit Apportionment*

### 4.6.3 This approach is demonstrated in Graph 4.1 below which is reproduced from Section 5.4 of the IOA GPG. In this example the total limit (shown in blue) is shared between two proposed wind farms (A and B). The two noise limits for a given receptor (the solid orange and green lines) when added together equate to the total noise limit, and the predicted levels for each wind farm (the dashed lines) meet the specific limits established for each wind farm.

**Graph 4.1: Limit Apportionment Example**



*Significant Headroom*

- 4.6.4 The limit derivation can also be undertaken with consideration of the amount of headroom between another schemes'(s) predictions and the Total Noise Limit. With regard to this, Section 5.4.11 of the IOA GPG states:

*'In cases where there is significant headroom (e.g. 5 to 10 dB) between the predicted noise levels from the existing wind farm and the Total Noise Limits, where there would be no realistic prospect of the existing wind farm producing noise levels up to the Total Noise Limits, agreement could be sought with the LPA as to a suitable predicted noise level (including an appropriate margin to cover factors such as potential increases in noise) from the existing wind farm to be used to inform the available headroom for the cumulative assessment without the need for negotiation or cumulative conditioning. This may be the case particularly at low wind speeds.'*

- 4.6.5 With this in mind, and where appropriate, an additional 2 dB buffer has been added to the cumulative turbine noise predictions from the other wind farm developments. This is considered to be a suitable buffer in accordance with Section 5.4.11 of the IOA GPG and would represent a 60% increase in emitted noise levels from the other wind farm developments.

*10 dB Rule*

- 4.6.6 Where predicted wind turbine noise levels from the individual wind farm/ turbine schemes are found to be >10 dB below the Total WEDG Noise Limits then it has been deemed appropriate to allocate the entire noise limit to the Proposed Development.

*Controlling Property*

- 4.6.7 Section 5.4.9 states:

*'It may be the case that for the existing wind farm to operate to the total ETSU-R-97 noise limits at a key cumulative receptor it would have to breach the noise limit at another receptor (i.e. a receptor closer to the existing wind farm than the key cumulative receptor). Consideration could then be given to the available 'headroom' at the key cumulative receptor such a scenario permits.*

- 4.6.8 Further information on the approaches adopted for the setting of the Site Specific Noise Limits for the Proposed Development are provided in Section 6.5 below.



## 5 Baseline

### 5.1 Identification of Potential Noise Receptors

- 5.1.1 A desk based review was undertaken to identify potential noise sensitive receptors within proximity to the Proposed Development.
- 5.1.2 Of the identified receptors, a total of two Noise Monitoring Locations (NMLs) were selected as being appropriate locations to determine a representative baseline for all of the identified NSRs. The NMLs were to the south and east of the Proposed Development.
- 5.1.3 The NMLs were selected following a detailed review of the area using aerial photography. Where possible, locations were selected that were subject to minimal influence from other noise sources, such as local watercourses, operational wind turbines and vegetation.

### 5.2 Background Noise Survey

- 5.2.1 Background noise monitoring was undertaken for the purposes of setting the Total WEDG Noise Limits. Data was recorded over the period 3 December 2020 to 17 February 2021 at NML1 and 3 December 2020 to 19 March 2021 at NML2.
- 5.2.2 Details of the exact monitoring periods, the rationale behind the exact kit location and the dominant noise sources observed at each of the NMLs are detailed in the Field Data Sheets (FDS) and installation report included in Annex 3.
- 5.2.3 The NML is the position that the sound level meter was sited at each property, as shown on Figure A1.1 (Annex 1) and summarised in Table 5.1 below.

**Table 5.1 Noise Monitoring Locations**

NML	X (ITM*)	Y (ITM*)
NML1	501645	832111
NML2	508373	833446

*\*Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM)*

### 5.3 Noise Monitoring Equipment

- 5.3.1 Section 2.4 of the IOA GPG includes information on the type and specification of noise monitoring equipment that should be used for background noise surveys and states:

*‘Noise measurement equipment and calibrators used on site should comply with Class 1/Type 1 of the relevant standard(s). Enhanced microphone windscreens should be used. Standard windshields of a diameter of less than 100 mm cannot be relied upon to provide sufficient reduction of wind noise in most circumstances.’*

- 5.3.2 The noise monitoring equipment used for the background noise survey meets with the requirements of the IOA GPG. Details of the noise monitoring equipment used, the calibration drift recorded and photographs at each NML are detailed in the FDS included in Annex 3. The IOA GPG states that for calibration drift greater than 1 dB the measurements

should be discarded. The maximum calibration drift recorded during the noise survey was 0.3 dB as detailed in the FDS (included in Annex 3) therefore no correction has been applied to the noise data.

- 5.3.3 Copies of the calibration/conformance certificates for the sound level meters and sound level calibrator used for the noise survey are included in Annex 4. All sound level meters conform to Class 1/ Type 1.
- 5.3.4 The microphones were all mounted between 1.2 m and 1.5 m above local ground level, situated between 3.5 m and 20 m from the dwelling and were located *'in an area frequently used for rest and relaxation'* (Section 2.5.1 of IOA GPG), and away from obvious local sources of noise such as boiler flues, fans and running water. The sound level meters were situated as far away from hard reflective surfaces such as fences and walls as practicable.
- 5.3.5 All measurement systems were set to log the  $L_{A90}$  and  $L_{Aeq}$  noise levels in ten minute intervals continuously over the deployment period.

## 5.4 Meteorological Data

- 5.4.1 The WEDG state on Page 29 that:

*'Noise limits should be applied to external locations, and should reflect the variation in both turbine source noise and background noise with wind speed.'*

- 5.4.2 ETSU-R-97 states on Page 84 that:

*'background noise measurements should be correlated with wind speed measurements performed at the proposed site, such that the actual operating noise levels from the turbines may be compared with the noise levels that would otherwise be experienced at a dwelling.'*

- 5.4.3 Concurrent wind speed and direction were recorded using a LIDAR unit, which was located within the site (ITM reference 502370, 833948). The meteorological data was collected and provided by the Applicant. The installation report and calibration information for the LIDAR can be provided upon request. Average 10 minute wind speed and direction data were collected over the same time-scale as the noise data to provide the analysis of the measured background noise as a function of wind speed and direction.
- 5.4.4 The preferred methodologies for measuring or calculating wind shear are detailed in Section 4.3.1.
- 5.4.5 A tipping bucket rain gauge was installed at NML2 for the duration of the noise survey to record periods of rainfall, time synchronised to the sound measurements. As per the recommendations in Section 3.1.9 of the IOA GPG, the rain data were analysed and any 10 minute periods that contained registered rainfall events, plus the preceding 10 minute periods, were excluded. All excluded rainfall periods are shown on Figures A1.2a-A1.2b (Annex 1) as blue squares.

## 5.5 Influence of Existing Turbines on Background Measurements

- 5.5.1 ETSU-R-97 states that background noise levels should be determined such that they are not influenced by existing turbine noise, whilst the IOA GPG details that, in situations where



measurement locations are potentially influenced by existing turbine noise, the following approaches can be adopted:

1. The existing wind turbines can be switched off (assuming the applicant has control of those turbines and noting that there would be associated cost implications);
2. The contribution of the wind turbines can be accounted for by filtering the measured data by direction (only including background data when a receptor is upwind of the wind turbines) or by subtracting predicted turbine noise from the measured levels;
3. Limits can be set using 'proxy' datasets measured at location(s) outside of the influence of the wind turbines; or
4. Limits can be set using data collected as part of previous background noise assessments undertaken before the wind turbines were operational, providing the equipment and both noise and meteorological data obtained are appropriate.

5.5.2 The closest operational wind farm to the NMLs is Oweninny 1 Wind Farm which is over 6 km away at its closest point. The contribution to overall background noise levels from Oweninny 1 Wind Farm at the NMLs used for this assessment is likely to be negligible and therefore this has not been considered further.

#### 5.5.3 Directional Filtering of Background Noise

5.5.4 In Section 3.1.22 of the IOA GPG the need to directionally filter background noise data is discussed. Where a receiver is located upwind of a dominant local noise source whilst also being systematically downwind of the turbines then it may be necessary to filter background noise data particularly when this corresponds to the prevailing wind direction. For this site there are no dominant local noise sources so no directional filtering was undertaken.

### 5.6 Analysis of Measured Data

5.6.1 Time series graphs are provided in Annex 5, which show the variation in measured wind speed/direction and noise level over the monitoring period. These graphs also show where data was excluded, either due to rainfall, birdsong (dawn chorus) or manual exclusions due to atypical data.

### 5.7 Prevailing Background Noise Level

5.7.1 Table 5.2 and Table 5.3 summarise the derived prevailing background noise levels from the baseline survey.

**Table 5.2 Summary of Prevailing Background Noise Levels during Quiet Daytime Periods (dB(A))**

NML	Prevailing Background Noise Level $L_{A90,10 \text{ min}}$											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NML1	24.8*	24.8	25.5	26.7	28.5	30.7	33.3	36.2	39.5	42.9	46.5	50.1
NML2	24.3*	24.3	24.8	26.2	28.3	30.9	33.7	36.6	39.5	42.1	44.2	45.6

\*restricted where derived minimum occurs at lower wind speeds. See Section 5.7.4.

**Table 5.3 Summary of Prevailing Background Noise Levels during Night time Periods (dB(A))**

NML	Prevailing Background Noise Level $L_{A90,10\text{ min}}$											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NML1	24.9	25.2	26.0	27.1	28.7	30.7	33.0	35.7	38.6	41.9	45.4	49.2
NML2	23.7*	23.7*	24.6	25.9	27.8	30.0	32.6	35.3	38.0	40.8	43.5	45.9

\*restricted where derived minimum occurs at lower wind speeds. See Section 5.7.4.

- 5.7.2 A series of graphs are presented for each of the NMLs to illustrate the data collected, these are included as Figures A1.2a - A1.2b (Annex 1). There is a set of graphs for each NML, which show the range of wind speeds and directions recorded during the survey, the 10 minute average wind speed plotted against the recorded  $L_{A90, 10\text{min}}$  noise level, and a calculated 'best fit' polynomial regression line for both quiet daytime and night time periods. Each Figure also includes a table with the number of measured data points per integer wind speed bin and the prevailing measured background noise level.
- 5.7.3 The background noise levels have been calculated using a best fit polynomial regression line of no more than a fourth order through the measured  $L_{A90, 10\text{min}}$  noise data, as required by ETSU-R-97 and the IOA GPG.
- 5.7.4 In line with the recommendations included in Section 3.1.21 of the IOA GPG, for NML1 and NML2 the polynomial background curve for low wind speed conditions have been restricted at wind speeds below that where the derived minimum occurs. This is presented on the Figures, where the final regression analysis curve is shown as a continuous black line and the original polynomial line of best fit is shown as a dashed black line. A summary is also included in Table 5.4 below.

**Table 5.4 Analysis of Measured Datasets**

NML	Quiet Daytime	Night Time
NML1	Restricted below $2\text{ ms}^{-1}$ (minimum level recorded)	No restrictions applied
NML2	Restricted below $2\text{ ms}^{-1}$ (minimum level recorded)	Restricted below $2\text{ ms}^{-1}$ (minimum level recorded)

- 5.7.5 ETSU-R-97 states (Page 101) that data may not be extrapolated beyond the measured range of wind speeds. It is, however, reasonable to assume that background noise levels will not decrease at higher wind speeds. As such, in the interest of protecting residential amenity, the noise levels for wind speeds higher than the maximum where noise levels were measured have been set equal to those derived for lower wind speeds, as per Section 3.1.20 of the IOA GPG.
- 5.7.6 Section 2.9.5 of the IOA GPG recommends that no fewer than 200 valid data points should be recorded in each of the quiet daytime and night time periods, with no fewer than 5 valid data points in any  $1\text{ ms}^{-1}$  wind speed bin, which was achieved for all NMLs and all time periods.

5.7.7 The number of data points measured in each wind speed bin for each receptor, once exclusions were applied, are summarised in Figures A1.2a - A1.2b (Annex 1). The Figures also show the final prevailing background noise levels which have been determined following the analysis detailed above.

## 6 Noise Assessment Results

### 6.1 Noise Sensitive Receptors and Noise Assessment Locations

- 6.1.1 A total of three NSRs were chosen as Noise Assessment Locations (NALs) to represent the individual or clusters of NSRs located closest to the Proposed Development. Predictions of noise at the NALs ensures that the assessment reports the worst case (loudest) noise immission level expected at each group of NSRs. The modelling results for the NALs are presented within the main body of this report, however, an assessment for every individual NSR has also been included within Annex 6 for completeness.
- 6.1.2 Each NAL and NSR is shown on Figure A1.1 (Annex 1). All NALs and NSRs are labelled with the letter 'H', to ensure consistency with the labelling of these receptors within the rest of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).
- 6.1.3 A building (H3) included within the original 14 buildings identified has subsequently been classified as derelict. This location was not considered to be noise sensitive for the purposes of this assessment and has not been considered further.
- 6.1.4 Table 6.1 details which NML has been used to set noise limits for each NAL and a similar table detailing which NML has been used to set limits at each NSR has also been included within Annex 6.

**Table 6.1 Noise Assessment Locations**

NAL/ NSR ID	X (ITM) (m)	Y (ITM) (m)	Elevation (m AOD)	Approximate Distance to Nearest Glenora Turbine* (m)	Background Noise Data Used
NAL1 (H1)	501398	832178	119	1,185 (T4)	NML1
NAL2 (H4)	502850	829722	136	2,590 (T14)	NML1
NAL3 (H7)	508401	833437	143	1,940 (T22)	NML2

*\* Please note the distances to nearest turbines quoted above may differ from those reported elsewhere. Distances for the noise assessment are taken from the nearest turbine to the amenity area (usually the garden) on the wind farm side of the property and not the house.*

### 6.2 Noise Emission Characteristics of the Wind Turbines

- 6.2.1 This assessment considers a candidate turbine for the Proposed Development with a rotor diameter of 162 m, serrated trailing edge blades and a hub height of 99 m.
- 6.2.2 For the cumulative assessment the turbines considered are summarised in Table 1.1 and Annex 7.
- 6.2.3 Due to the differences in the way in which levels are provided by different manufacturers, TNEI has accounted for uncertainty using the guidance contained within Section 4.2 of the

IOA GPG (2013). A 2 dB uncertainty was added to the manufacturers turbine noise data for all wind farms. Details of the sound power level and octave data used for each of the turbine types considered in this assessment have not been included within this report due to commercial sensitivities.

- 6.2.4 Manufacturer noise level data is usually supplied based on a turbine of a specific hub height although the noise levels are presented as standardised to 10 m height. Accordingly, the noise data used in this assessment corrects the published turbine noise data following the guidance detailed in Section 4.3 of IOA GPG Supplementary Guidance Note 4, where applicable. The hub heights considered for the cumulative wind farm/turbine developments are summarised in Annex 7.
- 6.2.5 The location of the wind turbines are shown on Figure A1.1a and grid references are included in Annex 7.

### 6.3 Stage 1 Assessment - Total WEDG Noise Limits

- 6.3.1 The Total WEDG Noise Limits have been established for each of the NALs as detailed in Table 6.2 and Table 6.3 below, based on a fixed minimum level of 40dB(A) (daytime) and 43 dB(A) (Night time).

**Table 6.2 Total WEDG Noise Limits Daytime**

Location	Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10m height											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NAL1 (H1)	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
NAL2 (H4)	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
NAL3 (H7)	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6

**Table 6.3 Total WEDG Noise Limits Night Time**

Location	Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10m height											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NAL1 (H1)	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
NAL2 (H4)	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
NAL3 (H7)	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9

### 6.4 Stage 2 Assessment – Likely Effects and Cumulative Assessment

- 6.4.1 A comparison has been undertaken of the predicted wind turbine noise immission levels from the Proposed Development operating alongside other wind farm developments to determine whether predictions are within 10 dB of each other. All turbines have been assumed to be operating in full mode.
- 6.4.2 Table 6.4 summarises the results and whether a cumulative noise assessment is required (as detailed in Section 4.4).

**Table 6.4 Cumulative Assessment Requirement**

Noise Assessment Location (NAL)	Are predicted wind turbine noise levels within 10 dB?	Is a cumulative assessment required?
NAL1 (H1)	YES	YES
NAL2 (H4)	YES	YES
NAL3 (H7)	YES	YES

- 6.4.3 A likely cumulative noise assessment was undertaken at NAL1 to NAL3 and the results are summarised in Table 6.5 and Table 6.6. The results show that the predicted cumulative wind turbine noise immission levels meet the ‘Total WEDG Noise limits’ under all conditions at NAL1 to NAL3. The predicted ‘likely’ cumulative levels are the actual levels expected at an NAL and include the addition of an appropriate level of uncertainty to the turbine data as per Section 4.2 of the IOA GPG. For this assessment the uncertainty level added was 2 dB.
- 6.4.4 Figures A1.3a-c (Annex 1) show predictions at each NAL from the cumulative operation of all wind farms (including the Proposed Development) against the ‘Total WEDG Noise Limits’. The individual contribution of all wind farms are also shown.

**Table 6.5 WEDG Compliance Table – Likely Cumulative Noise - Daytime**

Location		Wind Speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NAL1 (H1)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	26.6	30.8	35.0	36.5	36.6	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-13.4	-9.2	-10.0	-8.5	-8.4	-8.3	-11.2	-14.8	-18.4
NAL2 (H4)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	21.9	26.4	30.5	31.6	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-18.1	-13.6	-14.5	-13.4	-13.3	-13.2	-16.1	-19.7	-23.3
NAL3 (H7)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	20.9	25.1	29.3	30.7	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-19.1	-14.9	-15.7	-14.3	-14.1	-14.1	-16.2	-18.2	-19.6

Note: For the cumulative noise predictions the noise model considers the range of noise data available for each turbine type modelled. For some turbines noise data was not available for wind speeds less than  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  therefore no cumulative predictions are included for wind speeds less than  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

**Table 6.6 WEDG Compliance Table – Likely Cumulative Noise – Night time**

Location		Wind Speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) as standardised to 10 m height												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
NAL1 (H1)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	26.6	30.8	35.0	36.5	36.6	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-16.4	-12.2	-8.0	-6.5	-6.4	-6.9	-10.2	-13.7	-17.5	-17.5
NAL2 (H4)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	21.9	26.4	30.5	31.6	31.7	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8	31.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-21.1	-16.6	-12.5	-11.4	-11.3	-11.8	-15.1	-18.6	-22.4	-22.4
NAL3 (H7)	Total Noise Limit: WEDG 2006 $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	20.9	25.1	29.3	30.7	30.9	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.0	31.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-22.1	-17.9	-13.7	-12.3	-12.1	-12.1	-14.9	-17.5	-19.9	-19.9

Note: For the cumulative noise predictions the noise model considers the range of noise data available for each turbine type modelled. For some turbines noise data was not available for wind speeds less than  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  therefore no cumulative predictions are included for wind speeds less than  $4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .



## 6.5 Stage 3 Assessment - Derivation of Site Specific Noise Limits

- 6.5.1 In order to protect residential amenity, the recommendations are that cumulatively, all wind farms (including the Proposed Development), operate within the Total WEDG Noise Limits.
- 6.5.2 To allow this to occur a set of Site Specific Noise limits for the Proposed Development are required and these have been derived for each NAL. Table 6.7 summarises the approach adopted at each NAL to derive the Site Specific Noise Limits.
- 6.5.3 The Site Specific Noise Limits have been derived to take account of the proportion of the noise limit that has been allocated to, or could theoretically be used by, other wind farm developments (operational or consented) in proximity to the Proposed Development.
- 6.5.4 The cumulative noise model assumes that the consented turbines at Oweninny Phase 2 and ABO Sheskin are built, that Oweninny Phase 3 and Sheskin South are consented and built and that Oweninny Phase 1 continues to operate for the lifetime of its consent.

**Table 6.7 Limit Derivation Strategy**

NAL	Limit Derivation Strategy
NALs 1-3	The predicted likely cumulative noise levels from the other wind farm developments were found to be more than 10 dB below the Total WEDG Noise Limits and as such the entire noise limit has been allocated to the Proposed Development.

- 6.5.5 As summarised in Table 6.7 above, it is proposed that the full WEDG Noise Limits be allocated to the Proposed Development at all NALs, as the cumulative predictions from other wind farm developments do not need a portion of the limit.
- 6.5.6 Table 6.8 and Table 6.9 show the daytime and night time Site Specific Noise Limits, noise predictions for the Proposed Development and the exceedance level. A negative exceedance demonstrates compliance with the Site Specific Noise Limits.
- 6.5.7 Table 6.8 and Table 6.9 show that the predicted wind turbine noise immission levels meet the Site Specific Noise Limits under all conditions and at all locations for both the daytime and night time periods. A series of graphs to show the predicted wind turbine noise from the Proposed Development compared to the Site Specific Noise Limits are included as Figures A1.4a - A1.4c (Annex 1).
- 6.5.8 The predictions and assessment of noise for all identified NSRs are included in Annex 6.
- 6.5.9 In the event that planning permission is granted for the Proposed Development it would be appropriate to set noise limits equal to the Site Specific Noise Limits presented in Table 6.8 and Table 6.9.

**Table 6.8 Site Specific Noise Limits Compliance Table – Daytime**

Location		Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NAL1 (H1)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	25.6	26.4	30.5	34.7	36.2	36.4	36.5	36.5	36.5	36.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-14.4	-13.6	-9.5	-10.3	-8.8	-8.6	-8.5	-11.4	-15.0	-18.6
NAL2 (H4)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.4	20.1	24.2	28.5	30.0	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-20.6	-19.9	-15.8	-16.5	-15.0	-14.8	-14.8	-17.6	-21.2	-24.8
NAL3 (H7)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.5	20.3	24.4	28.6	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-20.5	-19.7	-15.6	-16.4	-14.8	-14.7	-14.6	-16.7	-18.8	-20.2

**Table 6.9 Site Specific Noise Limits Compliance Table – Night time**

Location		Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10 m height												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
NAL1 (H1)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	25.6	26.4	30.5	34.7	36.2	36.4	36.5	36.5	36.5	36.5	36.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-17.4	-16.6	-12.5	-8.3	-6.8	-6.6	-7.1	-10.4	-13.9	-17.7	
NAL2 (H4)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.4	20.1	24.2	28.5	30.0	30.2	30.2	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-23.6	-22.9	-18.8	-14.5	-13.0	-12.8	-13.4	-16.6	-20.1	-23.9	
NAL3 (H7)	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9	
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.5	20.3	24.4	28.6	30.2	30.3	30.4	30.4	30.4	30.4	
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-23.5	-22.7	-18.6	-14.4	-12.8	-12.7	-12.6	-15.4	-18.1	-20.5	

## 7 Summary and Conclusions

- 7.1.1 This report has assessed the potential impact of operational noise from the Proposed Development on the residents of nearby receptors using the guidance contained within the WEDG 2006, supplemented by ETSU-R-97 and current good practice (IOA GPG).
- 7.1.2 Background noise monitoring was undertaken by TNEI at one NSR neighbouring the Proposed Development and at one proxy location deemed representative of another NSR. A total of 14 NSRs were identified, of which three were chosen as Noise Assessment Locations. For the assessment locations where no background noise measurements were undertaken, noise data collected at proxy locations considered representative of the background noise environment was used to assess the noise impact at those receptors.
- 7.1.3 Wind speed data was collected using a LIDAR unit located within the wind farm site. The data collected at 41 m and 110 m height, which were used to calculate hub height wind speeds (99 m), were then standardised to 10 m height in accordance with current good practice.
- 7.1.4 Analysis of the measured data was undertaken to determine the pre-existing background noise environment and to establish the daytime and night time noise limits for each of the assessment locations. A 'Total WEDG Noise Limit' of 40 dB(A), where background noise levels are below 30 dB, and 45 dB or background noise plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater, where background noise levels are above 30 dB was set for the daytime. A limit of 43 dB(A) or background noise plus 5 dB, whichever is the greater, was used for night time.
- 7.1.5 There are a number of operational, consented and proposed (in planning) wind farms in proximity to the Proposed Development. A cumulative assessment was undertaken where predicted levels from the Proposed Development were found to be within 10 dB of the predicted cumulative levels from other wind farm developments in the area. The results show that the predicted cumulative wind farm noise immission levels from all wind farms operating concurrently would meet the Total WEDG Noise Limits at all NALs (and all identified NSRs) during both the daytime and night time periods.
- 7.1.6 'Site Specific Noise Limits' were derived for the Proposed Development. In deriving the Site Specific Noise Limits consideration was given to the noise limit already allocated to or which could theoretically be used by other operational and consented wind farms in proximity to the Proposed Development. Where immissions from other wind farm developments were found to be at least 10 dB below the 'Total WEDG Noise Limit'; then the other wind farm developments would be using a negligible proportion of the limit. As such it is considered appropriate to allocate the entire noise limit to the Proposed Development. This was applicable at all NALs.
- 7.1.7 An assessment was undertaken to determine whether the Proposed Development could operate within the 'Site Specific Noise Limits' and it was found that at all receptors wind turbine noise immissions were below the Site Specific Noise Limits when considering a candidate turbine with a 162 m rotor diameter with serrated trailing edge blades.
- 7.1.8 There are a range of potential turbine models that could be installed on the site should consent be granted. The turbine is considered to be representative of the type of turbine that could be installed on the site.

- 7.1.9 Should the proposal receive planning permission, the final choice of turbine would be subject to a competitive tendering process. The final choice of turbine would, however, would have to meet the noise limits determined and contained within any condition imposed.

## 8 Glossary of Terms

**AOD:** Above Ordnance Datum is the height above sea level.

**Amplitude Modulation:** a variation in noise level over time; for example observers may describe a 'whoosh whoosh' sound, which can be heard close to a wind turbine as the blades sweep past.

**Attenuation:** the reduction in level of a sound between the source and a receiver due to any combination of effects including: distance, atmospheric absorption, acoustic screening, the presence of a building façade, etc.

**Background Noise:** the noise level rarely fallen below in any given location over any given time period, often classed according to daytime, evening or night time periods. The  $L_{A90}$  indices (see below) is often used to represent the background noise level.

**Bin:** subset or group into which data can be sorted; in the case of wind speeds, bins are often centred on integer wind speeds with a width of 1 m/s. For example the 4 m/s bin would include all data with wind speeds of 3.5 to 4.5 m/s.

**Dawn Chorus:** noise due to birds which can occur at sunrise.

**Broadband Noise:** noise with components over a wide range of frequencies.

**Decibel (dB):** the ratio between the quietest audible sound and the loudest tolerable sound is a million to one in terms of the change in sound pressure. A logarithmic scale is used in noise level measurements because of this wide range. The scale used is the decibel (dB) scale which extends from 0 to 140 decibels (dB) corresponding to the intensity of the sound level.

**dB(A):** the ear has the ability to recognise a particular sound depending on its pitch or frequency. Microphones cannot differentiate noise in the same way as the ear, and to counter this weakness the noise measuring instrument applies a correction to correspond more closely to the frequency response of the human ear. The correction factor is called 'A Weighting' and the resulting measurements are written as dB(A). The dB(A) is internationally accepted and has been found to correspond well with people's subjective reaction to noise. Some typical subjective changes in noise levels are:

- a change of 3 dB(A) is just perceptible;
- a change of 5 dB(A) is clearly perceptible;
- a change of 10 dB(A) is twice (or half) as loud.

**Directivity:** the property of a sound source that causes more sound to be radiated in one direction than another.

**Frequency:** the pitch of a sound in Hz or kHz. See Hertz.

**Ground Effects:** the modification of sound at a receiver location due to the interaction of the sound wave with the ground along its propagation path from source to receiver. Described using the term 'G', and ranges between 0 (hard), 0.5 (mixed) and 1 (soft).

**Hertz (Hz):** sound frequency refers to how quickly the air vibrates, or how close the sound waves are to each other (in cycles per second, or Hertz (Hz)).

**$L_w$ :** is the sound power level. It is a measure of the total noise energy radiated by a source of noise, and is used to calculate noise levels at a distant location. The  $L_{WA}$  is the A-weighted sound power level.

**$L_{eq}$ :** is the equivalent continuous sound level, and is the sound level of a steady sound with the same energy as a fluctuating sound over the same period. It is possible to consider this level as the ambient noise encompassing all noise at a given time. The  $LA_{eq,T}$  is the A-weighted equivalent continuous sound level over a given time period (T).

**$L_{90}$ :** index represents the noise level exceeded for 90 percent of the measurement period and is used to indicate quieter times during the measurement period. It is often used to measure the background noise level. The  $L_{A90,10min}$  is the A-weighted background noise level over a ten minute measurement sample.

**Noise emission:** the noise energy emitted by a source (e.g. a wind turbine).

**Noise immission:** the sound pressure level detected at a given location (e.g. the nearest dwelling).

**Night Time Hours:** ETSU-R-97 defines the night time hours as 23.00 to 07.00 every day.

**Quiet Daytime Hours:** ETSU-R-97 defines the amenity hours as 18.00 to 23.00 Monday to Friday, 13.00 to 23.00 on Saturdays and 07.00 to 23.00 on Sundays.

**Sound Level Meter:** an instrument for measuring sound pressure level.

**Sound Power Level:** the total sound power radiated by a source, in decibels.

**Sound Pressure Level:** a measure of the sound pressure at a point, in decibels.

**Standardised Wind Speed:** a wind speed measured at a height different than 10 m (generally measured at the turbine hub height) which is expressed to a reference height of 10 m using a roughness length of 0.05 for standardisation purpose (in accordance with the IEC 61400-11 standard).

**Tonal Noise:** noise which covers a very restricted range of frequencies (e.g. a range of  $\leq 20$  Hz). This noise can be more annoying than broadband noise.

**Wind Shear:** the increase of wind speed with height above the ground.

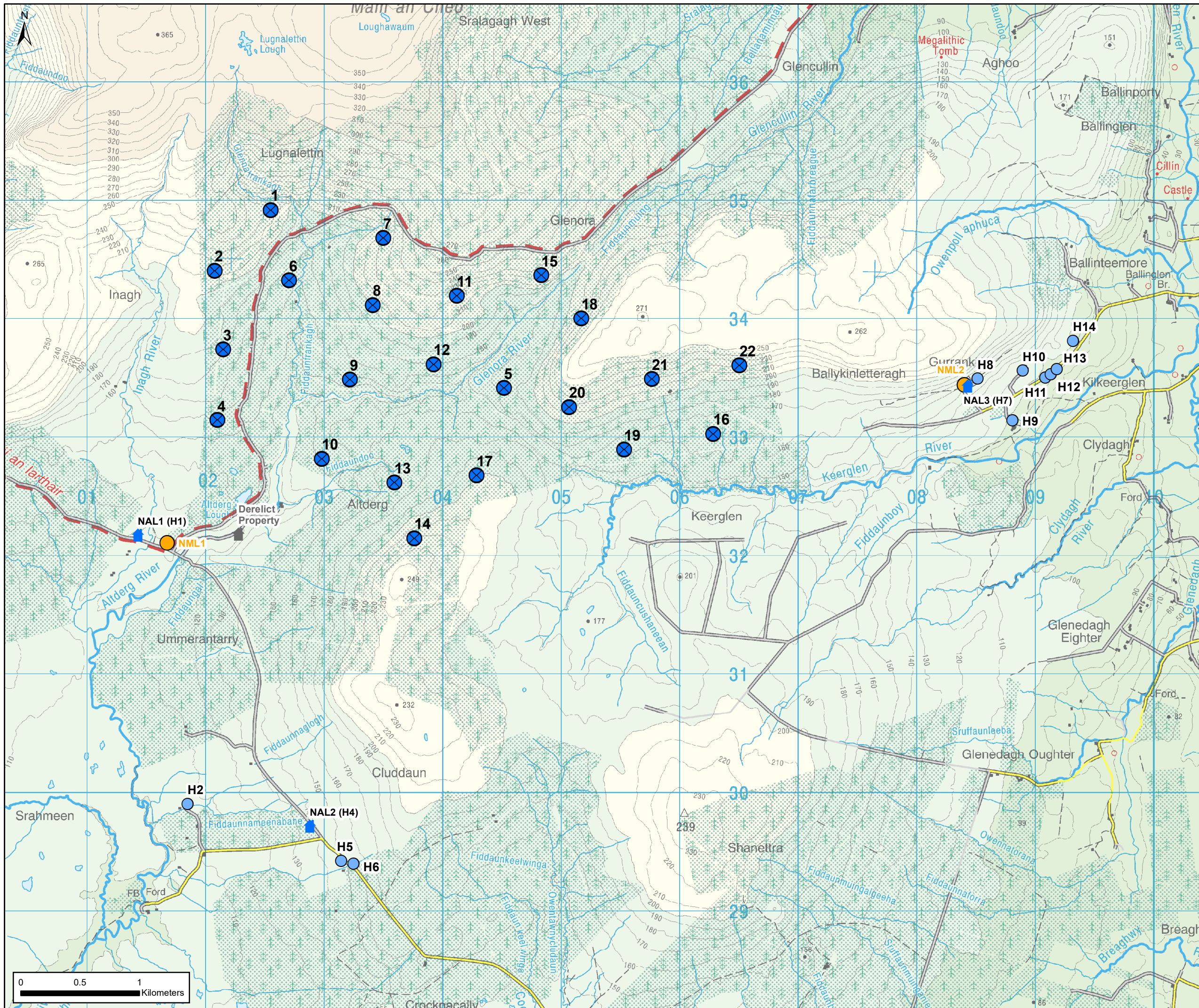
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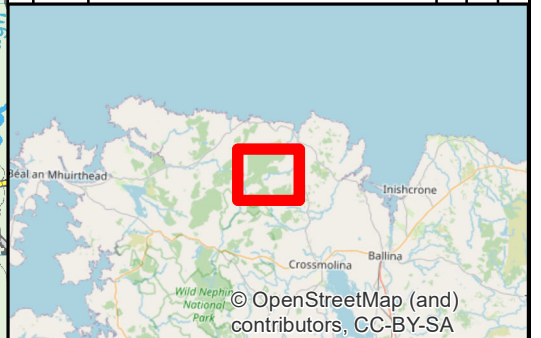
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- Noise Monitoring Locations (NMLs)
- Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSRs)
- Derelict Property

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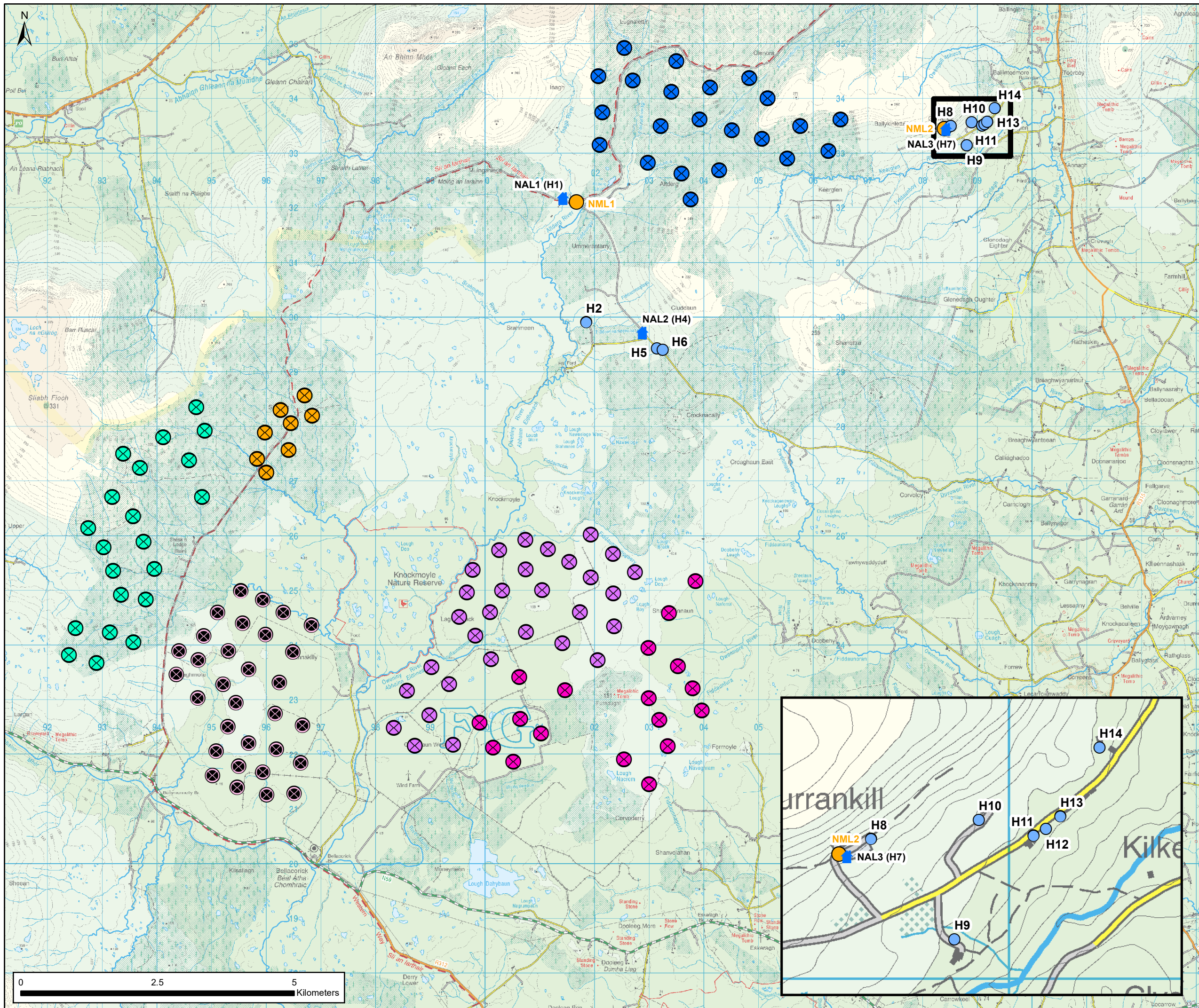


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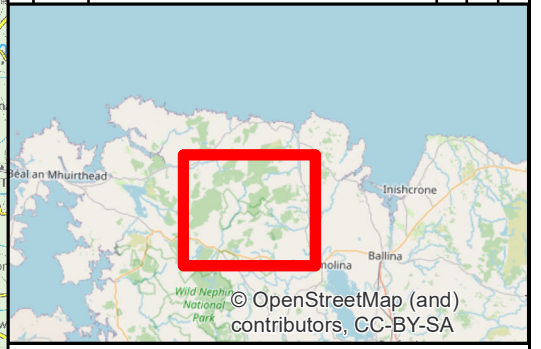
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- Noise Assessment Locations (NALs)
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- Turbines**
- Proposed Glenora Turbines
- Sheskin
- Sheskin South
- Oweninny 1
- Oweninny 2
- Oweninny 3
- Noise Monitoring Locations (NMLs)

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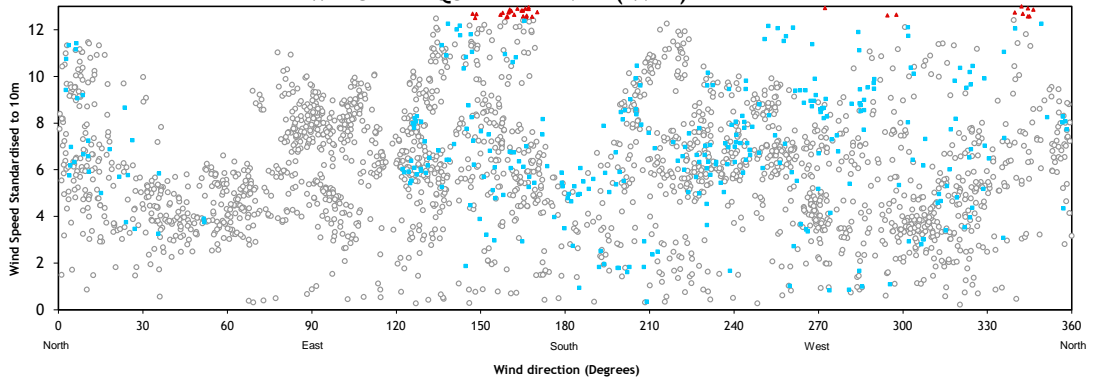
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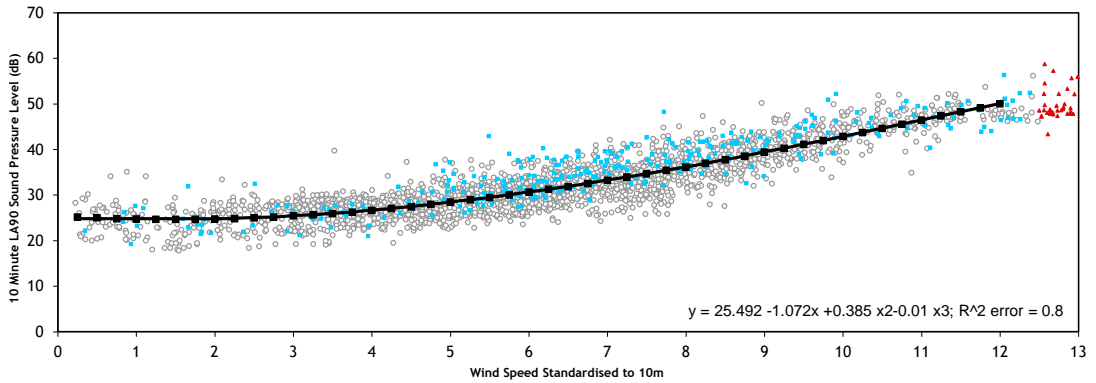
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Wind Conditions Quiet Daytime



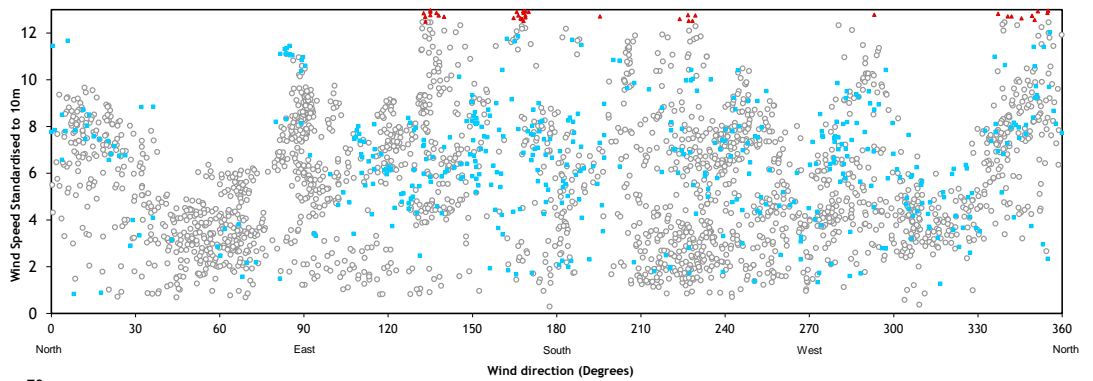
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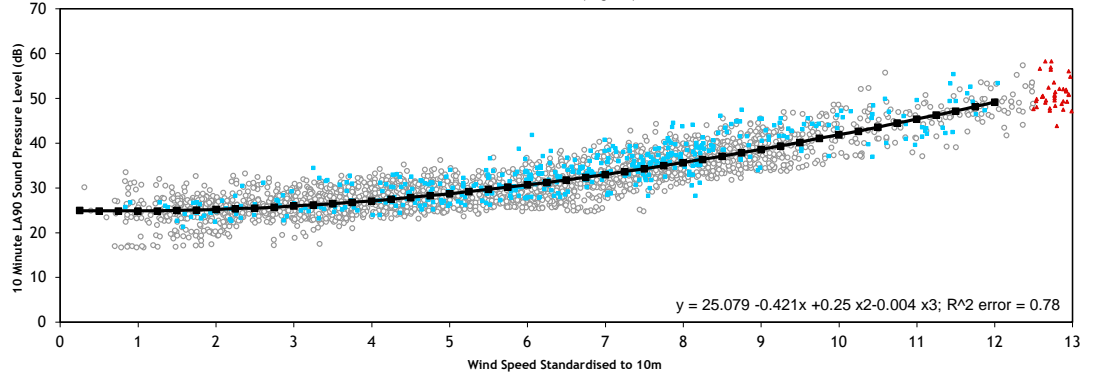
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Prevailing Background	24.8	25.5	26.7	28.5	30.7	33.3	36.2	39.5	42.9	46.5	50.1	

### WEDG 2006 NIGHT-TIME - (NML1)

Wind Conditions Night-Time



Regression Analysis Night-Time



Wind Speed (m/s)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of data points	216	288	310	247	254	275	268	203	80	51	50	2242
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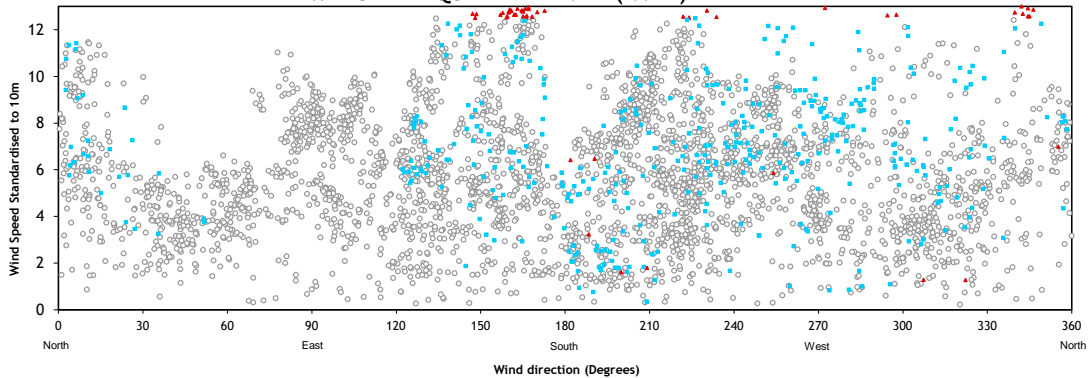
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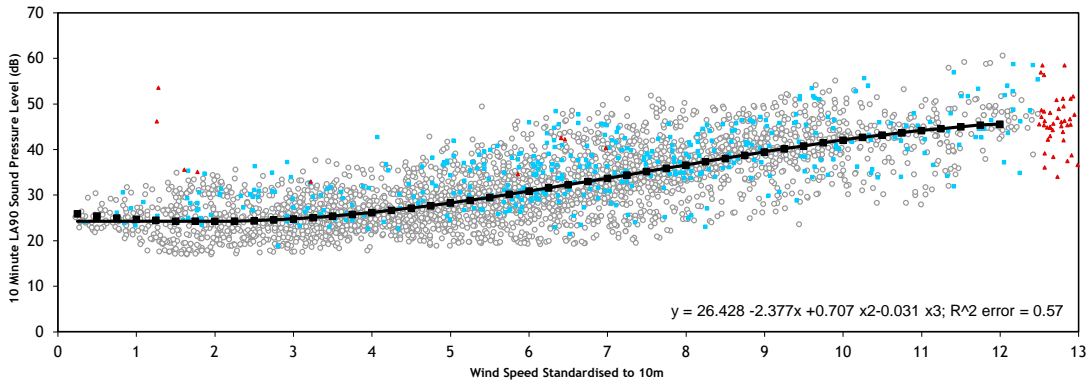


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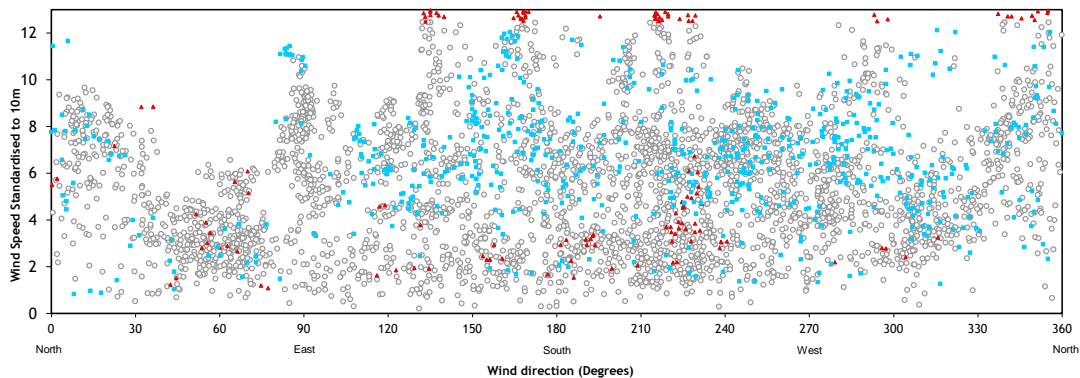
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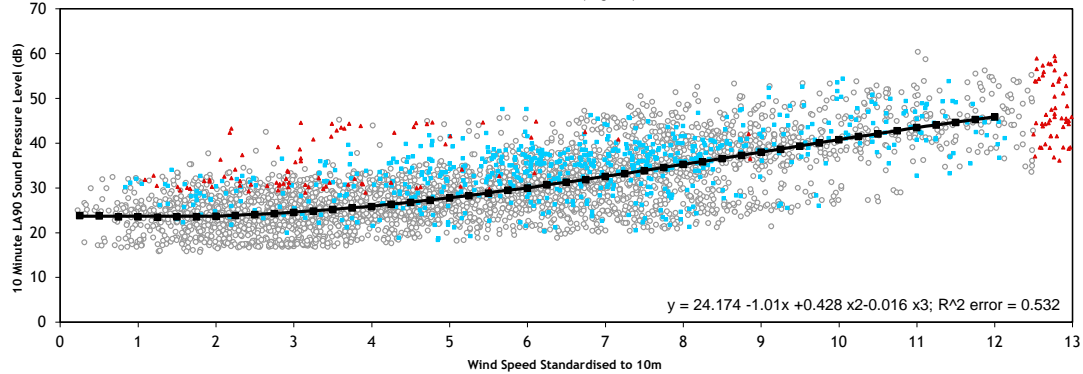
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Prevailing Background	24.3	24.8	26.2	28.3	30.9	33.7	36.6	39.5	42.1	44.2	45.6	

### WEDG 2006 NIGHT-TIME - (NML2)

#### Wind Conditions Night-Time



#### Regression Analysis Night-Time



Wind Speed (m/s)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Number of data points	382	484	417	351	416	417	342	225	107	85	69	3295
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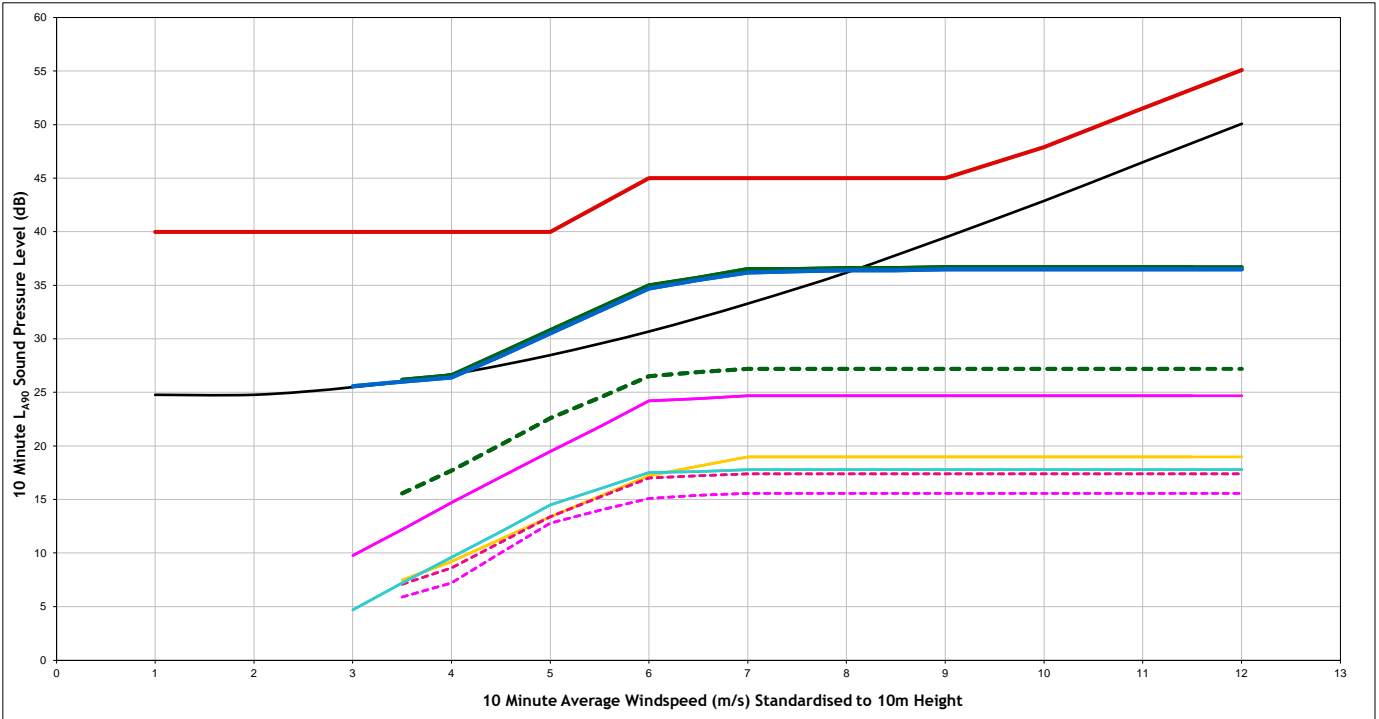
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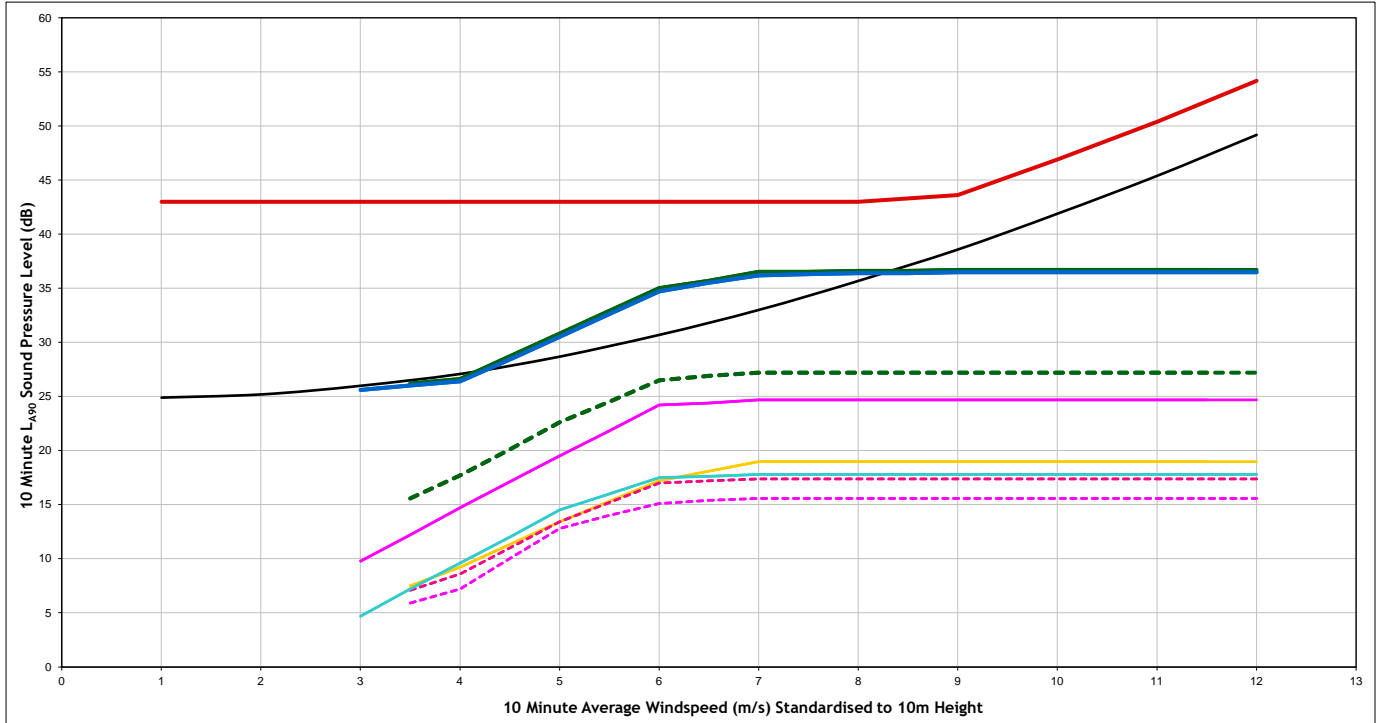


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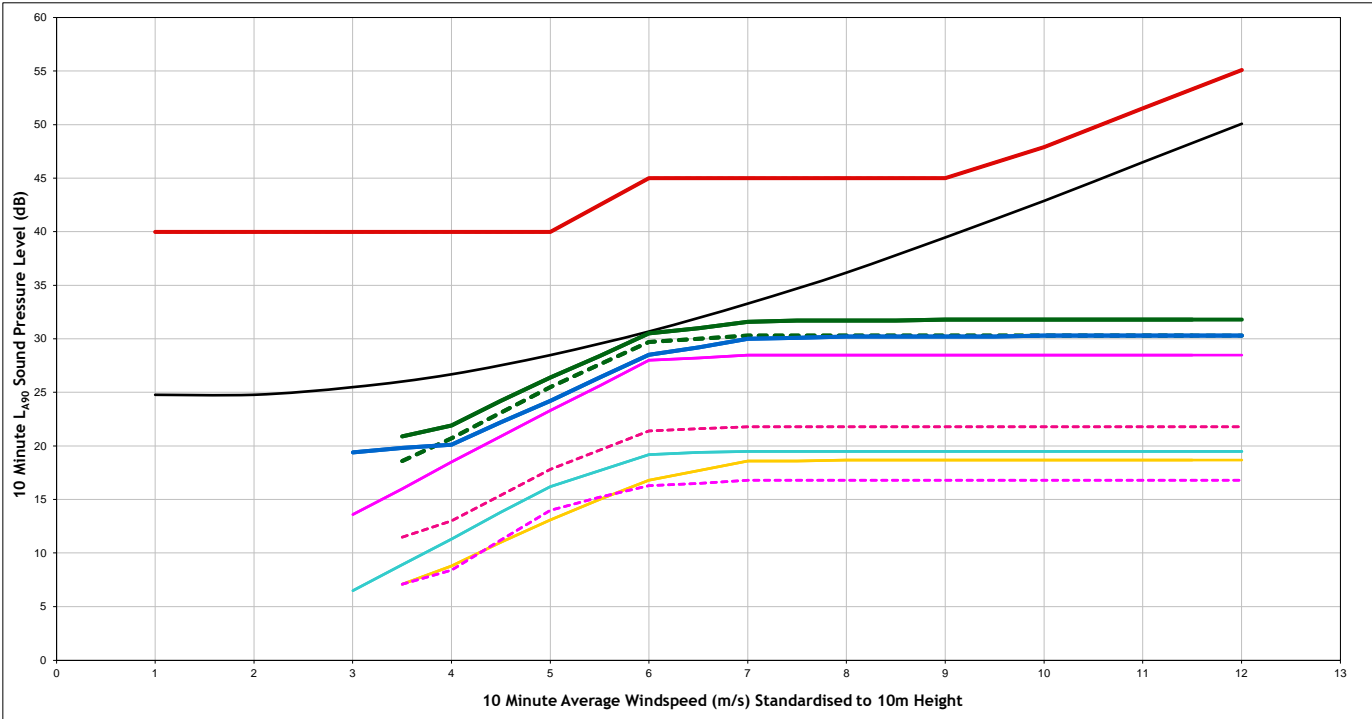
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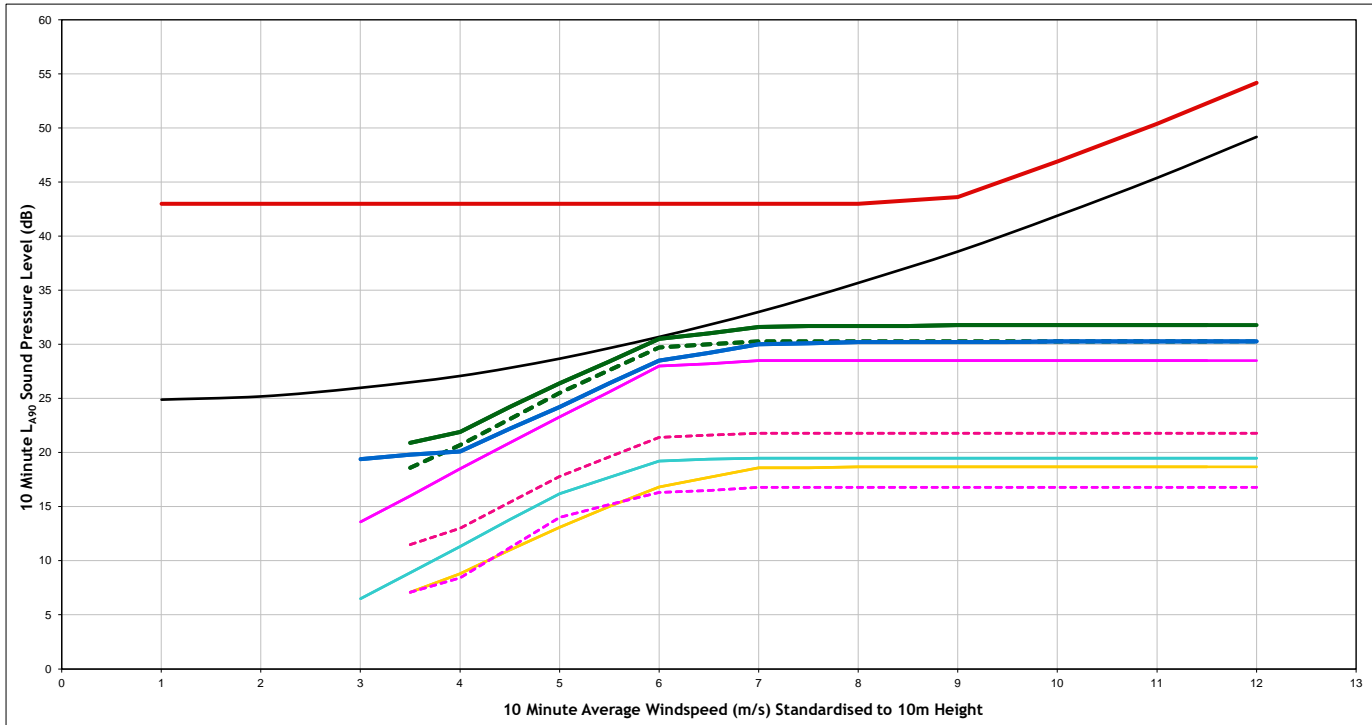




### Daytime - NAL2 (H4)



### Night Time - NAL2 (H4)



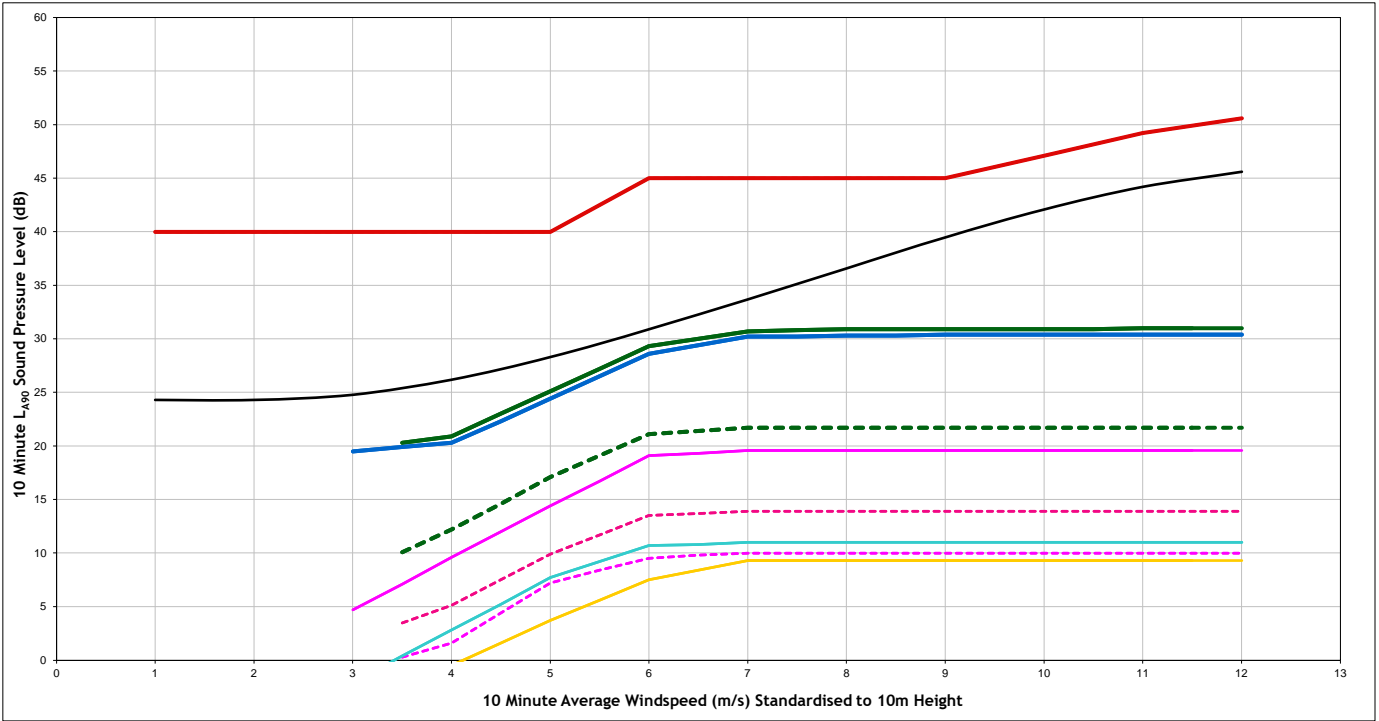
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- Background Noise Trendline
- Total WEDG Noise Limit
- Cumulative (including Glenora)
- Cumulative (other wind farms excluding Glenora) - Cautious predictions
- Glenora Wind Farm
- ABO Shekin Wind Farm
- Oweninny 1 Wind Farm
- Oweninny 2 Wind Farm
- Oweninny 3 Wind Farm
- Shekin South Wind Farm

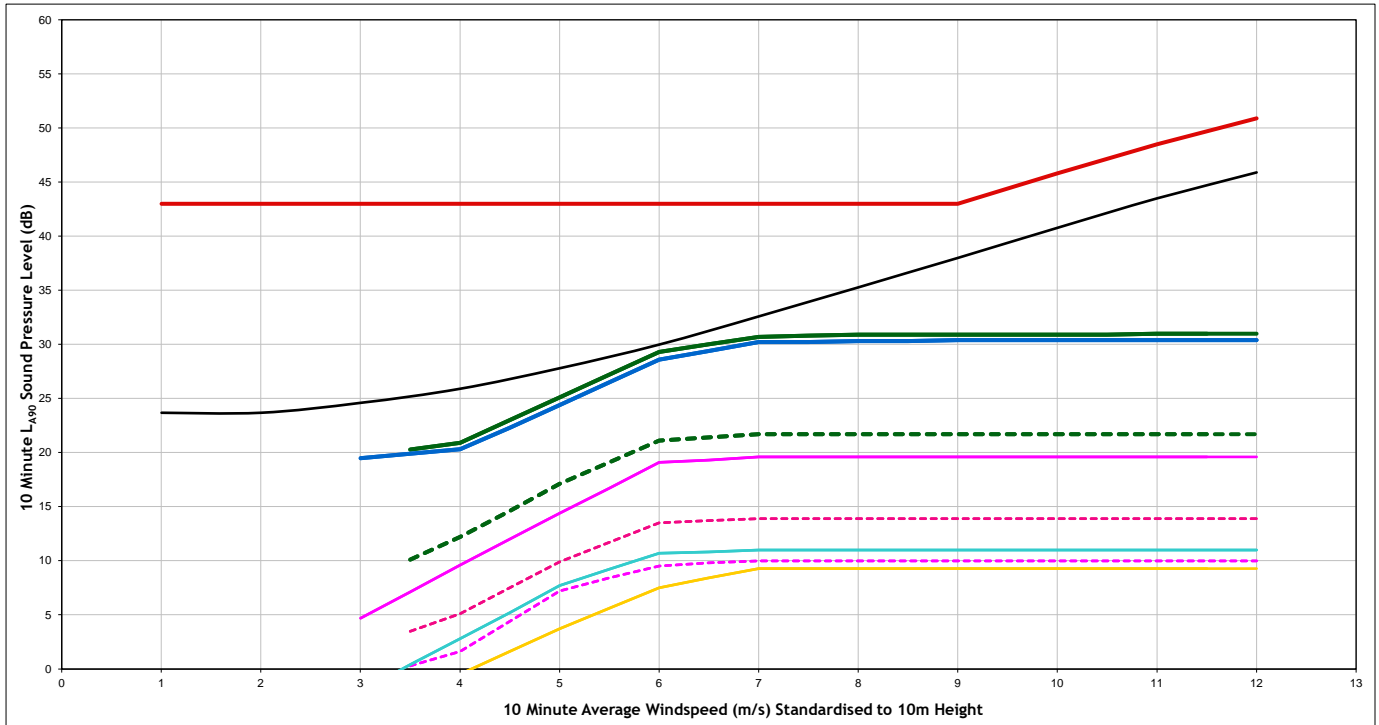
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### Daytime - NAL3 (H7)



### Night Time - NAL3 (H7)



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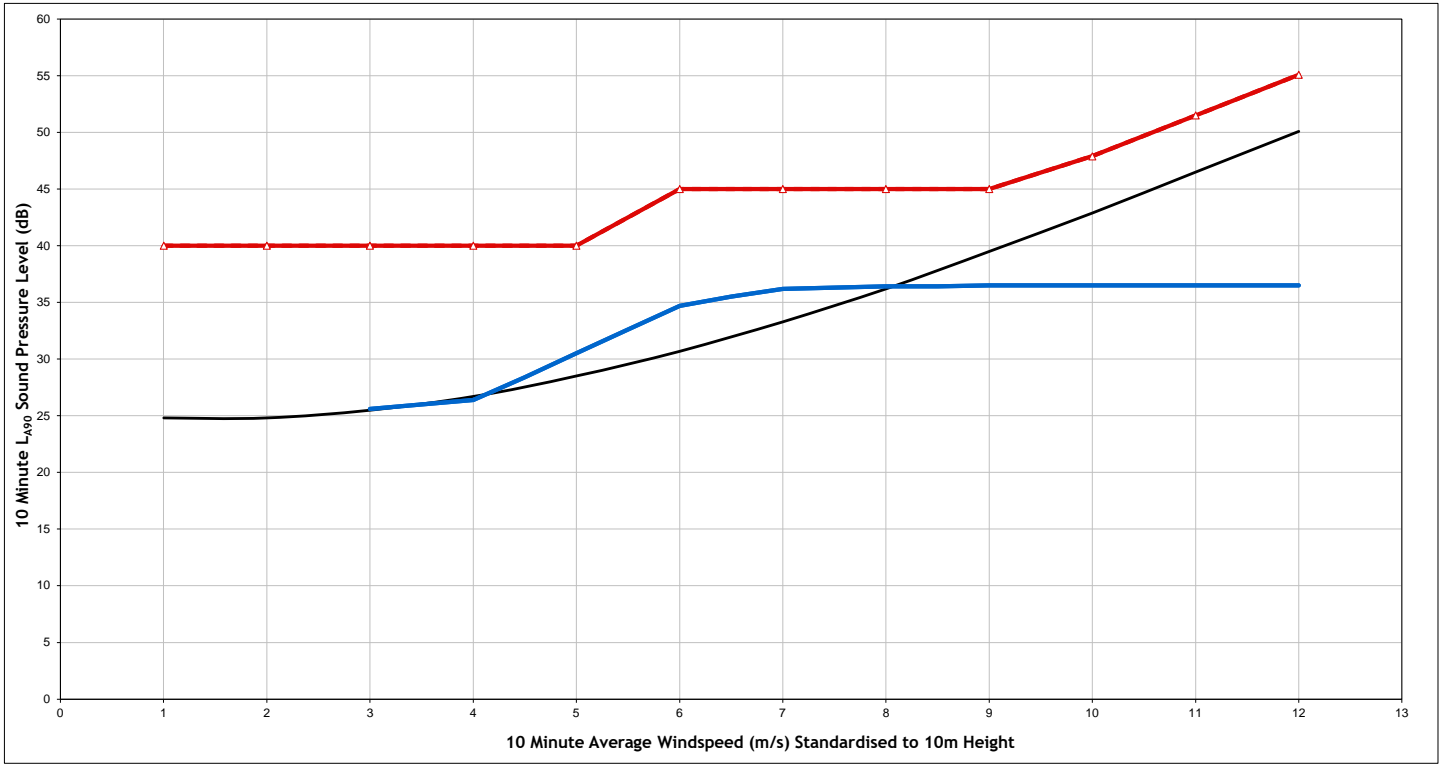
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<b>Project</b>	Glenora Wind Farm
<b>Client</b>	SSE Renewables
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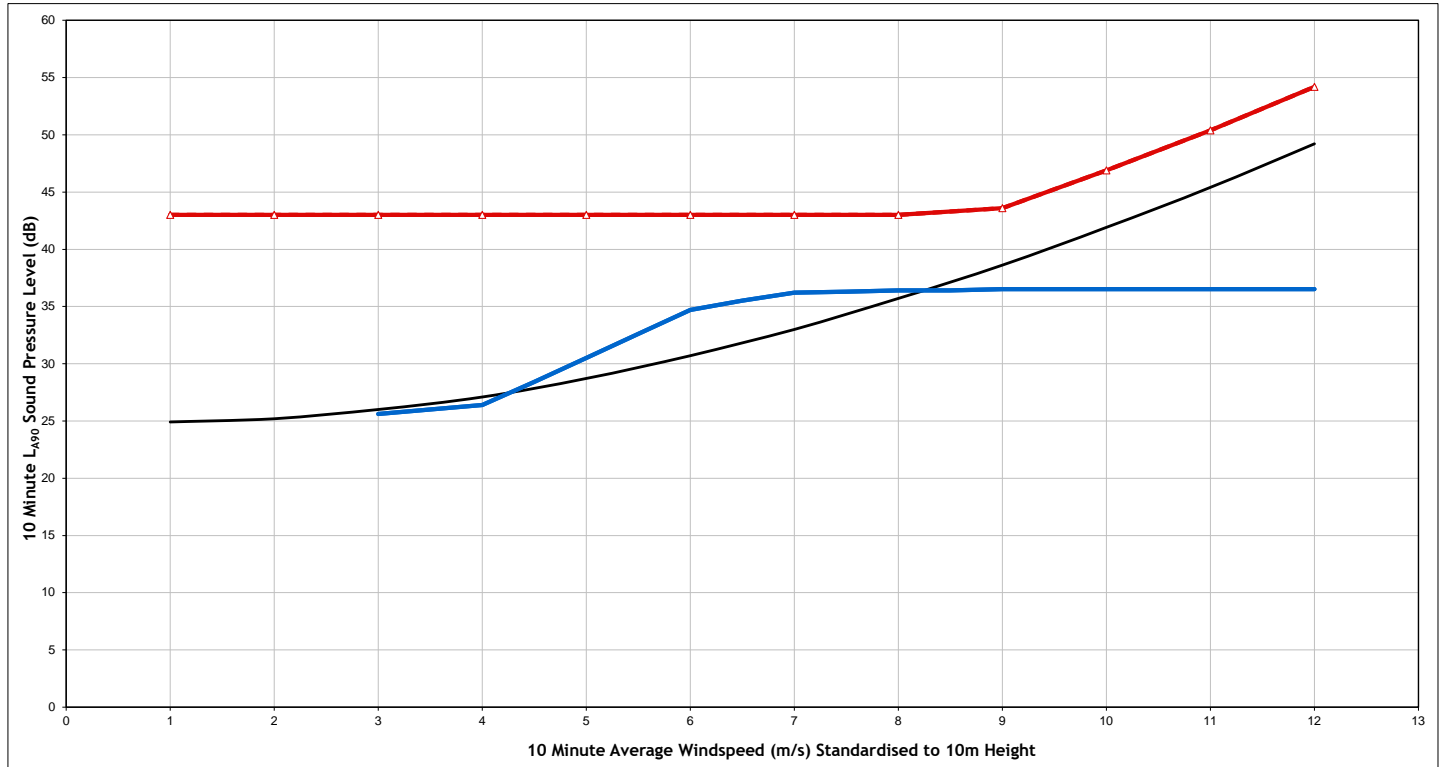


## Figures A1. – Site Specific Noise Predictions

### Daytime - NAL1 (H1)



### Night Time - NAL1 (H1)



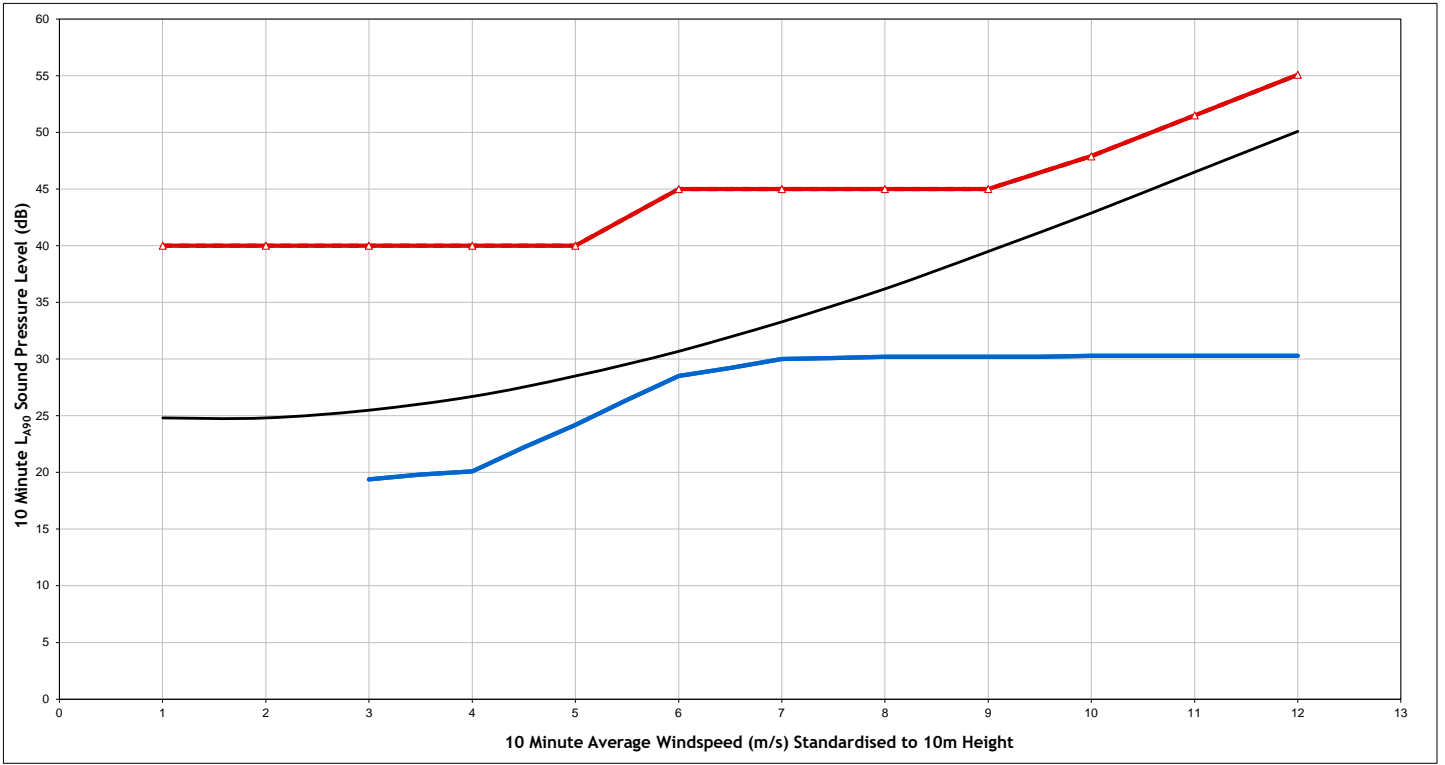
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- Site Specific Limits
- Glenora Wind Farm

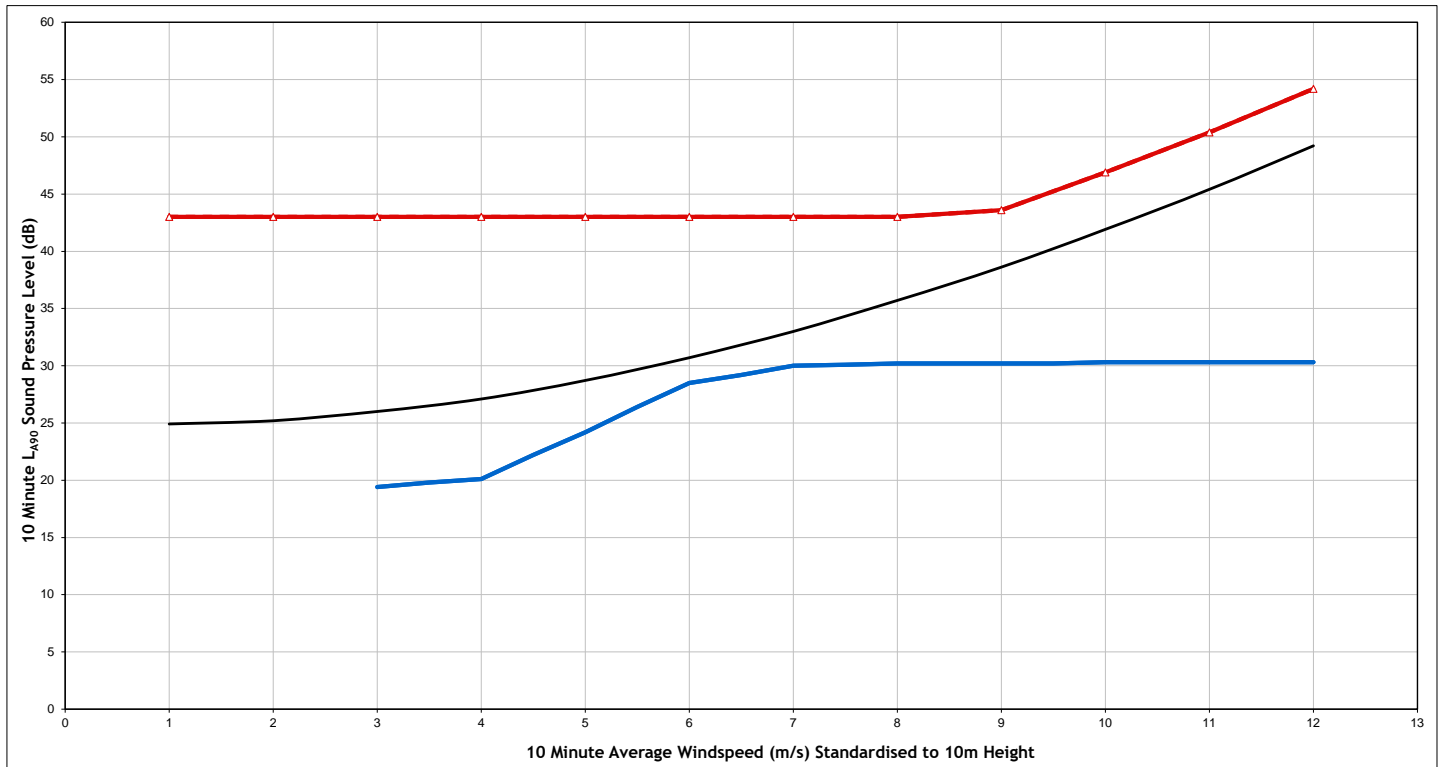
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### Daytime - NAL2 (H4)



### Night Time - NAL2 (H4)



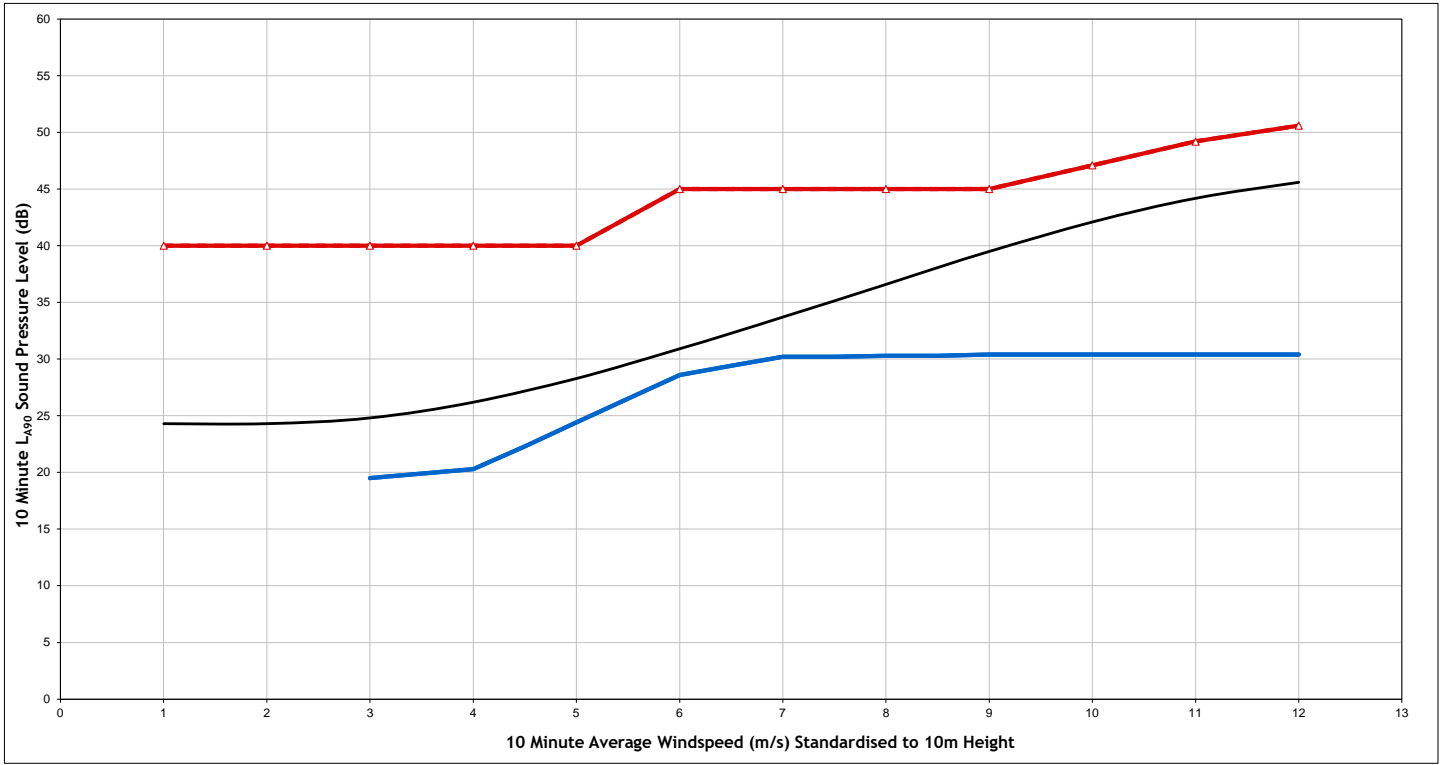
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- Site Specific Limits
- Glenora Wind Farm

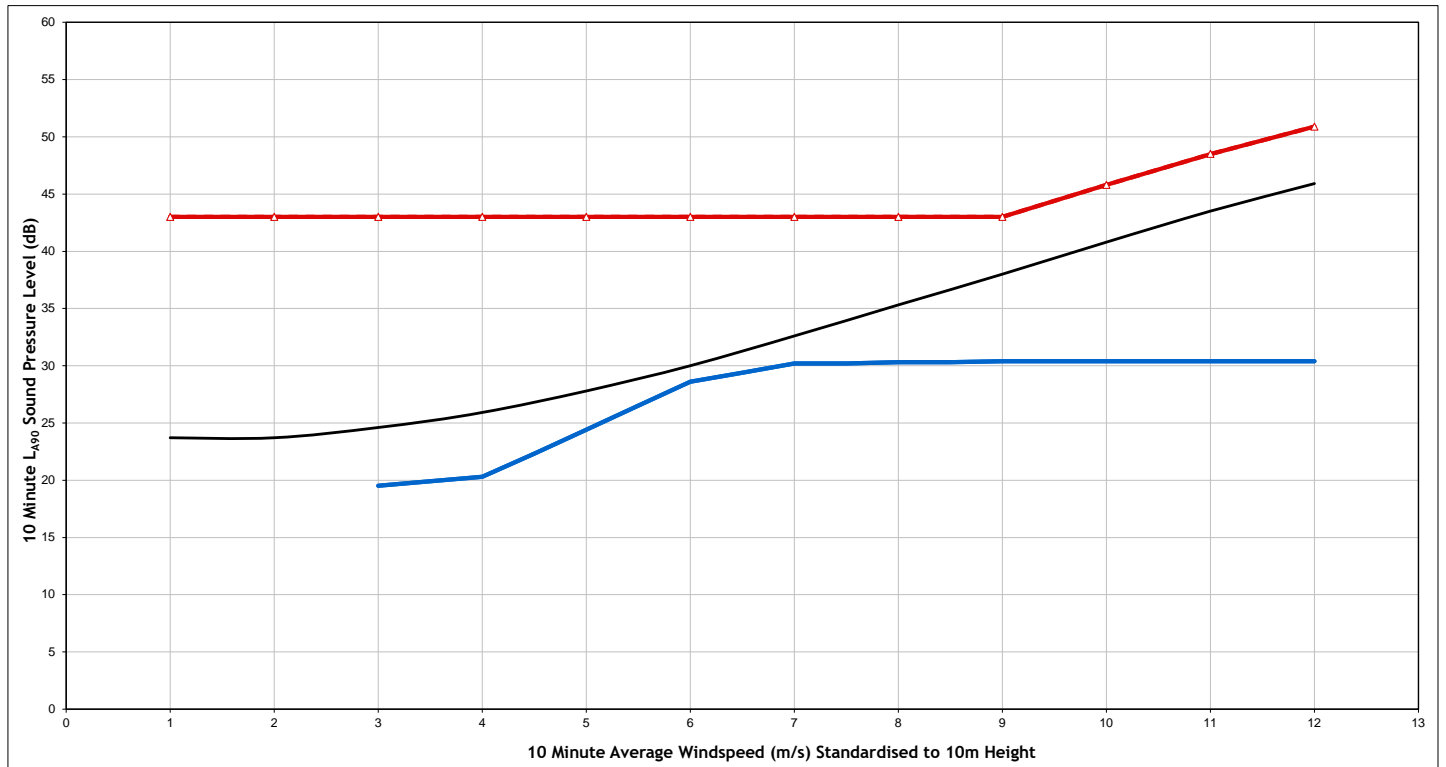
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Client	SSE Renewables
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### Daytime - NAL3 (H7)



### Night Time - NAL3 (H7)



**Legend:**

- Background Noise Trendline
- Total WEDG Noise Limit
- Site Specific Limits
- Glenora Wind Farm

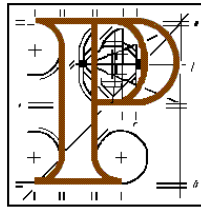
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## Annex 2 – Extracts of Decision Notices

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# An Bord Pleanála



## STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 16.PA0029

(Planning Authority: Mayo County Council)

**APPLICATION** for permission under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, in accordance with plans and particulars, including an environmental impact statement and a Natura impact statement, lodged with An Bord Pleanála on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013 by Oweninny Power Limited of Stephen Court, 18/21 Saint Stephen's Green, Dublin.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Proposed wind farm development in the townlands of: Bellacorick, Corvoderry, Croaghaun West, Doobehy, Dooleeg More, Formoyle, Kilsallagh, Knockmoyle, Laghtanvack, Moneynierin, Shanvodinnaun, Shanvolahan, Sheskin, Srahnakilly and Tawnaghmore, County Mayo. (Bellacorick area is approximately 30 kilometres west of Ballina).

The proposed development will primarily consist of the following:

- (i) Construction of a wind farm comprising 112 wind turbines with a maximum electricity generating capacity of approximately 370 megawatts. The wind turbines will have a hub height of up to 120 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 120 metres. The overall height of the structures (i.e. tip height) will be up to 176 metres.
- (ii) Eight number permanent meteorological masts up to 120 metres in height.
- (iii) Electrical requirements associated with the wind farm including: four number 110 kilovolts electrical substations each of which will include



- (iii) The environmental management plan shall be subject to on-going independent audit (all costs of which shall be borne by the developer) in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of protection of the environment and the amenities of the area.

- 6. Prior to the commencement of development an exclusion zone, suitably fenced to the satisfaction of the planning authority, enclosing at least an area extending 50 metres beyond the existing fenced boundary of the Bellacorick Iron Flush and including the elevated ground to the east of the Bellacorick Iron Flush referred to in the revised Natura impact statement as a source of shallow groundwater recharge to the Bellacorick Iron Flush, shall be created.

**Reason:** To protect the ecology of the area.

## Noise

- 7. (i) The developer shall implement in full the proposals made in relation to mitigation measures for low noise environments as outlined in the environmental impact statement, as revised (section 7).
- (ii) In all other areas noise levels emanating from the proposed development following commissioning, by itself or in combination with other existing or permitted wind energy development in the vicinity, when measured externally at third party noise-sensitive locations, shall not exceed the greater of 43dB(A) $L_{90,10 \text{ min}}$  or 5 dB(A) above background levels.
- (iii) All noise measurements shall be made in accordance with I.S.O. Recommendations R1996/1, 2 and 3 "Acoustics – Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise".
- (iv) Prior to commencement of development the developer shall arrange for a noise compliance monitoring programme for the operational wind farm. Details on the nature and extent of the monitoring programme, including additional monitoring of baseline conditions or any mitigation measures such as the de-

rating of particular turbines, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity.

### **Shadow Flicker**

8. (i) Shadow flicker arising from the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other existing or permitted wind energy development in the vicinity, shall not exceed 30 hours per year or 30 minutes per day at existing or permitted dwellings or other sensitive receptors.
- (ii) Turbine numbers 45, 51, 66, 67 and 68 shall be fitted with appropriate equipment and software to suitably control shadow flicker at nearby dwellings, in accordance with details which shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
- (iii) Shadow flicker from the motion of overlapping blades shall not occur, at any time, at any existing house within ten rotor diameters of a turbine, as a result of the proposed development and appropriate equipment and software shall be fitted to the relevant turbines, to ensure compliance with this requirement.
- (iv) A report shall be prepared by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the requirements of the planning authority, indicating compliance with the above shadow flicker requirements. Within 12 months of commissioning of the proposed wind farm, this report shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority.
- (v) Prior to the commencement of development the developer shall submit for the written agreement of the planning authority a shadow flicker compliance monitoring programme for the operational wind farm.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Having regard to:-

- a) The Regional and National policy objectives in relation to renewable energy,
- b) The provisions of the Mayo County Development Plan 2014 - 2020,
- c) The Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo 2011-2020,
- d) The nature and scale of the proposed development,
- e) The previous grant of permission Ref. P15/825 and planning history in the wider area;

It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not have a significant adverse impact on the landscape or upon its archaeological or cultural heritage of the area, would not give rise to any significant impacts on the natural heritage of the area or affect the integrity of any European site or any protected species, and would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience of road users. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## SECOND SCHEDULE - SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS – P19/457

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the site plans and particulars lodged with the application received by Mayo County Council on the 12/06/19 to include the Natura Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the further information received on the 17/09/19 except as amended by Conditions hereunder.  
**Reason:** In the interests of proper planning and development.
2. This grant of permission for amendments to that previously granted under P15/825 shall expire on the expiry date of P15/825 which will be 06/12/26, unless before that date the windfarm has been erected.  
**Reason:** To avoid any confusion as to the expiry date of this grant of permission and to enable Mayo County Council to review the operation of the wind farm having regard to the circumstances then prevailing.
3. This permission shall be for a period of 25 years from the date of commissioning of the wind farm.  
**Reason:** To enable Mayo County Council to review the operation of the wind farm having regard to the circumstances then prevailing.
4. This permission shall not be construed as any form of consent or agreement to a connection to the national grid or to the routing or nature of any such connection.  
**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

44. (a) The construction of the development shall be carried out only outside the breeding season of locally sensitive bird species, unless by the prior submission of written approval from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

(b) No works or site preparation shall be carried out during the bird-nesting season in the first year of construction, unless by the prior submission of written approval from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

(c) No re-commencement of construction works shall be permitted during the bird-nesting season in subsequent years after any significant periods of inactivity, unless by the prior submission of written approval from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

(d) An annual monitoring program of birds in accordance with the methodology used to gather baseline data in the EIS to review interaction by birds with the wind farm, to survey species and to document bird casualties shall be submitted to Mayo County Council for written agreement prior to commencement of development. This program shall be developed in consultation with Mayo County Council and the Heritage Division of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and shall cover the entire period of the operation of the wind farm and the program shall be forwarded to Mayo County Council.

**Reason:** To provide for the mitigation of effects of the development on avian species.

45. Prior to commencement of development, a detailed conservation plan for the rehabilitation of the site following completion of construction shall be submitted to Mayo County Council for written agreement. The conservation plan shall be prepared by a suitably qualified Ecologist. The conservation plan shall include for habitat management and enhancement measures on the site, the reinstatement of hedgerows and embankments removed to facilitate construction and an agreed monitoring period. The implementation of the conservation plan shall be monitored by a suitably qualified Ecologist, and a copy of this plan and monitoring reports shall be submitted to Mayo County Council and the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

**Reason:** To provide for the mitigation of effects of the development on the ecology of the area.

46. Noise and vibration levels shall be at the levels stipulated in Section 13 of the EIAR submitted to Mayo County Council on the 12/06/19.

**Reason:** In the interest of residential amenity.

### **Archaeological Conditions**

47. The developer is required to employ a suitably qualified Archaeologist to monitor all ground disturbance in those areas which were not available for Pre-development testing. The monitoring should be undertaken in agreement with the National Monument Section of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Should archaeological material be uncovered during the course of monitoring, the

## Annex 3 – Field Data Sheets / Installation Report

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**Glenora Wind Farm Noise Survey - Installed Noise Monitoring Locations**



Present during the course of the installation:

- Jason Baldwin, TNEI services Ltd

Unless specified, all noise meters were installed at least 3.5 m from any hard-reflecting surface except the ground and less than 20 m from the dwelling and away from obvious noise sources, such as boiler flues.

Detailed information and pictures for each of the installed locations are provided below. The original full-size pictures are available on request.

**Noise Monitoring Location Latitude Longitudes**

NML	Lat Long
NML01	54° 13'42.04"N, 9° 30'29.71"W
NML02	54° 14'30.12"N, 9° 24'20.56"W

NML01



North

South



East

West



Description
<p>Installed at a proxy location on Coillte land approximately 250 m east/south east of the most sensitive noise receptor (which itself is located to the south west of the proposed development).</p> <p>The receptor itself is abandoned and access to monitor at the location was not secured, however the proxy noise monitoring location was considered to be representative of conditions prevalent at the receptor.</p> <p>The predominant sounds that were audible during the installation were from birdsong, wind generated noise in the surrounding vegetation, and very distant traffic noise.</p> <p>The noise monitoring location was positioned away from a water course closer in proximity to the receptor, as well as a water course further east of the location (neither were audible on installation).</p>



NML02



North East

South



East

West



**Description**

The noise kit monitoring equipment was installed adjacent to the receptor to the north west of the property.

The location was chosen as it was generally more sheltered, and was away from the boiler flue to the rear of the property. The property itself lacked guttering and it was observed that rain from a recent downpour was dripping heavily onto the concrete foundations, which would likely have influenced measurements should the kit have been placed closer the property.

A watercourse is located to the south of the location running from east to west; this location was considered the most appropriate of those in the area as it was the least impacted from this source due to it being set-back further away.

The predominant sounds that were audible during the installation were from birdsong, and wind generated noise in the surrounding vegetation.

The noise meter was located in a free field position, greater than 3.5 m from any hard reflecting surface except the ground. A rain gauge was also installed at this location.

# Noise Monitoring Field Data Sheet



<b>Project Title</b>	Glenora Wind Farm	<b>Project Number</b>	14203
<b>Client</b>	SSE Renewables	<b>Surveyor</b>	JB

## MONITORING LOCATION

<b>Location Name</b>	NML01
<b>Description</b>	The noise monitoring equipment was installed on Coillte land which was deemed to be representative of the closest residential property located to the south west of the site. The noise monitoring equipment was installed in a field to the east of the property as access could not be gained to the property. The kit was placed greater than 3.5 m away from any reflective surfaces (excluding the ground) and was sited away from local watercourses to the east and those located nearer the receptor to the west.
<b>Approximate ITM Reference</b>	501645, 832111
<b>Noise sources noted during installation, weekly inspection and removal</b>	Wind induced noise from trees and foliage and distant road traffic noise

## NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT DETAILS

	Kit Number	Model	Serial Number	Last Calibrated/ Conformance Checked
<b>Sound Level Meter</b>	SLM011	NL-31	01273082	12/04/2019
<b>Pre Amplifier</b>	SLM011	NH-21	26001	12/04/2019
<b>Microphone</b>	SLM011	UC-53A	313385	12/04/2019
<b>Calibrator</b>	CAL002	NC-74	34973250	15/01/2021

## NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT SETTINGS

	Network (A,B,Z)	Index and Time	Time Weighting (Slow, Fast)	Range (dB)	Audio
<b>Parameters Recorded</b>	A	LA9010min, LAeq10min	Fast	20-110	No

## DATA

File Name	Start Time	End Time	Cal. at Start	Cal. at End	Drift	Observations
0101	09:50 03/12/2020	21:50 11/01/2021	94.0	93.9	-0.1	<b>Installation</b> - Distant road traffic noise - Wind passing through vegetation <b>Maintenance Visit</b> - Batteries failed so meter stopped recording on 11/01/21 - Distant road traffic noise - Wind passing through vegetation
0102	14:00 20/01/2021	14:24 17/02/2021	94.0	93.7	-0.3	<b>Decommissioning</b> - Wind passing through vegetation

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



NML1 - N



NML1 - E



NML1 - S



NML1 - W

# Noise Monitoring Field Data Sheet



<b>Project Title</b>	Glenora Wind Farm	<b>Project Number</b>	14203
<b>Client</b>	SSE Renewables	<b>Surveyor</b>	JB/ OC

## MONITORING LOCATION

<b>Location Name</b>	NML02
<b>Description</b>	The noise monitoring equipment was installed to the north west of the property. The kit was placed greater than 3.5m away from any reflective surfaces (excluding the ground) and was sited away the boiler flue located to the rear of the property.
<b>Approximate ITM Reference</b>	508373, 833446
<b>Noise sources noted during installation, weekly inspection and removal</b>	Birdsong and wind induced noise from trees and foliage.

## NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT DETAILS

	Kit Number	Model	Serial Number	Last Calibrated/ Conformance Checked
<b>Sound Level Meter</b>	SLM001	NL-31	00661767	17/08/2020
<b>Pre Amplifier</b>	SLM001	NH-21	19771	17/08/2020
<b>Microphone</b>	SLM001	UC-53A	310458	17/08/2020
<b>Calibrator</b>	CAL002	NC-74	34973250	15/01/2021

## NOISE MONITORING EQUIPMENT SETTINGS

	Network (A,B,Z)	Index and Time	Time Weighting (Slow, Fast)	Range (dB)	Audio
<b>Parameters Recorded</b>	A	LA9010min, LAeq10min	Fast	20-110	No

## DATA

File Name	Start Time	End Time	Cal. at Start	Cal. at End	Drift	Observations
0201	03/12/20 11:10	20/01/21 12.23	94.0	94.2	0.2	<b>Installation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Birdsong</li> <li>- Wind passing through vegetation</li> </ul> <b>Maintenance Visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wind passing through vegetation</li> <li>- Boiler flue audible</li> <li>- Cattle</li> <li>- Bird song</li> <li>- Ongoing felling to the NW according to the resident. Not audible on the day but to be checked</li> </ul>
0202	20/01/21 12:40	17/02/21 13:20	94.0	93.9	-0.1	<b>Maintenance Visit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sheep bleating in the nearby field.</li> <li>- High winds the dominant noise source. All previously identified noise sources were not audible due to high winds.</li> </ul>
0203	17/02/21 13:30	19/03/21 10:40	94.0	93.9	-0.1	<b>Decommissioning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wind passing through vegetation</li> </ul>

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



NML2 - NE



NML2 - E



NML2 - S



NML2 - W

# INSTALL REPORT

## LiDAR Glenora WF



### Glenora WF

**04 December 2020**

#### Revision History

Issue	Date	Author	Checker	Nature & Location of changes
V01	08-Dec-20			First Issue

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## Installation

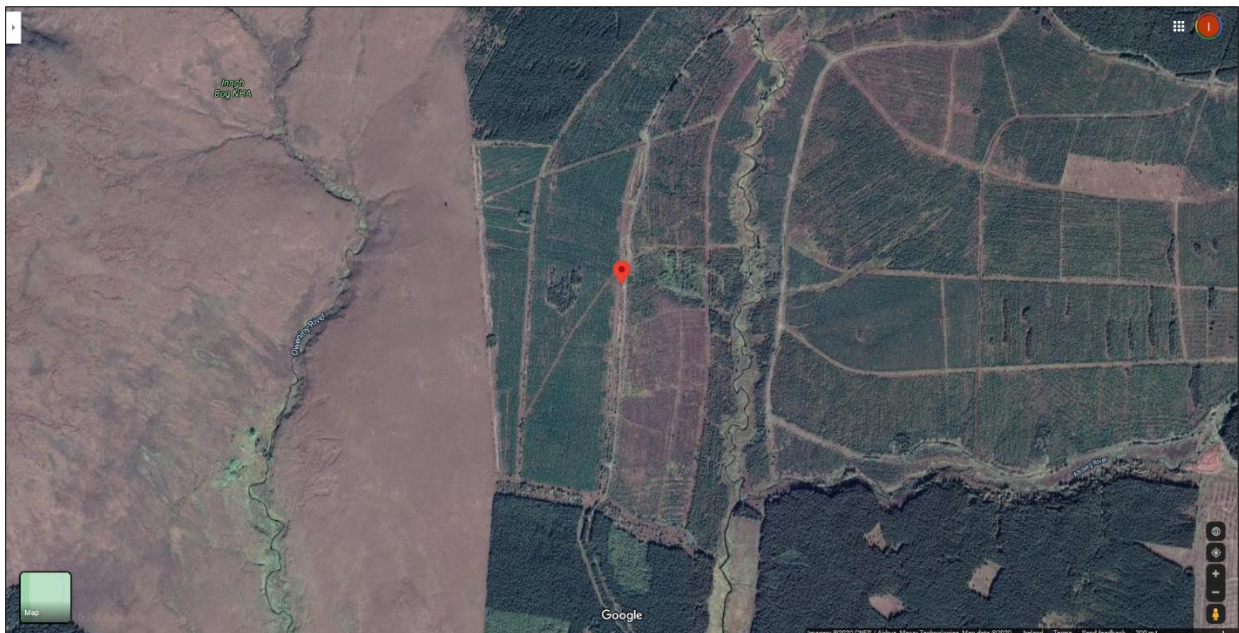
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Site location, entrance and access details

Site is in Co. Mayo in Inagh Bog area. Follow the N59 road and turn right to R315 road in Crossmolina. There is a left turn on R315 road before Garranard (54°10'37.7"N 9°21'14.7"W). Follow the road to forest entrance for site access. Site has two entrance gates, so please coordinate entrance with Coillte for access. Track/road condition is good. Site, installation location can be accessed with 4x4 vehicle.









Site contact/detail	Information
Site manager	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Entrance coordinates	
Latitude / Longitude (degrees, min, sec)	
54°13'41.46"N	9°30'26.09"W
Latitude / Longitude (decimal)	
N/A	N/A





## LiDAR location and site description

																				
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Site is in the forest. Area is within cut trees surrounding. Closest stand-alone trees are located North West and South approx.. 4-5m away. Trees are 3-4m height. LiDAR and power pack system is surround by Harris type of fencing. Fence panels installed on the ground without pads.

## LiDAR details

ID	Type	Manufacturer / Supplier	Model	Serial number	Laser Shield Height, m (AGL)	North Orientation, °	Installation Date
WLS7_247	Continues wave Doppler LiDAR	Leosphere / SSE	Windcube v2 v2.1.8	247	1.000	0° (360°)	04/12/2020

## Measurement heights

ID	Configured height, m	Installation Date
Measurement #1	40.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #2	59.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #3	79.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #4	89.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #5	99.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #6	109.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #7	122.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #8	129.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #9	139.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #10	159.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #11	179.00	04/12/2020
Measurement #12	199.00	04/12/2020

## Operational LiDAR parameters

<b>Temperature</b>	Optical head: 6.2 °C	Computer rack: 9.0 °C	Optical rack: 6.0 °C				
<b>Laser</b>	Loss of output power: OK	Loss of input power: OK	LD current bias: OK	Case temperature out of range: OK	Laser diode temperature out of range: OK	Out of range power supply: OK	04/12/2020
<b>Compass</b>	OK						04/12/2020
<b>Pitch and Roll</b>	OK	-0.5	0.2				04/12/2020
<b>GPS</b>	Not available						04/12/2020
<b>Synchronization</b>	NTP error						04/12/2020
<b>Wiper</b>	OK	Tested function activation during installation on site					04/12/2020
<b>Power pack</b>	N/A						04/12/2020
<b>Disk</b>	OK						04/12/2020
<b>Screen washing liquid level</b>	~85% Mixed with anti-freeze						04/12/2020

### Remote access system details

ID	Type	Provider	Serial number	Installation Date
WLS7_2 47	SIM Card	Vodafone IE	N/A	04/12/2020
302317- 2024- 50465	SIM Card	Vodafone IE	357042060011914	04/12/2020

ID	Type	Provider	Serial number	Installation Date
WLS7_2 47	Remote server/Cloud access	Leosphere / SSE	N/A	04/12/2020
302317- 2024- 50465	Remote server/Cloud access	Udomi / SSE	N/A	04/12/2020

### Power pack details

ID	Type	Manufacturer / Supplier	Model	Fuel cell	Serial number	Installation Date
N/A	Hybrid: Methanol and solar	SFC / SSE	ProCube 2030  24V system  No solar system connected	Pro 2400 DUO With DuoCart Switch 2 x 2 x M28 tanks	302317- 2024- 50465  Firmware 17.15	04/12/2020
Cartridge 1.1: M28 100% capacity left.		Cartridge 1.2: M28 100% capacity left.		Cartridge 2.1: M28 100% capacity left.		Cartridge 2.2: M28 100% capacity left.

### Other equipment details

ID	Type	Manufacturer / Supplier	Model	Serial number	Installation Date
Weather station	PTH with radiation shield	Leosphere / SSE	PTH	N/A	04/12/2020
Water pump with tank	Screen wash	Leosphere / SSE	N/A	N/A	04/12/2020

## Annex 4 – Calibration/ Conformance Certificates for Sound Level Meters and Calibrator

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION



0653

**Date of Issue: 09 March 2020**

**Certificate Number: UCRT20/1289**

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Order No. 5001

Test Procedure Procedure TP 1 Calibration of Sound Calibrators

Description Acoustic Calibrator

Identification	Manufacturer	Instrument	Model	Serial No.
	Rion	Calibrator	NC-74	34973250

The calibrator has been tested as specified in Annex B of IEC 60942:2003. As public evidence was available from a testing organisation (PTB) responsible for approving the results of pattern evaluation tests, to demonstrate that the model of sound calibrator fully conformed to the requirements for pattern evaluation described in Annex A of IEC 60942:2003, the sound calibrator tested is considered to conform to all the class 1 requirements of IEC 60942:2003.

ANV Job No. UKAS20/03179

Date Received 06 March 2020

Date Calibrated 09 March 2020

Previous Certificate	Dated	07 March 2019
	Certificate No.	UCRT19/1291
	Laboratory	0653

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## Measurements

The sound pressure level generated by the calibrator in its WS2 configuration was measured five times by the Insert Voltage Method using a microphone as detailed below. The mean of the results obtained is shown below. It is corrected to the standard atmospheric pressure of 101.3 kPa (1013 mBar) using original manufacturers information.

Test Microphone	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Type</i>
	Brüel & Kjær	4134

## Results

The level of the calibrator output under the conditions outlined above was

94.03 ± 0.10 dB rel 20 µPa

## Functional Tests and Observations

The frequency of the sound produced was	1002.78 Hz	±	0.13 Hz
The total distortion was	1.03 %	±	6.9 % of Reading

During the measurements environmental conditions were

Temperature	23	to	24 °C
Relative Humidity	36	to	42 %
Barometric Pressure	100.2	to	100.3 kPa

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a coverage probability of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements.

The uncertainties refer to the measured values only with no account being taken of the ability of the instrument to maintain its calibration.

A small correction factor may need to be applied to the sound pressure level quoted above if the device is used to calibrate a sound level meter which is fitted with a free-field response microphone. See manufacturers handbook for details.

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### **Note:**

Calibrator adjusted prior to calibration?	NO
Initial Level	N/A dB
Initial Frequency	N/A Hz

Additional Comments The results on this certificate only relate to the items calibrated as identified above.

None

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# CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

**Date of Issue: 17 August 2020**

**Certificate Number: TCRT20/1458**

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Order No. 5001

Description Sound Level Meter / Pre-amp / Microphone / Associated Calibrator

Identification	Manufacturer	Instrument	Type	Serial No. / Version
	Rion	Sound Level Meter	NL-32	00661767
	Rion	Firmware		1.0009
	Rion	Pre Amplifier	NH-21	19771
	Rion	Microphone	UC-53A	310458
	Rion	Calibrator	NC-74	34536109
		Calibrator adaptor type if applicable		NC-74-002

Performance Class 1

Test Procedure TP 2.SLM 61672-3 TPS-49

*Procedures from IEC 61672-3:2006 were used to perform the periodic test.*

Type Approved to IEC 61672-1:2002 No Approval Number

*If YES above there is public evidence that the SLM has successfully completed the applicable pattern evaluation tests of IEC 61672-2:2003*

Date Received 13 August 2020

ANV Job No. TRAC20/08266

Date Calibrated 17 August 2020

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 1 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2006, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the sound level meter to the full requirements of IEC 61672-1:2002 because evidence was not publicly available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements in IEC 61672-1:2002 and because the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2006 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61672-1:2002.

Previous Certificate	Dated	Certificate No.	Laboratory
	12 July 2019	TCRT19/1559	ANV Measurement Systems

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Sound Level Meter Instruction manual and data used to adjust the sound levels indicated.

SLM instruction manual title	NL-22 NL-32 Instruction Manual		
SLM instruction manual ref / issue	33625 09-06		
SLM instruction manual source	Manufacturer		
Internet download date if applicable	N/A		
Case corrections available	Yes		
Uncertainties of case corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of case data	Manufacturer		
Wind screen corrections available	Yes		
Uncertainties of wind screen corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of wind screen data	Manufacturer		
Mic pressure to free field corrections	Yes		
Uncertainties of Mic to F.F. corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of Mic to F.F. corrections	Manufacturer		
Total expanded uncertainties within the requirements of IEC 61672-1:2002	Yes		
Specified or equivalent Calibrator	Specified		
Customer or Lab Calibrator	Lab Calibrator		
Calibrator adaptor type if applicable	NC-74-002		
Calibrator cal. date	15 July 2020		
Calibrator cert. number	UCRT20/1634		
Calibrator cal cert issued by Lab.	ANV Measurement Systems		
Calibrator SPL @ STP	94.00	dB	Calibration reference sound pressure level
Calibrator frequency	1001.92	Hz	Calibration check frequency
Reference level range	30 - 120	dB	

Accessories used or corrected for during calibration - None  
 Note - if a pre-amp extension cable is listed then it was used between the SLM and the pre-amp.

Environmental conditions during tests	Start	End	
Temperature	23.39	23.69	± 0.30 °C
Humidity	64.2	63.7	± 3.00 %RH
Ambient Pressure	99.75	99.73	± 0.03 kPa

Response to associated Calibrator at the environmental conditions above.			
Initial indicated level	94.1	dB	Adjusted indicated level 94.0 dB
The uncertainty of the associated calibrator supplied with the sound level meter ±			0.10 dB

Self Generated Noise	This test is currently not performed by this Lab.		
Microphone installed (if requested by customer) = Less Than	N/A	dB	A Weighting
Uncertainty of the microphone installed self generated noise ±	N/A	dB	

Microphone replaced with electrical input device -	UR = Under Range indicated					
Weighting	A		C		Z	
	10.9	dB UR	19.5	dB UR	23.6	dB
Uncertainty of the electrical self generated noise ±	0.12					dB

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a coverage probability of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with the Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement published by the International Organisation for Standards (ISO).

## Comments

For the test of the frequency weightings as per paragraph 12. of IEC 61672-3:2006 the actual microphone free field response was used.

The acoustical frequency tests of a frequency weighting as per paragraph 11 of IEC 61672-3:2006 were carried out using an electrostatic actuator.



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If any of the "Uncertainties of ....." are set to NO above, then the following applies.

No information on the uncertainty of measurement, required by 11.7 of IEC 61672-3:2006, of the adjustment data given in the instruction manual or obtained from the manufacturer or supplier of the sound level meter, or the manufacturer of the microphone, or the manufacturer of the multi-frequency sound calibrator, or the manufacturer of the electrostatic actuator was published in the instruction manual or made available by the manufacturer or supplier. The uncertainty of the measurement of the adjustment data has therefore been assumed to be numerically zero for the purpose of this periodic test. If these uncertainties are not actually zero, there is a possibility that the frequency response of the sound level meter may not conform to the requirements of IEC 61672-1:2002.

Calibrated by: B. Giles

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Additional Comments

None



## CERTIFICATE OF CALIBRATION

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Order No. 5001

Description Sound Level Meter / Pre-amp / Microphone / Associated Calibrator

Identification	Manufacturer	Instrument	Type	Serial No. / Version
	Rion	Sound Level Meter	NL-31	01273082
	Rion	Firmware		1.400
	Rion	Pre Amplifier	NH-21	26001
	Rion	Microphone	UC-53A	313385
	Rion	Calibrator	NC-74	34536109
		Calibrator adaptor type if applicable		NC-74-002

Performance Class 1

Test Procedure TP 2.SLM 61672-3 TPS-49

*Procedures from IEC 61672-3:2006 were used to perform the periodic test.*

Type Approved to IEC 61672-1:2002 No Approval Number

*If YES above there is public evidence that the SLM has successfully completed the applicable pattern evaluation tests of IEC 61672-2:2003*

Date Received 11 April 2019

ANV Job No. TRAC19/04158

Date Calibrated 12 April 2019

The sound level meter submitted for testing has successfully completed the class 1 periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2006, for the environmental conditions under which the tests were performed. However, no general statement or conclusion can be made about conformance of the sound level meter to the full requirements of IEC 61672-1:2002 because evidence was not publicly available, from an independent testing organisation responsible for pattern approvals, to demonstrate that the model of sound level meter fully conformed to the requirements in IEC 61672-1:2002 and because the periodic tests of IEC 61672-3:2006 cover only a limited subset of the specifications in IEC 61672-1:2002.

Previous Certificate	Dated	Certificate No.	Laboratory
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Sound Level Meter Instruction manual and data used to adjust the sound levels indicated.

SLM instruction manual title	NL-21 NL-31 Instruction Manual		
SLM instruction manual ref / issue	32006 09-04		
SLM instruction manual source	Manufacturer		
Internet download date if applicable	N/A		
Case corrections available	Yes		
Uncertainties of case corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of case data	Manufacturer		
Wind screen corrections available	Yes		
Uncertainties of wind screen corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of wind screen data	Manufacturer		
Mic pressure to free field corrections	Yes		
Uncertainties of Mic to F.F. corrections	No	See comment on page 3	
Source of Mic to F.F. corrections	Manufacturer		
Total expanded uncertainties within the requirements of IEC 61672-1:2002	Yes		
Specified or equivalent Calibrator	Specified		
Customer or Lab Calibrator	Lab Calibrator		
Calibrator adaptor type if applicable	NC-74-002		
Calibrator cal. date	29 March 2019		
Calibrator cert. number	UCRT19/1384		
Calibrator cal cert issued by Lab.	ANV Measurement Systems		
Calibrator SPL @ STP	93.98	dB	Calibration reference sound pressure level
Calibrator frequency	1001.93	Hz	Calibration check frequency
Reference level range	30 - 120	dB	

Accessories used or corrected for during calibration - None  
 Note - if a pre-amp extension cable is listed then it was used between the SLM and the pre-amp.

Environmental conditions during tests	Start	End	
Temperature	22.92	22.66	± 0.30 °C
Humidity	33.0	31.4	± 3.00 %RH
Ambient Pressure	101.71	101.70	± 0.03 kPa

Response to associated Calibrator at the environmental conditions above.

Initial indicated level	94.2	dB	Adjusted indicated level	94.0	dB
The uncertainty of the associated calibrator supplied with the sound level meter ±			0.10 dB		

Self Generated Noise This test is currently not performed by this Lab.

Microphone installed (if requested by customer) = Less Than	N/A	dB	A Weighting
Uncertainty of the microphone installed self generated noise ±	N/A	dB	

Microphone replaced with electrical input device - UR = Under Range indicated

Weighting	A		C		Z	
	dB	UR	dB	UR	dB	
	9.8	UR	15.6	UR	22.6	dB
Uncertainty of the electrical self generated noise ±			0.12 dB			

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a coverage probability of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with the Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement published by the International Organisation for Standards (ISO).

## Comments

For the test of the frequency weightings as per paragraph 12. of IEC 61672-3:2006 the actual microphone free field response was used.

The acoustical frequency tests of a frequency weighting as per paragraph 11 of IEC 61672-3:2006 were carried out using an electrostatic actuator.

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Certificate Number

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If any of the "Uncertainties of ....." are set to NO above, then the following applies.

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Calibrated by: B. Bogdan

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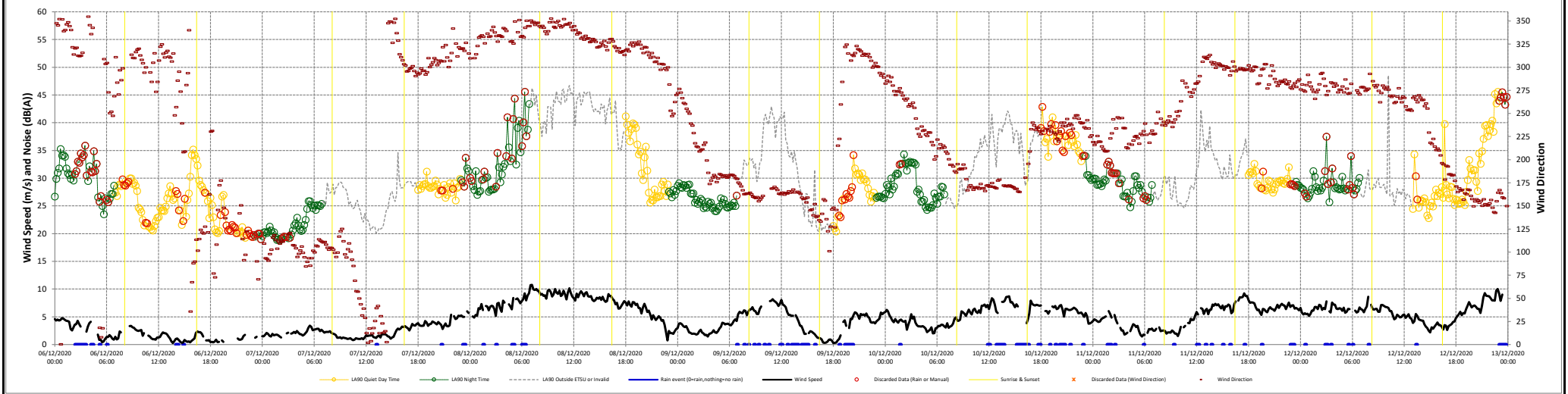
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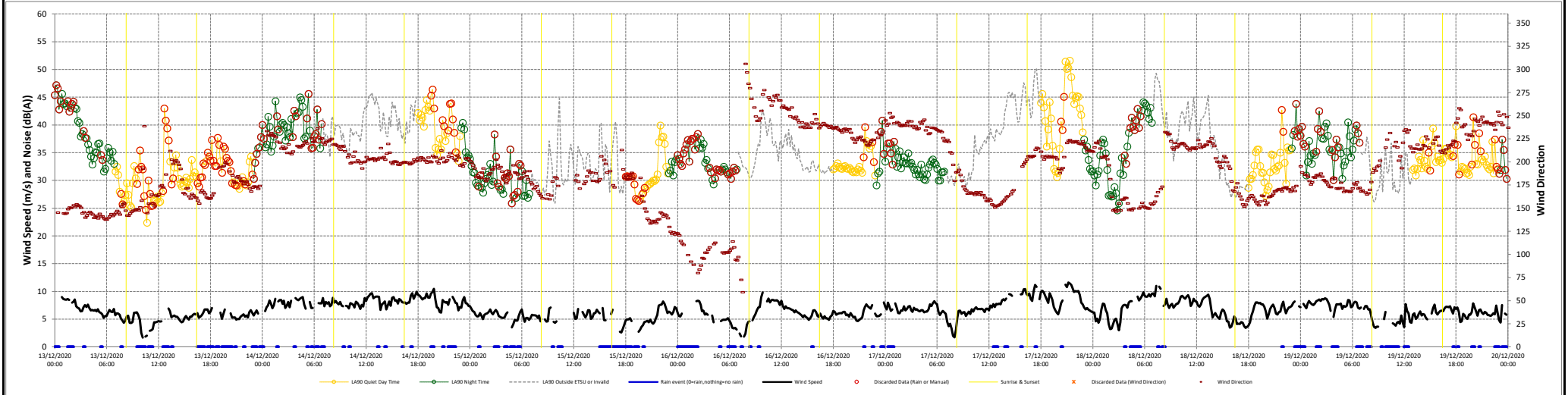
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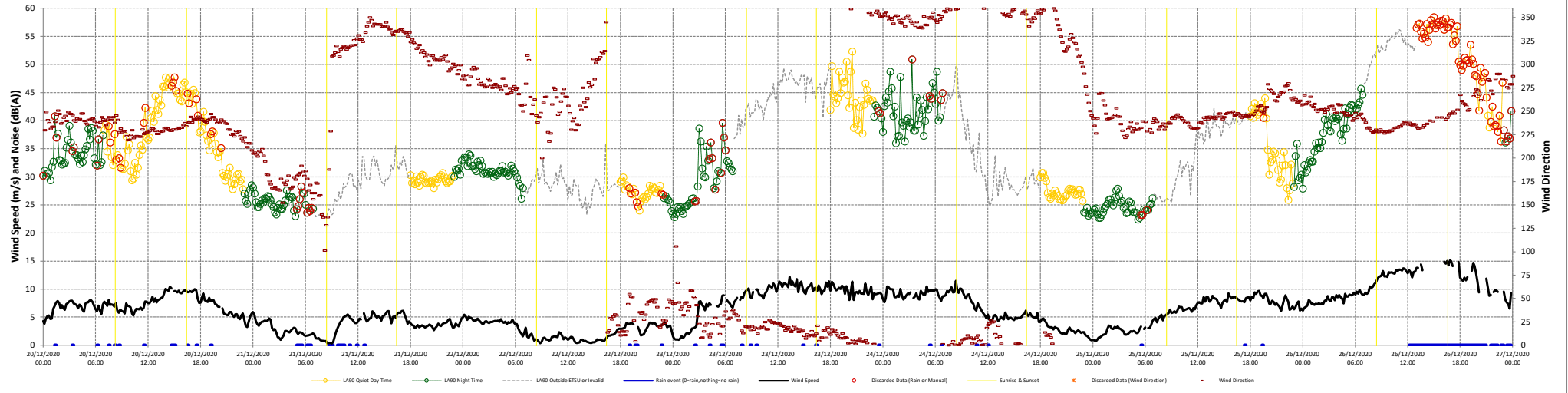
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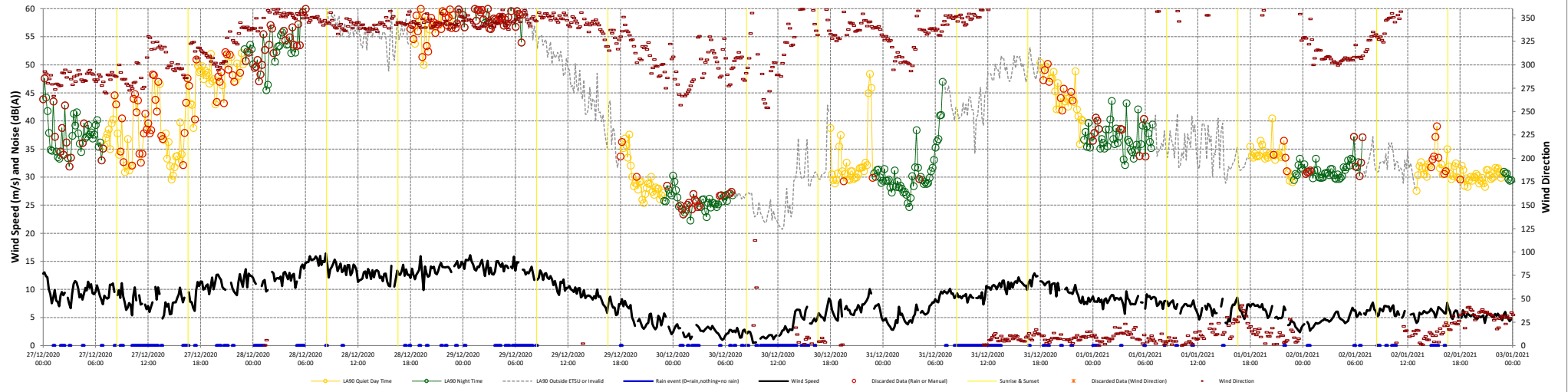
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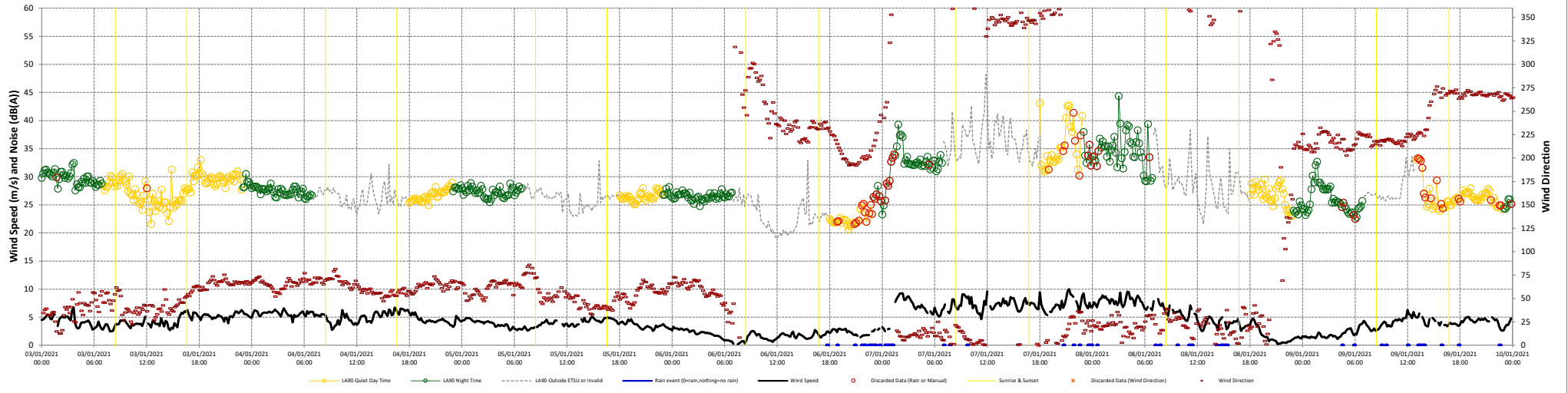
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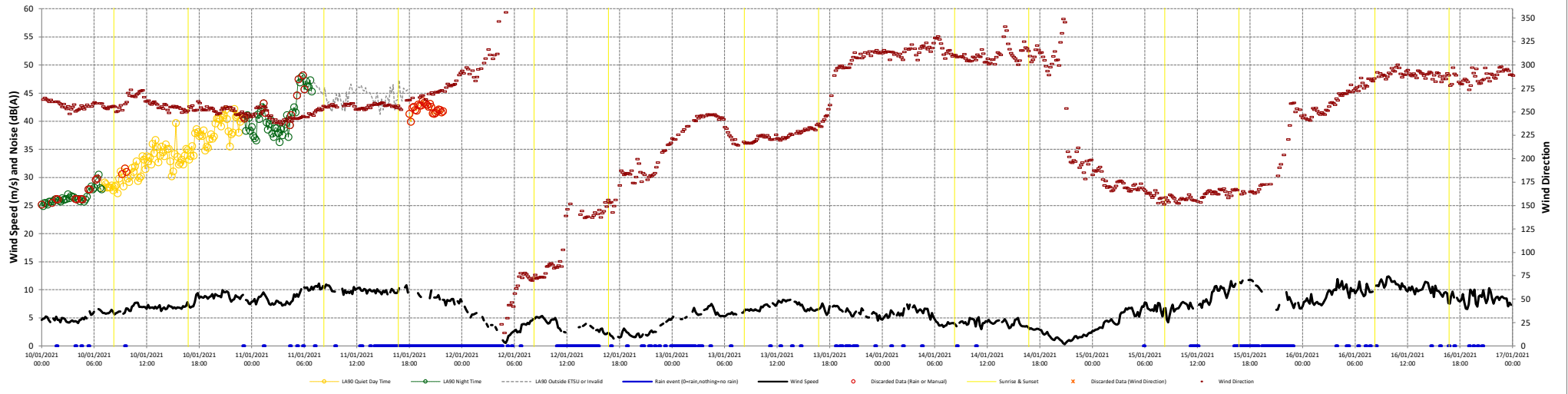
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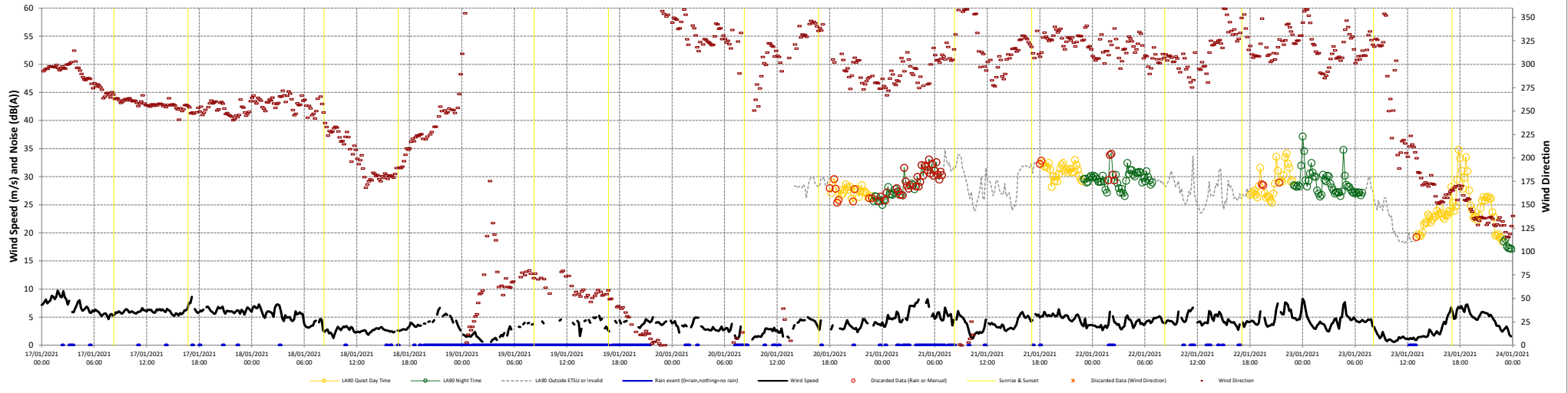


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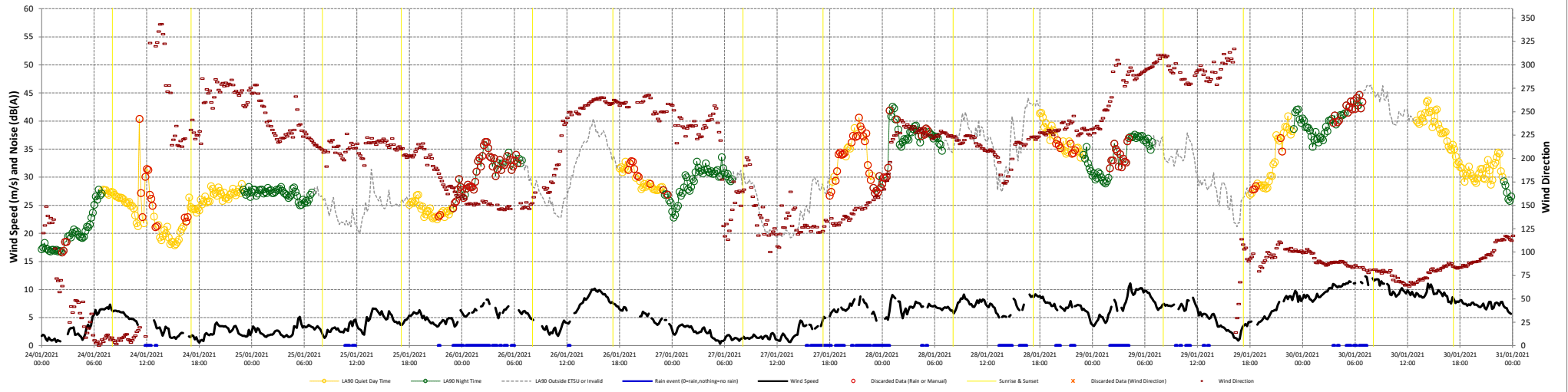




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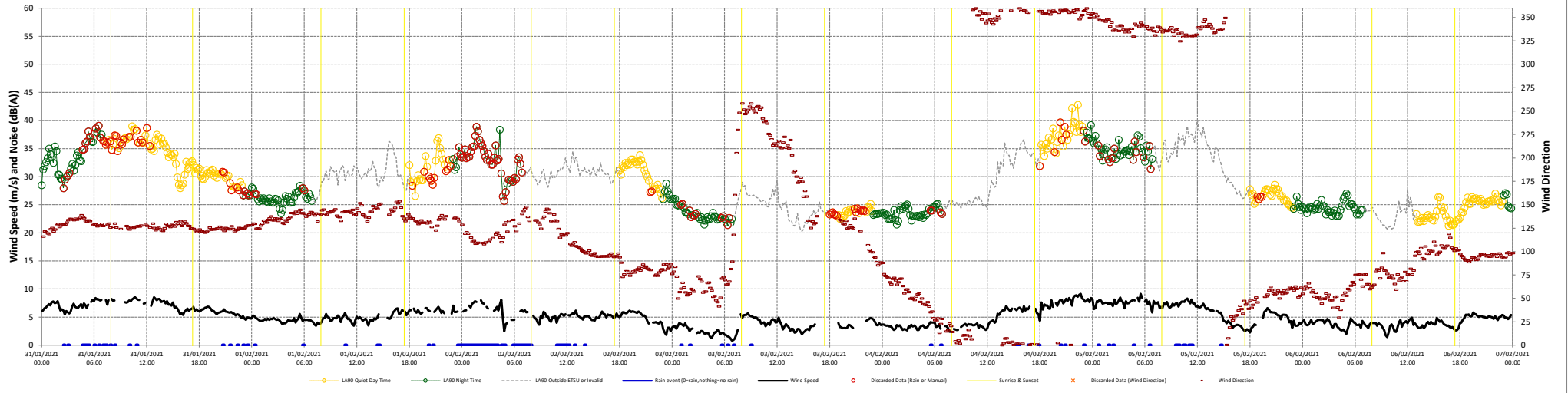
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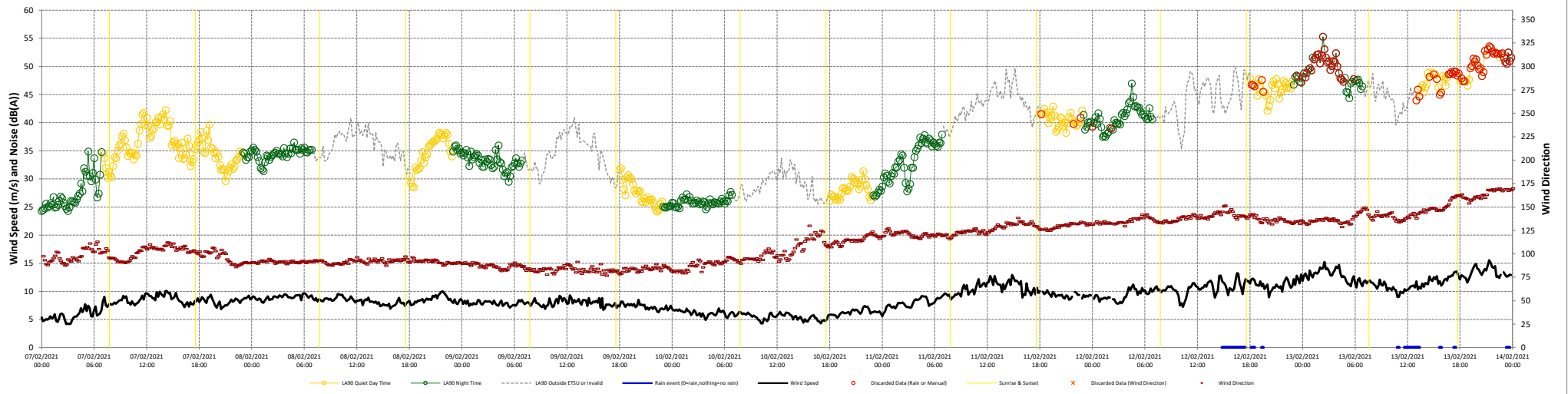
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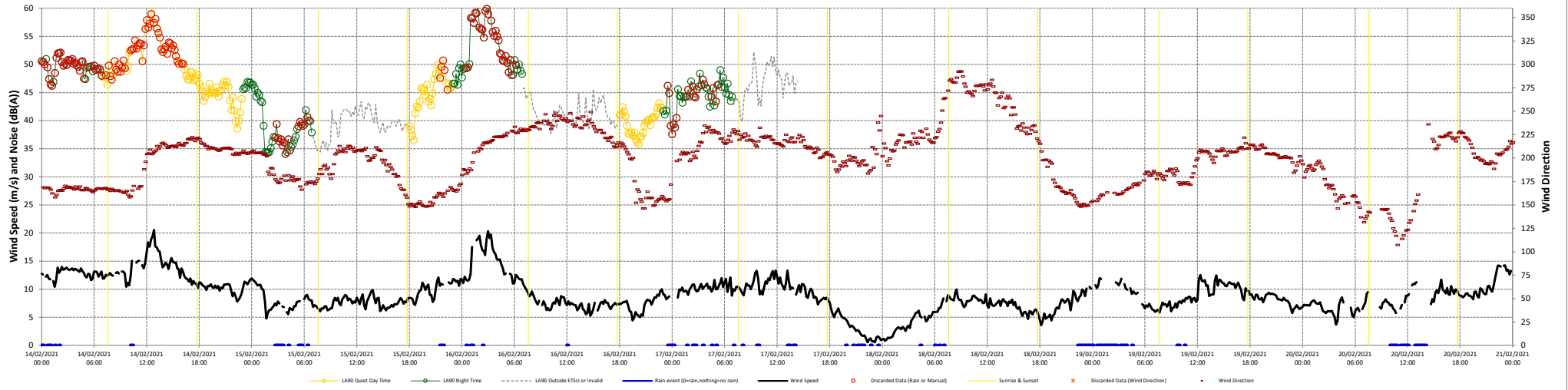
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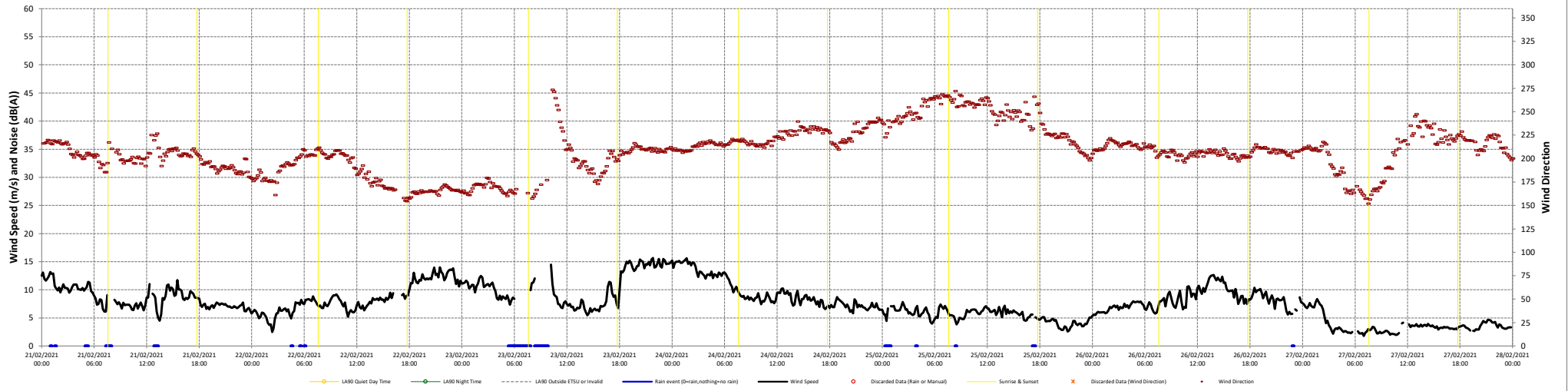
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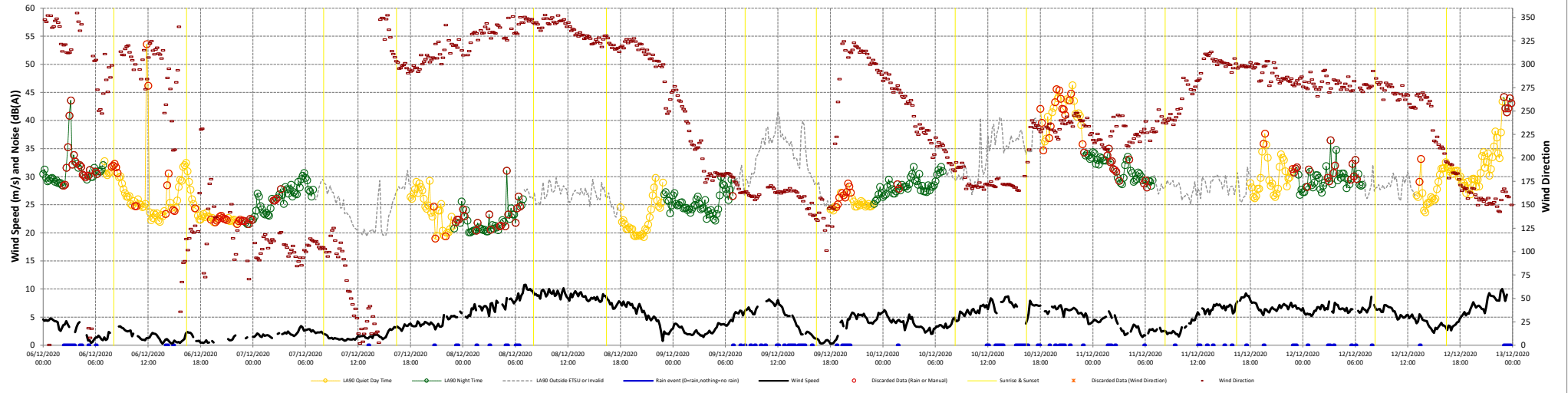
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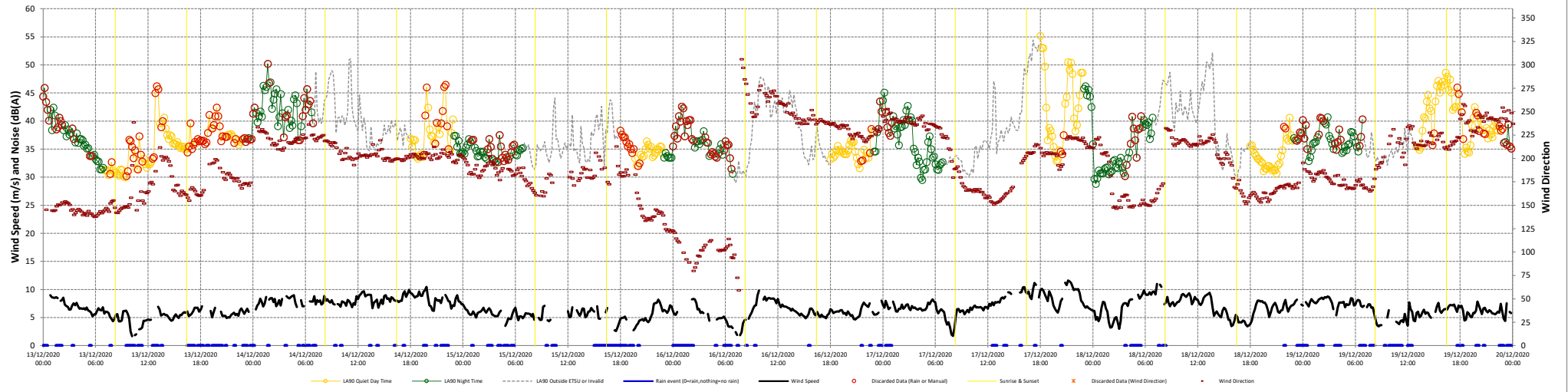
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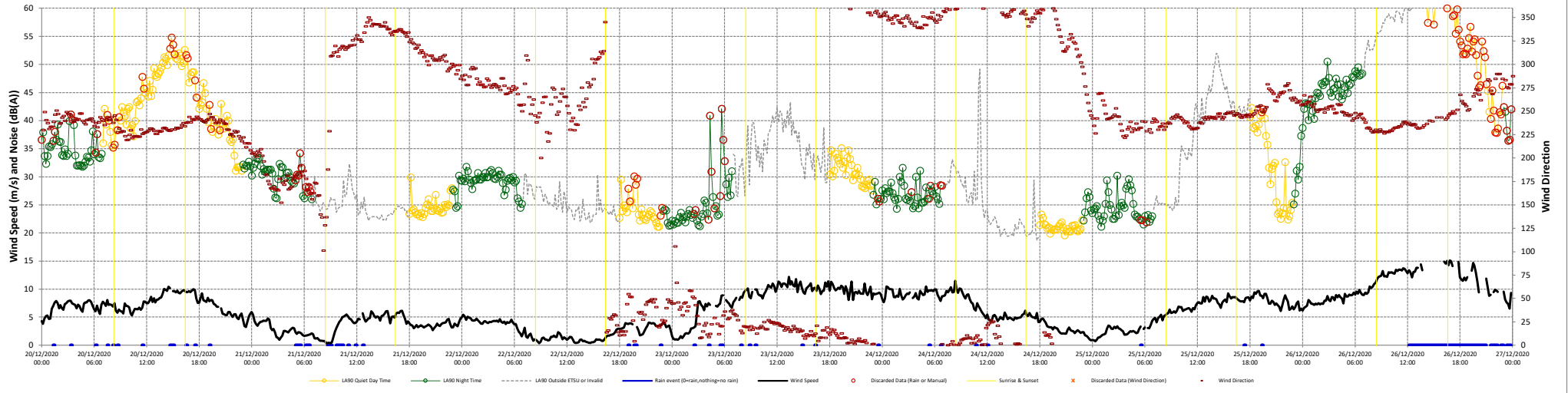
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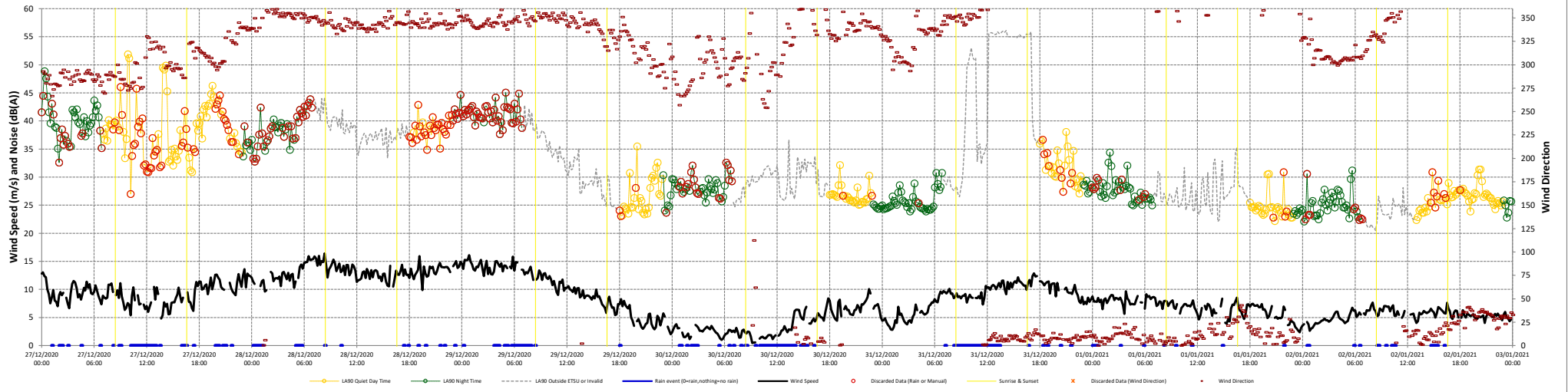
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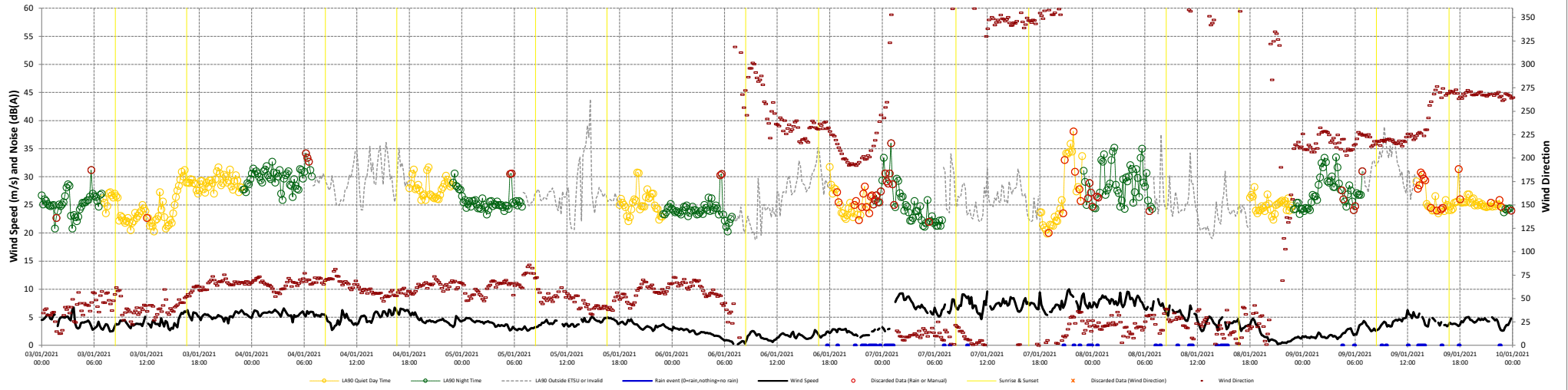
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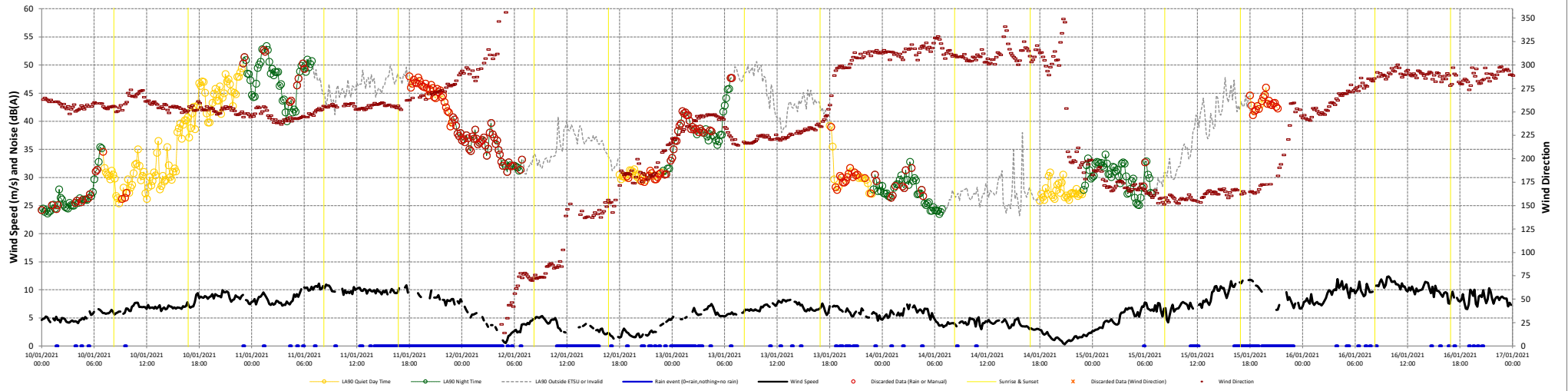
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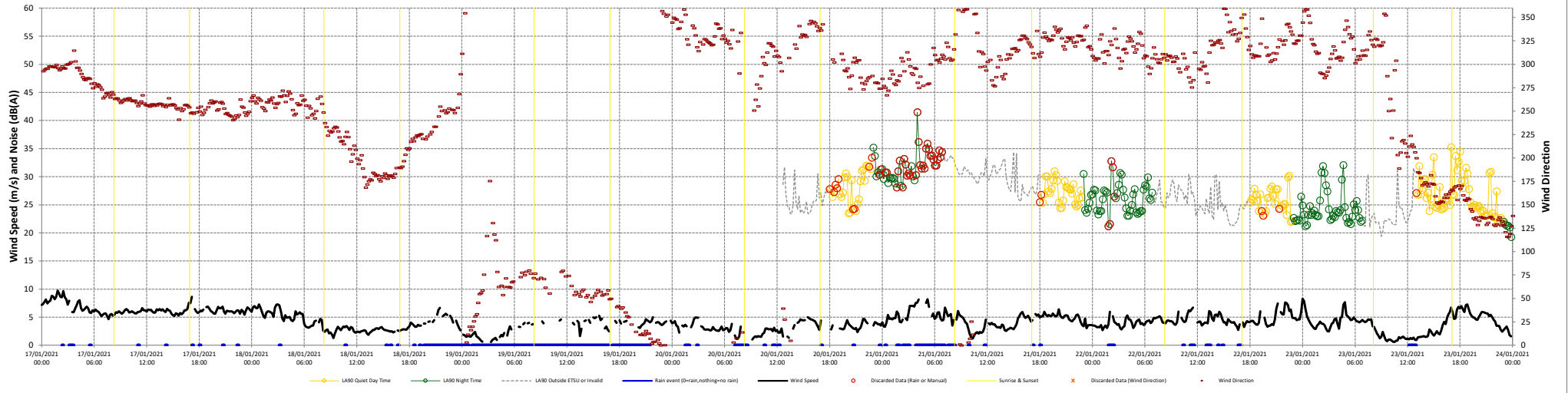
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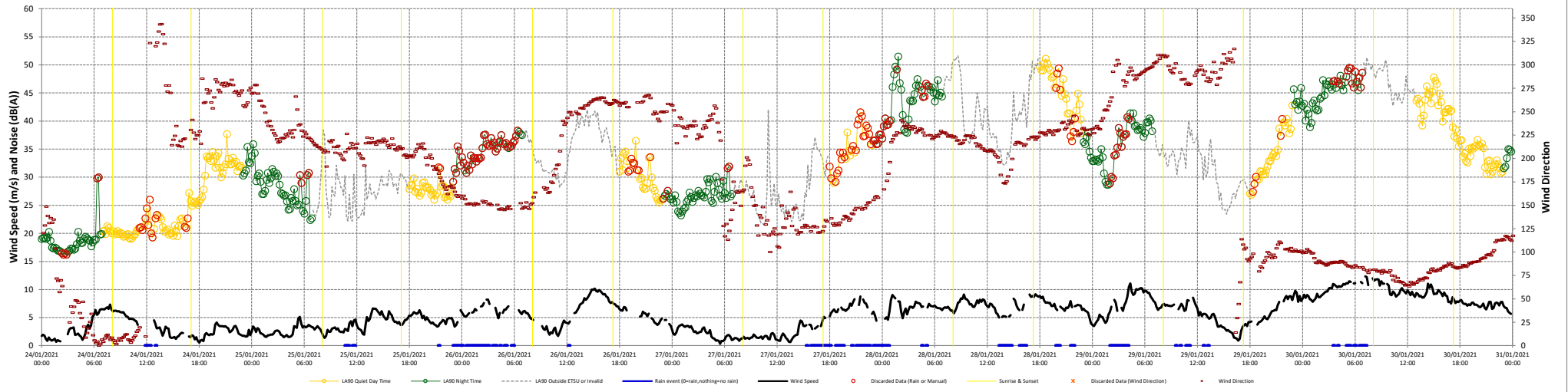
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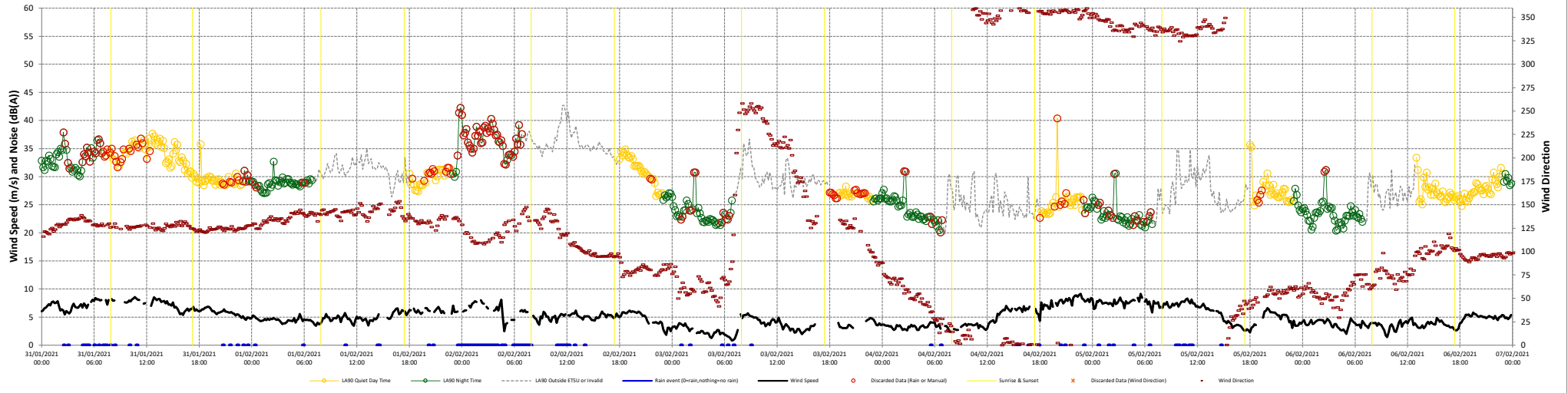
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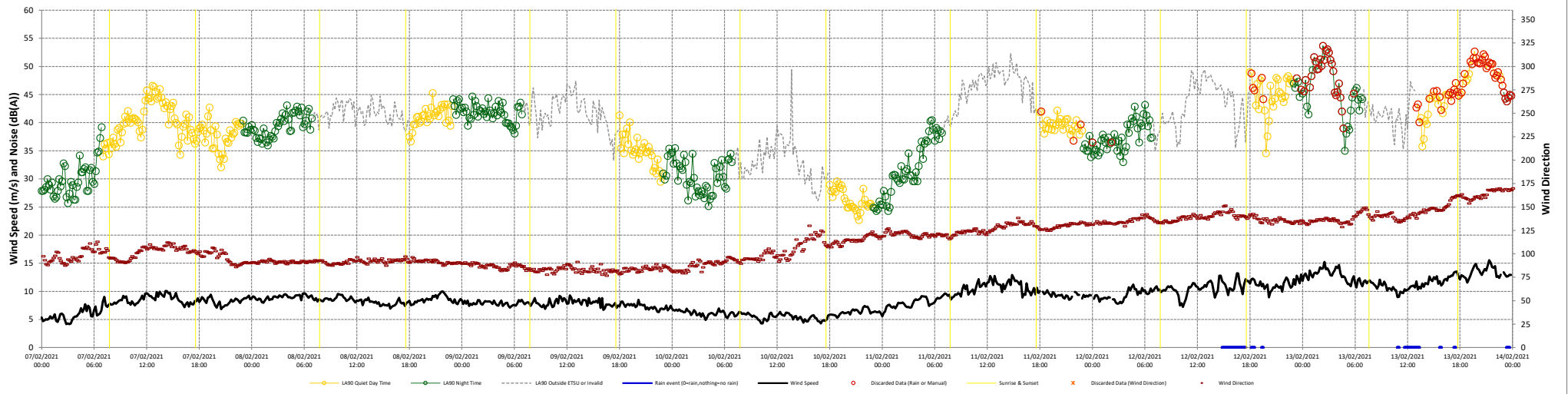
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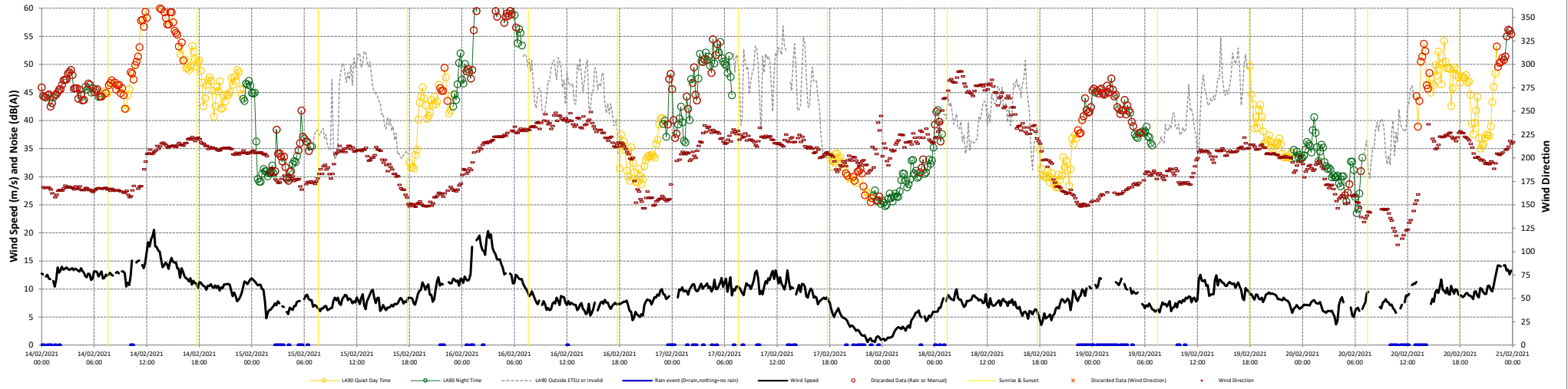
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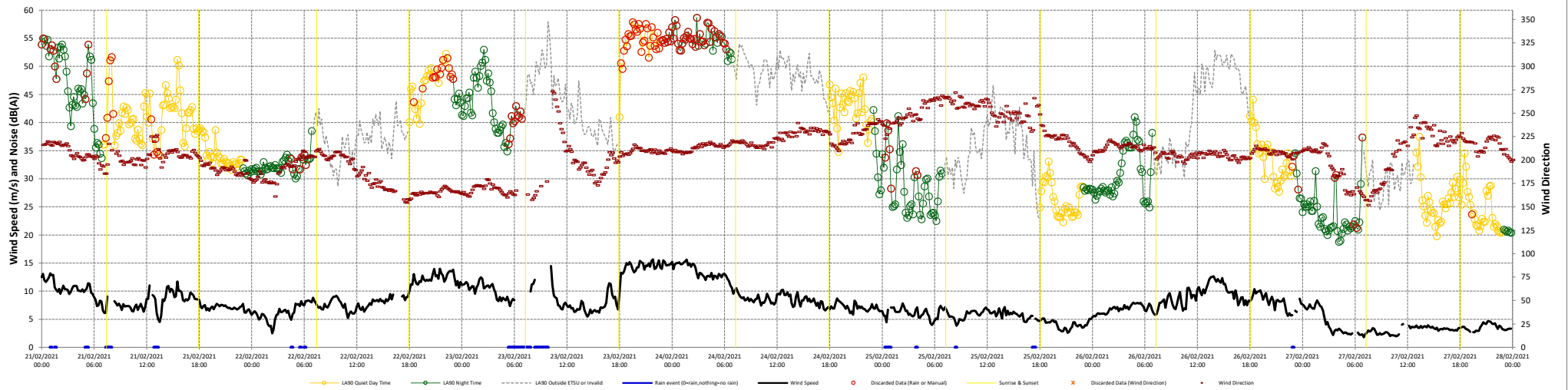




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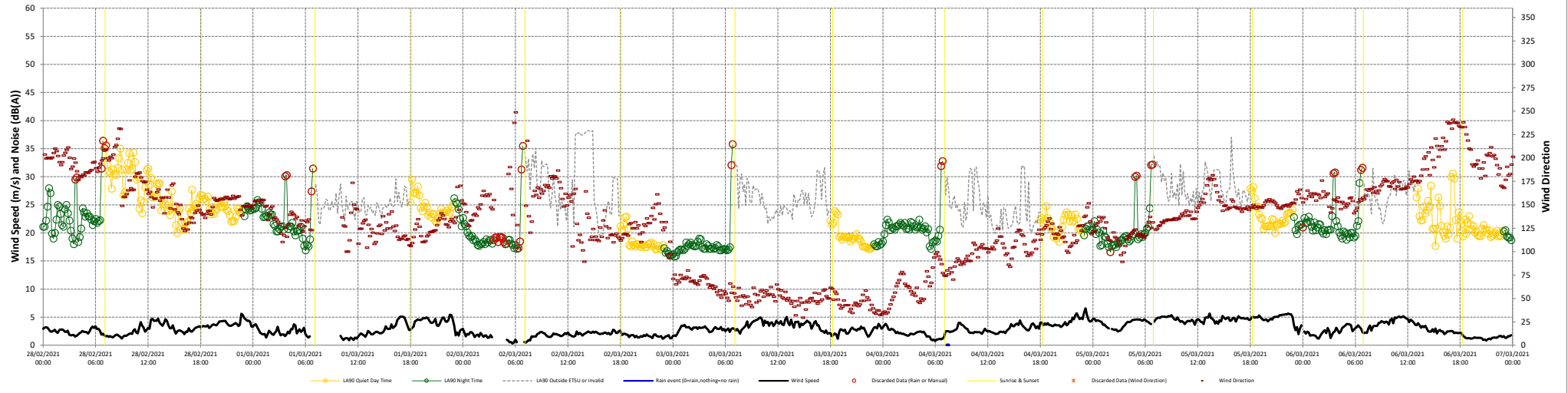
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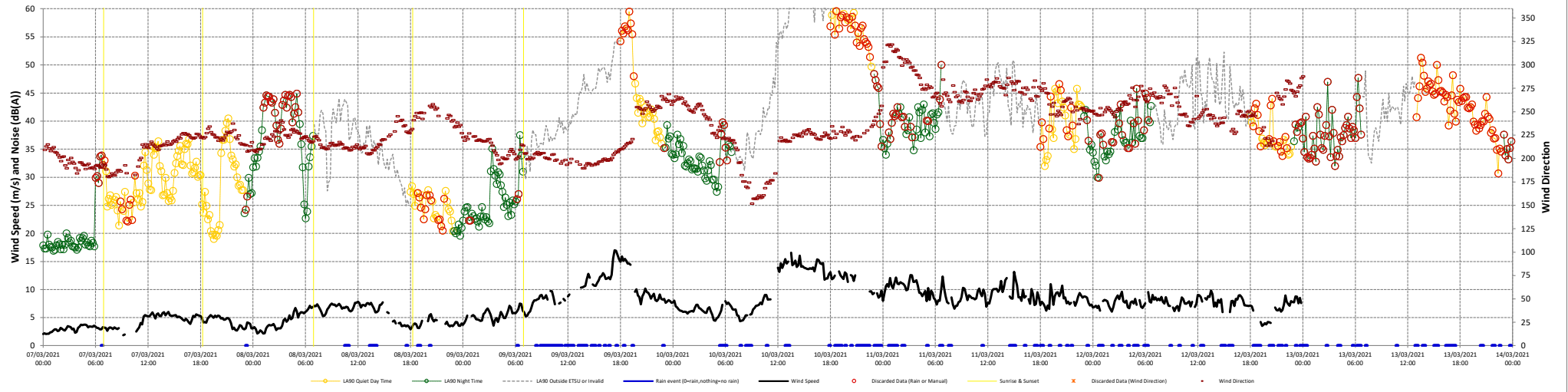
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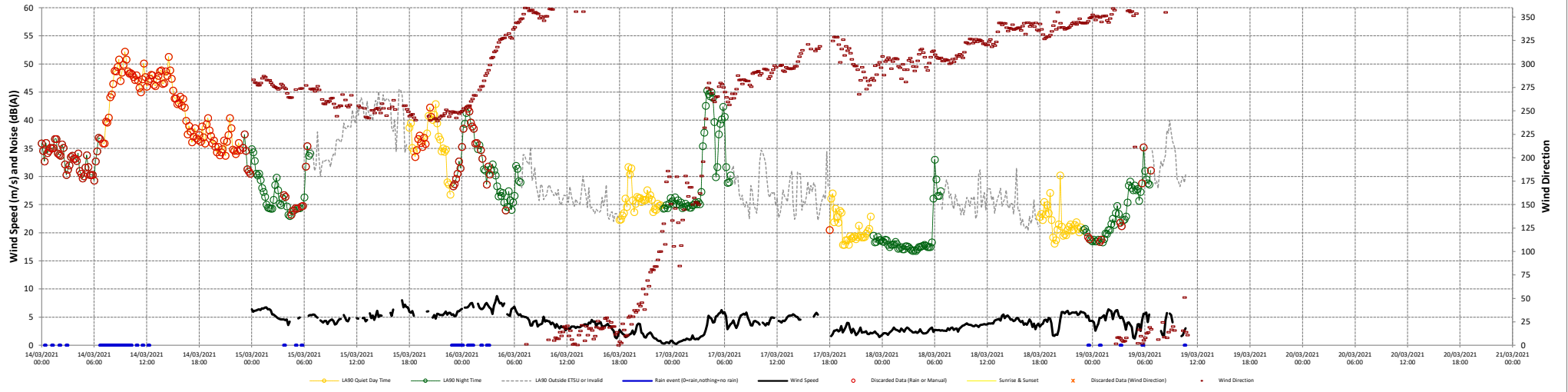
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## Annex 6 – NSR Coordinates and Prediction Modelling Results

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**Table A6.1: Noise Sensitive Receptors**

Noise Sensitive Receptor (H)	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Background Noise Data Used **	Is this NSR also an NAL?
	(m)	(m)	(m AOD)		
H01	501398	832178	119	1	Yes - NAL1*
H02	501819	829908	105	1	No
H03	Derelict				
H04	502850	829722	136	1	Yes - NAL2*
H05	503113	829431	148	1	No
H06	503218	829403	153	1	No
H07	508401	833437	143	2	Yes - NAL3*
H08	508485	833498	143	2	No
H09	508779	833146	97	2	No
H10	508865	833567	109	2	No
H11	509057	833510	95	2	No
H12	509101	833534	93	2	No
H13	509151	833578	92	2	No
H14	509289	833820	96	2	No

\* The assessment results for these receptors are included within Tables 6.6 and 6.7 (Cumulative) and Tables 6.9 and 6.10 (Site Specific) of the main report.

\*\* shown on Figure A1.1, Annex 1

**Table A6.2 WEDG Compliance Table – Likely Cumulative Noise - Daytime**

Location		Wind Speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
H02	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	21.8	26.4	30.7	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.7	31.7	31.7
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-18.2	-13.6	-14.3	-13.4	-13.3	-13.3	-16.2	-19.8	-23.4
H03	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	Derelict											
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$												
	Exceedance Level												
H05	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	22.3	26.9	31.1	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-17.7	-13.1	-13.9	-13.0	-13.0	-13.0	-15.9	-19.5	-23.1
H06	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	22.4	27.0	31.2	32.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-17.6	-13.0	-13.8	-13.0	-12.9	-12.9	-15.8	-19.4	-23.0
H08	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	20.2	24.4	28.6	30.0	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-19.8	-15.6	-16.4	-15.0	-14.8	-14.8	-16.9	-19.0	-20.3
H08	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	20.5	24.7	28.9	30.3	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-19.5	-15.3	-16.1	-14.7	-14.6	-14.5	-16.6	-18.7	-20.1
H10	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	19.3	23.6	27.8	29.1	29.2	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-20.7	-16.4	-17.2	-15.9	-15.8	-15.7	-17.8	-19.9	-21.3
H11	Total Noise Limit: WEDG $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	-	19.0	23.2	27.4	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-21.0	-16.8	-17.6	-16.2	-16.1	-16.0	-18.1	-20.2	-21.6

H12	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	18.9	23.1	27.3	28.7	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.9	28.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-21.1	-16.9	-17.7	-16.3	-16.2	-16.2	-18.3	-20.3	-21.7
H13	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	18.5	22.8	27.0	28.3	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-21.5	-17.2	-18.0	-16.7	-16.6	-16.5	-18.6	-20.7	-22.1
H14	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	17.9	22.1	26.3	27.6	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-22.1	-17.9	-18.7	-17.4	-17.2	-17.2	-19.3	-21.4	-22.7

**Table A6.3 WEDG Compliance Table – Likely Cumulative Noise - Night time**

Location		Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
H02	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	21.8	26.4	30.7	31.6	31.7	31.7	31.7	31.7	31.7
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-21.2	-16.6	-12.3	-11.4	-11.3	-11.9	-15.2	-18.7	-22.5
H03	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	Derelict											
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>												
	Exceedance Level												
H05	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	22.3	26.9	31.1	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-20.7	-16.1	-11.9	-11.0	-11.0	-11.6	-14.9	-18.4	-22.2
H06	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	22.4	27.0	31.2	32.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-20.6	-16.0	-11.8	-11.0	-10.9	-11.5	-14.8	-18.3	-22.1
H08	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	20.2	24.4	28.6	30.0	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-22.8	-18.6	-14.4	-13.0	-12.8	-12.8	-15.6	-18.3	-20.6

H08	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	20.5	24.7	28.9	30.3	30.4	30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-22.5	-18.3	-14.1	-12.7	-12.6	-12.5	-15.3	-18.0	-20.4
H10	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	19.3	23.6	27.8	29.1	29.2	29.3	29.3	29.3	29.3
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-23.7	-19.4	-15.2	-13.9	-13.8	-13.7	-16.5	-19.2	-21.6
H11	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	19.0	23.2	27.4	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-24.0	-19.8	-15.6	-14.2	-14.1	-14.0	-16.8	-19.5	-21.9
H12	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	18.9	23.1	27.3	28.7	28.8	28.8	28.8	28.9	28.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-24.1	-19.9	-15.7	-14.3	-14.2	-14.2	-17.0	-19.6	-22.0
H13	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	18.5	22.8	27.0	28.3	28.4	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-24.5	-20.2	-16.0	-14.7	-14.6	-14.5	-17.3	-20.0	-22.4
H14	Total Noise Limit: WEDG L <sub>A90</sub>	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Cumulative Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	-	17.9	22.1	26.3	27.6	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-	-25.1	-20.9	-16.7	-15.4	-15.2	-15.2	-18.0	-20.7	-23.0



**Table A6.4 Site Specific Noise Limits Compliance Table – Daytime**

Location		Wind Speed (ms <sup>-1</sup> ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
H02	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.3	20.0	24.1	28.3	29.9	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-20.7	-20.0	-15.9	-16.7	-15.1	-15.0	-14.9	-17.8	-21.3	-24.9
H03	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	Derelict											
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>												
	Exceedance Level												
H05	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	18.9	19.6	23.7	28.0	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-21.1	-20.4	-16.3	-17.0	-15.5	-15.3	-15.3	-18.1	-21.7	-25.3
H06	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.9	51.5	55.1
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	18.9	19.6	23.7	27.9	29.5	29.6	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-21.1	-20.4	-16.3	-17.1	-15.5	-15.4	-15.3	-18.2	-21.8	-25.3
H08	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	18.7	19.5	23.6	27.8	29.4	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-21.3	-20.5	-16.4	-17.2	-15.6	-15.5	-15.4	-17.5	-19.6	-21.0
H08	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	19.0	19.8	23.9	28.1	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.9	29.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-21.0	-20.2	-16.1	-16.9	-15.4	-15.2	-15.2	-17.2	-19.3	-20.7
H10	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	17.7	18.4	22.5	26.8	28.3	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-22.3	-21.6	-17.5	-18.2	-16.7	-16.5	-16.5	-18.6	-20.6	-22.0
H11	Site Specific Noise Limit L <sub>A90</sub>	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise L <sub>A90</sub>	-	-	17.3	18.0	22.1	26.4	27.9	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.2	28.2
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-22.7	-22.0	-17.9	-18.6	-17.1	-16.9	-16.9	-19.0	-21.0	-22.4

H12	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	17.2	17.9	22.0	26.2	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-22.8	-22.1	-18.0	-18.8	-17.2	-17.1	-17.0	-19.1	-21.2	-22.6
H13	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	16.8	17.5	21.6	25.8	27.4	27.5	27.6	27.6	27.6	27.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-23.2	-22.5	-18.4	-19.2	-17.6	-17.5	-17.4	-19.5	-21.6	-23.0
H14	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	47.1	49.2	50.6
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	16.0	16.7	20.8	25.0	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-24.0	-23.3	-19.2	-20.0	-18.4	-18.3	-18.2	-20.3	-22.4	-23.8

**Table A6.5 Site Specific Noise Limits Compliance Table – Night time**

Location		Wind Speed ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ) as standardised to 10 m height											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
H02	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	19.3	20.0	24.1	28.3	29.9	30.0	30.1	30.1	30.2	30.2
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-23.7	-23.0	-18.9	-14.7	-13.1	-13.0	-13.5	-16.8	-20.2	-24.0
H03	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	Derelict											
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$												
	Exceedance Level												
H05	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	18.9	19.6	23.7	28.0	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-24.1	-23.4	-19.3	-15.0	-13.5	-13.3	-13.9	-17.1	-20.6	-24.4
H06	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.6	46.9	50.4	54.2
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	18.9	19.6	23.7	27.9	29.5	29.6	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-24.1	-23.4	-19.3	-15.1	-13.5	-13.4	-13.9	-17.2	-20.7	-24.4
H08	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	18.7	19.5	23.6	27.8	29.4	29.5	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-24.3	-23.5	-19.4	-15.2	-13.6	-13.5	-13.4	-16.2	-18.9	-21.3

H08	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	19.0	19.8	23.9	28.1	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.9	29.9
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-24.0	-23.2	-19.1	-14.9	-13.4	-13.2	-13.2	-15.9	-18.6	-21.0
H10	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	17.7	18.4	22.5	26.8	28.3	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-25.3	-24.6	-20.5	-16.2	-14.7	-14.5	-14.5	-17.3	-19.9	-22.3
H11	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	17.3	18.0	22.1	26.4	27.9	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.2	28.2
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-25.7	-25.0	-20.9	-16.6	-15.1	-14.9	-14.9	-17.7	-20.3	-22.7
H12	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	17.2	17.9	22.0	26.2	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-25.8	-25.1	-21.0	-16.8	-15.2	-15.1	-15.0	-17.8	-20.5	-22.9
H13	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	16.8	17.5	21.6	25.8	27.4	27.5	27.6	27.6	27.6	27.6
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-26.2	-25.5	-21.4	-17.2	-15.6	-15.5	-15.4	-18.2	-20.9	-23.3
H14	Site Specific Noise Limit $L_{A90}$	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	45.8	48.5	50.9
	Predicted Wind Turbine Noise $L_{A90}$	-	-	16.0	16.7	20.8	25.0	26.6	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8
	Exceedance Level	-	-	-27.0	-26.3	-22.2	-18.0	-16.4	-16.3	-16.2	-19.0	-21.7	-24.1

## Annex 7 – Topographical Corrections/ Turbine Coordinates

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**Table 1: Topographical (concave ground/ barrier) Noise Prediction Adjustment Table**

**Notes/Comments**

Requirement to include a concave ground profile correction of +3dB has been calculated in accordance with section 4.3.9 of the IOA GPG (July 2011)

A barrier correction of -2dB is included where the landform completely obscures a turbine at the noise assessment location

Where analysis indicates that both are required the barrier correction take precedence and a correction of -2dB is applied

Wind Farm	Noise Assessment Locations														
	Hub	T ID	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sheskin Wind Farm T1	106	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T2	106	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T3	106	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T4	95	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T5	95	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T6	95	6	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T7	95	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin Wind Farm T8	95	8	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T1	120	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T2	120	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T3	120	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T4	120	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T5	120	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T6	120	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T7	120	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T8	120	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T9	120	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T10	120	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T11	120	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T12	120	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T13	120	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T14	120	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T15	120	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T16	120	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T17	120	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T18	120	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T19	120	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T20	120	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T21	120	29	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T22	120	30	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T23	120	31	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T24	120	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T25	120	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T26	120	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T27	120	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T28	120	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T29	120	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 1 T30	120	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T1	117	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T2	117	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T3	117	41	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T4	117	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T5	117	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Oweninny 2 T6	117	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T7	117	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T8	117	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T9	117	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T10	117	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T11	117	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T12	117	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T13	117	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T14	117	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T15	117	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T16	117	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T17	117	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T18	117	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T19	117	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T20	117	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T21	117	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T22	117	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T23	117	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T24	117	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T25	117	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T26	117	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T27	117	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T28	117	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T29	117	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T30	117	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 2 T31	117	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T1	117	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T2	117	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T3	117	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T4	117	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T5	117	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T6	117	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T7	117	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T8	117	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T9	117	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T10	117	79	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
Oweninny 3 T11	117	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T12	117	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T13	117	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T14	117	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T15	117	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T16	117	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T17	117	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oweninny 3 T18	117	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T1	115	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T2	115	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T3	115	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T4	115	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T5	115	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T6	115	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T7	115	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T8	115	95	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T9	115	96	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sheskin South T10	115	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T11	115	98	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T12	115	99	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T13	115	100	0	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T14	115	101	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T15	115	102	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T16	115	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T17	115	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T18	115	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T19	115	106	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T20	115	107	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheskin South T21	115	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenora T1	99	109	0	3	-2	0	3	3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T2	99	110	0	0	-2	0	3	3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T3	99	111	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T4	99	112	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T5	99	113	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T6	99	114	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T7	99	115	0	0	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T8	99	116	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T9	99	117	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T10	99	118	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T11	99	119	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T12	99	120	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T13	99	121	0	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T14	99	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0	0	-2	-2
Glenora T15	99	123	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T16	99	124	0	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Glenora T17	99	125	0	-2	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T18	99	126	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T19	99	127	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	0	0	-2	-2
Glenora T20	99	128	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T21	99	129	0	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
Glenora T22	99	130	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2

**Table 2: Wind Farms/ Turbines Modelled**

<b>Wind Farm</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>	<b>Height</b>
1 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T1	495805	827410	119
2 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T2	495975	827161	111
3 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T3	496385	827571	115
4 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T4	495946	827893	129
5 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T5	496420	828058	124
6 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T6	496812	828197	125
7 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T7	496232	828303	133
8 - ABO Sheskin Wind Farm T8	496677	828564	134
30 - Oweninny 1 T1	498691	822157	87
31 - Oweninny 1 T2	498302	822490	86
32 - Oweninny 1 T3	499389	822180	85
33 - Oweninny 1 T4	498953	822720	87
34 - Oweninny 1 T5	498548	823165	85
35 - Oweninny 1 T6	499318	823284	90
36 - Oweninny 1 T7	499500	824514	92
37 - Oweninny 1 T8	499794	824173	91
38 - Oweninny 1 T9	500080	823744	93
39 - Oweninny 1 T10	499643	824966	92
40 - Oweninny 1 T11	499746	825379	93
41 - Oweninny 1 T12	500231	825744	94
42 - Oweninny 1 T13	500707	825927	96
43 - Oweninny 1 T14	500064	824601	92
44 - Oweninny 1 T15	500286	824998	91
45 - Oweninny 1 T16	500715	825387	96
46 - Oweninny 1 T17	501120	825760	97
47 - Oweninny 1 T18	500723	824236	92
48 - Oweninny 1 T19	501016	825006	97
49 - Oweninny 1 T20	501516	825522	100
50 - Oweninny 1 T21	501905	826022	103
51 - Oweninny 1 T22	502309	825665	112
52 - Oweninny 1 T23	502714	825332	112
53 - Oweninny 1 T24	502317	824943	108
54 - Oweninny 1 T25	501905	825236	101
55 - Oweninny 1 T26	501707	824601	100
56 - Oweninny 1 T27	501389	824030	97
57 - Oweninny 1 T28	502031	823728	105
58 - Oweninny 1 T29	502333	824339	106
59 - Oweninny 1 T30	498992	823593	87
60 - Oweninny 2 T1	495507	824986	97
61 - Oweninny 2 T2	495086	824597	100
62 - Oweninny 2 T3	494832	824168	103
63 - Oweninny 2 T4	494380	823890	114
64 - Oweninny 2 T5	494729	823731	103
65 - Oweninny 2 T6	495284	823898	102



66 - Oweninny 2 T7	495538	824398	96
67 - Oweninny 2 T8	495912	824835	93
68 - Oweninny 2 T9	496285	824597	92
69 - Oweninny 2 T10	496801	824366	84
70 - Oweninny 2 T11	495959	824192	96
71 - Oweninny 2 T12	496459	823874	93
72 - Oweninny 2 T13	496213	823311	97
73 - Oweninny 2 T14	495650	823557	100
74 - Oweninny 2 T15	495181	823287	99
75 - Oweninny 2 T16	494721	823033	105
76 - Oweninny 2 T17	495419	822946	104
77 - Oweninny 2 T18	496134	822747	97
78 - Oweninny 2 T19	496634	822533	90
79 - Oweninny 2 T20	495269	822509	98
80 - Oweninny 2 T21	495054	822058	96
81 - Oweninny 2 T22	494991	821621	95
82 - Oweninny 2 T23	495443	821399	96
83 - Oweninny 2 T24	495467	821788	97
84 - Oweninny 2 T25	495650	822207	103
85 - Oweninny 2 T26	496158	822097	96
86 - Oweninny 2 T27	496602	821843	89
87 - Oweninny 2 T28	495912	821677	95
88 - Oweninny 2 T29	495983	821264	93
89 - Oweninny 2 T30	496483	821288	88
90 - Oweninny 2 T31	494332	823470	110
91 - Oweninny 3 T1	499874	822583	86
92 - Oweninny 3 T2	500488	821872	87
93 - Oweninny 3 T3	500998	822389	91
94 - Oweninny 3 T4	500616	822656	89
95 - Oweninny 3 T5	500122	822125	86
96 - Oweninny 3 T6	500600	823419	96
97 - Oweninny 3 T7	501436	823179	97
98 - Oweninny 3 T8	502962	823949	100
99 - Oweninny 3 T9	503336	824591	100
100 - Oweninny 3 T10	503820	825172	98
101 - Oweninny 3 T11	502967	823035	102
102 - Oweninny 3 T12	502512	821912	104
103 - Oweninny 3 T13	502971	821460	104
104 - Oweninny 3 T14	503160	822629	99
105 - Oweninny 3 T15	503315	822150	100
106 - Oweninny 3 T16	503937	822802	94
107 - Oweninny 3 T17	503771	823208	91
108 - Oweninny 3 T18	503500	823615	93
120 - Sheskin South T1	493541	824049	112
121 - Sheskin South T2	492484	824313	108
122 - Sheskin South T3	493171	825359	138
123 - Sheskin South T4	493318	824924	117

124 - Sheskin South T5	492715	826139	175
125 - Sheskin South T6	493000	825783	148
126 - Sheskin South T7	493158	826709	193
127 - Sheskin South T8	493355	827503	216
128 - Sheskin South T9	493535	826353	159
129 - Sheskin South T10	493769	824835	122
130 - Sheskin South T11	493661	827239	208
131 - Sheskin South T12	494691	828349	186
132 - Sheskin South T13	494085	827802	224
133 - Sheskin South T14	494563	827383	181
134 - Sheskin South T15	494848	827929	165
135 - Sheskin South T16	493115	824241	114
136 - Sheskin South T17	492366	823822	106
137 - Sheskin South T18	492870	823674	104
138 - Sheskin South T19	493729	825892	149
139 - Sheskin South T20	494796	826712	155
140 - Sheskin South T21	493929	825397	125
141 - Glenora T1	502518	834923	222
142 - Glenora T2	502047	834410	213
143 - Glenora T3	502119	833745	182
144 - Glenora T4	502069	833148	158
145 - Glenora T5	504488	833420	183
146 - Glenora T6	502673	834328	165
147 - Glenora T7	503470	834687	218
148 - Glenora T8	503379	834119	201
149 - Glenora T9	503187	833489	159
150 - Glenora T10	502950	832822	152
151 - Glenora T11	504089	834197	222
152 - Glenora T12	503894	833620	179
153 - Glenora T13	503564	832620	174
154 - Glenora T14	503732	832150	219
155 - Glenora T15	504802	834370	222
156 - Glenora T16	506255	833033	164
157 - Glenora T17	504256	832680	197
158 - Glenora T18	505141	834006	221
159 - Glenora T19	505501	832897	164
160 - Glenora T20	505036	833259	217
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