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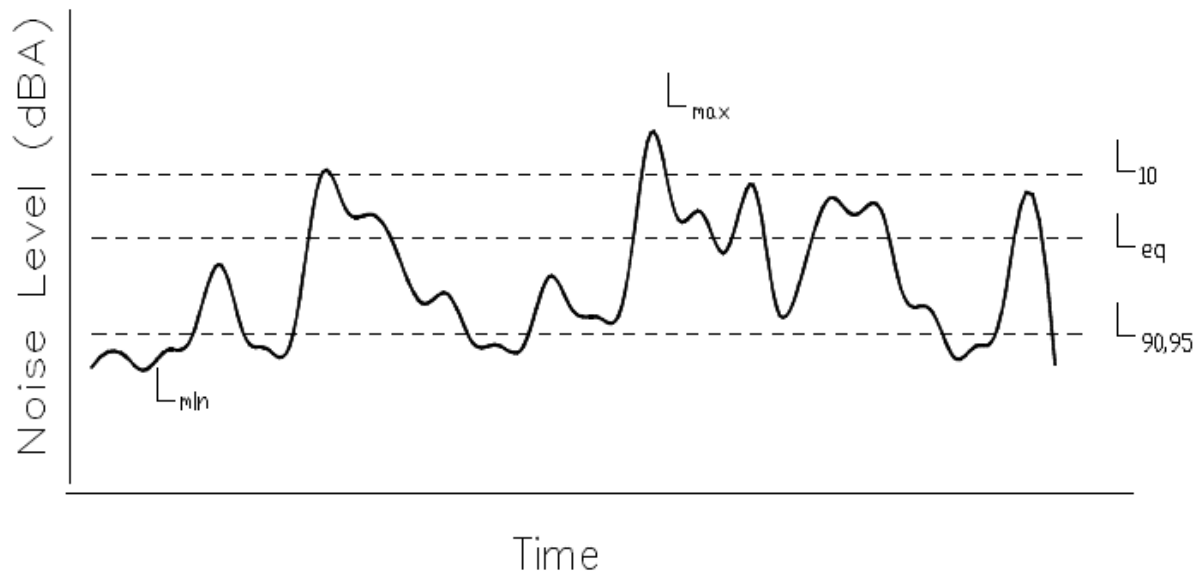
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Glossary of acoustic terminology

- dB(A)** A unit of measurement, decibels(A), of sound pressure level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter ("A-weighted") so as to more closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
- L₁** The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 1% of the measurement period. L₁ is an indicator of the impulse noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for intrusive noise (usually in dBA).
- L₁₀** The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. L₁₀ is an indicator of the mean maximum noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for intrusive noise (usually in dBA).
- L₉₀** The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. L₉₀ is an indicator of the mean minimum noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for background or ambient noise (usually in dBA).
- L_{eq}** The equivalent continuous noise level for the measurement period. L_{eq} is an indicator of the average noise level (usually in dBA).
- L_{max}** The maximum noise level for the measurement period (usually in dBA).



Note: *The subjective reaction or response to changes in noise levels can be summarised as follows:*

A 3 dB(A) increase in sound pressure level is required for the average human ear to notice a change; a 5 dB(A) increase is quite noticeable and a 10 dB(A) increase is typically perceived as a doubling in loudness

Monitoring Objective	<p>The annual report will include where applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graph of noise complaints received for the year and trend report in noise complaints compared with the previous year • Summary of noise monitoring in the local community and an assessment of results against previous monitoring results to identify trends in noise levels. • Summary of noise minimisation actions and overall effectiveness • Details of other noise minimisation activities • Assessment of the effectiveness of this noise management plan 																																																
Monitoring Plan	<p>This monitoring report complies with the Noise Management Plan approved on 16 August 2018 by the SA EPA.</p> <p>The Plan is available on the ABC Birkenhead Community Website: http://www.birkenheadcommunity.com.au/</p>																																																
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Community based noise monitoring & assessment against previous year

Attended daytime and night-time community noise monitoring survey, and an assessment of the effectiveness of recently completed projects has been undertaken by Vipac Acoustic Engineers & Scientists. The acoustic assessments are detailed in the Vipac “Birkenhead Environmental Noise 2022- Annual Noise Survey Report”, May 2022, 50B-22-0069-TRP-34608-3, (attached).

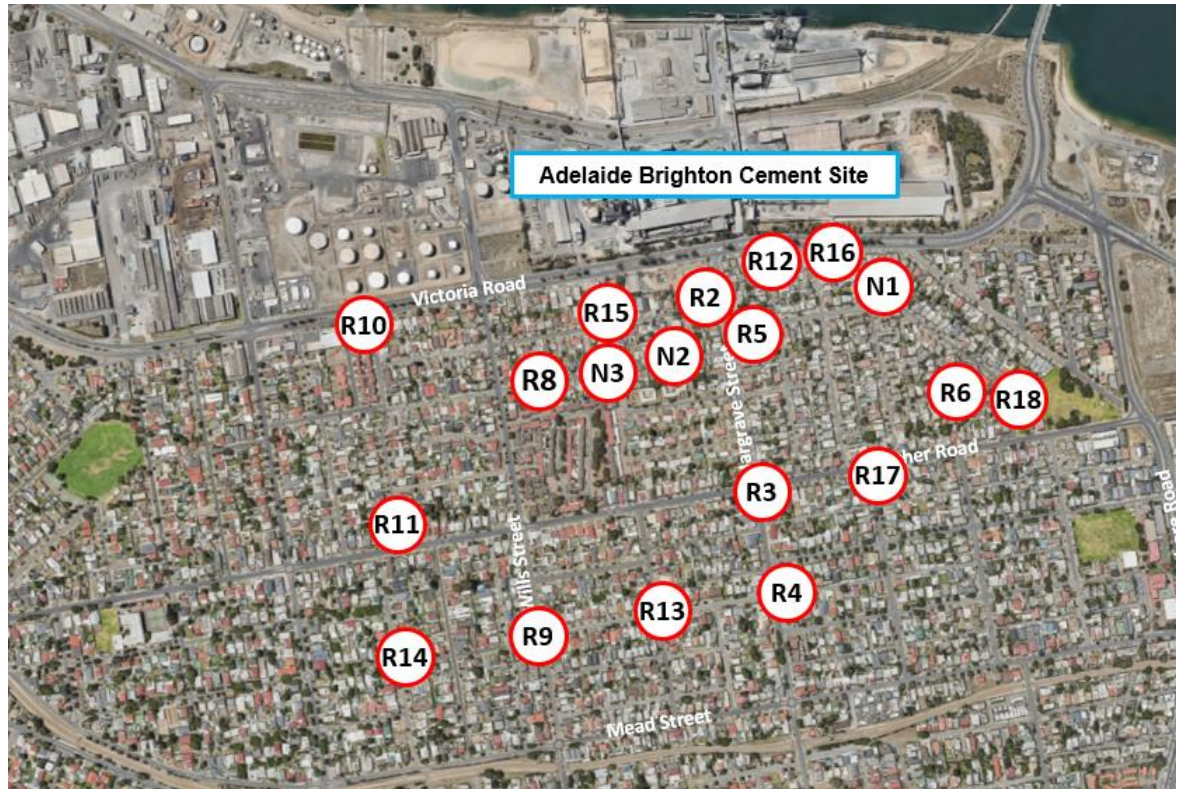
Summary of the acoustic report

ABC has commissioned Vipac to undertake regular attended and unattended noise monitoring surveys in the community to gain an understanding of how noise from the site impacts the community. Attended measurements have generally been conducted both during the daytime and night-time periods (as defined by the Noise EPP), and defined measurement positions have been established allowing for trends in noise levels at each location to be established over time.

Attended noise measurement locations

The table and map below provide the attended monitoring locations

Measurement Location	Location Address/ Description
R2	Corner of Alfred St and Hargrave St, Peterhead
R3	Adjacent to 145 Hargrave St, Peterhead (facing Fletcher Rd)
R4	Corner of Robert St and Hargrave St, Birkenhead
R5	Adjacent to 23 Levi St, Birkenhead
R6	Adjacent to 19 Craigie St, Birkenhead
R8	Adjacent to 39 Mary St, Peterhead
R9	Corner of Wills St and Whyte St, Peterhead
R10	Corner of Olive St and Victoria Rd, Largs Bay
R11	Adjacent to 158 Fletcher Rd, Largs Bay (facing east along Olive St)
R12	Adjacent to 33 Hilton St, Birkenhead
R13	Adjacent to 28 Whyte St, Peterhead (facing east down Matilda St)
R14	Adjacent to 15 Waverley St, Largs Bay
R15	Adjacent to 9 Walton St, Peterhead
R16	Adjacent to 77 Victoria Rd, Birkenhead
R17	Corner of Fletcher Rd and Rose St, Birkenhead (adjacent to 53 Fletcher Rd)
R18	Adjacent to 20 Fletcher Rd, Birkenhead (In the park)
N1	Corner of Gunn St and Well St, Birkenhead (adjacent to 39 Well St)
N2	Adjacent to 9 Mary St, Peterhead
N3	Corner of Walton St and Mary St, Peterhead (adjacent to 23 Mary St)



Site Noise Criteria

Noise from the activities undertaken at the ABC Birkenhead site is subject to the provisions of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007 (Noise EPP). The Noise EPP outlines Noise Goals which provide one method for demonstrating compliance with the General Environmental Duty under Section 25 of the *Environment Protection Act* 1993 (the Act).

Indicative noise levels are derived in accordance with the land use and zoning promoted by the Planning and Design Code. In accordance with the Planning and Design code, the site is located in the Strategic Employment zone which primarily supports industrial, logistical, warehouse, storage and transport uses and the “General Neighbourhood” and “Suburban Neighbourhood” zones promote residential land use. With reference to the Guidelines for the use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007 (Noise EPP), Table 2 of the Noise EPP, The Strategic Employment zone, principally promotes “General Industry” land use category, and the “General Neighbourhood” and “Suburban Neighbourhood” zone, principally supports “Residential” land use category.

As such, the following Indicative Noise Levels (Criterion) apply to ABC’s operations:

Zone	Indicative Noise Levels (L _{eq} , dB(A))	
	Day-time (7am to 10pm)	Night-time (10pm to 7am)
Suburban Neighbourhood Zone	57	49
General Neighbourhood Zone	57	49

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has advised that comparison of the L_{A90} noise level descriptor measured within 100 metres of the centre line of Victoria Road with the above Indicative Noise Levels (Criterion) is an acceptable method for eliminating the influence of short-term/transient noise level events (such as intermittent passing road traffic, for example) on the results. This includes measurement positions N1, R2, R10, R12, R15 and R16. At distances greater than 100 metres, the use of the L_{Aeq} descriptor is required.

May 2022 attended noise survey results are discussed below

Daytime results

Both the L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} noise levels measured during the Vipac survey met the day-time criterion for all measurement locations, with the exception of the following locations listed in the day-time survey exceedances table (the descriptor used for comparison with the noise criterion is indicated by bold text and shading).

Day-time survey exceedances table

Location	L_{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L_{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]
R10	74	61	57	4
R16	78	64	57	7

Receivers R10 and R16 show minor exceedance, which are influenced by the road traffic noise, with frequent vehicles pass-by on Victoria Road contributing significantly to noise levels (dominant source). Since both measurement locations are abutting Victoria Road, high traffic noise influence was expected. Victoria Road provides a major thoroughfare for trucks and other heavy vehicles and is a designated Type A Road (The Planning & Design Code). As such, due to dominance of traffic noise, the plant was inaudible at both the measurement locations.

Similar to previous surveys, the L_{A90} descriptor was considered to provide a more meaningful comparison between measurement surveys as it is less susceptible to the influence of extraneous transient noise sources.

The L_{A90} noise levels measured during the 2022 attended measurement survey are compared against the noise levels measured during the two most recent historic attended measurement surveys in the following table.

Day-Time Noise Monitoring Results Comparison Table

Receiver Location	Day-Time L _{A90} Noise Level (dB(A))				
	Criterion	2020	2021	2022	Difference (2021/2022)
R2	57	53	50	54	4
R3	57	44	42	43	1
R4	57	38	37	34	-3
R5	57	49	47	48	1
R6	57	38	39	37	-2
R8	57	41	44	44	0
R9	57	37	37	34	-3
R10	57	59	59	61	2
R11	57	39	41	38	-3
R12	57	53	51	53	2
R13	57	36	38	36	-2
R14	57	36	37	32	-5
R15	57	50	48	52	4
R16	57	61	59	64	5
R17	57	42	40	37	-3
R18	57	42	42	48	6
N1	57	47	47	46	-1
N2	57	42	48	42	-6
N3	57	44	47	46	-1

Noise levels were observed to decrease at a number of locations; however, a number of increases were also observed. The variances may be attributed to several factors, such as:

- The day of the week and time of day that the measurement was conducted.
- Extraneous noise sources present during the measurement.
- Weather conditions during the measurement (such as temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction).
- Specific site operations during measurement.

Whilst there appears to be a slight reduction in noise levels, a 3 dB(A) increase/decrease in sound pressure level is just noticeable to the average human ear, and therefore given the variability noted above, overall noise emissions from the plant have largely remained unchanged.

Night-time results

Both the L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} noise levels met the night-time criterion for all measurement locations, with the exception of the following locations listed in the night-time survey exceedances table (the descriptor used for comparison with the noise goal is indicated by bold text and shading).

Night-time survey exceedances table

Location	L_{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L_{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]
R2	53	52	49	3
R5	50	48	49	1
R10	54	50	49	1
R12	54	52	49	3
R15	53	52	49	3
N2	50	48	49	1

The exceedance at R2, R5, R10, R12, R15, and N2 were mostly associated with traffic noise influence from nearby roads (Victoria Road and Fletcher Road). Typically (subjectively) for an average human ear, a 3 dB(A) increase in sound pressure level is just noticeable, whereas a 5 dB(A) increase is quite noticeable.

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Night-Time Noise Monitoring Results Comparison Table

Receiver Location	Night-Time L _{A90} Noise Level (dB(A))				
	Criterion	2020	2021	2022	Difference (2021/2022)
R2	49	54	53	52	-1
R3	49	49	47	47	0
R4	49	44	43	41	-2
R5	49	52	49	48	-1
R6	49	46	43	39	-4
R8	49	47	46	47	1
R9	49	42	40	40	0
R10	49	47	47	50	3
R11	49	39	39	36	-3
R12	49	54	52	52	0
R13	49	43	44	42	-2
R14	49	42	40	39	-1
R15	49	53	52	52	0
R16	49	55	53	47	-6
R17	49	45	43	40	-3
R18	49	46	44	38	-6
N1	49	49	46	43	-3
N2	49	49	47	42	-5
N3	49	50	49	48	-1

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Onsite noise survey

An onsite noise survey was also undertaken in May 2022 to confirm the findings of the noise studies undertaken as part of the development assessment and approval process for each project which did not predict any significant changes in noise levels.

Plant/Equipment	ID Number	Upgrade/Abatement Works	Time
Tertiary Recycle (TAD) Project	DA 040/1190/20	Construction of tertiary dust and material return systems and associates structures	2020/21
Cement Mill 6 200t Fringe Silo	DA 040/0892/20	The construction of a new silo and upgrades and alterations to an existing silo, support structures and systems	2020/21
Colling Tower Project (4A)	DA 040/3617/20	Installation of replacement cooling towers and decommissioning of existing cooling tower (in association with established clinker kiln plant and cement production operations)	2020/21
CM6 Clinker Gantry Air Knives	EIP 7	Installation of Cement Mill 6 clinker gantry air knives.	2021

The attended daytime and night-time offsite noise surveys confirms that these projects have not resulted in any significant changes in noise levels and overall, the noise emissions from the plant have largely remained unchanged.

Overall summary

- Noise levels met the day-time criterion for all measurement locations except for locations R10 and R16 where Victoria Road Traffic is the significant cause for these exceedances
- Noise levels met night-time criterion for all measurement locations, with the exception of the following locations R2, R5, R10, R12, R15 and N2 which are mostly associated with traffic noise influence from nearby road (Victoria Road and Fletcher Road).
- No change in noise contribution from significant site sources compared with previous surveys.
- Recent project works have not resulted in any significant changes in noise within the community.
- Overall, noise emissions from the plant have largely remained unchanged.

Noise Abatement Projects and Minimisation Activities

Noise abatement projects arising from complaints

Noise complaints have been received from one resident who seems to be on some occasions picking up a noise from the 4B Conditioning Tower water spray nozzles. Increasing or decreasing the water flow rate appears to resolve the noise complaint at the time.

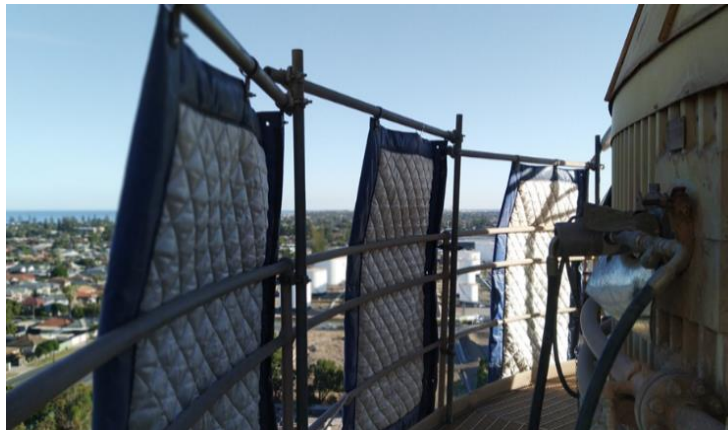
The intermittent and variable nature of this noise source makes it difficult to find an effective solution.

Various acoustic treatments have been installed on the spray nozzles, including wrapping with Kaowool insulation blanket and moulded rubber shrouds. The latest treatment Pyrotech Soundlag 4525C (a highly flexible foam-based composite acoustic pipe lagging product), was installed on the spray nozzle pipework in January 2021.



This solution appeared to be effective until a recurrence of complaints from 30/10/2021.

ABC installed noise abatement curtains in front of the lagged spray nozzles and there has been no recurrence of noise complaints since 5/3/2022.



2022 Annual Plant Shutdown

During the annual plant shutdown, the following controls were put in place to reduce the noise associated with kiln refractory demolition:

- Remote controlled pneumatic breaker (Brokk) – allows for better control of the activity,
- A 14m high noise barrier was installed,
- Noisiest activities scheduled during the daytime period and stopped at 10 pm, and
- Daily team briefing / HSE toolbox meetings including community impact awareness.

Acoustic consultants Vipac undertook attended noise surveys (daytime and night-time periods) to assess refractory demolition noise impacts. Vipac Report 50B-21-0078-TRP-26964-0 - ABC Birkenhead - Jan 2022 Demolition Noise Survey Report is attached.

Details of the survey locations are provided below.

Vipac's Location Reference	Sonus' Location Reference	Location Address/ Description
D1	R1	33 Alfred Street, Peterhead
D2	R2	Adjacent to 39 Mary St, Peterhead
D3	R3	Adjacent to 9 Walton St, Peterhead
D4	R4	Corner of Alfred St and Hargrave St, Peterhead
D5	R5	27 Baker Street, Birkenhead
D6	R6	17 Walton Street, Peterhead



Summary of the report findings:

- Daytime demolition noise was inaudible at all measurement locations. This was mainly due to dominant traffic noise and other extraneous sources (construction works, road works, petrol station noise etc.).
- Night-time demolition noise was mostly inaudible at most locations and even at these locations, traffic noise, residential noise and road works was dominant.
- Night-time demolition noise was intermittently audible at some locations; however, the noise was of a fan/compressor characteristic.
- No jack hammering noise was observed – due to ABC’s curfew for all jackhammering works between 10pm and 7am.
- Measured night-time noise levels in all locations except one (near Victoria Road – influenced by traffic) were below the night-time noise criteria.

Night-time noise survey results during refractory demolition activities are tabled below

Measurement Location	2022 Survey Results, dB(A)		2021 Survey Results, dB(A)		Sonus’ Survey Results, dB(A)		Noise Criterion dB(A)
	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	
D1	44	42	44	42	50	46	49
D2	44	40	44	40	48	45	49
D3	47	44	47	44	50	48	49
D4	49	47	49	46	50	49	49
D5	45	38	42	39	47	44	49
D6	53	46	50	46	53	49	49

There were no noise complaints associated with the 2022 plant shutdown activities. Two noise complaints were received from the same resident during start-up of the plant.

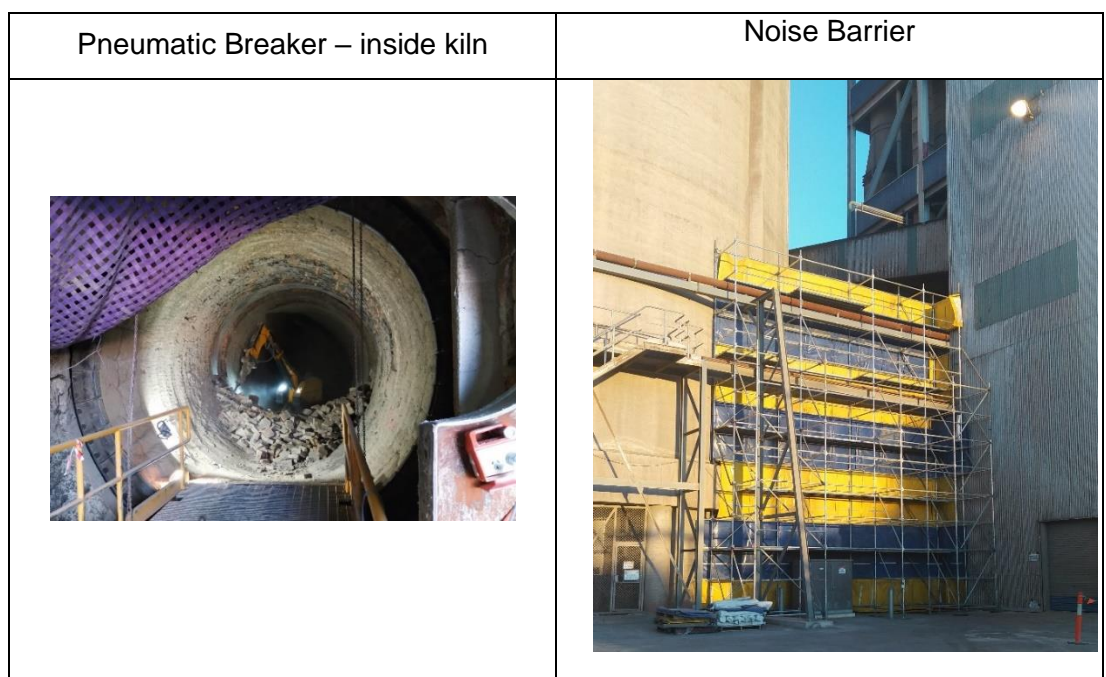


Photo of pneumatic breaker in the kiln and noise attenuation barrier

<p>Noise Monitoring Reports</p>	<p><u>Vipac Acoustic Engineers & Scientists noise reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vipac “Birkenhead Environmental Noise 2022- Annual Noise Survey Report”, May 2022, 50B-22-0069-TRP-34608-3 • Vipac Report 50B-21-0078-TRP-26964-0 - ABC Birkenhead - Jan 2022 Demolition Noise Survey Report
<p>Plan Effectiveness</p>	<p>In general, noise levels comply with the day-time criterion applicable under the Noise EPP. For most noise sensitive receivers, night-time noise levels also meet the criterion applicable under the Noise EPP. Where noise levels exceed the 49 dB(A) night-time criterion, the exceedance is generally less than 3 dB(A) which subjectively, is a ‘just noticeable change’ as compared with the criterion level.</p> <p>ABC has been proactive in implementing noise abatement measures and practices associated with shutdown activities, and other noise sources.</p> <p>Noise complaints in 2022 decreased by 51%, due to no noise complaints being received during the 2022 plant shutdown.</p> <p>Complaints received during normal site activity periods remain relatively the same, however 73% of these were from a single complainant.</p> <p>Attended daytime and night-time offsite noise surveys confirms that where new plant and equipment has been installed, it has not resulted in any significant changes in noise levels. These results also confirm the effectiveness of the noise studies undertaken as part of project development assessment and approval process, which did not predict any significant change in noise levels.</p> <p>This report demonstrates the continuous improvement approach to managing noise emissions embodied in the Noise Management Plan is effective.</p>



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1 Introduction

Vipac Engineers & Scientists (Vipac) were engaged by Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited (ABC) to undertake an on-site noise measurement survey of selected plant (plant upgraded or refurbished since previous noise survey in September 2021), environmental noise survey at residential locations within proximity of the ABC Birkenhead plant during typical operations and update the computer noise model (SoundPLAN model) for the plant based on the survey results. The noise survey (off-site and on-site) was conducted during the month of May 2022.

This report provides details of the results of the on-site and off-site attended noise survey, details of the noise model update and comparison of the results of the noise survey and the updated noise model predictions against the three most recent previous surveys.

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3 Background

Adelaide Brighton Cement’s (ABC) Birkenhead operations are licensed by the EPA for conduct of an activity identified in Schedule 1 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* [4]. Condition U-787 of ABC’s EPA License for the Birkenhead site [5] relates to noise. Specifically, ABC is required to develop and implement a noise management plan for the site. Regular attended noise monitoring surveys, development of a computer noise model for the site, and identification and implementation of noise abatement projects form part of the noise management plan.

ABC, therefore, have engaged Vipac to conduct annual attended noise monitoring surveys (day and night time) in the community surrounding the plant and within the plant for selected equipment/machinery refurbished or upgraded in the preceding year, and to annually update a computer noise model for the site (most recently updated in September 2021 [2]). This report provides details of the noise surveys, detailed computer noise model review, and provides a comparison of the predicted and measured noise levels against the historical data.

Please note that the environmental noise criterion has been updated in this report to reflect the changes in South Australian legislation, which included revoking of Council Development Plan and replacing it with a single Planning & Design Code (“The Code”). The implications of this change are discussed in the Section 4.

4 Assessment Criteria

4.1 Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007

Noise from industrial activities (such as those conducted at the ABC Birkenhead site) is subject to the provisions of the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* (Noise EPP) [6]. The Noise EPP outlines Noise Goals which provide one method for demonstrating compliance with the General Environmental Duty under Section 25 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* (the Act) [4]. Compliance with the Noise Goals may be achieved by demonstrating compliance with the Indicative Noise Levels (INLs) applicable to the site, as determined in accordance with Clause 5 of the Noise EPP and the Planning and Design Code of SA provisions.

Previously (until 19 March 2021), the INLs were derived in accordance with the land use and zoning provided by the Port Adelaide Enfield Council Development Plan. However, with the change in the SA policies, the Planning & Design Code has replaced the Council Development [15]. The change, essentially, includes incorporating all council development policies in SA into a single Code. This has resulted in slight change of zone designation/naming; however, the promoted use of the land remains same/similar.

As such, with reference to the Code, the site is located within the “Strategic Employment” (SE) zone. The nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) are located within “Suburban Neighbourhood” (SN) zone and “General Neighbourhood” (GN) zone.

In accordance with the Development Plan, the “Strategic Employment” zone primarily accommodates industrial, logistical, warehouse, storage and transport land uses, and the “General Neighbourhood” and “Suburban Neighbourhood” zone promotes residential land use. With reference to the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [7], it is therefore considered that the “Strategic Employment” zone principally promotes the “General Industry” Land Use Category, as set out in Table 2 of the Noise EPP. With reference to the relevant development plan provisions, it is considered that the “General Neighbourhood” and “Suburban Neighbourhood” zone principally promote the “Residential” land use category.

As such, the following Indicative Noise Levels (INLs) apply to ABC’s operations:

- Suburban & General Neighbourhood NSR’s
 - Day-time – 59 dB(A)
 - Night-time – 50 dB(A)

However, Vipac notes that the historical (annual) noise survey and assessment conducted for ABC Birkenhead has been based on the criteria (INL’s) listed in Table 4-1. Even though the criteria derived in accordance with the Code is higher (slightly relaxed) than the criteria listed below, and considering that the criteria (Table 4-1) has been advised and agreed upon by EPA SA, Vipac has conducted the assessment against the Table 4-1 criteria.

Table 4-1 – Indicative Noise Levels

Zone	Indicative Noise Levels (L _{eq} , dB(A))	
	Day-time (7am to 10pm)	Night-time (10pm to 7am)
Suburban Neighbourhood Zone	57	49
General Neighbourhood Zone	57	49

NOTE: The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has advised that comparison of the L_{A90} noise level descriptor measured within 100 metres of the centre line of Victoria Road with the above Indicative Noise Levels is an acceptable method for eliminating the influence of short-term/transient noise level events (such as intermittent passing road traffic, for example) on the results. This includes measurement positions N1, R2, R10, R12, R15 and R16. At distances greater than 100 metres, the use of the L_{Aeq} descriptor is required.

4.2 Adjustment for Characteristics

For a noise containing a characteristic (tonal, impulsive, low frequency or modulating), the following adjustments are to be made to the source noise level:

- Noise containing 1 characteristic; a 5dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous),
- Noise containing 2 characteristics; an 8dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous),
- Noise containing 3 or 4 characteristics, a 10dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous).

5 Noise Survey Details

5.1 Off-Site Environmental Noise Survey

5.1.1 Survey Methodology

All measurements were conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [6], with guidance from the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [7] and AS 1055.1-1997 [8], on the following days:

- 11 May 2022 – between 10:10PM and 01:30AM the following day,
- 12 May 2022 – between 12:30PM and 04:00PM, and

The measurements were conducted during EPA defined day-time and night-time period, to measure the noise impact to the nearest noise sensitive receivers due to the plant operation. Following methodology and equipment were used to conduct the survey:

- Measurements using the noise descriptors L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} were taken for a period of 15 minutes at each receiver location.
- Where possible, measurements were paused to avoid influence from the extraneous sources (such as traffic, etc.).
- Where heavy traffic was observed (near or on Victoria Road), Vipac has provided comments to reflect the noise influence.
- Where continuous noise influence from other noise sources (residential noise, construction noise, dog barking, etc.) was observed, Vipac has provided comments to reflect the possible influence.
- The sound level meters (details provided below) were mounted on approved tripods, minimum 1.5m above the ground level. The monitors were installed minimum 2m away from reflective surfaces (cars, fence, walls, etc.).

5.1.2 Survey Equipment

The following equipment was used to conduct the off-site noise survey. Please note that the sound level meters satisfy the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1-2004 [10].

- Equipment 1:
 - Model – Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Class 1 sound level meter.
 - Serial number – 3012267
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on June 2023
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.
- Equipment 2:
 - Model – Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Class 1 sound level meter.
 - Serial number – 3002841
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on April 2024
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.

5.1.3 Off-Site Survey Locations

Monitoring locations for both the day-time and night-time surveys were consistent with the previous attended measurement surveys, including the most recent survey conducted in September 2021 [1][2][3][18]. The monitoring locations are summarised in Table 5-1, with an overview of the monitoring locations provided in Figure 5-1.

Table 5-1: Summary of off-site attended measurement locations

Measurement Location	Location Address/ Description
R2	Corner of Alfred St and Hargrave St, Peterhead
R3	Adjacent to 145 Hargrave St, Peterhead (facing Fletcher Rd)
R4	Corner of Robert St and Hargrave St, Birkenhead
R5	Adjacent to 23 Levi St, Birkenhead
R6	Adjacent to 19 Craigie St, Birkenhead
R8	Adjacent to 39 Mary St, Peterhead
R9	Corner of Wills St and Whyte St, Peterhead
R10	Corner of Olive St and Victoria Rd, Largs Bay
R11	Adjacent to 158 Fletcher Rd, Largs Bay (facing east along Olive St)
R12	Adjacent to 33 Hilton St, Birkenhead
R13	Adjacent to 28 Whyte St, Peterhead (facing east down Matilda St)
R14	Adjacent to 15 Waverley St, Largs Bay
R15	Adjacent to 9 Walton St, Peterhead
R16	Adjacent to 77 Victoria Rd, Birkenhead
R17	Corner of Fletcher Rd and Rose St, Birkenhead (adjacent to 53 Fletcher Rd)
R18	Adjacent to 20 Fletcher Rd, Birkenhead (In the park)
N1	Corner of Gunn St and Well St, Birkenhead (adjacent to 39 Well St)
N2	Adjacent to 9 Mary St, Peterhead
N3	Corner of Walton St and Mary St, Peterhead (adjacent to 23 Mary St)



Figure 5-1: Overview of attended monitoring locations

5.2 On-Site Noise Survey

5.2.1 Survey Methodology

An attended noise survey of selected plant on-site was conducted to obtain updated noise measurement data for items of plant which were serviced, refurbished/upgraded since the previous noise survey or identified as the major noise source during previous noise survey and computer noise model update. The following survey methodology was followed:

- Measurements were taken at distances varying between 1-5m, depending on the access to the equipment/machinery.
- Where possible, multiple measurements were taken around an equipment/machinery to appropriately analyse the emanating sound pressure levels.
- Due to the operational conditions in the plant (typical), it is usually difficult to isolate a single source from sources directly abutting the measured source. In such case, Vipac has taken measurements at several locations around the plant area in question. This enabled Vipac to verify the combined noise levels predicted from the noise model against the measured values i.e., adjusting source noise levels to comply against the measured noise levels at the measurement location.

5.2.2 Survey Equipment

The following equipment were used to conduct the on-site noise survey. Please note that the sound level meters satisfy the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1-2004 [10].

- Equipment Details
 - Model – Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Class 1 sound level meter.
 - Serial number – 3012267
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on June 2023
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.

5.2.3 On-Site Survey Locations

As identified by ABC, the plant/equipment upgraded are listed in Table 5-2.

Table 5-2: EIP Projects

Plant/Equipment	Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) Number	Time
CM1/7 Gantry Fans	EIP 14	2020
Kiln Feed Elevator Gear Box	EIP 16	2019
BH Gas Train	EIP 15	2020

In addition to above, measurements for the recently commissioned infrastructure (refer Table 5-3) were undertaken. Please note that the listed equipment was commissioned prior to the previous noise survey (2021) and were also included in the noise model update, however, the equipment noise levels were remeasured to assess/monitor any changes in the noise emissions.

Table 5-3: DA Projects undertaken since previous noise survey

Plant/Equipment	DA Programme Number	Upgrade/Abatement Works	Time
Tertiary Recycle (TAD) Project	DA 040/1190/20	Construction of tertiary dust and material return systems and associates structures	2020/21
Cement Mill 6 200t Fringe Silo	DA 040/0892/20	The construction of a new silo and upgrades and alterations to an existing silo, support structures and systems	2020/21
Colling Tower Project (4A)	DA 040/3617/20	Installation of replacement cooling towers and decommissioning of existing cooling tower (in association with established clinker kiln plant and cement production operations)	2020/21

Noise measurements were conducted generally at a distance of 1-5 metres from the subject plant. For pre-existing plant, where possible, measurements were conducted at the same position as during previous surveys [1].

5.3 Survey Weather Conditions

Temperatures ranging between 10 – 21 degrees Celsius were observed throughout the survey, with wind speeds well below 5m/s observed during the noise survey. No rainfall was observed.

The meteorological data is presented in **Appendix F**.

6 Noise Modelling

Based on the results of the attended noise monitoring survey (on-site and off-site), and the plant data provided by ABC, the existing noise model for the Birkenhead plant was significantly updated. Noise level predictions for each of the annual off-site attended measurement survey positions were generated, along with noise contour plots for “neutral” and “worst case” weather conditions. Dominant noise sources were identified for each survey position (where possible), and the effect of significantly reducing or eliminating the noise source was then investigated. Details of the updated noise model, and the methodology followed in constructing the noise model and generating predictions are discussed below.

The purpose of the annual noise survey and the model update is to assess the existing noise conditions in the locality abutting the plant. As such, to conduct a conservative assessment, Vipac has not included the infrastructure currently under Development Application (DA) approval stage. This includes infrastructure associated with the AJ279 Blend Silo Project [20] and Burner Replacement Project [19]. Once these projects are approved, constructed and commissioned, Vipac will conduct the noise survey and update the noise model accordingly.

6.1 Modelling Assumptions

The following assumptions were relied upon in developing the 3D computer noise model (using SoundPLAN software) for the Birkenhead cement plant:

- The ground areas within and surrounding the ABC Birkenhead plant were assumed to be flat terrain.
- Ground absorption within the Birkenhead site was assumed to be fully reflective (based on on-site observations and Vipac’s previously validated predictive noise model of the Birkenhead cement plant).
- Ground absorption outside of the site was assumed to be partially reflective grass terrain, with the exception of roads and other reflective surfaces which were assumed to be fully reflective.
- The heights and location of buildings and other on-site structures were generally based on the information provided by ABC (plant geometry provided in dxf format on 08 November 2018) and on-site observations.
- All doors and openings closed during operations.
- Traffic noise and other noise sources not included.
- Where the on-site noise measurements indicate no apparent change in noise emissions from the specific plant/equipment, the source noise levels were not changed in the model.

6.2 Input Data

Sound power levels for each noise source were calibrated based on on-site survey data conducted on 26 May 2022. Please note that source noise levels for several plant/equipment were measured during the site survey. As such, computer noise model was only updated for the sources where significant change in noise emissions was observed. Whereas, for the remaining sources, the sound power level was based on previous data.

Details of all noise sources included in the model, their sound power level, and position within the plant (including measurement position) are provided in **Appendix B** and the data for the plant/equipment measured during the May 2022 on-site survey are presented in **Appendix D**.

6.3 Modelling Scenarios

Noise predictions were generated for “neutral” and “worst-case” meteorological conditions corresponding to the recommended conditions detailed in the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [7] for each of the above modelling scenarios. In accordance with standard practice, noise predictions were also generated for the existing situation using weather conditions corresponding to the May 2022 attended measurement survey (average wind speed of 2m/s) for the purposes of calibration of the updated noise model against the survey results.

6.4 Calibration

As discussed above, noise model calibration was carried out against the results of Vipac’s most recent noise monitoring survey. Noise level predictions at each standard receiver position (R1-R18, N1-N3) were generated for the current situation using meteorological conditions corresponding to the day of night-time attended measurement survey (average wind speed of 2m/s), with the results compared against the noise levels measured at the relevant location during the survey. Meteorological conditions were based on a combination of on-site observations (for wind speed and direction), and Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) data for other parameters (temperature, pressure, and humidity).

A comparison of the predicted noise levels from the computer noise model and the attended off-site survey has been discussed in Section 7.3.2 below. The predicted results show good agreement with measured noise levels.

7 Assessment Results & Discussion

7.1 Off-Site Environmental Noise Survey

The off-site noise survey results for day-time and night-time period are presented in **Appendix A**, with results discussion and comparison against historical data discussed below. As discussed in Section 4.1 above, for measurement positions within 100 metres of the centreline of Victoria Road the L_{A90} descriptor has been used to eliminate the influence of short-term transient noise sources (such as passing road traffic) from the results. For each measurement position, the descriptor used for comparison with the noise goal is indicated by bold text and shading in the results table in **Appendix A**.

7.1.1 Day-Time

The day-time attended survey was conducted on 12 May 2022 (12:40PM – 03:45PM), with following conditions observed during the survey:

- Wind speeds of less than 5m/s observed during the noise survey.
- No rainfall was observed.

The results of the day-time survey are provided in Appendix A.

Both the L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} noise levels met the day-time criterion for all measurement locations, with the exception of the following (the descriptor used for comparison with the noise goal is indicated by bold text and shading).

Table 7-1: Day-time survey exceedances

Location	L_{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L_{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]
R10	74	61	57	4
R16	78	64	57	7

Receivers R10 and R16 show significant exceedance, which are influenced by the road traffic noise, with frequent vehicles pass-by on Victoria Road contributing significantly to noise levels (dominant source). Since both the measurement locations are abutting Victoria Road, high traffic noise influence was expected. This has also been documented in our preceding annual noise survey reports that locations in close proximity to Victoria Road, specifically R10 and R16, are dominated by traffic noise impact. This is expected as Victoria Road provides a major thoroughfare for trucks and other heavy vehicles and is a designated Type A Road (The Planning & Design Code [15], SAPPAs [14]). Additionally, it has been noted in the previous noise surveys that due to dominance of traffic noise, the plant is usually inaudible at both the measurement locations.

7.1.2 Night-Time

The night-time survey was conducted on 11 Amy 2022 (between 10:00PM – 04:00AM), with following conditions observed during the survey:

- Wind speeds generally below 5m/s observed over the course of the survey.
- No rainfall was observed.

The results of the night-time survey are provided in Appendix A.

Both the L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} noise levels met the night-time criterion for all measurement locations, with the exception of the following (the descriptor used for comparison with the noise goal is indicated by bold text and shading).

Table 7-2: Night-time survey exceedances

Location	L_{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L_{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]
R2	53	52	49	3
R5	50	48	49	1
R10	54	50	49	1
R12	54	52	49	3
R15	53	52	49	3
N2	50	48	49	1

The exceedance at R2, R5, R10, R12, R15 and N2 were mostly associated with traffic noise influence from nearby road (Victoria Road and Fletcher Road). However, no characteristic noise was observed at any measurement location. Please note that a 'screeching noise' was also observed during Vipac's May 2020, 2021 annual noise survey. ABC had advised that the noise was an unusual occurrence and was later rectified.

Notwithstanding, the measured L_{A90} levels at R5 and N2 achieved the noise criterion.

In addition to above and as discussed in our previous survey reports [2], Vipac notes that contributions from distant traffic noise and potentially other industrial sites to the east were also noted in a number of measurements, which may have increased the measured noise levels. This is particularly relevant considering that wind conditions favourable to noise propagation were present during the night-time survey, which may have increased the contribution of these sources to measured noise levels. As such, the noise levels measured during the night-time survey are likely to be representative of worst case noise emissions from the plant, and are useful for validation of future computer noise model predictions for the plant. Weather conditions are discussed further below.

7.1.3 Result Comparison with Previous Surveys

The L_{A90} noise levels measured during the 2022 attended measurement survey were compared against the noise levels measured during the two most recent attended measurement surveys (2020 [1] and 2021 [2]). Similar to our previous surveys, the L_{A90} descriptor was considered to provide a more meaningful comparison between measurement surveys as it is less susceptible to the influence of extraneous transient noise sources. Table 7-3 and Table 7-4 show the comparison between the 2022 survey and preceding year results.

Table 7-3: Day-Time Survey Results Comparison

Receiver Location	Day-Time L_{A90} Noise Level (dB(A))				
	Criterion	2020	2021	2022	Difference (2021/2022)
R2	57	53	50	54	4
R3	57	44	42	43	1
R4	57	38	37	34	-3
R5	57	49	47	48	1
R6	57	38	39	37	-2
R8	57	41	44	44	0
R9	57	37	37	34	-3
R10	57	59	59	61	2
R11	57	39	41	38	-3
R12	57	53	51	53	2
R13	57	36	38	36	-2
R14	57	36	37	32	-5
R15	57	50	48	52	4
R16	57	61	59	64	5
R17	57	42	40	37	-3
R18	57	42	42	48	6
N1	57	47	47	46	-1
N2	57	42	48	42	-6
N3	57	44	47	46	-1

Table 7-4: Night-Time Survey Results Comparison

Receiver Location	Night-Time L _{A90} Noise Level (dB(A))				
	Criterion	2020	2021	2022	Difference (2021/2022)
R2	49	54	53	52	-1
R3	49	49	47	47	0
R4	49	44	43	41	-2
R5	49	52	49	48	-1
R6	49	46	43	39	-4
R8	49	47	46	47	1
R9	49	42	40	40	0
R10	49	47	47	50	3
R11	49	39	39	36	-3
R12	49	54	52	52	0
R13	49	43	44	42	-2
R14	49	42	40	39	-1
R15	49	53	52	52	0
R16	49	55	53	47	-6
R17	49	45	43	40	-3
R18	49	46	44	38	-6
N1	49	49	46	43	-3
N2	49	49	47	42	-5
N3	49	50	49	48	-1

Noise levels were observed to decrease at a number of locations, however; a number of increases were also observed. The discrepancies may be attributed to a number of factors, such as:

- The day of the week and time of day that the measurement was conducted,
- Extraneous noise sources present during the measurement,
- Weather conditions during the measurement (such as temperature, humidity, wind speed and wind direction); and,
- Specific site operations during the measurement.

As discussed above, in Appendix A and in our previous noise annual noise survey reports, the day-time noise measurements are heavily influenced and dominated by road traffic noise and other activities around the measurement locations (such as construction noise, resident noise, bird noise, dog barking, etc.). Hence, Vipac considers the night-time measurements provide appropriate comparison to the historical data.

The night-time survey results show an increment in noise levels at R8 and R10 in comparison to 2021 results. The increment at R8 is considered insignificant as in terms of human response to change in noise levels, a 3 dB(A) increase in sound pressure level is just perceptible to the average human ear to notice a change, a 5 dB(A) increase is quite noticeable and a 10 dB(A) increase is typically perceived as a doubling in loudness. Therefore, a 1 dB(A) increment at R8 can be considered acceptable. Also, despite an increase in noise levels compared to the 2021 survey, the measured noise level are same as the 2020 survey results.

Location R10 show an increment of 3 dB(A) in comparison to 2021 and 2020 results. It should be noted (also discussed above), location R10 is inherently affected and dominated by traffic noise on Victoria Road. This has been continually documented by ViPAC in previous years' reports.

7.1.4 Influence of Extraneous Noise Sources

With reference to the survey results and our previous surveys, the L_{A90} noise levels were found to be a better descriptor of the plant noise emissions, which is expected due to the steady-state nature of the majority of the noise emitted by the plant. However, Vipac notes that frequent traffic noise from nearby roads and noise from other industrial properties (particularly at night when weather conditions were more favourable to noise propagation from distant sources) may have also contributed to the background noise level. As such, the measured L_{A90} background noise levels during the survey may be considered to represent a slight over-estimate of the noise level contributed by the ABC plant to the measured noise levels.

Irrespective of the noise conditions during the measurement, the L_{A90} noise levels are considered to be a better estimate of noise emissions than the L_{Aeq} noise levels for ABC's operations. As discussed above, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has advised that the L_{A90} descriptor may be used only for locations in close proximity to Victoria Road (within 100 metres of the centreline of the road), which includes measurement positions N1, R2, R10, R12, R15 and R16.

Even though care was taken to minimise the influence of extraneous noise sources (such as passing vehicles, and traffic on nearby major roads) by pausing the sound level meter and erasing the extraneous noise influence (by using back erase function in B&K Sound Level Meter), it was not possible to entirely remove the influence of these noise sources. In particular, high volumes of road traffic on Victoria Road influenced the measurements at locations R10 and R16 to such a degree that road traffic noise is overwhelmingly the dominant noise source at these positions. As such, the results presented in Appendix A for these measurement locations provide a representation of the traffic noise impact at these locations, and are not reflective of noise emissions from the ABC site.

Due to the lower traffic volume at night, better quality measurements were obtained at R10 and R16 during the night-time survey, and the measured L_{A90} noise levels at these locations provide a reasonable estimate of worst-case noise emissions at these locations. Similarly, frequent vehicle movements on Fletcher Road made measurements at locations R3, R11, R17 and R18 difficult, particularly during the day-time survey.

To analyse the contribution of extraneous noise sources, Vipac had conducted a background noise survey (29 March 2021) with the Birkenhead Plant not operating during the survey period. The results of the background noise survey, compared against this year's annual noise survey results for night-time period, are presented below.

Table 7-5: Background Noise Survey Results Comparison Against Plant Noise Survey Results (night-time)

NSR Location	2021 Background Noise Results (Limited operation of plant)	May 2022 Survey Results (Plant under full operation)	Noise Criterion dB(A)
	L _{Aeq,15min} dB(A)	L _{Aeq,15min} dB(A)	
R2	53	53	49
R3	55	49	49
R4	52	45	49
R5	55	50	49
R6	45	42	49
R8	41	49	49
R9	39	43	49
R10	64	54	49
R11	43	38	49
R12	55	54	49
R13	43	46	49
R14	41	42	49
R15	49	53	49
R16	70	50	49
R17	51	43	49
R18	52	43	49
N1	49	45	49
N2	44	46	49
N3	46	50	49

Based on the results presented above, Vipac comments as follows:

Site Notes – Observations during survey

- No plant noise was audible at any NSR location during the survey.
- Major noise influence from traffic movements along Victoria Road and Fletcher Road was observed.
- Neighbourhood noise influence was also observed at some locations (dog barking, residents talking, etc.).
- At locations R2 and R15, noise influence from the nearby petrol station was also observed.
- The measurements were conducted for a continuous 15-minute period, without any pause.

Environmental Noise Criterion

- The background noise levels were **exceeding** the environmental noise criterion (night-time) at locations R2, R3, R4, R5, R10, R12, R16, R17 and R18.
- The background noise levels were **within/below** the environmental noise criterion (night-time) at locations R6, R8, R9, R11, R13, R14, R15, N1, N2 and N3.

Comparison Against Plant Noise

Based on the results presented in Table 7-5, we note the following:

- The background noise levels (with limited plant operation) exceed the noise levels measured with full plant operation (May 2022) at locations R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R10, R11, R12, R13, R16, R17, R18 and N1. This indicates that at these locations, the major noise contributors are extraneous noise sources such as traffic noise, residential noise, etc. As such, the plant noise influence at these locations is insignificant as compared to noise influence from other sources.
- The noise levels measured with full plant operation marginally exceed (< 3dB(A)) the background noise levels (with limited plant operation) at locations R14 and N2. Typically (subjectively) for an average human ear, a 3 dB(A) increase in sound pressure level is **just** noticeable, whereas, a 5 dB(A) increase is quite noticeable and a 10 dB(A) increase is typically perceived as a doubling in loudness. As such, Vipac believes that the noise influence from the plant should not be detrimental to NSR's amenity/comfort.

In addition to above, Part 4 (General Noise Control Provisions), Clause 18, Subclause 2a of Noise EPP [6], states that the noise from a source complies with the noise goals if the source noise level does not exceed the background noise level plus 5 dB(A). Considering this, noise from the plant achieves the EPA defined noise goals at the locations highlighted above.

- The noise levels measured with full plant operation exceed the background noise levels (more than 5 dB(A)) at locations R8, R9, R15 and N3. Location R9 shows unusually high levels considering the separation between R9 and the plant boundary. Based on the site notes, it is noted that the measurement at R9 was influenced by traffic noise, train pass-by and aircraft fly-by, which may have resulted in higher levels.

Similar to 2021 survey results, noise from the ABC plant is dominant (major contributor) at locations R8, R9 and N3. This is evident considering that these receivers fall along the same line on Mary Street and Walton Street.

As such, due to the influence of extraneous noise sources in the measured levels, the results do not necessarily reflect an exceedance of the noise criteria due to ABC operations alone and essentially provide an upper limit to the noise levels that may be contributed by ABC's operations.

7.2 On-Site Noise Survey

An attended noise survey of selected plant on-site was conducted to obtain updated noise measurement data for items of plant which were serviced, refurbished/upgraded since the previous noise survey or identified as the major noise source during previous noise survey and computer noise model update. The results of the survey are presented in Appendix D.

7.3 Computer Noise Model

7.3.1 Noise Level Predictions

The computer noise model representing the current operations of the ABC Birkenhead plant predicts the incident noise levels at each noise sensitive receiver location used for the attended noise survey during day-time and night-time period, as highlighted in Figure 5-1 and Table 5-1 above. The model predicted noise levels for “neutral” and “worst case” meteorological conditions (as discussed above). The predicted noise levels are presented in Table 7-6 below.

Please note that the results from attended noise survey within the plant (Appendix D) were compared against the source noise levels used in the SoundPLAN model. Wherever the site measurements showed significant change in source noise levels for each measured equipment, the model was updated. Please note that in cases where the change in source noise levels was less than 2 dB(A), the model source levels were not changed. A 1 dB(A) change is not considered significant as it may have resulted due to wind conditions/direction and the noise from nearby extraneous sources.

Table 7-6: Computer Noise Modelling (SoundPLAN) Results

Receiver ID	Night-Time Criterion	Neutral Weather Conditions (CONCAWE Category 4) dB(A)			Worst- Case Weather Conditions (CONCAWE Category 6) dB(A)		
		2022 Model Results (Updated)	2021 Model Results (Previous)	Difference	2022 Model Results (Updated)	2021 Model Results (Previous)	Difference
R2	49	51	51	0	53	53	0
R3	49	43	43	0	45	45	0
R4	49	38	38	0	41	41	0
R5	49	50	50	0	52	52	0
R6	49	40	40	0	43	43	0
R8	49	44	44	0	46	46	0
R9	49	37	37	0	40	40	0
R10	49	46	46	0	50	50	0
R11	49	38	38	0	41	41	0
R12	49	49	49	0	53	53	0
R13	49	39	39	0	42	42	0
R14	49	37	37	0	40	40	0
R15	49	50	50	0	51	51	0
R16	49	51	51	0	53	53	0
R17	49	40	40	0	43	43	0
R18	49	38	38	0	40	40	0
N1	49	47	47	0	48	48	0
N2	49	46	46	0	48	48	0
N3	49	47	47	0	49	49	0

Note: Corresponding noise contour maps are provided in Appendix C.

The results show no change is noise conditions at the NSR locations. This is expected as no new infrastructure has been added to the plant since September 2021. Even with the source noise levels update (for several plant/equipment), the plant shows no overall change in noise emissions.

7.3.2 Calibration Results

A comparison of the computer noise model predictions against the off-site noise measurements (night-time), has been presented below:

Table 7-7: Results Comparison

Receiver	Predicted Noise Levels ($L_{Aeq,T}$ dB(A))	Measured Noise Levels ($L_{Aeq,T}$ dB(A))	Measured Noise Levels (L_{A90} dB(A))
R2	53	53	52
R3	45	49	47
R4	41	45	41
R5	52	50	48
R6	43	42	39
R8	46	49	47
R9	40	43	40
R10	50	54	50
R11	41	38	36
R12	53	54	52
R13	42	46	42
R14	40	42	39
R15	51	53	52
R16	53	50	47
R17	43	43	40
R18	40	43	38
N1	48	45	43
N2	48	46	42
N3	49	50	48

Predicted noise levels generated by the updated model showed good calibration with most of the NSR's, except R5, R6, R11, R16, N1 and N2. However, it should be noted that at locations where the L_{A90} descriptor does not show good calibration, the L_{Aeq} descriptor shows good agreement. This indicates that the attended survey results are influenced by extraneous noise sources (traffic noise, etc.), which may have resulted in the discrepancy. Throughout the preceding annual noise surveys, it has been noted that at several NSR locations, traffic noise is the dominant source, which is also evident from the background noise survey results presented in Table 7-5. Additionally, it should be noted that the discrepancy between the measured and predicted values change/vary every year depending on the background noise conditions, weather conditions and other factors during the survey time/day.

As such, considering the complexity of the computer noise model and the varying conditions during the attended surveys, the predicted results are considered to show good calibration with the measured noise levels.

7.3.3 Noise Source Contribution

Based on the predicted noise levels presented for the current operational conditions in Table 7-6 above, the noise sources predicted to contribute most significantly at each NSR were identified. For receiver locations where worst-case predicted noise levels exceed the Noise EPP night-time goals, the most significant sources and their contributions to noise levels at the receiver location were identified.

The predicted worst-case night-time noise levels at NSR locations where current noise levels exceed the night-time goal noise level, along with the most significant noise sources at each location and their relative contribution to worst-case predicted noise levels at that location are presented in Table 7-8.

Table 7-8: Most significant noise sources

Receiver	Worst-case predicted noise level	Noise Source	Contribution
R2	53	Road Bulk Station DC30	45dB(A)
		Gas Train	42dB(A)
		CS4/CS5 Dust Collector Fan	42dB(A)
		Kiln Cooling Fans	37dB(A)
R5	52	CM1&7 Clinker Gantry Fans	42dB(A)
		Gas Train	35dB(A)
		CM1&7 Clinker Gantry Fans	47dB(A)
		Road Bulk Station DC30	42dB(A)
R10	50	Kiln 4 Airslide fan	40dB(A)
		CM1 (western façade)	39dB(A)
		4B EP duct	40dB(A)
		Woodchip plant 2	40dB(A)
R12	53	CM1&7 gantry fans	48dB(A)
		CM7 (western façade)	47dB(A)
		Gas train	35dB(A)
		Limestone reclaiming shed	41dB(A)
		CSC Compressor	39dB(A)
R15	51	Ventilation Oven Fan	41dB(A)
		Kiln 4 Airslide fan	38dB(A)
		4B EP duct	39dB(A)
		Woodchip plant 1	39dB(A)
		Woodchip plant 2	37dB(A)
		Kiln Feed Elevator Gearbox	29dB(A)
R16	53	Gas train	37dB(A)
		Limestone reclaiming shed	48dB(A)
		CM7 (western façade)	41dB(A)
		Kiln Feed Elevator Gearbox	31dB(A)

Based on the results above, Vipac comments as follows:

- The noise contribution from significant sources at NSR's listed above are same as the contributors and levels mentioned in Vipac's previous annual noise survey report [2].

- This was expected as all the new sources added to the plant did not show any significant contribution during the attended noise survey.
- Overall, it should be noted that the noise emissions from the plant have largely remained unchanged even with the inclusion of new noise sources since 2020.

8 Additional Comments

It should be noted that there is an inherent difficulty in isolating noise emissions from the plant with the existing background noise (other sources such as traffic, etc.) during the annual noise survey in the community area (NSR's). To overcome this, Vipac had conducted a background noise survey at the NSR's in 2021, with the plant not operating. The survey indicated that at most of the NSR's, the dominant source is not the Birkenhead plant noise. However, ABC has been continuously working towards reducing noise emissions from their Birkenhead plant which is evident from the Environment Improvement Plans (EIP Projects) undertaken by ABC throughout the years. ABC has also implemented a comprehensive Noise Management Plan (NMP) and remain engaged with the community to ensure the amenity of the community members is not compromised.

With continual improvements, a significant reduction in noise levels at various NSR's has been observed (as indicated in result comparison presented in Appendix E). As such, for the next annual noise survey (2023), a noise survey for all major noise sources in the ABC plant, specifically the sources identified as major contributors in Table 7-8, should be conducted.

Overall, Adelaide Brighton Cement have implemented all practicable and reasonable measures to reduce and eliminate noise emissions from the plant operation and intends to continue to do so in future as well.

Appendix A : Environmental Noise Survey Results

Day-Time Noise Survey Results

Location	Start time (hh:mm)	L _{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L _{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]	Observations / Comments
R2	15:02	57	54	57	-	Plant audible, noise from petrol station, traffic noise from Victoria Rd dominant source, resident noise
R3	13:01	49	43	57	-	Traffic noise from nearby roads, street sweeping on nearby roads, plant inaudible
R4	12:40	47	34	57	-	Helicopter noise, plant inaudible, traffic noise, resident noise (gardening)
R5	14:45	52	48	57	-	Plant slightly audible, continuous road works on Levi Street (see pic), traffic noise from Victoria Rd and nearby streets, dog barking intermittent
R6	14:01	46	37	57	-	Continuous construction works in the park (see picture), plant inaudible, intermittent resident noise and dog barking, police siren, helicopter
R8	13:38	47	44	57	-	Plant slightly audible, dog barking (continuous) and traffic noise influence
R9	12:52	43	34	57	-	Construction noise, resident noise, intermittent traffic noise, plant inaudible
R10	15:41	74	61	57	4	Traffic noise dominant source, plant inaudible
R11	14:59	53	38	57	-	Plant inaudible, traffic noise dominant source
R12	15:23	58	53	57	-	Road works noise from Levi street (finishing work, clearing), traffic noise from Victoria Road dominant source (continuous noise), plant inaudible
R13	13:15	42	36	57	-	Traffic noise dominant source, plant inaudible, aircraft fly-by
R14	12:31	39	32	57	-	Intermittent bird noise and aircraft fly-by noise. Noise from nearby residents (talking), traffic noise, plant inaudible
R15	14:47	56	52	57	-	Plant audible, traffic noise from Victoria Road dominant source
R16	15:38	78	64	57	7	Continuous traffic noise from Victoria Rd (dominant source), plant inaudible
R17	13:23	48	37	57	-	Dog barking (intermittent), birds' noise, traffic on nearby roads, plant inaudible, helicopter, street sweeping on nearby roads
R18	13:44	56	48	57	-	Continuous construction works in the park (see picture), intermittent dog barking, traffic noise from Fletcher Rd, plant inaudible
N1	14:22	51	46	57	-	Helicopter noise, traffic noise from Victoria Rd (continuous), plant inaudible, continuous construction works in the park (see picture)
N2	14:23	48	42	57	-	Plant audible with traffic noise being the dominant source
N3	14:01	51	46	57	-	Plant audible with continuous traffic noise (dominant source)

Night-Time Noise Survey Results

Location	Start time (hh:mm)	L _{Aeq} [dB(A)]	L _{A90} [dB(A)]	Criterion [dB(A)]	Exceedance [dB(A)]	Observations / Comments
R2	0:42	53	52	49	3	Traffic noise from Victoria Road with plant being clearly audible
R3	22:36	49	47	49	-	Plant slightly audible with intermittent truck noise from Victoria Road
R4	22:12	45	41	49	-	Plant slightly audible, traffic noise from Victoria road and nearby streets (dominant source)
R5	0:22	50	48	49	1	Traffic noise from Victoria Road with plant being clearly audible
R6	23:43	42	39	49	-	Continuous resident noise (screaming, high pitched talking, etc.), plant inaudible with intermittent truck noise from Victoria Road
R8	23:21	49	47	49	-	Plant audible with continuous traffic noise
R9	22:31	43	40	49	-	Plant inaudible, traffic noise from nearby roads and streets, train noise and aircraft fly-by (1-off)
R10	0:54	54	50	49	1	Plant audible, traffic noise (dominant source) Victoria Road
R11	0:35	38	36	49	-	Plant barely audible, intermittent traffic noise from far away streets and roads
R12	1:06	54	52	49	3	Traffic noise (dominant source) from Victoria Road and nearby streets, plant clearly audible
R13	22:54	46	42	49	-	Plant audible with continuous dog barking and some influence from traffic and 1-off aircraft fly-by
R14	22:10	42	39	49	-	Intermittent dog barking, traffic noise (dominant), plant slightly audible
R15	0:16	53	52	49	3	Plant clearly (continuous) audible with intermittent traffic noise
R16	1:25	50	47	49	-	Plant audible with traffic noise being the dominant source
R17	23:01	43	40	49	-	Intermittent traffic noise from nearby streets. Plant inaudible with continuous noise from a nearby residential house on Fletcher Road
R18	23:24	43	38	49	-	Plant inaudible. Traffic noise from Victoria Road dominant source. The measurement was undertaken 20m away from the designated spot due to the measurement spot being fenced for upgrade works
N1	0:00	45	43	49	-	Plant clearly audible, however, traffic noise was dominant (continuous) source
N2	23:57	46	42	49	-	Plant audible with continuous traffic noise and 1 event of house alarm at a property located in nearby streets
N3	23:41	50	48	49	1	Plant audible with continuous traffic noise

Appendix B : Noise Source Inventory

ID	Group	Noise source	Type	Source Position (UTM co-ordinates zone 54H)			Sound Power Level (dB(A) re 1pW)																											
				X	Y	Z	Overall	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k	2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k	6.3k	8k	10k
1	CM7	Dust Collector Discharge	Point	271852	6142575	20	100	55	65	55	68	70	75	76	80	87	87	86	91	90	89	89	91	91	89	83	79	78	76	76	71	68	65	63
2	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 1	Point	271686	6142840	4	104	45	50	55	58	68	69	75	82	82	85	92	93	92	95	95	95	95	94	93	91	89	87	85	81	77	74	68
3	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 7	Point	271668	6142835	2	96	41	49	54	53	59	63	63	70	71	76	81	86	81	82	86	84	86	89	87	85	83	81	79	75	75	73	70
4	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 6	Point	271666	6142849	5	91	44	50	54	59	58	60	66	71	69	78	77	80	83	81	81	81	81	80	79	78	77	75	72	70	68	64	59
5	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 4	Point	271672	6142850	5	93	50	52	55	61	63	65	66	67	71	76	77	79	86	81	82	83	84	85	81	80	78	75	72	68	69	67	57
6	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 5	Point	271672	6142836	5	104	54	61	70	72	73	71	75	77	83	82	84	91	96	95	92	96	96	94	91	90	88	86	83	79	76	72	68
7	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 3	Point	271678	6142838	5	103	53	61	69	70	71	71	72	76	81	84	83	90	94	94	92	95	96	93	91	89	87	86	83	79	77	73	66
8	Kiln 4	Kiln Cooling Fan 2	Point	271683	6142838	5	101	50	58	67	68	69	71	71	75	82	81	83	88	93	91	89	93	93	91	90	87	86	83	80	76	74	70	65
9	Kiln 4	Kiln 4 Primary Air Fan	Point	271671	6142837	5	83	37	43	50	48	51	54	54	59	62	66	66	70	71	73	72	72	72	71	68	67	69	77	66	66	67	58	60
10	Slag Dryer	Slag Dryer	Line	271780	6142824	2	97	63	59	61	72	86	76	74	79	77	80	82	82	83	85	86	86	91	88	84	83	82	80	78	77	76	74	68
11	Kiln 4	Ventilation Oven Fan 1	Line	271631	6142835	5	115	60	65	70	72	74	83	82	86	92	104	101	99	107	105	105	105	105	105	103	103	101	97	92	89	85	81	77
12	Kiln 4	Ventilation Oven Fan 2	Line	271660	6142841	5	115	60	65	70	72	74	83	82	86	92	104	101	99	107	105	105	105	105	105	103	103	101	97	92	89	85	81	77
13	Raw mill 4B	EP Outlet Duct	Line	271611	6142876	5	110	66	69	72	76	80	86	88	90	101	100	98	96	98	99	100	100	98	99	98	95	92	90	87	85	83	79	76
14	Raw mill 4B	4B Air Slide Blower	Point	271598	6142880	35.5	94	43	50	56	71	79	74	72	75	73	78	74	74	78	82	88	77	76	81	82	83	85	83	82	81	79	75	72
15	4A/4B Tower	4A Elevator Discharge Air Slide Fan	Point	271602	6142821	37.3	90	38	40	43	51	58	53	59	58	68	79	80	78	79	79	85	79	77	76	76	73	72	69	69	68	65	61	59
16	Transfer Conveyors	D/C - CS1/CS2 Central Tower	Point	271662	6142805	16	102	43	47	55	68	65	71	73	76	84	85	84	85	92	95	95	93	92	92	89	86	86	84	81	79	75	71	67
17	Transfer Conveyors	D/C - CR1/CR2 Conveyors	Point	271610	6142802	13	91	46	49	50	54	59	63	63	64	69	73	75	74	81	80	81	84	83	79	76	78	80	79	76	73	69	68	65
18	Level 3 Dust Collector Area	D/C - CS 2 Conveyor	Point	271600	6142791	22	91	49	52	55	59	60	66	72	71	76	78	76	77	78	76	78	81	79	81	79	77	76	76	78	81	80	76	72
19	Level 3 Dust Collector Area	D/C - North Gantry Building	Point	271599	6142798	24	101	52	58	64	70	67	73	77	76	82	84	96	87	88	92	92	89	89	88	86	84	83	83	83	83	81	76	72
20	Level 3 Dust Collector Area	D/C - CS2/CS3A/CS4 Conveyor	Point	271596	6142790	22	91	51	51	55	66	62	67	67	68	75	76	81	80	80	80	80	80	80	82	78	76	75	76	75	76	74	73	71
21	Level 3 Dust Collector Area	CR4 DC	Point	271592	6142798	22.5	95	54	58	61	63	64	68	69	74	78	83	83	83	87	88	80	81	80	86	82	80	80	78	78	77	73	68	63
22	Transfer Conveyors	D/C - 36 Bypass Dust Disposal	Point	271585	6142821	15.5	86	40	43	51	56	53	58	62	68	70	71	71	69	73	73	73	75	77	80	76	75	73	70	64	61	59	55	51
23	4A/4B Tower	4A Elevator Drive	Point	271601	6142847	87	100	55	61	63	65	61	64	67	70	73	78	85	92	88	88	89	96	100	87	86	85	84	82	81	78	75	70	65
24	4A/4B Tower	D/C - 41 Kiln 4 Feed Surge Bin	Point	271605	6142837	87	97	47	50	63	63	60	73	76	77	75	80	86	86	88	86	85	88	88	86	88	83	79	78	74	72	68	65	62

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				X	Y	Z	Overall	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	630	800	1k	1.25k	1.6k	2k	2.5k	3.15k	4k	5k	6.3k	8k	10k
25	4A/4B Tower	D/C - 38 Blending Silo Top	Point	271596	6142866	35.5	84	35	40	46	54	70	59	66	63	68	70	73	74	78	73	73	72	70	71	69	66	67	67	65	63	66	66	59
26	Woodchip Plant 1	Dust Collector	Point	271588	6142903	5	105	64	67	70	75	75	76	78	80	86	87	89	94	94	100	95	92	95	95	92	89	86	83	82	81	77	75	72
27	Slag Dryer	D/C - Slag Outfeed	Point	271769	6142823	7	87	39	45	48	53	52	56	59	60	63	69	71	72	72	81	78	78	80	79	73	72	69	68	67	65	59	55	50
28	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry 1	Point	271865	6142494	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
29	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry 2	Point	271869	6142460	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
30	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry 3	Point	271873	6142426	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
31	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry 4	Point	271888	6142427	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
32	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry	Point	271883	6142463	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
33	Clinker Gantry	Cement Mill 1 & 7-Clinker Gantry 6	Point	271877	6142496	15	97	55	57	63	65	66	67	70	70	73	74	82	85	85	86	89	89	88	90	90	88	81	76	73	69	65	60	54
34	Clinker Gantry	Clinker Blend Building CM1 Shed motor	Point	271871	6142391	1	85	42	49	52	55	57	61	62	65	71	71	71	74	74	77	77	78	75	72	73	70	68	69	65	61	56	52	47
35	Clinker Gantry	Clinker Blend Building CM1 Shed motor	Point	271877	6142392	1	84	41	49	52	55	57	61	65	66	71	70	70	76	77	76	75	73	71	69	69	68	67	65	62	58	55	52	46
36	Wharf Bulk Loading Station	D/C - CSC Bulk	Point	271910	6142540	26	91	61	65	67	70	73	75	77	79	81	77	80	79	79	79	80	81	82	79	76	73	71	71	69	69	67	66	62
37	Clinker Gantry	D/C - 23 CE1 Conveyor	Point	271868	6142535	6	105	71	77	81	86	89	91	94	95	96	95	95	93	95	92	92	94	90	87	85	83	82	82	81	78	76	74	70
38	Wharf Silos	D/C - 20 Wharf 30000T Silo #2	Point	271927	6142529	51	83	40	45	49	49	53	59	60	64	68	72	70	72	73	72	73	73	72	74	71	68	67	67	64	62	61	60	54
39	Wharf Silos	D/C - 19 Wharf 30000T Silo #1	Point	271933	6142532	51	95	41	52	55	55	61	67	70	71	72	80	82	90	81	82	85	86	84	81	83	83	80	79	75	73	69	66	62
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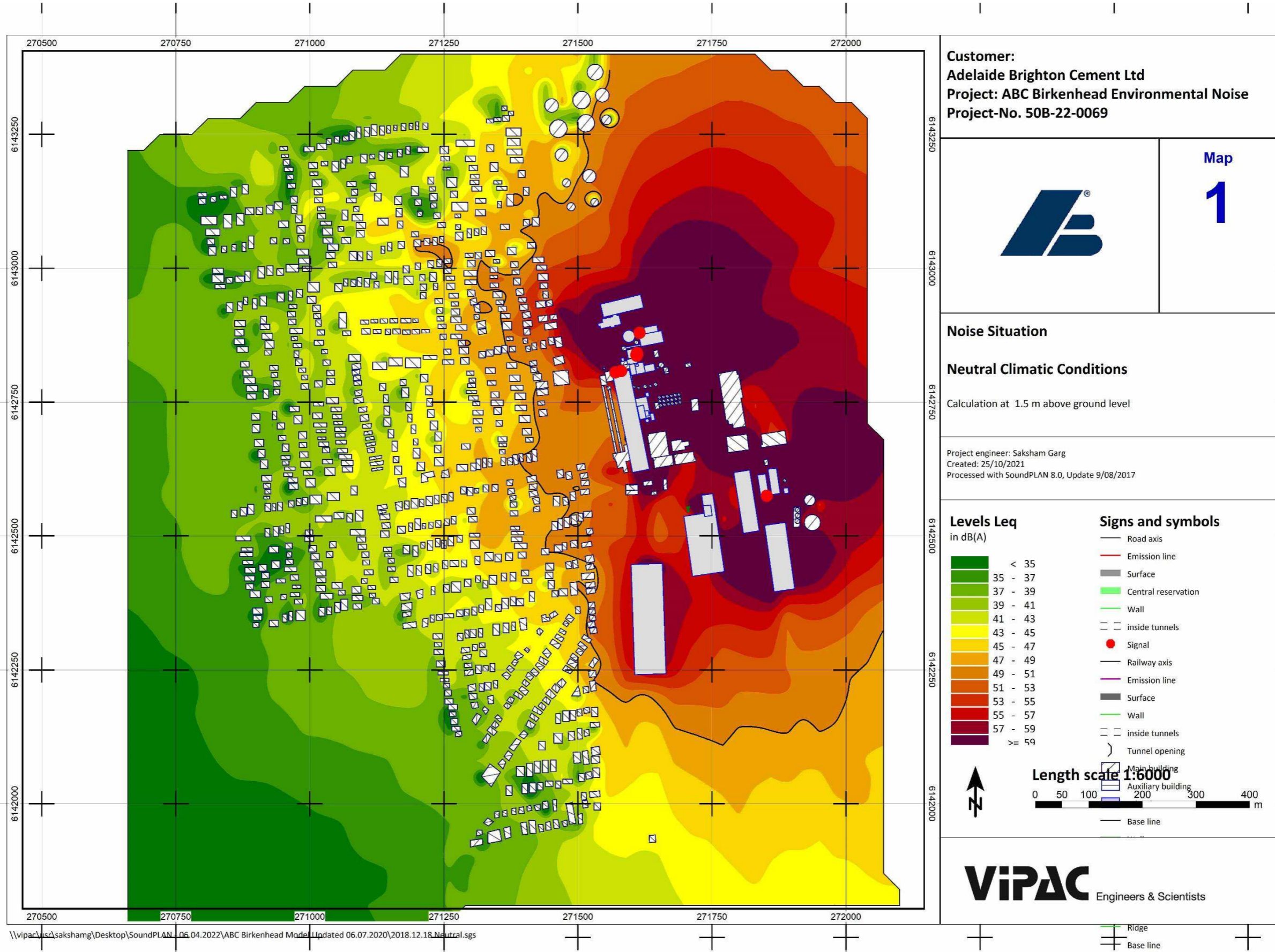
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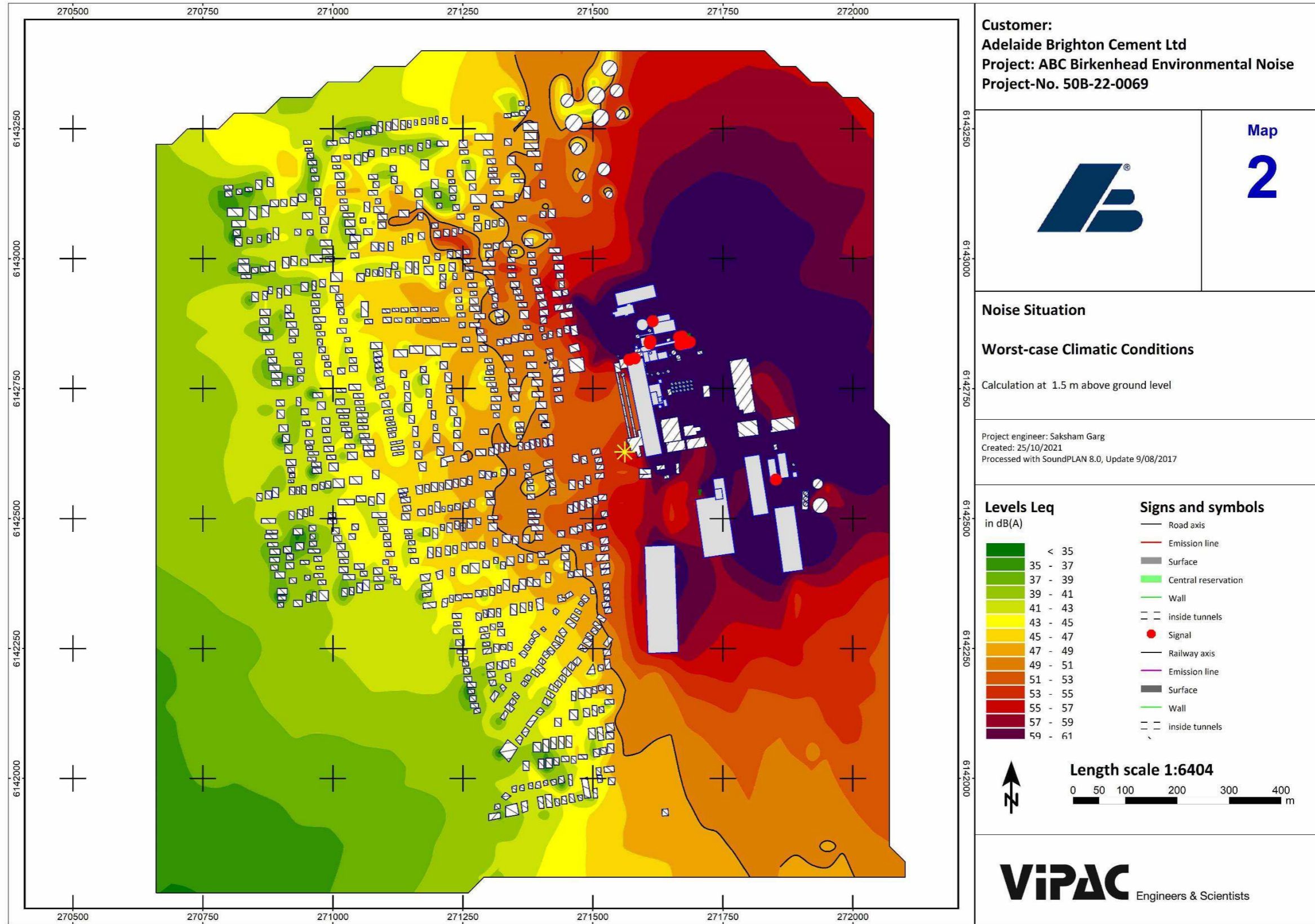
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		Fresh Air Blower	Point	271609	6142838	8	98	50	53	58	63	63	75	71	75	81	84	86	84	87	89	88	88	88	88	88	87	86	84	80	78	75	74	71
140	Tertiary Recycle Plant	Air-cooled Screw Conveyor	Point	271610.4	6142839	6	96	56	54	59	64	66	69	74	78	80	82	83	84	83	85	85	85	86	86	85	84	86	81	79	77	75	70	65
141	Tertiary Recycle Plant	TAD Elevator Drive (Gearbox + Motor)	Point	271610.1	6142842	35	94	58	57	59	64	64	72	70	75	77	79	81	81	82	83	86	85	83	86	83	83	80	76	74	71	66	62	58
142	Tertiary Recycle Plant	Roller Crusher	Point	271609.5	6142837	4	96	55	55	61	64	66	75	73	74	78	81	82	84	85	85	86	87	87	87	85	84	83	79	78	75	73	69	63
143	Kiln Cooling Tower Unit	4A Cooling Tower 1 & 2	Point	271615	6142880	11	91	44	46	49	57	64	59	65	64	74	85	86	84	85	85	91	85	83	82	82	79	78	75	75	74	71	67	65

Appendix C : Noise Contour Plots





Appendix D : On-Site Survey Data

Measurements	Plant/Equipment	Distance (m)	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}	Notes
001	TAD Crusher	1	93	90	85	89	-
002	TAD Screw	1	93	91	85	89	-
003	TAD Fan	1	94	90	84	88	-
004	TAD Elevator	1	91	88	82	86	General plant noise influence/interference
005	TAD Elevator	1	88	88	82	86	General plant noise influence/interference
006	TAD Elevator	1	88	91	85	89	General plant noise influence/interference
007	Kiln Elevator	1	90	90	85	88	-
008	Kiln Elevator	1	91	89	83	86	-
009	Kiln Elevator	1	90	90	86	89	-
010	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	83	86	80	84	Normal operation
011	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	82	87	80	85	Normal operation
012	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	86	81	85	Normal operation
013	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	86	80	85	Normal operation
014	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	85	79	83	Normal operation
015	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	83	78	81	Normal operation
016	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	84	77	81	Normal operation
017	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	87	83	78	82	Normal operation
018	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	84	78	82	Normal operation
019	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	86	79	83	Normal operation
020	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	83	86	80	84	High flow, distinct tone
021	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	83	86	80	84	High flow, distinct tone
022	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	84	86	81	85	High flow, distinct tone
023	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	86	80	84	High flow, distinct tone
024	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	84	78	82	High flow, distinct tone
025	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	84	79	82	High flow
026	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	84	78	82	High flow
027	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	84	77	81	High flow
028	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	86	84	78	82	High flow, distinct tone
029	4B Conditioner Tower Water Jets	1	85	85	79	83	High flow
030	4B EP Outlet Duct	8	95	89	83	87	Directly beneath
031	4B EP Outlet Duct	12	92	88	83	87	-
032	4B CT Drag Chain	1	111	103	97	101	Resonant Cavity dominated by 4B EP, HF Intermittent Squeak
033	4B CT Drag Chain	1	111	102	96	100	Resonant Cavity dominated by 4B EP, HF Intermittent Squeak

Measurements	Plant/Equipment	Distance (m)	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}	Notes
034	4B Drag Chain 3	1	96	92	86	90	Metal rub 1.6khz
035	4B Drag Chain 3	1	94	90	84	89	Metal rub 1.6khz
036	4B EP Drag Chains 1 & 2	1	92	82	77	80	Metal rub 800hz
037	4B EP Drag Chains 1 & 2	1	88	81	75	79	Metal rub 800hz
042	North Clinker Gantry Fan East	1	84	83	77	81	-
043	North Clinker Gantry Fan West	1	83	82	74	80	-
044	4A Cooling Tower	1	91	92	87	90	-
045	4A Cooling Tower	1	87	90	84	88	-
047	4A Cooling Tower	1	88	90	84	88	-
048	CM6 Fringe Sile Dust Collector	1	85	86	80	84	-
049	CM6 Fringe Sile Dust Collector	1	84	85	79	84	-
050	Gas Train	1	69	81	68	75	Heavy traffic noise
051	Gas Train	1	72	75	68	73	Gas Train Audible /w Traffic Noise
052	Gas Train	1	71	72	66	70	Heavy traffic noise
053	CM 1 & 7 Clinker Fans	40	75	80	73	78	20m from edge of building loudest location.
054	CM 1 & 7 Clinker Fans	40	75	79	73	78	20m from edge of building loudest location.
055	CM 1 & 7 Clinker Fans	40	78	80	71	77	20m from edge of building loudest location.

****Measurements 38-41 and 46 were not considered reliable and were therefore removed from the data****

Appendix E : Annual Noise Survey Results Comparison

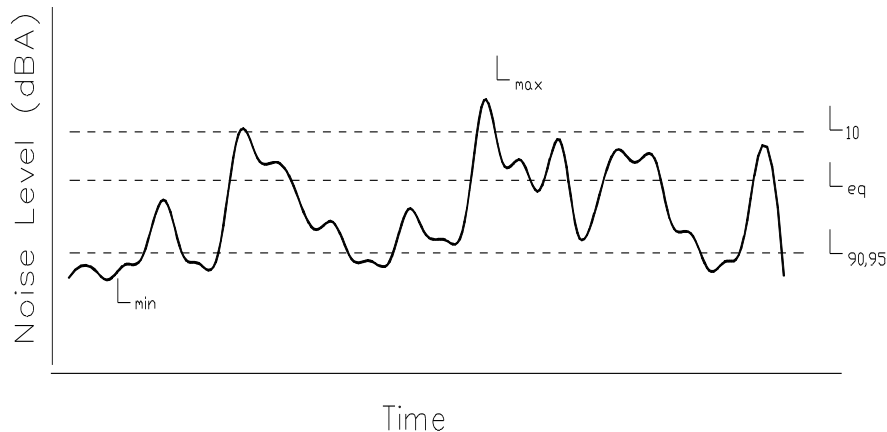
Receiver Location	Night-Time L _{A90} Noise Level Comparison, (dB(A))					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
R2	55	55	54	54	53	52
R3	49	48	48	49	47	47
R4	44	43	41	44	43	41
R5	52	51	50	52	49	48
R6	45	44	46	46	43	39
R8	50	47	48	47	46	47
R9	43	40	41	42	40	40
R10	50	49	47	47	47	50
R11	42	39	41	39	39	36
R12	54	51	52	54	52	52
R13	46	43	43	43	44	42
R14	42	40	41	42	40	39
R15	54	53	53	53	52	52
R16	59	54	56	55	53	47
R17	47	43	43	45	43	40
R18	49	41	43	46	44	38
N1	51	48	48	49	46	43
N2	51	50	48	49	47	42
N3	52	51	50	50	49	48

Appendix F : Meteorology Data

Time	Temperature	Dew Point	Humidity	Wind	Wind Speed	Wind Gust	Pressure
10:00 PM	50 °F	46 °F	87 %	CALM	0 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
10:30 PM	55 °F	50 °F	82 %	CALM	0 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
11:00 PM	63 °F	52 °F	68 %	W	1 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
12:30 AM	63 °F	52 °F	68 %	W	6 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
1:00 AM	64 °F	54 °F	68 %	W	5 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
1:30 AM	64 °F	54 °F	68 %	WSW	7 mph	0 mph	30.20 in
2:00 AM	64 °F	52 °F	64 %	W	7 mph	0 mph	30.17 in
2:30 AM	64 °F	54 °F	68 %	WSW	8 mph	0 mph	30.17 in
3:00 AM	64 °F	54 °F	68 %	WSW	8 mph	0 mph	30.14 in
3:30 AM	64 °F	52 °F	64 %	WSW	9 mph	0 mph	30.14 in
4:00 AM	66 °F	52 °F	60 %	SW	8 mph	0 mph	30.11 in
4:30 AM	68 °F	54 °F	60 %	SW	7 mph	0 mph	30.11 in
5:00 AM	70 °F	52 °F	53 %	E	7 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
5:30 AM	68 °F	50 °F	52 %	ESE	5 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
6:00 AM	70 °F	50 °F	49 %	ESE	6 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
6:30 AM	70 °F	46 °F	43 %	E	16 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
7:00 AM	70 °F	50 °F	49 %	SE	14 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
7:30 AM	68 °F	50 °F	52 %	ESE	13 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
8:00 AM	66 °F	50 °F	56 %	ESE	10 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
8:30 AM	64 °F	50 °F	59 %	SE	9 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
9:00 AM	64 °F	50 °F	59 %	ESE	9 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
9:30 AM	63 °F	50 °F	63 %	SE	10 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
10:00 AM	61 °F	50 °F	68 %	SSE	8 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
10:30 AM	61 °F	50 °F	68 %	S	6 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
11:00 AM	63 °F	50 °F	63 %	S	5 mph	0 mph	30.11 in
11:30 AM	63 °F	50 °F	63 %	SSW	5 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
12:00 PM	61 °F	50 °F	68 %	S	6 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
12:30 PM	61 °F	50 °F	68 %	SSE	3 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
01:00 PM	59 °F	50 °F	72 %	NE	6 mph	0 mph	30.08 in
01:30 PM	59 °F	50 °F	72 %	ENE	2 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
2:00 PM	61 °F	52 °F	72 %	ESE	10 mph	0 mph	30.05 in
2:30 PM	61 °F	52 °F	72 %	ESE	7 mph	0 mph	30.05 in

Appendix G : Glossary of Acoustic Terminology

dB(A)	A-weighted decibels; a unit of measurement of sound pressure level which has its frequency characteristics modified by a filter ("A-weighted") so as to more closely approximate the frequency response of the human ear.
L₁₀ or L_{A10}	The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. L ₁₀ is an indicator of the mean maximum noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for intrusive noise (usually in dB(A)).
L₉₀ or L_{A90}	The noise level which is equalled or exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. L ₉₀ is an indicator of the mean minimum noise level, and is used in Australia as the descriptor for background or ambient noise (usually in dB(A)).
L_{eq} or L_{Aeq}	The equivalent continuous noise level for the measurement period. L _{eq} is an indicator of the average noise level (usually in dB(A)).
L_{max} or L_{Amax}	The maximum noise level for the measurement period (in dB(A))
Broadband noise	Noise comprising energy distributed across a large range of frequencies
Impulsive noise	A noise distinguished by a sharp rise and fall in noise level. Often characterised as thumping or banging.
Low frequency noise	A noise characterised as rumbling, roaring, booming or similar.
Modulating noise	A noise that fluctuates in either frequency (such as a wailing siren), or loudness (such as intermittent traffic). May be described as varying, fluctuating, pulsating or similar.
Tonal noise	A noise having a well-defined pitch or note which is clearly audible above other noise.



Note: *The subjective reaction or response to changes in noise levels can be summarised as follows:*

A 3 dB(A) increase in sound pressure level is required for the average human ear to notice a change; a 5 dB(A) increase is quite noticeable and a 10 dB(A) increase is typically perceived as a doubling in loudness.



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1 Introduction

Vipac Engineers & Scientists (Vipac) were engaged by Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited (ABC) to undertake a noise survey to assess the acoustic impact due to the demolition works within the rotary kiln during the planned January 2022 shutdown at their Birkenhead plant. The scope included an unattended and attended noise survey at the nearest noise sensitive receivers and comparison of the measured noise levels against the historical data and the applicable environmental noise criterion.

This report provides details of the demolition works, noise survey and comparison of the measured noise levels against the previous noise survey conducted by Vipac during plant shutdown (February 2022 [11]) and the most recent previous annual noise survey conducted by Vipac (November 2021 [2]), most recent model predictions and the environmental noise criteria.

2 References

- [1] Vipac report 50B-18-0036-TRP-8950467-0 "Attended Noise Survey April 2019", dated 16 April 2019.
- [2] Vipac report 50B-21-0078-TRP-21553-2 "ABC Birkenhead Annual Noise Report", dated 11 November 2021.
- [3] Environment Protection Act 1993, Government of South Australia (1995).
- [4] Licence No. 1126 Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited (issued 01 November 2017), Environment Protection Authority
- [5] Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007, Government of South Australia (2008).
- [6] Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007, Environment Protection Authority (SA) (2009).
- [7] AS 1055.1-1997 Acoustics – Description and measurement of environmental noise – Part 1: General procedures, Standards Australia (1997).
- [8] Port Adelaide Enfield Council Development Plan (now replaced by Planning & Design Code SA), Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).
- [9] Australian Standard AS IEC 61672.1-2004 Electroacoustics – Sound level meters Specifications, Standards Australia (2004).
- [10] Sonus Report S4682.1C3, "Adelaide Brighton Cement Birkenhead Plant Shutdown Noise Measurements", dated January 2020.
- [11] Vipac report 50B-21-0078-TRP-47284453-1 "ABC Birkenhead Demolition Works Noise Report", dated 12 April 2021.
- [12] Plan SA website, <https://sappa.plan.sa.gov.au/>.
- [13] The Planning & design Code SA.

3 Background

Adelaide Brighton Cement's Birkenhead operations are licensed by the EPA for conduct of an activity identified in Schedule 1 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* [3]. Condition U-787 of ABC's EPA License for the Birkenhead site [4] relates to noise. Specifically, ABC is required to develop and implement a noise management plan for the site. Regular attended noise monitoring surveys, development of a computer noise model for the site, and identification and implementation of noise abatement projects form part of the noise management plan.

Vipac had conducted the most recent annual attended noise monitoring survey (day and night time) in the community surrounding the plant, and within the plant for selected equipment/machinery refurbished or upgraded in the preceding year, and updated the computer noise model for the site in November 2021 [2].

Currently, ABC plant has stopped the plant operations under a planned annual shutdown to conduct demolition works (maintenance) on the rotary kiln. These demolition works are expected to generate high noise levels. As such, to ensure the noise levels are detrimental to the nearest residents and is within the EPA criterion, ABC has constructed a temporary barrier near the rotary kiln and have engaged Vipac to conduct a noise survey to monitor the noise impact.

The details of the applicable noise criteria, barrier construction details and noise survey results are discussed in the sections below.

4 Assessment Criteria

4.1 Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007

Noise from industrial activities (such as those conducted at the ABC Birkenhead site) is subject to the provisions of the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* (Noise EPP) [5]. The Noise EPP outlines Noise Goals which provide one method for demonstrating compliance with the General Environmental Duty under Section 25 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* (the Act) [3]. Compliance with the Noise Goals may be achieved by demonstrating compliance with the Indicative Noise Levels (INLs) applicable to the site, as determined in accordance with Clause 5 of the Noise EPP and the Planning and Design Code of SA provisions.

Previously (until 19 March 2021), the INLs were derived in accordance with the land use and zoning provided by the Port Adelaide Enfield Council Development Plan. However, with the change in the SA policies, the Planning & Design Code has replaced the Council Development [13]. The change, essentially, includes incorporating all council development policies in SA into a single *Code*. This has resulted in slight change of zone designation/naming; however, the promoted use of the land remains same/similar.

As such, with reference to the Development Plan, the site is located within the "Strategic Employment" (SE) zone. The nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) are located within "Suburban Neighbourhood" (SN) zone and "General Neighbourhood" (GN) zone.

In accordance with the Development Plan, the "Strategic Employment" zone primarily accommodates industrial, logistical, warehouse, storage and transport land uses, and the "General Neighbourhood" and "Suburban Neighbourhood" zone promotes residential land use. With reference to the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [6], it is therefore considered that the "Strategic Employment" zone principally promotes the "General Industry" Land Use Category, as set out in Table 2 of the Noise EPP. With reference to the relevant development plan provisions, it is considered that the "General Neighbourhood" and "Suburban Neighbourhood" zone principally promote the "Residential" land use category.

As such, the following Indicative Noise Levels (INLs) apply to ABC's operations:

- Suburban & General Neighbourhood NSR's
 - Day-time – 59 dB(A)
 - Night-time – 50 dB(A)

However, Vipac notes that the historical (annual) noise survey and assessment conducted for ABC Birkenhead has been based on the criteria (INL's) listed in Table 4-1. Even though the criteria derived in accordance with the Code is higher (slightly relaxed) than the criteria listed below, and considering that the criteria (Table 4-1) has been advised and agreed upon by EPA SA, Vipac has conducted the assessment against the Table 4-1 criteria.

Table 4-1 – Indicative Noise Levels

Zone	Indicative Noise Levels (L_{eq} , dB(A))	
	Day-time (7am to 10pm)	Night-time (10pm to 7am)
Suburban Neighbourhood Zone	57	49
General Neighbourhood Zone	57	49

NOTE: Clause 22 of the Noise Policy (Construction Noise provisions) does not apply in this case as a development approval is not required for the demolition works during shut down period.

4.2 Adjustment for characteristics

For a noise containing a characteristic (tonal, impulsive, low frequency or modulating), the following adjustments are to be made to the source noise level:

- Noise containing 1 characteristic; a 5dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous),
- Noise containing 2 characteristics; an 8dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous),
- Noise containing 3 or 4 characteristics, a 10dB(A) penalty must be added to the noise level (continuous).

5 Noise Survey

5.1 Attended Noise Survey

Attended noise survey campaigns were conducted on 11 January 2022, for both EPA defined day-time and night-time periods. The noise survey timings were coordinated with the ABC supervisor to measure the worst-case noise levels while the works were being conducted.

5.1.1 Survey Methodology

All measurements were conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [5], with guidance from the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [6] and AS 1055.1-1997 [7].

The measurements were conducted during EPA defined day-time and night-time period, to measure the noise impact to the nearest noise sensitive receivers due to the demolition works. Following methodology and equipment were used to conduct the survey:

- Demolition Works Noise
 - Measurements using the noise descriptors L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} were taken for a period of 15 minutes at each receiver location.
 - Where possible, measurements were paused to avoid influence from the extraneous sources (such as traffic, etc.).
 - Where heavy traffic was observed (near or on Victoria Road), Vipac has provided comments to reflect the noise influence.

5.1.2 Survey Equipment

The following equipment were used to conduct the off-site noise survey. Please note that the sound level meters satisfy the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1-2004 [9].

- Equipment 1
 - Model – Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Class 1 sound level meter.
 - Serial number – 3002257
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on February 2022
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.
- Equipment 2
 - Model – Brüel & Kjær Type 2250 Class 1 sound level meter.
 - Serial number – 3002841
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on May 2022
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.

5.1.3 Survey Locations

Demolition Works Noise Survey

Monitoring locations for surveys were consistent with the attended measurement survey conducted by Sonus during the January 2020 shutdown [10] and Vipac during 2021 shutdown [11]. The monitoring locations are summarised in Table 2, with an overview of the monitoring locations provided in Figure 1.

Please note that the location reference used for demolition noise survey is different from the reference used by Vipac historically. As such, for consistency, the location reference historically used by Sonus/Vipac has been used for this report (only for demolition works). However, the reference naming has been changed to avoid confusion with the historical noise survey locations.

Table 2: Summary of attended noise survey locations

Vipac's Location Reference	Sonus' Location Reference	Location Address/ Description
D1	R1	33 Alfred Street, Peterhead
D2	R2	Adjacent to 39 Mary St, Peterhead
D3	R3	Adjacent to 9 Walton St, Peterhead
D4	R4	Corner of Alfred St and Hargrave St, Peterhead
D5	R5	27 Baker Street, Birkenhead
D6	R6	17 Walton Street, Peterhead



Figure 1: Attended Noise Survey Locations – Demolition Works



Figure 2: Overview of attended noise monitoring locations – Background Noise

5.2 Unattended Continuous Noise Survey

An unattended continuous noise survey was conducted between 11 January 2022 and 19 January 2022. The intention of this survey was to measure the noise levels continuously during the demolition works.

5.2.1 Survey Methodology

All measurements were conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [5], with guidance from the *Guidelines for the Use of the Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007* [6] and AS 1055.1-1997 [7]. Following methodology and equipment were used to conduct the survey:

- Measurements using the noise descriptors L_{Aeq} and L_{A90} were taken for the entire period with 15 minutes averages.
- The influence from the extraneous sources (such as traffic, etc.) were also recorded due to continuous monitoring.

5.2.2 Survey Equipment

The following equipment were used to conduct the off-site noise survey. Please note that the sound level meters satisfy the requirements of AS IEC 61672.1-2004 [9].

- Equipment 1 (used at location A1, refer Figure 2)
 - Model – 01dB-METRAVIB Smart Noise Monitor Type DUO
 - Serial number – 10291
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on January 2023
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.
- Equipment 2 (used at Location A2, refer Figure 2)
 - Model – 01dB-METRAVIB Smart Noise Monitor Type DUO
 - Serial number – 10270
 - Calibration – Due for calibration on 2023
 - Spot calibration check – The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after measurements and no drift in sensitivity was detected.

5.2.3 Survey Locations

The noise loggers were placed at the locations provided in Table 3 and Figure 2 below:

Table 3: Summary of unattended continuous noise survey locations

Vipac's Location Reference	Location Address/ Description
A1	Inside the ABC Plant, between the temporary barrier and the plant boundary
A2	ABC Social Club Roof, across Victoria Road

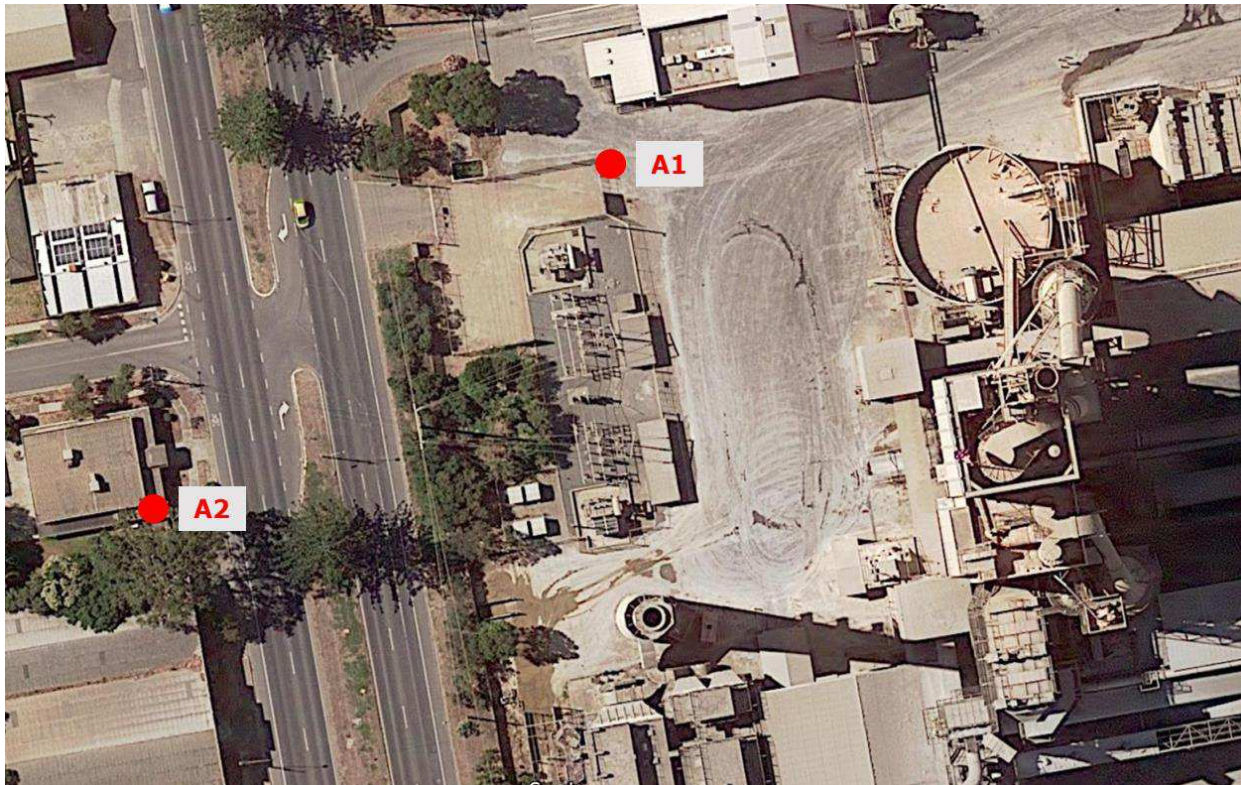


Figure 3: Unattended Continuous Noise Survey Locations

6 Temporary Barrier

A temporary barrier has been installed by ABC to reduce the noise impact to the nearby residences during the demolition works.

- The barrier is constructed from Heavy Duty Noise Block XR Series Acoustic Sound Curtains. The material is attached to a temporary scaffolding.
- The barrier spans between the blending silo and 4B Tower.
- The barrier height was limited to 10m during the noise survey conducted by Sonus in January 2021.
- The barrier currently is 14m high.

7 Demolition Noise – Attended Survey Results

7.1 Survey Results

The attended noise survey results are presented below:

Table 4: Attended Noise Survey Results – Demolition Works

Day/Date	Measurement Location	L _{Aeq,15min} dB(A)	L _{A90,15min} dB(A)	Noise Criterion dB(A)
11 January 2022 DAY-TIME	D1	46	43	57
	D2	48	40	57
	D3	51	47	57
	D4	56	49	57
	D5	44	37	57
	D6	67	55	57
11 January 2022 NIGHT-TIME	D1	44	42	49
	D2	44	40	49
	D3	47	44	49
	D4	49	47	49
	D5	45	38	49
	D6	53	46	49

7.2 Results Comparison

The attended noise survey results assessed against the applicable noise criterion and the historical survey results are presented below. Please note that due to high influence from traffic noise during day-time survey, only night-time survey results are compared.

Table 5: Attended Noise Survey Results Comparison with Historical Data

Measurement Location	2022 Survey Results, dB(A)		2021 Survey Results, dB(A)		Sonus' Survey Results, dB(A)		Noise Criterion dB(A)
	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}	
D1	44	42	44	42	50	46	49
D2	44	40	44	40	48	45	49
D3	47	44	47	44	50	48	49
D4	49	47	49	46	50	49	49
D5	45	38	42	39	47	44	49
D6	53	46	50	46	53	49	49

7.3 Results Discussion

Based on the results presented in Section 7.1 & 7.2 above, Vipac comments as follows.

7.3.1 General Comments

- During the day-time survey, the demolition noise was inaudible at all measurement locations. This mainly due to dominant traffic noise and other extraneous sources (construction noise, road works near D6, petrol station noise, etc.).
- During night-time survey, the demolition works noise was mostly inaudible at locations D1, D2, D4 and D5. At these locations, even at night-time, traffic noise, residential noise and road works noise was dominant. Demolition works noise was intermittently audible at locations D3 and D6, however, the noise was of fan/compressor characteristic.
- Throughout the night-time survey no noise from jack-hammering was observed or heard. Considering the previous survey's and the comments from the community members, jack-hammering noise was found to be the dominant source. As such, ABC had curfew for all jack-hammering works post 10:00PM on each day i.e., no jack hammers were used between 10:00PM and 07:00AM.
- No penalties for jack-hammer noise was considered for this assessment, as no jack-hammering works were conducted during the night-time survey.
- Temporary barrier
 - The reduction in noise levels (as compared to Sonus' results) is due to the increase in height of the barrier.
 - The barrier seems to be more effective for receivers further away from the plant boundary.
 - The increase in barrier height has shown some reduction in noise levels at location D6 (closest to the plant), however, is less effective for locations near to the plant boundary.

7.3.2 Noise Sensitive Receivers

Noise Sensitive Receivers D1, D2 & D3

- The noise levels measured at D1, D2 and D3 were same as the levels measured during the 2021 survey and lower than the 2020 survey conducted by Sonus.
- Compared to previous surveys, this year no jack hammering works were conducted beyond 10:00PM. This shows that the influence of jack hammering works was negligible at these locations.
- Due to the influence from other extraneous sources (traffic, residential noise, etc.), Vipac notes that the actual noise influence from the demolition works was lower than the measured levels.
- The night-time environmental noise criterion was not exceeded.

Noise Sensitive Receiver D4

- The noise levels measured at D4 were similar to 2021 survey and lower than 2020 survey.
- Measurements at this location were heavily influenced by extraneous noise sources (traffic noise, noise from the petrol station, etc.) with no audible demolition works noise noted.
- The night-time environmental noise criterion was not exceeded.
- The actual influence from the jack hammering was estimated (subjectively) to be less than 47 dB(A).

Noise Sensitive Receiver D5 & D6

- The L_{Aeq} levels measured at D5 & D6 were slightly higher than the noise levels measured in 2021. However, the L_{A90} levels were lower or same as the 2021 survey. Please note that due to high influence from extraneous noise sources, typically L_{A90} levels are considered to be the appropriate descriptor to assess noise from a specific source (in this case ABC plant).
- The measured L_{Aeq} levels did not exceed the environmental noise criterion.

8 Unattended Noise Survey Results

8.1 Survey Results

The results of the unattended noise survey are presented in tables below:

Table 6: Continuous noise survey results (location A1)

Day/Date	Measured Levels Day-Time (7AM –10PM)				Measured Levels Night-Time (10PM–7AM)			
	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}
Tuesday, 11 January 2022	63	74	58	65	60	71	57	61
Wednesday, 12 January 2022	66	76	62	67	61	72	58	62
Thursday, 13 January 2022	64	75	60	67	59	70	57	61
Friday, 14 January 2022	65	76	61	67	60	70	58	61
Saturday, 15 January 2022	63	75	59	65	60	70	57	61
Sunday, 16 January 2022	62	73	58	64	59	70	57	61
Monday, 17 January 2022	64	74	60	65	59	70	56	61
Tuesday, 18 January 2022	64	76	60	66	59	69	57	61
Wednesday, 19 January 2022	64	75	60	66	60	70	57	61

Table 7: Continuous noise survey results (location A2)

Day/Date	Measured Levels Day-Time (7AM –10PM)				Measured Levels Night-Time (10PM–7AM)			
	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}	L _{Aeq}	L _{Amax}	L _{A90}	L _{A10}
Tuesday, 11 January 2022	71	84	60	74	66	81	54	70
Wednesday, 12 January 2022	72	83	61	75	66	81	54	69
Thursday, 13 January 2022	71	83	61	75	66	81	53	69
Friday, 14 January 2022	72	84	61	75	65	81	53	69
Saturday, 15 January 2022	70	82	58	73	64	79	53	68
Sunday, 16 January 2022	69	81	57	72	65	80	53	68
Monday, 17 January 2022	72	84	61	75	66	81	53	69
Tuesday, 18 January 2022	72	83	61	75	66	81	55	69
Wednesday, 19 January 2022	71	83	60	74	65	80	53	69

8.2 Results Discussion

Based on the results presented above, Vipac comments as follows:

General Observation

- As expected, the daytime noise levels are much higher due to higher traffic volume on Victoria Road.
- The noise levels measured at Location A2 (at Social Club) show higher influence from the traffic movements as compared to Location A1 (inside the plant).
- The night-time values (L_{Aeq}) are consistently higher at location A2 than at A1, whereas the L_{A90} levels are lower at A2 than A1. This shows that the traffic noise levels are the dominant source at the receivers.
- The noise levels show similar trends on each day of monitoring as compared to the monitoring results from 2021 demolition survey.

Demolition Works Impact

- As compared to 2021 and 2020 survey, no jack hammering works were conducted during the night-time period. However, it showed apparent change in incident noise levels. As such, Vipac notes that the jack hammering works, even though limited to day-time period only, have resulted in no apparent increase in noise levels.
- No noise complaints were noted by ABC during the monitoring period.

9 Concluding Comments

Considering the following reasons, Vipac notes that ABC have implemented all reasonable and practicable measures to reduce the noise impact to the residents and hence, satisfies the General Environmental Duty applicable under Section 25 of the Act [3]:

- Demolition works are conducted for short period of time (approximately 1 week) with jack hammering works only conducted during day-time periods, i.e., no jack hammering between 10:00PM and 07:00AM on the following day,
- ABC has constructed a significant barrier to reduce noise impact during the demolition works,
- A comprehensive noise survey has been conducted to ensure the noise levels are continuously monitored,
- Other control measures, such as curfew on jack hammering, immediate stop to works on receiving any complaints, have been put in place to ensure the amenity of the residents is not compromised,
- The truck movements have been limited to day-time period only to ensure the noise levels are kept to minimum.

In addition to above, it is recommended that the attended noise survey for the annual shutdown period should be conducted at the same locations as the annual noise survey (refer Figure 2). This would enable a proper comparison between the noise levels measured during normal operation and during shutdown period (with demolition works).