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Tim,
Please find below a link which will allow you to download the noise modelling files.

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Paul, Technical Director in our Acoustics Team, has explained:

Regarding the background, the reported LA90,45min is taken from the x3 15min sample measurements where we measured a 1sec time history interval. The survey details are shown in Table 5 of the report. We have concatenated the 15min 1sec time history samples into a single disaggregated measurement period to get a 45min periodic value that is made up of the 15min sample measurements.

I hope that provides the information you require to duly make the application.

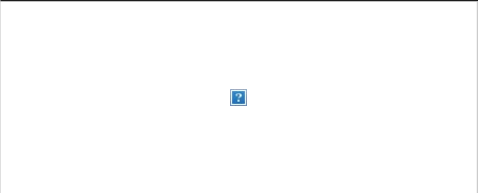
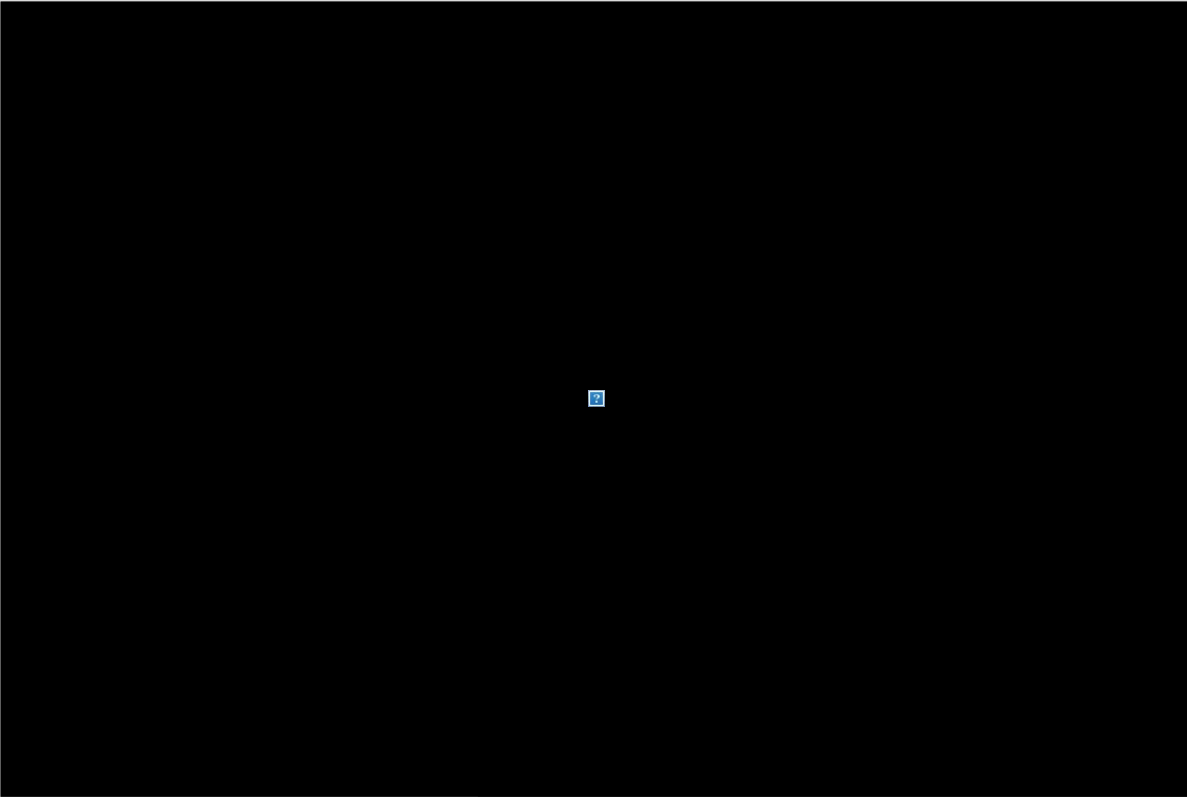
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Dear Alison Cook

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Application reference: EPR/VP3527SJ/A001

Operator: Walsall Council

Facility: Middlemore Lane WTS and HWRC, Middlemore Lane, Walsall, WS9 8DL

Thank you for your application received on 27/06/2024.

We need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. Please provide us with more information to question/the following questions

We need to know

To support the Noise Impact Assessment dated 02 April 2025 please provide the following.

For the Modelling

1. Provide the SoundPLAN modelling file(s) used to predict specific sound levels in the original file format.

For the background sound levels

1. The representative background sound levels presented in Tables 6 and 7 of the Noise Impact Assessment are presented as $L_{A90,45min}$ values summarised from 3 non-contiguous 15 minute measurement periods.

1. Clarify whether the $L_{A90,45min}$ values are based upon a direct derivation of the A-weighted sound pressure level exceeded for 90% of the time over the entire 45 minutes of measurements for each weekend/weekday period, or whether shorter interval $L_{A90,1min}$ or $L_{A90,15min}$ measurements have been averaged in some way to derive this value.
2. If a 15 minute time interval was used during the survey, provide the measured background sound levels for each measurement at each location in terms of $L_{A90,15min}$.

Reason:

It is acknowledged that the Appendix C of the Noise Impact Assessment includes the raw survey data in 1 minute measurement periods, however BS 4142 states "Ensure that the measurement time interval is sufficient to obtain a representative value of the background sound level for the period of interest. This should comprise continuous measurements of normally not less than 15 min intervals, which can be contiguous or disaggregated." As statistical levels, the $L_{A90,1min}$ values cannot be averaged to determine an accurate value for a longer measurement interval.

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in tim.ross@environment-agency.gov.uk.

You must send us the information and or payment by 29/04/2025.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the correct application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

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Without this additional information we will be unable to issue your permit.

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If you have any questions please phone me on 02030253423 or email tim.ross@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Tim Ross

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