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AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS AT 6 LAURIER ROAD, LONDON NW5 1SG



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SUMMARY

- This report provides a noise assessment for a proposed new air source heat pump (ASHP) unit and also a replacement ASHP unit to serve a residential property 6 Laurier Road, London NW5 1SG. The new ASHP unit is to be located externally at lower ground floor level to the rear of the property. The replacement ASHP unit is to be located externally to the second floor rear terrace of property (same location as an existing ASHP unit).
- The assessment is conducted with reference to London Borough of Camden's planning consent requirements for mechanical services plant / equipment (including items such as ASHP units) as contained in Policy A4: *Noise and Vibration* of Section 6: *Protecting Amenity* of Camden Local Plan (adopted June 2017), plus also with reference to the current edition of relevant British Standard BS4142:2014.
- As part of the assessment process, a noise survey has been conducted over several days including sample weekdays and a full weekend to establish representative existing background noise levels during the entire range of possible operational times for the ASHP units. The noise survey was at a position directly representative of outside nearest neighbouring residential properties. Results of the noise survey are used to set a noise limit for the ASHP units as per London Borough of Camden's requirements and with reference to BS4142:2014.
- Using manufacturer noise data, a noise model calculation has been used to determine noise from the ASHP units to assessment positions at nearest neighbouring residential properties. Details for the ASHP units' manufacturer noise data and noise model calculation are provided in the report.
- The assessment demonstrates noise from the ASHP units (with the specified noise reduction implemented) will be significantly below existing minimum background noise levels and compliant with the set noise limit. Noise from the ASHP units would not be expected to be audible, cause disturbance or otherwise be of impact on the amenity of occupiers of neighbouring properties.
- The noise reduction comprises fitment of the ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures. Advised specification details for the acoustic enclosures are provided in sub-section 7.1 of the report.
- The report also considers vibration from the ASHP units. As good practice and in accordance with London Borough of Camden's requirements, it is advised the ASHP units are required to be installed mounted on proprietary vibration isolators. Specification details for typically suitable vibration isolators are provided in sub-section 7.2 of the report.

1. INTRODUCTION

A new air source heat pump (ASHP) unit and replacement ASHP unit are proposed to be installed to serve a residential property 6 Laurier Road, London NW5 1SG.

The proposed new ASHP unit is a Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW, to be located externally at lower ground floor level to the rear of the property.

The replacement ASHP unit is a Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, to be located externally to the second floor rear terrace of property, in the same location as an existing ASHP unit (existing unit to be replaced).

The Local Planning Authority (London Borough of Camden) planning application validation requirements include submission of a noise assessment for proposed new plant / equipment such as ASHP units and air conditioning units etc. This is for reason to enable London Borough of Camden to assess the potential noise impact of proposed new units upon occupiers of neighbouring noise sensitive (residential) properties.

This report provides a noise assessment for the proposed new and replacement ASHP units and includes:

- Qualifications & experience;
- Criteria - London Borough of Camden planning consent requirements including with reference to the current edition of relevant British Standard BS4142:2014;
- Measurement survey of background noise levels;
- Details of the proposed ASHP units including location & noise data;
- Calculation & assessment of noise from the ASHP units;
- Consideration of vibration from the ASHP units;
- Specification for noise reduction and vibration isolation measures.

Informative 1: Existing ASHP Unit Precedent

The replacement ASHP unit is to replace "like for like" an existing installed older model ASHP unit.

The replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW has lower noise output than the existing ASHP unit. Thus, replacement of the existing ASHP unit has by default benefit of lower noise.

Notwithstanding this, assessment of noise from the replacement ASHP unit in this report is only with reference to London Borough of Camden's planning consent noise requirements.

This report and noise assessment takes no account of any precedent of the existing ASHP unit or default lower noise benefit by its replacement with a Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW.

2. QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

This report is prepared and issued by David Philip. David Philip graduated in 1989 from The University of Salford Department of Applied Acoustics with a BEng Honours degree in Electroacoustics. David Philip has been since 1995, and continues to be, a fully elected Member of the Institute of Acoustics (MIOA).

David Philip has been the owner / managing director of Philip Acoustics since the firm was formed in 2002. Prior to the formation of Philip Acoustics, David Philip held senior acoustic consultant positions at Sound Research Laboratories (London office) and Spectrum Acoustic Consultants.

Philip Acoustics has held full membership of the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) since 2003 and is also a full member of the ANC Registration Scheme of approved independent organisations to undertake Building Regulations Approved Document Part E pre-completion certification sound insulation testing.

David Philip has over 30 years' experience as an Acoustic Consultant both in the UK and internationally and has considerable experience undertaking noise surveys and noise assessments for a wide range of commercial uses and also residential developments.

This experience includes a substantial quantity of noise assessments specifically associated with air conditioning units, air source heat pump units and similar plant / equipment serving commercial / retail premises and also residential properties.

David Philip is fully familiar with London Borough of Camden's planning policy acoustic requirements, provisions of the current (and previous) editions of British Standard BS4142, as well as other acoustics related relevant standards and guidance documents.

The opinions expressed in this report are the true and professional opinions of David Philip. Neither David Philip nor Philip Acoustics is appointed on any incentive fee basis.

3. CRITERIA (*London Borough Of Camden Requirements*)

Policy A4: *Noise and Vibration* from Section 6 – *Protecting Amenity* of the Camden Local Plan (adopted June 2017) covers in detail noise issues relating to a wide range of planning and noise pollution scenarios, including of proposed new mechanical services plant / equipment such as ASHP units.

Policy A4: *Noise and Vibration* is reproduced below:

Policy A4 Noise and vibration

The Council will seek to ensure that noise and vibration is controlled and managed.

Development should have regard to Camden's Noise and Vibration Thresholds (Appendix 3). We will not grant planning permission for:

- development likely to generate unacceptable noise and vibration impacts; or
- development sensitive to noise in locations which experience high levels of noise, unless appropriate attenuation measures can be provided and will not harm the continued operation of existing uses.

We will only grant permission for noise generating development, including any plant and machinery, if it can be operated without causing harm to amenity.

We will also seek to minimise the impact on local amenity from deliveries and from the demolition and construction phases of development.

"Camden's Noise and Vibration Thresholds" referenced in Policy A4 as applicable for proposed new plant / equipment such as ASHP units are advised in Table C from section *Industrial and Commercial Noise Sources* of Appendix 3 to the Camden Local Plan document as reproduced below:

Table C: Noise levels applicable to proposed industrial and commercial developments (including plant and machinery)

Existing Noise sensitive receptor	Assessment Location	Design Period	LOAEL (Green)	LOAEL to SOAEL (Amber)	SOAL (Red)
Dwellings**	Garden used for main amenity (free field) and Outside living or dining or bedroom window (façade)	Day	'Rating level' 10dB* below background	'Rating level' between 9dB below and 5dB above background	'Rating level' greater than 5dB above background
Dwellings**	Outside bedroom window (façade)	Night	'Rating level' 10dB* below background and no events exceeding 57dBL _{Amax}	'Rating level' between 9dB below and 5dB above background or noise events between 57dB and 88dB L _{Amax}	'Rating level' greater than 5dB above background and/or events exceeding 88dBL _{Amax}

Supporting notes to Table C and as relevant for the proposed ASHP units include:

- A Rating Level (L_{A,T_r} dB) of 10dB below the background noise (15dB if tonal components are present) should be considered the design criterion, the Rating Level established as per the provisions of BS4142:2014;
- The periods in Table C correspond to 7am to 11pm for the day & 11pm to 7am for the night;
- For smaller equipment such as air source heat pumps where achievement of the Rating Level may not afford protection, the Council will generally also require NR35 or below. To be achieved (in terms of $L_{eq,5mins}$ dB octave band levels) 1m externally from the façade of premises located in a quiet background area.

Full title of the current edition of the referenced British Standard is BS4142:2014+A1:2019 “*Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound*”. Reference throughout this report to BS4142:2014 relates to this current edition document.

Note that as an aid to clarity and to be consistent with wording / guidance of “*Camden’s Noise and Vibration Thresholds*” referenced in Policy A4, this report retains use of the more familiar term “noise” throughout as opposed to the replacement term “sound” of BS4142:2014.

It is the author’s experience of undertaking many surveys and assessments of noise from ASHP units and similar equipment in similar scenarios and contexts to that as at 6 Laurier Road, that compliance with London Borough of Camden’s policy requirements, and as the clarification points below, would mean noise from the proposed ASHP units is not audible / disturbing or otherwise of impact to persons inside or outside neighbouring dwellings.

Additional clarification points relevant to the assessment and noise requirements are provided below:

a) ASHP Units Operating Condition

The noise requirements are cautiously/robustly applied for the ASHP units both operating simultaneously (i.e. both together) at full (100%) duty, potentially over a full 24-hour period, i.e. including during the middle of the night.

In practice it is expected the units would operate at a reduced capacity (and thus with reduced noise output over full duty) for much of the time, including during the late evening and night period.

b) Rating Noise Level

The noise requirements are applied in terms of a noise Rating Level $L_{A,r,T}$ dB and thus with any correction for tonal characteristics noise applied as necessary to the ASHP units’ noise at the assessment position as per the BS4142:2014 assessment methodology.

c) Assessment Position

The noise requirements are applicable to outside nearest residential windows (to living areas and/or bedrooms) and also to within residential gardens used as main amenity (external amenity space). As normal convention and practice the assessment position is with reference to nearest non-associated residential properties (i.e. not the application property itself).

Central garden areas of neighbouring properties are at comparable (or farther) distance from, plus equivalently and/or more screened from (by the property’s boundary wall) the proposed new and replacement ASHP units’ locations as compared with nearest neighbouring residential buildings. Compliance to outside nearest residential buildings will by default also ensure compliance to within gardens. Therefore, an assessment position to outside nearest windows of neighbouring residential properties is used.

d) Background Noise Level

The noise requirements are applied as “worse case”, cautiously/robustly based on the measured minimum (lower) background noise level $L_{A90,T}$ dB ($T = 15 \text{ mins}$), representative of at the assessment position over 24 hours (i.e. including during the night), based on results of a five-day noise survey including sample weekdays and a full weekend (see Section 4 of the report).

e) Very Low Background Noise Levels (for information only – item e not applied for assessment)

In accordance with the guidance and assessment provisions of BS4142, then for scenarios of very low background noise it is generally unreasonable / unnecessary to apply a Rating Level noise limit / criterion directly relative to the background level, in terms of ensuring amenity protection such that noise from plant (including such as ASHP units) does not cause disturbance or is otherwise of adverse / detrimental impact.

This simply due to that there is a lower threshold level at which plant noise would become inaudible / not noticeable to occupiers of neighbouring properties and thus it being unreasonable and unnecessary to further reduce the plant noise below that level.

BS4142:2014 advises “Where background sound levels and rating levels are low, absolute levels might be as, or more, relevant than the margin by which the rating level exceeds the background. This is especially true at night.”

Where background levels are very low it is instead appropriate to apply a minimum (lower level) threshold cap plant Rating Level limit of L_{Ar,T_r} 30dB at assessment positions. Previous edition of the standard BS4142:1997 advises that noise Rating Levels of below 35dB be considered very low.

Thus a minimum threshold cap plant noise limit (Rating Level) set at L_{Ar,T_r} 30dB is significantly below (i.e. as 5dB betterment) to this guidance and for scenarios of very low background noise levels (i.e. regardless of the low background noise) will maintain surety of protection for from loss of amenity due to noise disturbance.

Notwithstanding the above, it is sometimes appropriate to apply a lower plant noise limit (i.e. below the threshold cap) in consideration to avoid “background noise creep”. This potentially occurs in scenarios where multiple plant items serving the same or different directly adjacent premises (multiple ASHP units and/or air conditioning units etc) are in turn installed in very close / immediate proximity to one another and as then cumulatively contributing a higher overall noise level to the same receptor (noise sensitive properties).

Table A from section *Vibration* of Appendix 3 to the Camden Local Plan document provides vibration level thresholds. The thresholds are applicable for a wide range of vibration sources such as railways, roads, leisure & entertainment premises as well as new plant/machinery (so including such as air source heat pumps), as affecting (i.e. occurring inside) various types of property including residential dwellings.

The vibration level thresholds are in terms of Vibration Dose Values (VDVs) and for dwellings with separate level thresholds applicable for the day and night period.

As detailed in Section 6 & sub-section 7.2 of the report, it is advised as good practice, and as per Camden’s requirements, the ASHP units are installed mounted on conventional proprietary vibration isolators.

4. BACKGROUND NOISE SURVEY

To assess noise from the proposed new and replacement ASHP units against London Borough Of Camden's planning consent noise requirement it is necessary to establish underlying background noise levels representative of at neighbouring residential properties.

Details of the background noise survey are provided in sub-sections 4.1 to 4.3.

4.1 Survey Instrumentation

Details of the instrumentation used for the background noise survey are provided in Appendix A. The sound level meter was calibration verified before and after the survey.

4.2 Survey Details & Procedure

Although the ASHP units would tend to operate principally during the daytime and evening periods, as they are to serve a residential property then they will potentially operate at any time over 24 hours. Therefore, the survey was conducted over at least a full 24-hour period to obtain background noise levels during the entire range of possible times of operation.

The survey was over a five-day period from Friday 25 October 2024 through Tuesday 29 October 2024 to include sample weekdays and also a full weekend.

Weather conditions were monitored and with the exception as described below, were suitable for the background noise survey in accordance with BS4142:2014; dry (nil precipitation) and with light wind.

There were light rainfall / drizzle conditions noted during the Saturday morning and Monday afternoon day periods of the survey. Results of the noise survey for these periods are disregarded from the assessment.

Measurements of background noise were recorded continually in terms of consecutive 15-minute samples of overall equivalent free-field $L_{A90,T}$ dB values ($T=15$ minutes) for the entire survey duration.

The survey measurement position was externally to the rear of the property, with the microphone set at upper floor level in equivalent free-field conditions facilitated by positioning the instrumentation microphone on a telescopic boom and extension cable arrangement from the second floor rear terrace. The position was selected as directly representative for outside the nearest neighbouring property.

Nearest neighbouring properties to the proposed new and replacement ASHP units are adjacent residential dwellings at 4 Laurier Road and 8 Laurier Road.

Other neighbouring properties including in either direction on Laurier Road and on Woodsome Road (beyond rear of 6 Laurier Road) are more distant from, and more naturally screened from, location of the ASHP units than the neighbouring properties 4 & 8 Laurier Road.

Proposed location of the ASHP units, nearest neighbouring property plus background noise survey measurement position are indicated on an aerial image and proposed ASHP units' location drawings in Appendix B.

4.3 Survey Results, Observations & ASHP Units' Noise Limit

Full raw data results of the five-day background noise survey are provided in Appendix C.

Background noise levels at the rear of 6 Laurier Road and as representative of outside neighbouring properties are low / very low, reasonably consistent from day to day and normal for this location predominantly due to underlying noise from road traffic generally in the wider area.

Underlying background noise fluctuates during the day, then gradually reduces during the evening and into the night (lowest between circa 1am to 4am), before then increasing again in the morning as traffic increases. This diurnal noise profile is normal for this location with underlying noise from traffic in the wider area.

Summary of the representative minimum (lowest) $L_{A90,T}$ background noise level and associated ASHP units' noise limit based on Camden's noise requirements and with reference to BS4142:2014 (detailed in Section 3 of the report) is shown in Table 1.

ASHP Units Operating Condition	Assessment Position & Relevant Times	Representative Minimum Background Noise Level $L_{A90,15min}$	ASHP Units Noise Limit (Rating Level)
Both ASHP units operating full 100% duty potentially (as worse- case) over a 24-hour period	Outside nearest windows of neighbouring properties Assessment over 24 hour period	35dB (minimum level occurs for a limited time during night period)	$L_{A1,T1} \leq 25dBA$ (10dB below background) $L_{A1,T1} \leq 20dBA$ (15dB below background; applicable if unit noise has tonal components)

Table 1: Measured representative minimum background noise & associated ASHP units noise limit

As indicated in Section 5 of the report, the proposed ASHP units generate a nominally broadband type noise without strong or dominant tonal characteristics. London Borough of Camden's requirement 10dB below the minimum (lowest) background noise level is applied for the assessment.

5. NOISE FROM AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Informative 2: Proposed Air Source Heat Pump Units

This report is based on the proposed Vaillant ASHP units as detailed below.

If an alternative make and/or model of unit is selected, including as part of future possible unit replacement, it is important that noise levels for the alternative unit be checked by Philip Acoustics or another Acoustic Consultant to ensure noise emissions of the alternative unit remain compliant with the noise limit.

The proposed new ASHP unit is a Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW.

The replacement ASHP unit is a Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW.

Manufacturer's noise data for the ASHP units is provided in Appendix D. The noise data is for the units' operating at full (100%) duty in terms of overall dBA sound power level and also free-field overall dBA sound pressure levels at varying distance from the units.

For purpose of the noise assessment, it is cautiously / robustly taken as "worse case" both ASHP units are operating at full 100% duty, i.e. with no allowance the units would likely operate at reduced duty / capacity (with consequent lower noise output), for much of the time including during the late evening and night period.

Summary of noise output from the ASHP units in terms of sound power level data including indicative octave band values is shown in Table 2.

Description	Overall dBA	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz) Lin dB ⁽¹⁾							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
<u>New ASHP Unit:</u> Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW <i>Unit operating full 100% duty</i>	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
<u>Replacement ASHP Unit:</u> Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW <i>Unit operating full 100% duty</i>	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Note ⁽¹⁾: No manufacturer octave band noise data available for Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & 5kW ASHP units; the stated linear dB octave band sound power levels are based on octave band sound pressure level measurements undertaken by the author of these same make & model ASHP units as installed at other properties.									

Table 2: ASHP units noise data; sound power levels

Experience of the author in measuring noise levels from installed same and similar model / capacity residential use ASHP units, plus with reference to available octave band noise data for other manufacturer similar type and capacity residential use ASHP units indicates the Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW and 5kW generates a broadband type noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements.

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To calculate the noise contribution from the ASHP units to outside nearest neighbouring residential properties (assessment positions) a spreadsheet noise calculation model has been used.

The model takes account of the distance between the units and assessment position, acoustic directivity, acoustic reflections (i.e. non free-field conditions) and any natural / default line of sight acoustic screening due to orientation and intervening buildings / structures etc. where applicable.

The noise model calculation also takes account of the acoustic louvre enclosure (noise reduction treatment) applied to the ASHP units as specified in sub-section 7.1 of this report.

Noise assessment positions and noise model calculation details are provided in Appendix E.

Informative 3: Noise Assessment Positions

The noise model calculation uses multiple separate noise assessment positions for the neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road. This is to account for differing magnitude natural / default line of sight acoustic screening from the proposed new ASHP unit location at ground floor due to the intervening boundary brick wall between 6 & 8 Laurier Road.

The overall calculated noise Rating Level from the proposed new and replacement ASHP units to outside nearest neighbouring properties compared with the noise limit is shown in Table 3.

Noise from the ASHP units to outside other neighbouring properties in the vicinity that are more distant from proposed location of the unit will be lower.

ASHP Units Operating Condition	Assessment Position	ASHP Units Overall Noise Level (Rating Level)	Noise Limit (Rating Level)	Comment
Both ASHP units operating simultaneously full 100% duty potentially over a 24-hour period	A) Nearest lower ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road	$L_{Ar, Tr}$ 18dB	$L_{Ar, Tr} \leq 25dB$	Noise from proposed new & replacement ASHP units significantly below minimum (lowest) background noise levels & complies with noise limit
	B) Nearest upper ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road	$L_{Ar, Tr}$ 16dB		
	C) Nearest first floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road	$L_{Ar, Tr}$ 17dB		
	D) Nearest second floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road	$L_{Ar, Tr}$ 24dB		
	E) Nearest windows of neighbouring property 4 Laurier Road	$L_{Ar, Tr}$ 20dB		

Table 3: Assessment of noise from ASHP units

The assessment as Table 3 demonstrates noise from the ASHP units complies with the noise limit.

At this level, noise from the ASHP units will be substantially below existing minimum (lowest) background levels as occur during the night period plus in absolute terms be very low and would not be expected to be audible, cause disturbance or otherwise be of impact detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers.

Additionally, it is important to note the noise model calculation and assessment is cautious / robust and in practice noise from the ASHP units will be lower and further below the background noise and limit for the following reasons:

- The assessment is on the basis the ASHP units are operating as “worse-case” simultaneously at full 100% duty all the time over 24-hours including all through the late evening and night period. This is extremely unlikely to occur for majority of the time. It is likely the units would operate at a reduced capacity with consequent lower noise output, if at all, during the night;
- The noise limit used for the assessment is based on the representative minimum background noise level over 24-hours (i.e. including late evening and middle of the night), as measured during a survey over several days including a weekend. Background noise for the majority of the time is higher than the value used for the assessment. Correspondingly, for these times the ASHP units’ noise would be further below the background noise occurring during these times.

In addition to the assessment as detailed above and in Table 3, noise from ASHP units to nearest neighbouring properties is also assessed against London Borough of Camden’s NR value noise limit requirement (NR35) as detailed in Table 4 on the following page.

Table 4 demonstrates noise from the ASHP units additionally complies with (does not exceed) the NR35 noise limit criterion as per London Borough of Camden’s requirements.

Description	NR Value	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz) ($L_{eq,5mins}$ dB)							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
London Borough of Camden NR value limit	≤NR35	≤63	≤52	≤45	≤39	≤35	≤32	≤30	≤29
<u>Assessment Position A)</u> Nearest lower ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road									
Noise from ASHP units to assessment position	NR12	30	27	22	17	5	-1	2	1
Excess of ASHP units' noise on NR limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Assessment Position B)</u> Nearest upper ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road									
Noise from ASHP units to assessment position	≤NR10	31	26	20	14	2	-4	-1	-2
Excess of ASHP units' noise on NR limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Assessment Position C)</u> Nearest first floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road									
Noise from ASHP units to assessment position	NR10	30	26	21	15	1	-6	-3	-4
Excess of ASHP units' noise on NR limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Assessment Position D)</u> Nearest second floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road									
Noise from ASHP units to assessment position	NR19	36	33	28	23	11	5	8	7
Excess of ASHP units' noise on NR limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Assessment Position E)</u> Nearest windows of neighbouring property 4 Laurier Road									
Noise from ASHP units to assessment position	NR14	32	29	24	19	7	1	4	3
Excess of ASHP units' noise on NR limit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4: Assessment of noise from ASHP units (*NR value assessment*)

6. VIBRATION FROM AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Location for the proposed new ASHP unit externally at ground floor to the rear of the property is separate from (i.e. not structurally attached or otherwise physically connected / fixed to) neighbouring properties.

It is not expected there would be any vibration transmission from the new ASHP unit to neighbouring properties and it is not necessary to specify vibration isolator mountings to the ASHP unit specifically to protect neighbouring properties from potential vibration.

Location for the replacement ASHP unit externally to the second floor rear terrace area is physically structurally linked to (albeit indirectly and at distance from) the adjacent attached neighbouring property 4 Laurier Road. Therefore it is possible (although unlikely) that vibration from the unit could transmit to this neighbouring property via the shared buildings' structure.

As good practice, to mitigate potential vibration from the replacement ASHP unit to the neighbouring property and in accordance with London Borough of Camden's requirements, it is advised both ASHP units are installed mounted on conventional proprietary vibration isolators.

Specification details for example typically suitable vibration isolators are provided in sub-section 7.2 of the report.

7. NOISE REDUCTION & VIBRATION ISOLATION MEASURES

7.1 Noise Reduction

Informative 4: Other Considerations Associated With Noise Reduction

Philip Acoustics can only advise on noise & vibration (acoustic) issues and therefore professional advice from others may need to be sought to confirm aspects of the noise reduction treatment with regard to non-acoustic issues such as visual appearance, maintenance access and airflow ventilation to the ASHP units.

To ensure compliance with the noise limit, the ASHP units are each proposed to be installed within an acoustic louvre enclosures / housings as outline indicated on the annotated part copy layout drawings in Appendix F.

Use of an acoustic louvre enclosure is a normal / conventional method of noise reduction treatment for domestic use external ASHP units in this scenario, and in non-technical lay terms essentially forms a “soundproof” outdoor box / housing around the units.

In terms of noise reduction performance specification, the acoustic enclosures are required to reduce the overall noise output of the ASHP units (in total – both units combined) by at least circa 10dBA.

A typical enclosure would have acoustic louvres to the front and sides to permit airflow to/from the unit and with the remaining non-acoustic louvre parts of the enclosure’s outer structure formed by normal/standard type proprietary 25mm to 50mm thick solid (i.e. non louvred) acoustic panels.

Normal/standard type proprietary acoustic panels are solid one side (minimum 20swg sheet steel) and perforated the other (typically perforated 22swg sheet steel) with 25mm to 50mm thick acoustic grade mineral wool absorptive lining. The perforated (absorptive) side of the enclosure panels face inwards towards the ASHP units.

Proprietary 25mm to 50mm thick acoustic panels as the specification details above are available as standard from most acoustic hardware suppliers.

Cable and pipework entry points into and out of the unit acoustic enclosure to be sealed airtight.

As commonly applied in domestic settings as visual screening; garden type timber trellising can be positioned externally to around an unit’s enclosure, very often with climbing pot plants to the trellis.

Advised specification performance requirement for the enclosure acoustic louvres is shown in Table 5 on the following page.

As normal for noise reduction treatments, the performance specification is for different amounts in different frequency bands, but with requirement to achieve an overall noise reduction of at least 10dBA as applied to the ASHP units’ noise spectrum (octave band levels).

Description	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								Comments
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Acoustic Louvre Sound Reduction Index dB	6	7	9	12	19	22	17	15	Overall dBA noise reduction ≥ 10 dBA achieved using conventional minimum 300mm depth type acoustic louvres

Table 5: Acoustic louvre performance specification (nominal 300mm depth acoustic louvres)

The Table 5 acoustic louvre specification is based on using conventional proprietary nominal 300mm depth type acoustic louvres as available from many acoustic hardware suppliers. The technical data sheet for an example supplier's 300mm depth acoustic louvres is provided in Appendix F.

Informative 5: Acoustic Louvre Suppliers

Different acoustic hardware suppliers have slightly differing sound reduction performance data for their 300mm depth acoustic louvres. Therefore, some supplier data may indicate slight variation in performance as compared with the octave band specification data in Table 5. This is advised acceptable providing the acoustic louvres are minimum 300mm depth type.

7.2 Vibration Isolation

As detailed in Section 6, it is advised the ASHP units are installed on vibration isolator mountings.

Typically suitable / appropriate proprietary vibration isolators for the ASHP units are rubber or neoprene turret type mountings. 4 x isolators are required per unit; one to under each mounting corner position of the units.

Details for three example suppliers and their typically suitable vibration isolators are provided below. The example suppliers are not listed in any order of preference and copy of each of the supplier's data sheets is provided in Appendix G. Other suppliers will be able to offer similar suitable / equivalent vibration isolators.

Example Supplier 1:

EMTEC: www.emtecproducts.co.uk Isolator type: Neoprene Mountings Series R/RD

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW (weight 128kg) = Isolator R-1 Green (max load per isolator 54.4kg)

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW (weight 114kg) = Isolator R-1 Red (max load per isolator 31.7kg)

Example Supplier 2:

Christie & Grey: www.christiegrey.co.uk Isolator type: Rubber Turret Mountings RM

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW (weight 128kg) = Isolator RM 19.100.B.F Blue (max load per mount 50kg)

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW (weight 114kg) = Isolator RM 19.100.B.F Blue (max load per mount 50kg)

Example Supplier 3:

Fibet Group: www.fibet.co.uk Isolator type: SEM Light Duty Mounts

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW (weight 128kg) = Isolator SEM-8525M (max load per mount 43kg)

Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW (weight 114kg) = Isolator SEM-8525M (max load per mount 43kg)

APPENDIX A

Noise Survey Instrumentation

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NOISE SURVEY INSTRUMENTATION

Instrumentation Used:

- Rion sound level meter type NL-32 Class 1, Rion preamplifier type NH-21, Rion microphone type UC-53A, Rion microphone windshield type WS-10, Rion microphone extension cable type EC-04A and tripod / telescopic boom arrangement;
- Bruel & Kjaer calibrator type 4231;
- Speedtech Instruments Skymaster model SM-28 serial number 19370 (sample weather conditions data).

Instrumentation Calibration Certification:

Description	Type Number	Manufacturer	Date of Calibration Expiration	Calibration Certificate Number
Class 1 Sound Level Meter s/n 01103430	NL-32	Rion	22/03/2026	TCRT24/1258
Microphone s/n 317947	UC-53A			
Preamplifier s/n 34369	NH-21			
Calibrator s/n 2642929	4231	Bruel & Kjaer	22/03/2026	TCRT24/1156

Instrumentation On-Site Calibration Check:

Description	Calibrator Reference Level	Measured Level	Comment
Before survey measurements	94.0dB	94.1dB	Pass
After survey measurements		94.1dB	Pass (nil drift)

A P P E N D I X B

Aerial Image & Proposed ASHP Units' Location Drawings

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AERIAL IMAGE

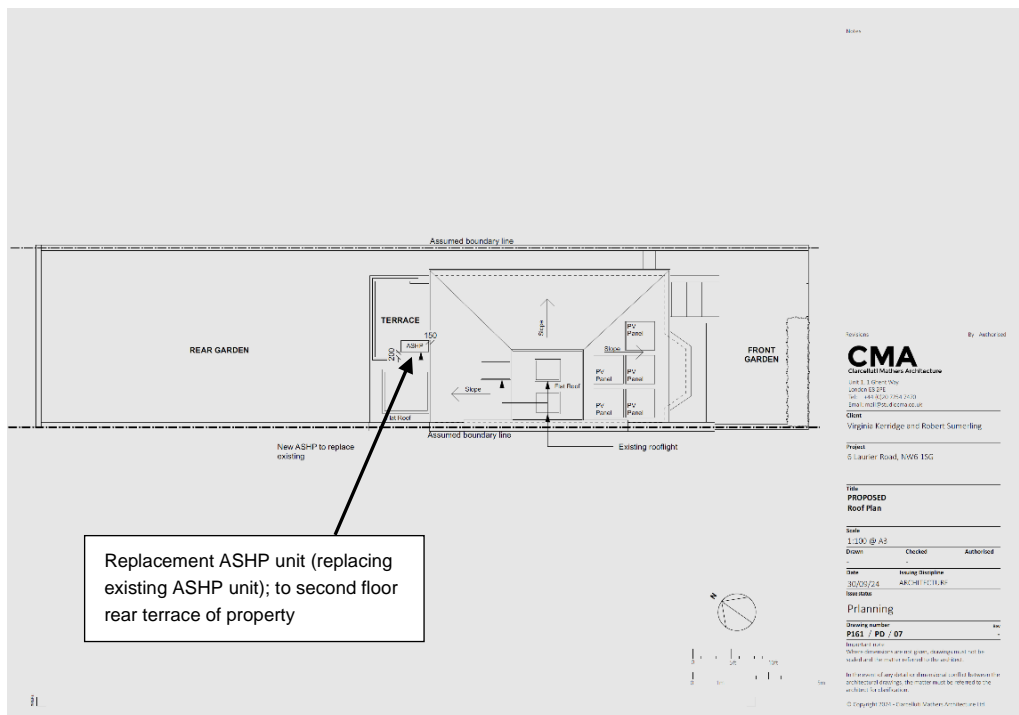
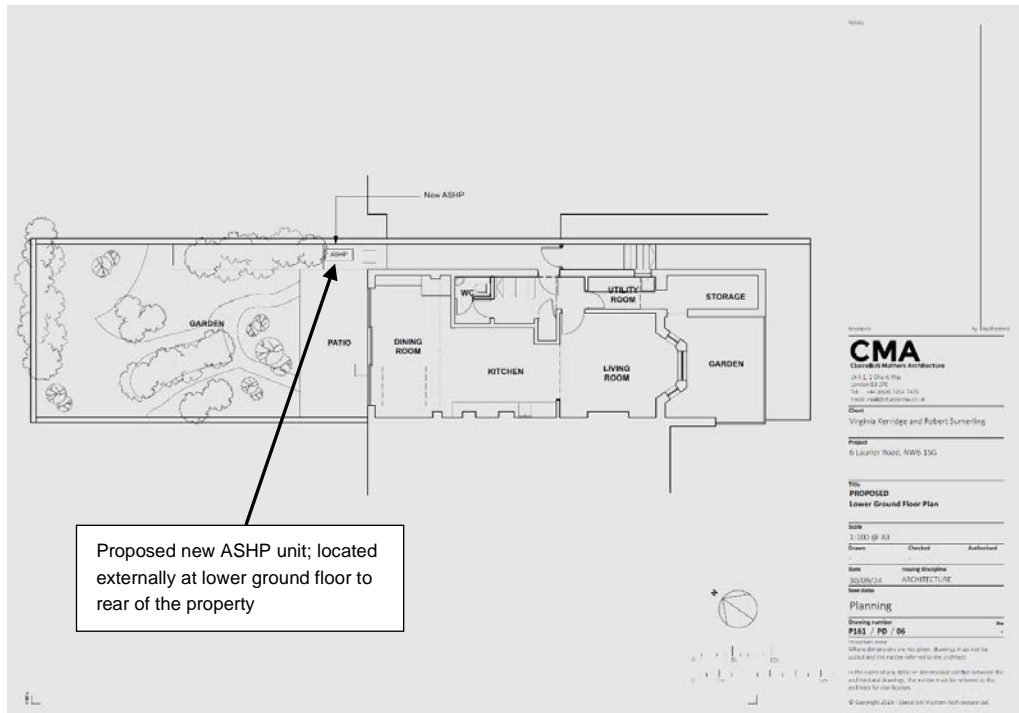


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PROPOSED ASHP UNITS' LOCATION DRAWINGS



A P P E N D I X C

Background Noise Survey Results

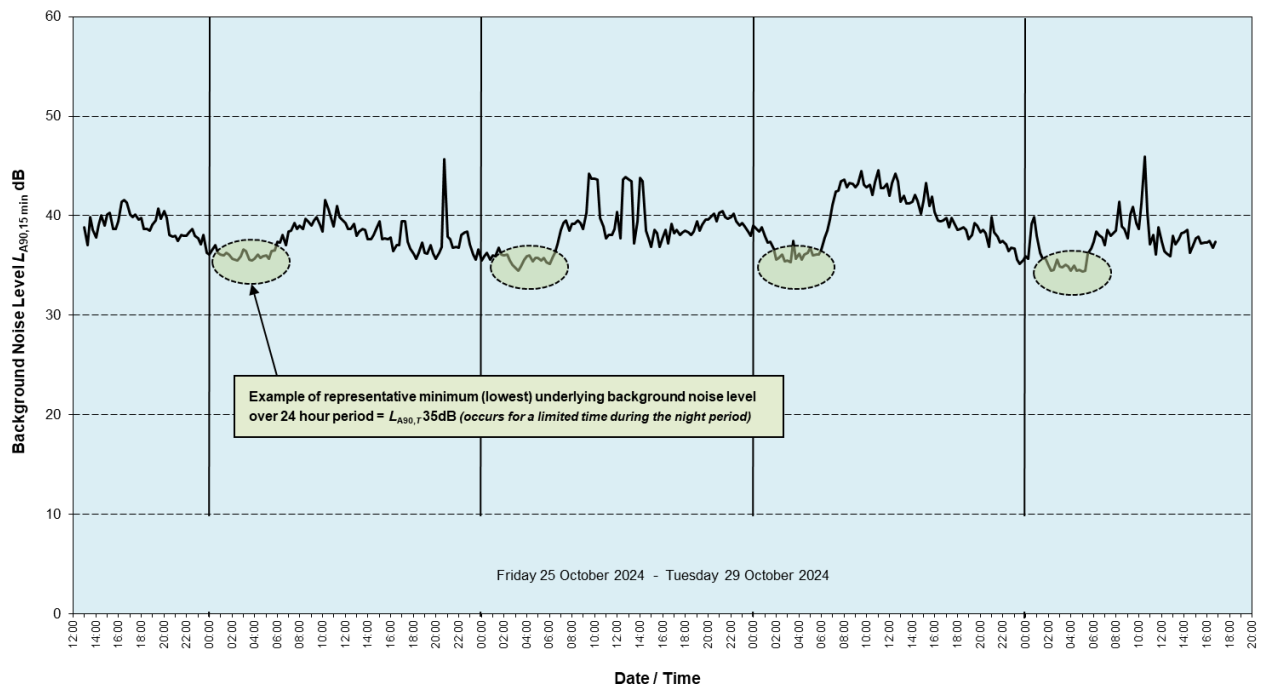
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BACKGROUND NOISE SURVEY RESULTS

Raw Data Results For Five-Day Survey Friday 25 October 2024 – Tuesday 29 October 2024:



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Manufacturer Noise Data For Air Source Heat Pump Units

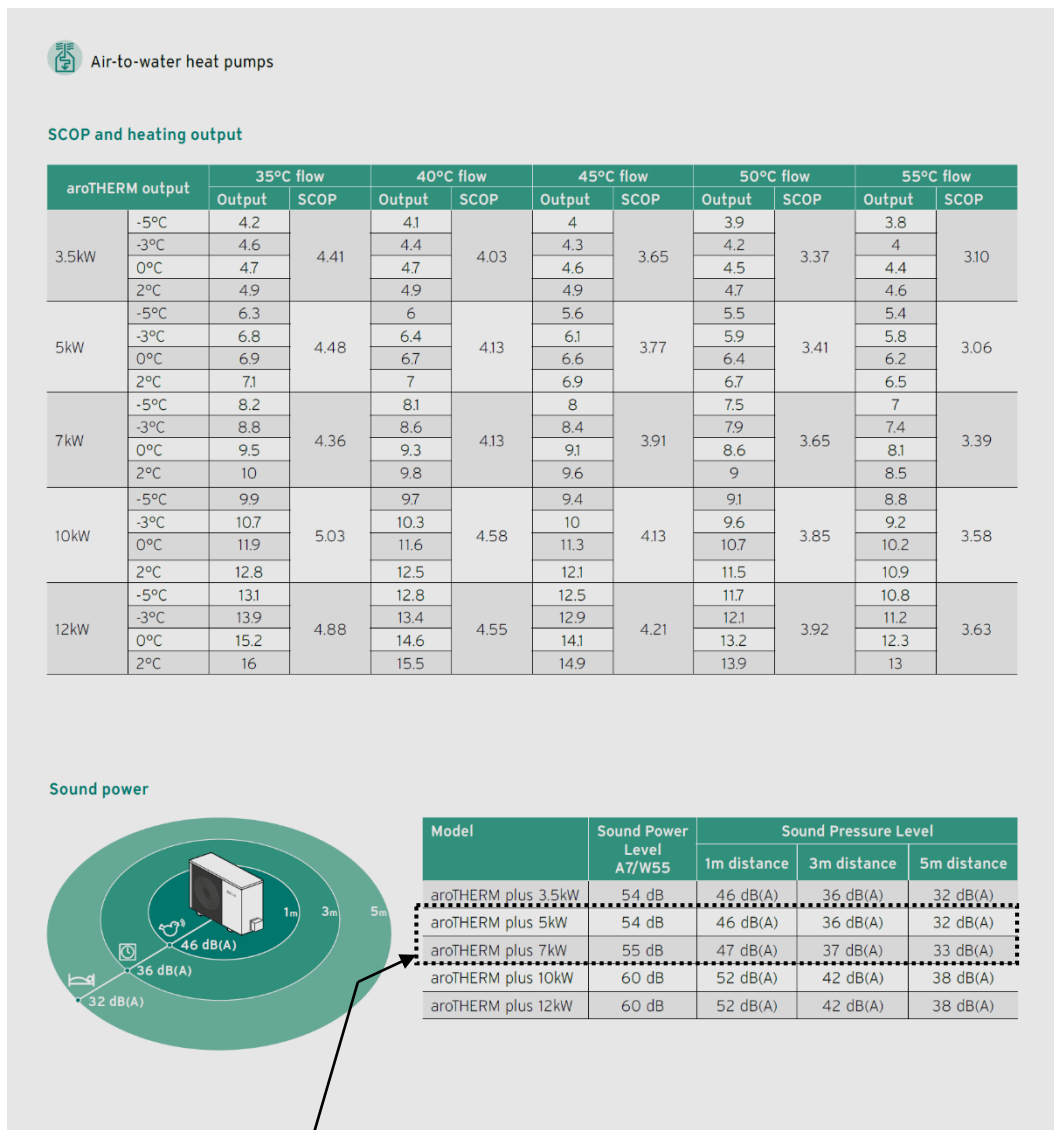
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MANUFACTURER NOISE DATA FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

New ASHP Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW. Replacement ASHP Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW



Manufacturer noise data is in terms of overall dBA sound power level & free-field overall dBA sound pressure levels at varying distance from the unit

A P P E N D I X E

Noise Assessment Positions & Noise Model Calculation For Air Source Heat Pump Units

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NOISE ASSESSMENT POSITIONS



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NOISE MODEL CALCULATION FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Assessment Position A: Nearest lower ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road

Noise Condition: New ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, both units operating full 100% duty

Noise Mitigation: ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures (see sub-section 7.1 Report 24084-002 Revision A)

Plant & Description	Overall dBA	Lin dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
New ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈3m distance from unit to assessment position		-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18	-18
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening boundary wall), limit to -10dB		-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	18	29	26	21	16	4	-2	1	0
Replacement ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈9.5m distance from unit to assessment position		-28	-28	-28	-28	-28	-28	-28	-28
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening building structure), limit to -10dB		-9	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	7	19	15	10	5	-7	-13	-10	-11
Cumulative Contribution All Plant At Assessment Position	18	30	27	22	17	5	-1	2	1

The ASHP units' overall sound pressure (Specific Noise) level at the assessment position = 18dBA.

The ASHP units generate broadband characteristic noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements, and at the assessment position is substantially below the minimum (lowest) underlying background noise level.

As per BS4142:2014 assessment methodology, overall ASHP units' noise to the assessment position is a Rating Level $L_{A,T,r}$ 18dB.

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NOISE MODEL CALCULATION FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Assessment Position B: Nearest upper ground floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road

Noise Condition: New ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, both units operating full 100% duty

Noise Mitigation: ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures (see sub-section 7.1 Report 24084-002 Revision A)

Plant & Description	Overall dBA	Lin dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
New ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈4.5m distance from unit to assessment position		-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	-21	-21
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening boundary wall), limit to -10dB		-6	-8	-9	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	15	30	25	19	13	1	-5	-2	-3
Replacement ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈8m distance from unit to assessment position		-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening building structure), limit to -10dB		-7	-9	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	9	23	18	12	7	-5	-11	-8	-9
Cumulative Contribution All Plant At Assessment Position	16	31	26	20	14	2	-4	-1	-2

The ASHP units' overall sound pressure (Specific Noise) level at the assessment position = 16dBA.

The ASHP units generate broadband characteristic noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements, and at the assessment position is substantially below the minimum (lowest) underlying background noise level.

As per BS4142:2014 assessment methodology, overall ASHP units' noise to the assessment position is a Rating Level $L_{A,Tr}$ 16dB.

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NOISE MODEL CALCULATION FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Assessment Position C: Nearest first floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road

Noise Condition: New ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, both units operating full 100% duty

Noise Mitigation: ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures (see sub-section 7.1 Report 24084-002 Revision A)

Plant & Description	Overall dBA	Lin dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
<u>New ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW</u>									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈7m distance from unit to assessment position		-25	-25	-25	-25	-25	-25	-25	-25
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening boundary wall), limit to -10dB		-5	-5	-6	-6	-8	-9	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	14	27	24	18	13	-1	-8	-6	-7
<u>Replacement ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW</u>									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈6.5m distance from unit to assessment position		-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening building structure), limit to -10dB		-5	-6	-6	-7	-9	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	13	27	23	18	12	-2	-9	-6	-7
Cumulative Contribution All Plant At Assessment Position	17	30	26	21	15	1	-6	-3	-4

The ASHP units' overall sound pressure (Specific Noise) level at the assessment position = 17dBA.

The ASHP units generate broadband characteristic noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements, and at the assessment position is substantially below the minimum (lowest) underlying background noise level.

As per BS4142:2014 assessment methodology, overall ASHP units' noise to the assessment position is a Rating Level $L_{A,rTr}$ 17dB.

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NOISE MODEL CALCULATION FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Assessment Position D: Nearest second floor windows of neighbouring property 8 Laurier Road

Noise Condition: New ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, both units operating full 100% duty

Noise Mitigation: ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures (see sub-section 7.1 Report 24084-002 Revision A)

Plant & Description	Overall dBA	Lin dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
New ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈8.5m distance from unit to assessment position		-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27
Screening; nil acoustic screening correction applicable to assessment position		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	19	30	27	22	17	5	-1	2	1
Replacement ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈5m distance from unit to assessment position		-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22
Screening; nil acoustic screening correction applicable to assessment position		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	22	34	31	26	21	9	3	6	5
Cumulative Contribution All Plant At Assessment Position	24	36	33	28	23	11	5	8	7

The ASHP units' overall sound pressure (Specific Noise) level at the assessment position = 24dBA.

The ASHP units generate broadband characteristic noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements, and at the assessment position is substantially below the minimum (lowest) underlying background noise level.

As per BS4142:2014 assessment methodology, overall ASHP units' noise to the assessment position is a Rating Level $L_{A,T,r}$ 24dB.

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NOISE MODEL CALCULATION FOR AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP UNITS

Assessment Position E: Nearest windows of neighbouring property 4 Laurier Road

Noise Condition: New ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW & replacement ASHP unit Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW, both units operating full 100% duty

Noise Mitigation: ASHP units within acoustic louvre enclosures (see sub-section 7.1 Report 24084-002 Revision A)

Plant & Description	Overall dBA	Lin dB at Octave Band Centre Frequency Hz							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
New ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 7kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	55	60	58	55	53	48	45	43	40
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈8.5m distance from unit to assessment position		-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26
Screening; nil acoustic screening correction applicable to assessment position		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	19	31	28	23	18	6	0	3	2
Replacement ASHP Unit: Vaillant aroTHERM plus 5kW									
Noise Data: sound power level; Lw dB unit operating full 100% duty	54	59	57	54	52	47	44	42	39
Quantity; 0dB unit quantity correction applicable for 1 x unit		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Mitigation; unit within acoustic louvre enclosure (300mm depth type acoustic louvres)		-6	-7	-9	-12	-19	-22	-17	-15
Distance; free-field correction for ≈5m distance from unit to assessment position		-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22
Screening; screening correction applicable (intervening building structure), limit to -10dB		-7	-8	-9	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
Directivity; nil propagation directivity correction applicable (unit radiates noise equally all directions)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non Free-Field / Reflections; +3dB correction applied for unit positioned adjacent to wall		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Contribution at assessment position	13	27	23	17	11	-1	-7	-4	-5
Cumulative Contribution All Plant At Assessment Position	20	32	29	24	19	7	1	4	3

The ASHP units' overall sound pressure (Specific Noise) level at the assessment position = 20dBA.

The ASHP units generate broadband characteristic noise without strong, identifiable or clearly perceptible tonal elements, and at the assessment position is substantially below the minimum (lowest) underlying background noise level.

As per BS4142:2014 assessment methodology, overall ASHP units' noise to the assessment position is a Rating Level $L_{A,T,r}$ 20dB.

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Details For Noise Reduction

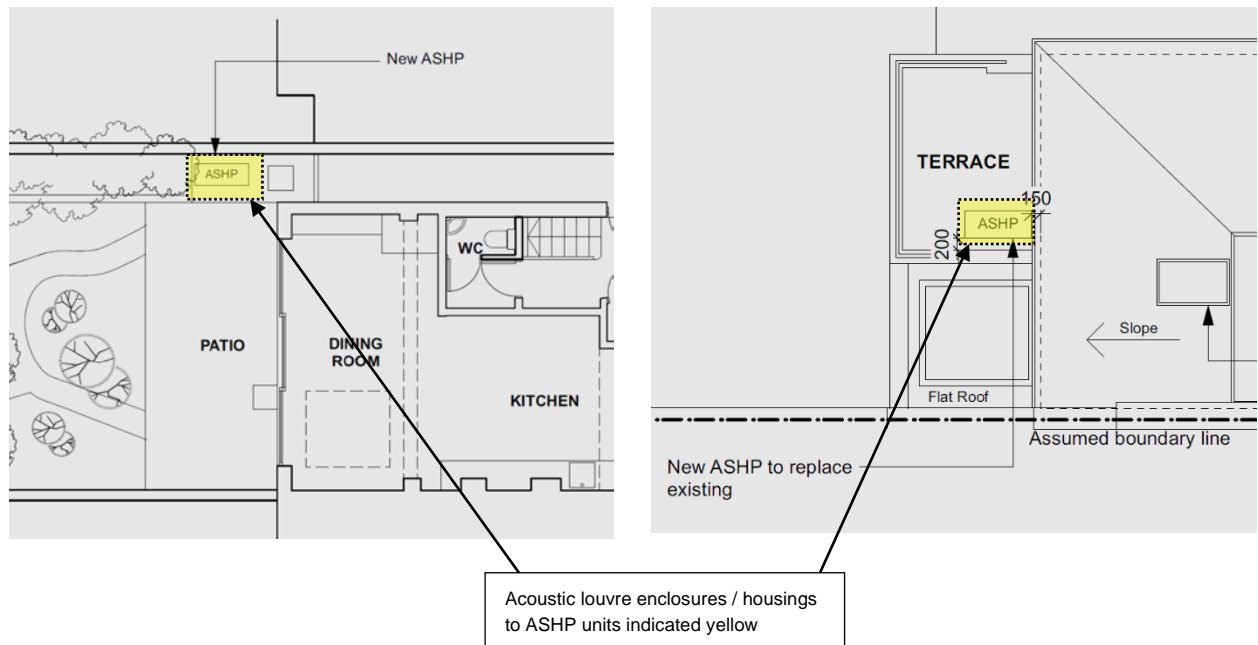
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Enlarged Part Copy Layout Drawings Indicating ASHP Units' Acoustic Louvre Enclosures



Photograph of a typical example acoustic louvre enclosure / housing around a domestic use air conditioning unit (similar type unit to an ASHP unit) serving a residential dwelling. *This example acoustic louvre & enclosure / housing is to a high elevation wall mounted unit required to be painted black for planning reasons.*



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DETAILS FOR NOISE REDUCTION

Data Sheet For Example 300mm Depth Type Acoustic Louvre: Supplier BAS Ltd

BA SL300 Acoustic Louvre



Model	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	Rw
BASL300	6	7	9	12	19	22	17	15	18
Face Velocity	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	1.75	2	2.25	2.5
Pressure Drop	3	7	12	18	26	35	46	58	71
Weight	41kg/m ²								
Visual Free Area*	50%								
Actual Free Area	34%								

Louvre acoustic performance;
sound reduction index dB at
octave bands 63Hz to 8kHz

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A P P E N D I X G

Details For Example Vibration Isolators

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DETAILS FOR EXAMPLE VIBRATION ISOLATORS

Supplier: EMTEC



Effective Isolation for Floor Mounted Equipment

Series R & RD Neoprene Mountings are molded in colored oil-resistant neoprene. This unique color coding provides instant identification of loading capacity — simplifies stocking — prevents installation errors.

The VMC molding process embeds all metal parts in neoprene, preventing corrosion. Mountings can also be molded in other elastomers to meet special requirements.

Bulletin No. R12/93 (UK)

VME KORFUND

Neoprene Mountings Series R/RD

Available in 4 sizes - 5 durometers
Load Range - 10 lbs. to 4,000 lbs.
Deflections to 1/4" with type R to 1/2" with type RD
Corrosion Proof
Molded in colored oil-resistant neoprene
5 colors for error free identification

Typical Applications

Air Handling Units Business Machines
Compressors Fans Instrument Panels
Machine Tools Pumps
Motor Generators Transformers

To Specify:

Neoprene mountings shall consist of a steel top plate and base plate completely embedded in coloured oil-resistant neoprene stock for easy identification of capacity. The mountings shall be Type R or RD, depending upon the required deflection of 1/4" to 1/2", as manufactured by VMC and as supplied by EMTEC Products Limited

TYPE R/RD



TYPE RP/RDP



Dimensions: In. (mm)

TYPE	L	W	H	A	B	C	D	E
R1	3 1/2"	3 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	2 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"
R1	(91.4)	(91.4)	(38.1)	(38.1)	(38.1)	(63.5)	(38.1)	(38.1)
R2	3 1/2"	3 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"	2 1/2"	1 1/2"	1 1/2"
R2	(91.4)	(91.4)	(38.1)	(38.1)	(38.1)	(63.5)	(38.1)	(38.1)
R3	4 1/2"	4 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"	3 1/2"	2 1/2"	2 1/2"
R3	(114.3)	(114.3)	(63.5)	(63.5)	(63.5)	(88.9)	(63.5)	(63.5)
R4	6 1/2"	6 1/2"	3 1/2"	3 1/2"	3 1/2"	4 1/2"	3 1/2"	3 1/2"
R4	(165.1)	(165.1)	(88.9)	(88.9)	(88.9)	(114.3)	(88.9)	(88.9)

* H/D dimension applies to double deflection Type RD mountings only.

New design for Type R-4 and RD-4 neoprene mountings.





Deflection (in. (mm))

Type	Color Code	Max. Load (lb.)	Deflection (in. (mm))
R1	BLACK	35	0.25
R2	RED	45	0.50
R3	BLUE	125	0.75
R4	GREEN	240	1.00
RD1	RED	125	0.25
RD2	RED	240	0.50
RD3	RED	480	0.75
RD4	RED	960	1.00
RP1	RED	35	0.25
RP2	RED	45	0.50
RP3	RED	125	0.75
RP4	RED	240	1.00
RDP1	RED	125	0.25
RDP2	RED	240	0.50
RDP3	RED	480	0.75
RDP4	RED	960	1.00

NO BOLTING REQUIRED—
Type R or RD mountings are furnished with a tapped hole in the center. This enables the equipment to be bolted securely to the mounting.

NO BOLTING REQUIRED—
Type R or RD mountings may be used without bolting under conditions having no lateral or severe vertical motion.

NO BOLTING REQUIRED—
Type RP or RDP mountings have no tapped hole in the center. This allows them to be bolted to a threaded soft hole.

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DETAILS FOR EXAMPLE VIBRATION ISOLATORS

Supplier: Christie & Grey

Rubber Turret Mountings

Type RM



Type RM Rubber Turret mountings are designed to provide superior attenuation of medium to high frequency vibration and noise emanating from a wide range of motor driven machines particularly axial and centrifugal fans.

High resilience rubber with low dynamic to static stiffness ratio ensures maximum efficiency, good creep performance and long service life.

DESIGN FEATURES

- Moulded in first grade natural rubber with integral steel base and upper fixing boss.
- Manufactured in three sizes, each available in three rubber compounds identified by a colour spot.
- Static deflections of up to 8 mm with loads from 5 kg to 400 kg.
- Upper fixing screw supplied as standard with optional height adjusters also available.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

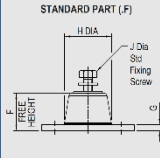
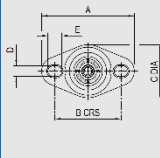
- Axial and Centrifugal Fans.
- Air Handling Units.
- Refrigeration Plant.
- Pumps.
- Rotary and Multi Cylinder Compressors.
- Floating Floors.
- Isolation of Sensitive Equipment.
- Test Rigs and Special Purpose Machines.

TYPE RM RUBBER TURRET MOUNTINGS

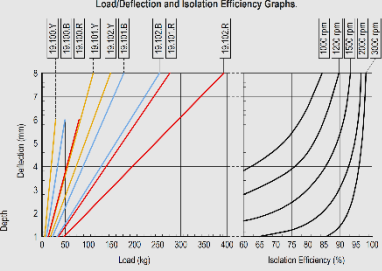
PART No.	COLOUR CODE	DEFLECTION AT (RA)TED LOAD (mm)	DIMENSIONS (mm)											WT. (kg)		
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L		P	
15.100.Y.F	YELLOW	26	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0.11
15.100.B.F	BLACK	30	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0.11
15.100.R.F	RED	80	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	0.11
15.121.Y.F	YELLOW	170	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0.25
15.121.B.F	BLACK	180	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0.25
15.121.R.F	RED	280	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0.25
15.122.Y.F	YELLOW	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	0.73
15.122.B.F	BLACK	200	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	0.73
15.122.R.F	RED	420	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	0.73

■ Above part number includes standard upper fixing screw size J, for height adjustable variant replace J with JHA.

■ Maximum height adjustment available is 10 mm with JHA variant.

Load/Deflection and Isolation Efficiency Graphs.



Isolation efficiency is based on dynamic rather than static stiffness for accurate calculation of system performance.

Application Notes:
Rubber Turret mountings should not be used on machines exhibiting high out of balance forces or mobile applications without locking devices or independent restraints.

For full installation instructions please refer to our data sheet DS010.
For more detailed information and technical assistance please contact our Technical Department.

In the interests of continual development, the Company reserves the right to make modifications to these details without notice.

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Supplier: Fibet Group







LIGHT DUTY MOUNTS
Type SEM

Low frequency elastomeric noise and vibration isolators for industrial equipment and machinery. The Fibet SEM range of mounts are normally used to insulate the transmission of noise and vibration in vertically applied loads. Their applications can include generators, blowers, pumps, road machines or any equipment that by design is unbalanced. They can also be used for isolating instrumentation in mobile, military or road and can accommodate loads between 1.5daN (approx. 1.5kg) to 170daN's (approx. 173kg) per Mount.



APPLICATIONS

- Measurement equipment • Instruments • Small machinery
- Engines • Pumps • Radiators

STANDARD PRODUCTION


Plates: DD12 or DD13 steel (UNI EN 10111)
Nuts: Resistance class 4 Screws: Resistance class 4.8
Natural rubber NR
Zinc plated in accordance with CE standards CHROME VI free, white
Stiffness tolerance +/- 20%


OPTIONS & ADDITIONAL PARTS


Alternative elastomeric hardness and compounds available

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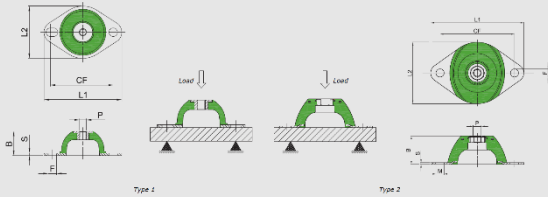
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LIGHT DUTY MOUNTS
Type SEM



Item	Hardness (PHZ)	S	L1	L2	P	CF	F(xM)	S	Average SPhmax (daN/mm)	Max Load (daN)	Max Deflec. (mm)	Type
SEM-6430W	45								1.5	4.5		
SEM-6420M	60	20	64	43	M8	50	7	2	3.0	9.0	3.0	1
SEM-6420H	70								5.5	16.5		
SEM-8525W	45								4.0	28.5		
SEM-8525M	60	25	88	59	M8	65	7.5	2.5	6.0	43.0	7.5	1
SEM-8525H	70								10.0	75.0		
SEM-85251W	45								4.0	28.5		
SEM-85251M	60	25	88	59	M10	65	7.5	2.5	6.0	43.0	7.5	1
SEM-85251H	70								12.0	75.0		
SEM-10027W	45								15.0	75.0		
SEM-10027M	60	27	100	70	M8	76	7	3	24.0	120.0	5.0	2
SEM-10027H	70								35.0	170.0		
SEM-100271W	45								15.0	75.0		
SEM-100271M	60	27	100	70	M8	76	10	3	24.0	120.0	5.0	2
SEM-100271H	70								35.0	170.0		
SEM-11435RW	45								7.0	40.0		
SEM-11435RM	60	35	115	76	M10	92	10	2	11.0	60.0	5.6	2
SEM-11435RH	70								24.0	125.0		

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