

Proposed Installation of Mechanical Plant

> 9 Harley Road, London, NW3 3BX

Environmental Noise Assessment

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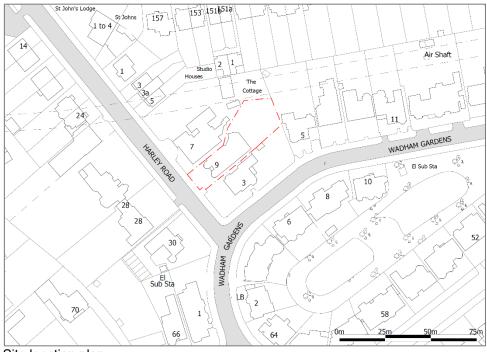
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Acoustics Plus Ltd (APL) is an independent firm of multi-disciplinary acoustic engineers. APL is engaged by both private and public sector clients. APL is a registered member of The Association of Noise Consultants (ANC) and the author is a corporate member of The Institute of Acoustics (IOA).
- 1.2 APL has been instructed by the Applicant's architect, SHH Architects, to consider and advise upon the noise implications of a proposed installation of mechanical plant.
- 1.3 The property will require the installation of a number of ventilation systems. The main items of plant will be located in a basement plant room which will also contain a number of water cooled condenser units.
- 1.4 It is understood the Local Planning Authority (LPA) require further information on noise levels from the proposed installation in order to fully assess the noise impact upon the surrounding neighbourhood. This report provides the response to the LPA, on behalf of the Applicant.

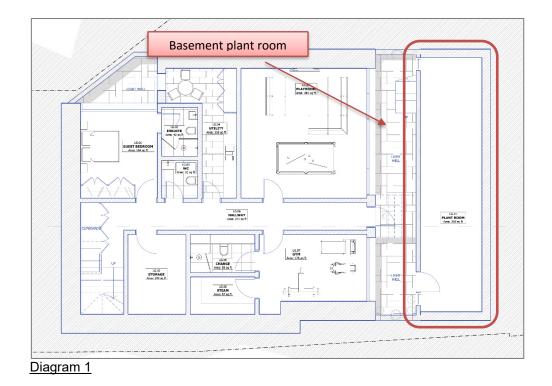
2. BASELINE SITUATION

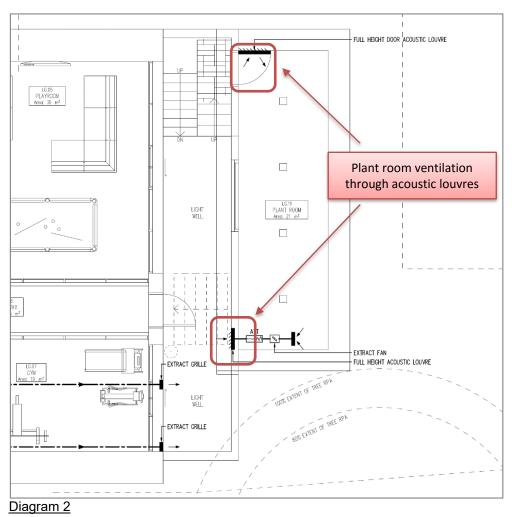
2.1 The Application Site (the "site") is situated at 9 Harley Road. The site and its surroundings can be seen in Figures 1 to 10. A site location plan is shown below.



Site location plan

- 2.2 It is understood that it is the intention to extensively refurbish the house on the site. It is proposed to submit a planning application to Camden Council outlining the proposals which will include some extensive structural alterations to the existing house and the provision of a subterranean level which will feature a playroom, gym, steam room, guest bedroom, utility room and plantroom.
- 2.3 The house will require the installation of a number of items of mechanical plant to provide heating/cooling and ventilation of habitable spaces as required. It is the intention to locate the required mechanical plant in a basement plant room.
- 2.4 The basement plant room will be naturally ventilated through acoustic louvres into a lightwell in the rear garden. Additional extract ventilation will be provided by a plant room vent fan. The location of the plant room is shown in Diagram 1 with the ventilation openings shown in Diagram 2 overleaf.
- 2.5 The nearest noise sensitive façades to the ground floor ventilation openings of the plant room will be the ground floor rear windows of No.7 Harley Road immediately adjacent to the site (see Figure 6 and 9) and the rear windows of 3 Wadham Gardens (see Figure 8).
- 2.6 The operational hours of the proposed mechanical plant for the property will be on a demand basis during residential use (at any time).
- 2.7 Information in regard of the main items of mechanical plant serving the house has been provided by ME7 Ltd (a copy of the data sheets are provided in Appendix A). The units are itemised below. The equipment schedule is indicative and will be formalised during the detailed design stage of the project.
 - (a) 2x PQRY P250 Mitsubishi WR2 @ 49dBA @ 1m
 - (b) 2x Broag Remeha Quinta PRO 65 @ 45dBA @ 1m
 - (c) Small circulators Grundfoss Magna 3D twin @ 43dBA @ 1m
 - (d) Water booster set twin pump 65dBA @ 1m
 - (e) 1x Plant vent fans (S&E) Acoustic Minibox200 40dBA @ 1m
- 2.8 The house will also include small localised domestic extract ventilation systems for bathrooms and en-suites. These will not be considered in detail but will include atmosphere attenuators on each duct run.





3. NOISE OUTLINE

- 3.1 In order to produce an environmental noise assessment, consideration must be given to the prevailing background noise in the locality of the installation.
- 3.2 Measurements of background noise were obtained over a 24 hour period at a location deemed representative of background noise levels experienced at the nearest noise sensitive façade.
- 3.3 The measurements obtained during the exercise were undertaken in the rear garden of 9 Harley Road. The main source of ambient noise was traffic noise along Harley Road and Wadham Gardens. The ambient noise climate throughout the day and night period was considered to be particularly low for an urban area.
- 3.4 The particulars of the measurement exercise are recorded below:

Date:	1 st – 2 nd July 2015
Start Time:	12:00 hrs
Location:	rear garden, 9 Harley Road, London, NW3

Weather conditions

Date	Wind speed/direction	Precipitation	Temp
01/07/15	12 km/h W	0mm	24 ºC
02/07/15	14 km/h W	2mm	22 ºC

- 3.1 The weather conditions were considered appropriate to monitor environmental noise. The weather conditions were obtained from <u>www.wunderground.com</u>
- 3.2 The measurements carried out during the exercise are recorded below:

 L_{90} percentile level (dB re 20µPa) at 15 minute intervals

- 3.3 The measurements obtained during the exercise are presented in Appendix B.
- 3.4 Minimum background and average noise levels are shown in Table 1 below:

WHO period	Lowest L _{A90,15min}	Average L _{Aeq,T}
07:00-19:00hrs	43	51
19:00-23:00hrs	38	46
23:00-07:00hrs	34	45

<u>Table 1</u>

4. DESIGN CRITERIA

4.1 Information regarding the noise levels not to be exceeded by the installation was extracted from the LPA (London Borough of Camden) Local Development Framework 2010-2025 Section DP28 Noise and Vibration:

Table E: Noise levels from plant and machinery at which planning permission will not
be granted

Noise description and location of measurement	Period	Time	Noise level
Noise at 1m external to a sensitive façade	Day, evening and night	0000-2400	5dB(A) <la90< td=""></la90<>
Noise that has a distinguishable discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) at 1m external to a sensitive façade	Day, evening and night	0000-2400	10dB(A) <la90< td=""></la90<>
Noise that has distinct impulses (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps) at 1m external to a sensitive façade	Day, evening and night	0000-2400	10dB(A) <la90< td=""></la90<>
Noise at 1m external to a sensitive façade where LA90>60dB	Day, evening and night	0000-2400	55dB(A) L _{Aeq}

4.2 It is not expected that the proposed plant will generate distinguishable discrete continuous notes although may be impulsive. As the proposed plant will be utilised for residential use, the anticipated operational hours are at any time. The plant noise emission criteria that should not be exceeded is therefore based on 10dB(A)<LA90 and is shown in Table 2.

Daytime	Evening	Night
(07:00-19:00hrs)	(19:00-23:00hrs)	(23:00-07:00hrs)
L _{Aeq} 33dB	L _{Aeq} 28dB	L _{Aeq} 24dB

Table 2

5. EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 All measurements were obtained using the following equipment:
 - Norsonic Class 1 Sound Level Meter Type NOR140 Serial No. 1403466
 - Rion Calibrator Type NC-74 Class 1 Serial No. 00410215
- 5.2 The relevant equipment carries full and current traceable calibration. The equipment, where necessary, was calibrated prior to and after the measurements were carried out.

6. CALCULATIONS

- 6.1 A prediction exercise was undertaken. The calculation exercise utilised information provided by equipment manufacturers (copy of the data sheets are provided in Appendix A).
- 6.2 The noise impact from the noise egress of mechanical plant located within the basement plant room was considered. The following impacts were considered:
 - (a) Noise Impact A noise egress of extract fan through ductwork
 - (b) Noise Impact B noise egress of plant through extract duct
 - (c) Noise Impact C noise egress of plant through acoustic louvres

Noise Impact A

- 6.3 Consideration was given to the noise produced by the plantroom extract fan and its egress through the ductwork system. Throughout the calculation exercise, guidance and formula were extracted from the publication *"Noise Control in Building Services" (published by SRL)*.
- 6.4 The ductwork system attenuation was calculated by considering the attenuation of sound energy produced by each component of the ductwork system. The predicted level at the nearest noise sensitive façade was calculated by also considering distance attenuation from the location of the louvre to the nearest noise sensitive façade and building edge diffraction.
- 6.5 The calculation exercise provided the following results. A full set of calculations is shown in Appendix C.

Plantroom LG.11		Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)							
Extract fan	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	dBA
Noise from extract fan	23	28	25	8	0	0	7	5	19

<u>Table 3</u>

Noise Impact B

- 6.1 Consideration was also given to the reverberant sound level within the plantroom endeavouring to enter the plant room extract grilles and then propagation through the duct work system. This was then added to the noise level from the plant room vent fan that was also propagated through the ductwork system.
- 6.2 The sound power level entering the grilles is given by:

	L_w (total) = L_w (reverberant) + L_w (direct) dB
Where:	L_w (reverberant) = L_p (reverberant) + 10Log ₁₀ A-6 dB
And:	L_w (direct) = L_p (direct) + 10Log ₁₀ A dB

6.3 The calculation exercise provided the following results. A full set of calculations is shown in Appendix C.

Plantroom I C 11	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)							dDA	
Plantroom LG.11	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	dBA
Noise through duct	18	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	8
Noise from extract fan	23	28	25	8	0	0	7	5	19
TOTAL at neighbour	24	28	25	9	3	3	8	6	19

Table 4

Noise Impact C

6.4 In considering the propagation of noise from the plant room, consideration was given to attenuation through the louvred openings to the garden lightwell and propagation to the nearest noise sensitive window. The following formulas were utilised:

$$L_p = L_w + 10\log_{10}T - 10\log_{10}V + 14$$

Where L_p is the reverberant sound pressure level in the plantroom L_w is the sound power level of the basement plant equipment *T* is the plantroom reverberation time, s *V* is the plantroom volume, m^3

$$L_{p_2} = L_{p_1} - R - 6$$

Where

 L_{p_2} is the sound pressure level close to the louvre on the outside L_{p_1} is the reverberant sound pressure level in the plantroom R is the sound reduction index of the acoustic louvre

- 6.5 The calculation exercise provided the following results. In order to meet the LPA requirements, a plantroom wall lining panel (datasheet in Appendix A) has been used to minimise the reverberation within the plant room.
- 6.6 The total attenuation was calculated by considering distance attenuation from the location of the louvre to the nearest noise sensitive façade.
- 6.7 The sound reduction index of the acoustic louvre was extracted from manufacturer's data as follows:

Louvre type	Transmission Loss Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)								
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	
Gilbert Series 15	-4	-4	-6	-9	-12	-17	-11	-10	
Table 5									

6.8 The calculation exercise can be shown as follows:

All plant room aquinment	Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz)									
All plant room equipment	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	dBA	
Mitsubishi PQRY-P250	65	53	51	44	36	34	33	35	47	
2No. PQRY-P250	68	56	54	47	39	37	36	38	50	
Groundfos Magna 3D	61	49	47	40	32	30	29	31	43	
Water booster set	72	60	58	51	43	42	40	42	55	
Plant vent fan	58	46	44	37	29	27	26	28	40	
TOTAL plant room noise	74	62	60	53	45	43	42	44	56	
TOTAL plant room noise L _w	85	73	71	64	56	54	53	55	67	
Reverberant level in LG.11	78	67	65	58	50	48	47	49	61	
R _w acoustic louvre	-4	-4	-6	-9	-12	-17	-11	-10		
Building edge diffraction	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5	-5		
Distance attenuation	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22		
Level at façade	42	30	26	16	5	0	3	6	22	

Table 6

- 6.9 For the purposes of the calculations shown in Table 6, it has been assumed that the Water Booster sets will be contained within proprietary enclosures affording 10dB attenuation.
- 6.10 In order to comply with the requirements of the LPA, any noise from the proposed installation of the mechanical plant should not exceed a level of 24 dBA (10dB below the lowest measured background noise over the operational hours of the plant).
- 6.11 The lowest measured background noise was LA90,15min 34dB that occurred during the period between 02:00 and 02:15hrs on 2nd July 2015.
- 6.12 The combined calculated noise impact is 24dBA. The calculation demonstrates that the noise egress meets the LPA criteria.

7. CONCLUSION AND MITIGATION MEASURES

- 7.1 The foregoing assessment indicates that the proposed installation of mechanical plant will meet the requirements imposed by the LPA as set out in their Local Development Framework 2010-2025 Section DP28 Noise and Vibration. Further mitigation measures other than those detailed in this design report will not be required.
- 7.2 In order to meet the requirements the following mitigation measures will need to be incorporated:
 - (a) The plant room walls will be lined with a plant room wall lining system (such as CMS plant room wall liners) to ensure the noise within the plant room is not increased due to reverberant sound.
 - (b) The plant room extract fan features in line attenuation on atmosphere exhaust ducts.
 - (c) The water booster set is located within an acoustic enclosure.
 - (d) Acoustic louvres located in the garden lightwell openings are based on Gilberts Series 15 louvres.
- 7.3 Where alternative manufacturers of plant and attenuation are used, the data should be checked to ensure it meets the relevant requirements.
- 7.4 It is recommended that all plant and machinery is mounted on anti-vibration mounts to minimise the transmission of structure borne sound.

Figures

9 Harley Road, London, NW3



Figure 1



Figure 3



Figure 5



Figure 7



Figure 2



Figure 4



Figure 6



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

Appendix A

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- 100mm 315mm diameter spigot sizes
- Volume flow up to 0.42m³/s
- Static pressures up to 710 Pa
- · Low profile unit, robust construction
- · Easy installation, suitable for wall or ceiling mounting

Introduction

Often modern building designs restrict the space available to install ventilation equipment. In these situations the size of the ductwork is limited and often the fan itself has to be mounted in ceiling voids close to the building occupants. These restrictions mean that fans need to be compact, reliable and quiet in operation.

The Fläkt Woods MiniBox units have been specifically designed to meet these requirements . The MiniBox offers an extremely compact single fan unit suitable for installation in the most confined situations.

Sizes

Mini 100, Mini 125, Mini 150, Mini 200, Mini 250, Mini 300, Mini 315.

Construction

Casings are manufactured from pre-galvanised sheet steel and are carefully designed to provide a strong and rigid casing. MiniBox units are provided with pre-formed circular inlet and outlet spigots and are unlined. An integral fixing bracket with key hole slots is provided offering easy installation.

Motors

The motor is mounted within the centrifugal impeller to form a compact unit, powered by a single phase 220-240V, 50Hz motor, giving silent and virtually vibration free running, operating at temperatures of up to a maximum of between 55°C and 75°C (depending on model). All motors are manufactured in accordance with BS5000 and incor porate thermal overload protection, they are maintenance free, with sealed for life bearings offering an expected life L10 of 40000 hours.

 Models 100mm to 150mm with forward curved and 200mm to 315mm with bac kward curved impellers

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- Operation up to 75°C (depending on model)
- Integral capacitor, fitted in side T/box

Electrical Supply

220 - 240V / 50Hz / 1 o

Wiring/Controls

All units are fully speed controllable using Fläkt Woods standard speed controllers. MiniBox and units are fitted with a surface mounted Terminal box.

Servicing

The fan assembly can be easily removed from the casing for cleaning and maintenance purposes, with the swing access.

Express Web

oods.com/ex

Accessories

Speed controllers, Changeover panels and run on timers, Electric heater batteries, Panel filter cassettes, non return dampers, silencers, flexible connectors and solid duct fasteners. For a full range please see pages 100-101.

Mounting

Suitable for both horizontal and vertical mounting.

Application Guide

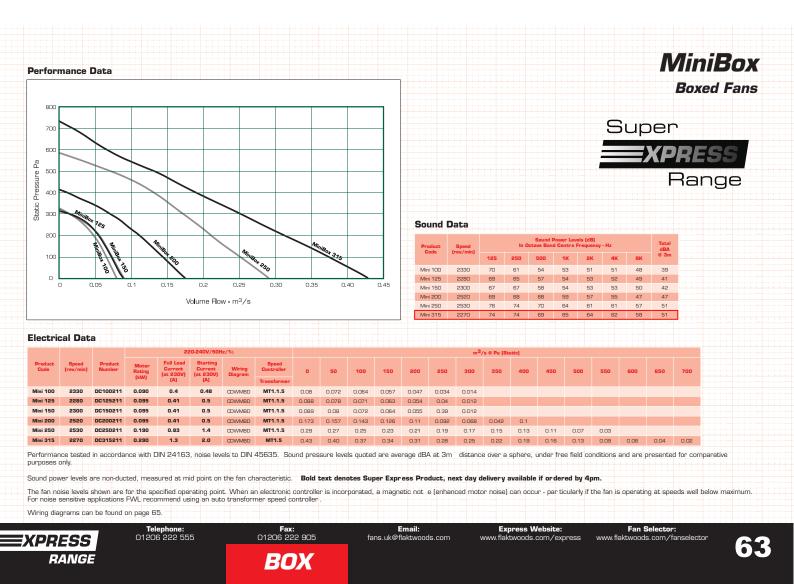


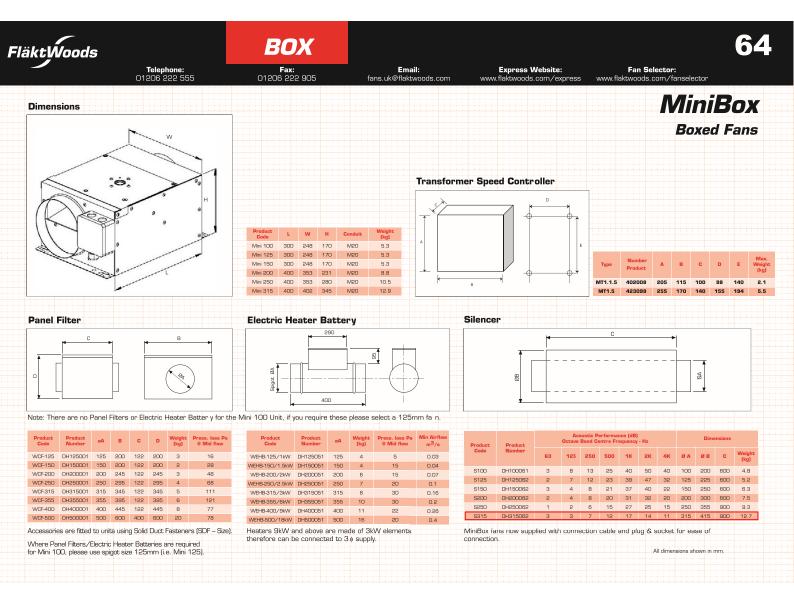


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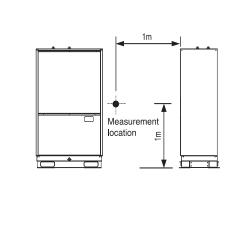
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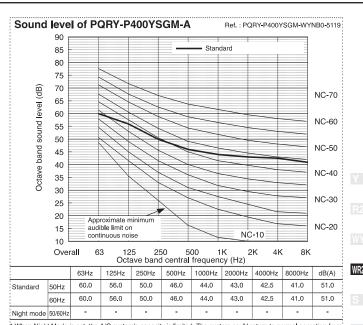
Fan Selector: flaktwoods.com/fanselector





3. SOUND LEVELS





. When Night Mode is set, the A/C system's capacity is limited. The system could return to normal operation from Night Mode automatically in the case that the operation condition is severe.

Sound level of PQRY-P500YSGM-A

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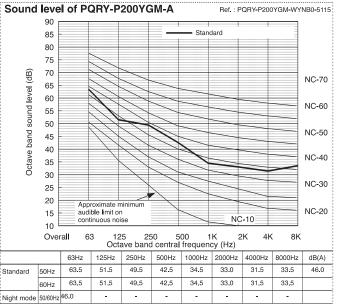
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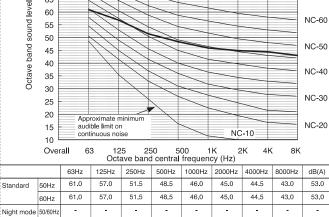
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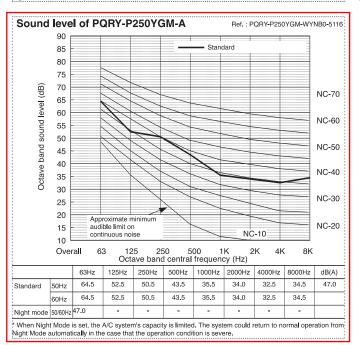
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Ref. : PQRY-P500YSGM-WYNB0-5120

NC-70

NC-60

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Standard

SERIES 15,27 & 30

Accoustic Weather Louvres

Introduction

Gilberts acoustic weather louvre ranges interface directly with the exterior fabric of a building in either steelwork frames and cladding or brickwork.

Primarily utilised where a combination of good weathering protection and accurate noise emission control are required, the louvre can be manufactured to accommodate the various dimensional and aesthetic requirements a project may

Construction

Standard construction comprises of outer casings of not less than 1.2mm galvanised mild steel with outer faces at the top and bottom support sections not less than 0.7mm. Inner absorptive faces will not be less than 0.7mm galvanised perforated mild steel sheet.

Materials and finishes available include stainless steel, anodised aluminium and aluminium with a polyester powder

demand. With size ranges from 300 x 300 to 1500-2000 in single assemblies, larger formats can be accommodated by the use of a modular approach to assist on site handling and installation. The louvre is available with a channel frame housing for side or rear fixing and 50mm flange for front face fixing.

or synthapulvin paint finish to the BS/RAL colour range. The mineral wool acoustic infill is organic, flame, moisture and vermin proof with a minimum density of 48 Kg/m3. It is packed under compression to prevent voids due to settlement. Bird guards or insect screens can be fitted if required.

Performance	Octave bands										
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	Hz	
Data	Series 15 Transmission Loss	4	4	6	9	12	17	11	10	dB	
	Series 27 Transmission Loss	6	7	10	13	17	19	13	11	dB	
	Series 30 Transmission Loss	6	6	9	14	21	29	27	27	dB	

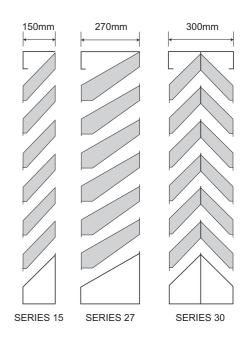
Performance test in accordance with BS 2750:1980

Loss

This is the acoustic performance (dB) of an acoustic louvre Transmission to BS 2750:1980 and is defined as the ratio, in decibels, of acoustic energy transmitted through the louvre sample to that which is incident upon it. Also expressed as Sound Reduction Index SRI.

> The aerodynamic performance of single acoustic louvres is as follows:-

Face Velocity (m/s)	Series 15 (N/m²)(Pa)	Series 27 (N/m²)(Pa)	Series 30 (N/m²)(Pa)
1.0	10	10	20
1.5	15	17	27
2.0	20	24	34
2.5	28	35	45
3.0	40	50	56
Weight per m ² (kg)	30	55	60

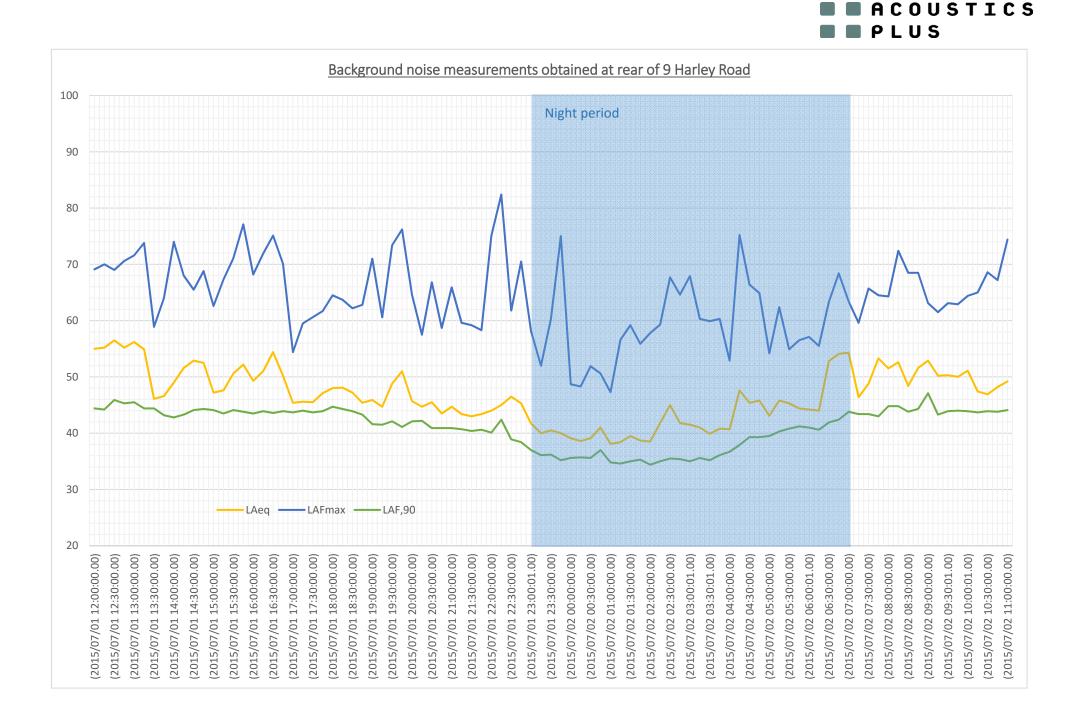




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Appendix B



Appendix C



CONTRACT TITLE:9 Harley Road, London, NW3SOUND SOURCE:Plant room LG.11 Equipment through extract ductMAKE & TYPE:n/a

						00	TAVE BA	ND CENT	RE FREQ	UENCY (Hz)		
VERALL LV	w	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	dBA			
1													
2				UNIT Lw	68	60	59	54	49	48	46	43	57
3													
4													
5	LENGTH (m)	C or R	x (mm)	x (mm)									
6	2.00	С	200-400		0.14	0.20	0.20	0.32	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	
7	0.50	С	200-400		0.04	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	
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35	B	Building edge	e diffraction		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
36			es 15 louvre		4	4	6	9	12	17	11	10	
37													
38	END REFLECTION	ON SIZE (mn	n)										
39	500mm					5	2	1	0	0	0	0	
40													
41			Lw LEAV	ING SYSTEM	41	38	33	14	2	2	10	10	27
42	Room Volume	(m ³)		10000	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	
43	Mid-Frequency			0.5	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	
44		12	9	4	-15	-27	-27	-19	-19	-2			
45	REVERBERANT SPL Distance to Listener 8					-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	
46	Directivity (flush/corner) 0.04					4	5	6	7	8	9	9	
47	-7 (112	/		DIRECT SPL	4 16	13	9	-9	-20	-19	-10	-10	3
48			RESULTAN	T TOTAL SPL	18	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	8
-	NR DESIGN CR			20	51	39	31	24	20	17	14	13	
49												12	



CONTRACT TITLE:	9 Harley Road, London, NW3
SOUND SOURCE:	Plant roomLG.11 extract fan
MAKE & TYPE:	MiniBox 315

						00	TAVE BA	ND CENT	RE FREQ	UENCY (Hz)		
VERALL Lv	v				63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k	dBA
1													
2				UNIT Lw	74	74	74	69	65	64	62	58	72
3													
4													
5	LENGTH (m)	C or R	x (mm)	x (mm)									
6	2.00	С	200-400		0.14	0.20	0.20	0.32	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	
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41		. 3.	Lw LEAV	ING SYSTEM	47	52	48	30	18	18	26	24	41
42	Room Volume			10000	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	-26	
43	Mid-Frequenc	y RT (s)		0.5	-3 18	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	
44	REVERBERANT SPL					23	19	1	-11	-11	-3	-5	12
45	Distance to Listener 8					-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	-29	
46	Directivity (flu	sh/corner)		0.04	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	. –
47				DIRECT SPL	22	27	24	7	-4	-3	6	4	17
48		TEDICI	RESULTAN	T TOTAL SPL	23	28	25	8	0	0	7	5	19
49	NR DESIGN CR			20	51	39	31	24	20	17	14	13	
50	Additional Att	enuation Re	quired		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	