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## Acoustic Consultancy Report

# Environmental Noise Survey Results and Noise Impact Assessment for Proposed Fixed Plant

Client: Adonis Restaurants Limited

Project: 335, Kentish Town Road  
London  
NW5 2TJ

Our Ref: 11639

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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 Acoustic Consultancy Partnership Ltd were appointed to undertake an environmental noise survey and carry out a noise impact assessment for the proposed fixed plant at 335 Kentish Town Road, London.
- 1.2 This report provides the results of our environmental noise surveys and establishes the cumulative noise levels for the proposed plant in accordance with the requirements of the London Borough of Camden.
- 1.3 The predicted noise levels for the proposed plant have been established based on the latest plant selections and noise data provided to us. A plant noise assessment has been included within this report detailing the resultant noise levels at the nearest affected noise sensitive property.
- 1.4 This report provides a noise assessment and mitigation proposals that will achieve the requirements of the London Borough of Camden at 1metre from the façade of the nearest affected noise sensitive property.

## **2.0 Environmental Noise Survey Measurement Procedure**

- 2.1 The environmental noise survey adopted the procedure and methodology stated within BS4142:2014. This report has been prepared to provide the existing ambient and background noise levels covering the periods of operation of the proposed plant at the rear of the premises.

## **3.0 Site Description and Nearest Noise Sensitive Buildings**

- 3.1 The premises would occupy the ground floor area within a parade of retail, commercial and food/drink premises fronting the west side of Kentish Town Road. The rear of the premises does have a locked, gated access from York Mews.
- 3.2 The proposed air conditioning and refrigeration condensers will be located on the rear ground floor roof of the premises. The kitchen supply, kitchen extract, toilet extract and basement extract fans would be located internal to the building. The intake for the kitchen supply system and discharges for the kitchen, toilet and basement extracts would be located on the rear flat roof. The nearest residential to the plant intake and discharges will be the rear façade of the three storey building above the proposed premises. The rear windows of the residential will have line of site to the proposed fixed plant on the ground floor flat roof, together with the intake and discharges from the internal plant, at a distance of 9m.



3.3 Full details of the individual plant items, operating periods and plant locations relative to the receptor position are given in sections 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0.

#### 4.0 Receptor Position

4.1 Based on our comments given in section 3.2 above, we have adopted one receptor position as the nearest noise sensitive property to the proposed plant locations.

RPA Second and third floor habitable rear windows above the proposed premises.

4.2 The preliminary distance and sight line to the proposed plant items are given in Table 1 below.

Plant	Plant	Distance to RPA	Sight Line
CR1	Refrigeration Condenser No 1	9m	Line of sight
CR2	Refrigeration Condenser No 2		
CU1	A/C Condenser No 1		
CU2	A/C Condenser No 2		
CU3	A/C Condenser No 3		
EF1	Kitchen Extract Discharge	9m	Line of sight at 180 degrees
SF1	Kitchen Supply Intake		
EF1	Kitchen Extract Discharge		
EF2	Toilet Extract Discharge		
EF3	Basement Extract Discharge		

**Table 1 – Distance and Sight Lines**

#### 5.0 Plant Information

5.1 The plant models and location are given below.

Plant	Plant Item	Sound Pressure Level, dBA
CR1	Freezer Unit-Duet JEH2-0175	35 dBA at 10m
CR2	Chiller Unit-Duet JEHR-0050	30 dBA at 10m

**Table 2 – Refrigeration Plant Sound Pressure Levels at 10m**

Plant	Plant Item	Sound Pressure Level, dB at 1m							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
CU1	Toshiba RAVGM1404ATP-E condenser	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33
CU2	Toshiba RAVGM1404ATP-E condenser	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33
CU3	Toshiba RAVGM1404ATP-E condenser	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33

**Table 3 – A/C Plant Sound Pressure Levels at 1m**

5.2 The above manufacturers noise data for units CR1, CR2, CU1, CU2 and CU3 are measured under free field conditions over a reflecting plane. These units will be located on the flat roof at first floor level.



Unit No	Plant Item	Sound Power Level, dB							
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
SF1	SEL355/2 Kitchen Supply	-	47	64	70	75	74	71	64
EF1	SEL355/2 Kitchen Extract	-	54	70	76	80	77	72	64
EF2	HIT125 Toilet Extract	73	65	63	55	49	42	34	25
EF3	HIT125 Basement Extract	73	65	63	55	49	42	34	25

**Table 4 – Plant Sound Power Levels**

5.3 The Kitchen Supply, Kitchen Extract, Toilet Extract and Basement Extract fans would be located internal to the premises.

**6.0 Plant Operating Periods**

6.1 We have been advised the proposed operating hours of the premises will be 09.00-midnight.

6.2 We have allowed for the HVAC plant to operate for the proposed trading hours. The refrigeration plant, items CR1 and CR2 serving the Freezer and Chiller coldrooms, will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week upon demand.

**7.0 Environmental Noise Survey Monitoring Position**

7.1 There was no access to the roof at the rear of the proposed premises due to a locked, gated, rear access from York Mews. We were, however, able to locate the meter on the edge of the flat roof adjacent to York Mews. The monitoring position is confirmed on the site plan in Appendix 2.

**8.0 Monitoring Equipment**

8.1 The noise monitoring equipment comprised of a Svantek 957 type 1 real time analyser, serial number 21434, with a weatherproof microphone protection system. The microphone was mounted on a tripod with an extension pole so that it was 1.5m above the roof level. A weatherproof windshield and bird spike were used.

8.2 The meter calibration was verified before and after the measurement period by a Svantek SV31 acoustic calibrator, serial number 24687. Any deviation was within an acceptable tolerance.

8.3 The meter and calibrator have current calibration certificates available upon request.



## 9.0 Noise Monitoring Period and Survey Weather Conditions

- 9.1 The survey was carried out between 22.45 to midnight and 02.00-03.00 hours on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- 9.2 The weather during the survey was dry and still with variable cloud cover. The temperature was steady at 19°C.
- 9.3 The weather was acceptable for environmental noise monitoring.

## 10.0 Noise Measurement Parameters

- 10.1 The survey established the prevailing  $L_{AFmax}$ ,  $L_{Aeq,T}$ ,  $L_{A10,T}$ , and  $L_{A90,T}$  noise levels, measured using F time weighting, with a 15 minute reference time period.

## 11.0 Monitoring Observations and Results

- 11.1 We consider the survey results to be representative of the typical background and ambient noise levels affecting the nearest noise sensitive property as detailed in Section 4.0.
- 11.2 During the evening survey existing plant noise was audible but the location was not able to be identified. There were occasional car movements on Regis Road and very frequent train movements. No car movements on Kentish Town Road were audible. At night there were infrequent car movements on Regis Road and two HGV movements. There were two train movements.
- 11.3 The results of the survey are provided in Appendix 1 and the lowest measured background noise levels for the operating periods of the plant are summarised below.

All plant (trading hours up to midnight)	45dB $L_{A90,15min}$
Plant CR1 and CR2 (continuous operation)	41dB $L_{A90,15min}$



**12.0 Local Authority Criteria for Proposed Plant**

12.1 We note that the London Borough of Camden do provide plant external noise requirements as follows.

*“Noise levels at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 10dB(A) less than the existing background measurement (LA90), expressed in dB(A) when all plant/equipment (or any part of it) is in operation unless the plant/equipment hereby permitted will have a noise that has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, thumps), then the noise levels from that piece of plant/equipment at any sensitive façade shall be at least 15dB(A) below the LA90, expressed in db(A)”*

12.2 Based on the requirements given above, and the results of our environmental noise survey given in Appendix 1, the plant noise criteria to be achieved at 1m from the façade of the nearest noise sensitive property, as detailed in Section 4.0 of this report, would be:

All plant (trading hours up to midnight)	35dB LA90,15min
Plant CR1 and CR2 (continuous operation)	31dB LA90,15min

12.3 Achievement of these external criteria would ensure compliance with the requirements of the London Borough of Camden.

**13.0 Predicted Plant Noise Levels**

13.1 The predicted **un-attenuated** cumulative free field plant noise levels are given below.

Receptor Position	Plant Operating Period	Predicted Total Plant Noise Level LAeq(15min) dB	Target Plant Noise Level LAeq(15min) dB
RPA	Up to midnight	55	35
	Continuous	43	31

**Table 5 – Cumulative Plant Noise Levels at Receptor Position**

**14.0 Mitigation**

14.1 It can be seen from the table above, the predicted un-attenuated cumulative plant noise levels will exceed the requirements of the London Borough of Camden at the receptor position.

14.2 To achieve the design criteria, it will be necessary to provide mitigation measures to the following plant items.



14.3 Our proposed mitigation measures are as detailed below:

- a) In duct attenuators on the atmosphere side of the systems detailed in Table 6. The minimum attenuation performances figures are detailed below:

Plant	Minimum Required Insertion Loss, dB							
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
SF1-Kitchen Supply SEL355/2	7	10	20	41	41	31	20	15
EF1-Kitchen Extract SEL355/2	10	14	27	55	55	44	26	19
EF2-Toilet Extract HIT125	7	10	20	41	41	31	20	15
EF3-Basement Extract HIT125	7	10	20	41	41	31	20	15

**Table 6– Fan Minimum Attenuator Insertion Loss Requirements**

- b) The A/C condensers (CU1, CU2 and CU3) need to be installed within a four-sided acoustic louvre housing complete with 16g solid steel top.

The internal face of the solid enclosure roof is to be lined with 75mm thick acoustic lining comprising 75mm thick 45kg/m<sup>3</sup> rockwall slab infill material with fibreglass tissue facing retained by 0.8mm thick 35% free area expanded metal. The infill is to be inert, non-hygroscopic, rot proof, vermin proof and have Class 1 fire rating.

The rockwall slab minimum coefficient of absorption is to be as detailed below

63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k Hz
0.17	0.54	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.84

The acoustic louvres for the A/C Condenser housing are to be 304mm deep and manufactured by Gilberts (Blackpool) Ltd type ALDH/30 or similar product of equal specification and acoustic performance. The minimum sound reduction index (SRI) of the louvres are as follows.

Plant	Minimum SRI, dB							
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
Acoustic Louvre enclosure	7	7	13	15	22	29	26	27

- c) The refrigeration condensers (CR1 and CR2) need to be installed within a four-sided acoustic louvre housing complete with 16g solid steel top.

The internal face of the solid enclosure roof is to be lined with 75mm thick acoustic lining comprising 75mm thick 45kg/m<sup>3</sup> rockwall slab infill material with fibreglass tissue facing retained by 0.8mm thick 35% free area expanded metal. The infill is to be inert, non-hygroscopic, rot proof, vermin proof and have Class 1 fire rating.



The rockwall slab minimum coefficient of absorption is to be as detailed below

<b>63</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1k</b>	<b>2k</b>	<b>4k</b>	<b>8k Hz</b>
0.17	0.54	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.84

The acoustic louvres for the refrigeration condenser housing are to be 152mm deep and manufactured by Gilberts (Blackpool) Ltd type ALSH/15 or similar product of equal specification and acoustic performance. The minimum sound reduction index (SRI) of the louvres are as follows.

Plant	Minimum SRI, dB							
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
Acoustic Louvre enclosure	6	6	8	10	14	18	15	15

- d) Consideration should be given to externally lagging the internally mounted kitchen extract fan and kitchen supply fan casings and associated ductwork up to and including the attenuators with one layer of Allaway Transmat Acoustic Damping sheet beneath one layer of Transhield acoustic insulation with staggered/overlapped joints.

- 14.4 The predicted **attenuated** cumulative plant noise levels, allowing for the mitigation measures detailed in Section 14.3 above, are given below and the calculations shown in Appendix 3.

Receptor Position	Plant Operating Period	Predicted Total Plant Noise Level $L_{AeqT}$ dB	Target Plant Noise Level $L_{AeqT}$ dB
RPA	Up to midnight	35	35
	Continuous	29	31

**Table 7 – Cumulative Plant Noise Levels at Receptor Position**

## 15.0 Vibration

- 15.1 As the ground floor premises are structurally connected to the flats above, it is necessary to provide suitable vibration isolation to the Kitchen Extract and Supply fans associated with this development and any supports located between the fans and the flexible connections.
- 15.2 The Kitchen Supply (SF1) and Kitchen Extract (EF1) fans are to be suitably vibration isolated using proprietary mountings. The mounting systems are to provide a static deflection suitable to achieve a minimum 98% isolation efficiency at the fans running speed.
- 15.3 The supports for the vertical kitchen extract ductwork are to incorporate rubber turret mountings so that the ductwork is de-coupled from the support framework.



15.4 The Refrigeration and A/C condensers at ground floor roof level are to be supported on small rubber turret mountings with all pipework isolated from the building structure and where associated pipework passes through the enclosures and the adjacent building structure the openings are to be sleeved and backfilled with non- hardening mastic to prevent the pipework coming into contact with the structure.

## **16.0 Conclusions**

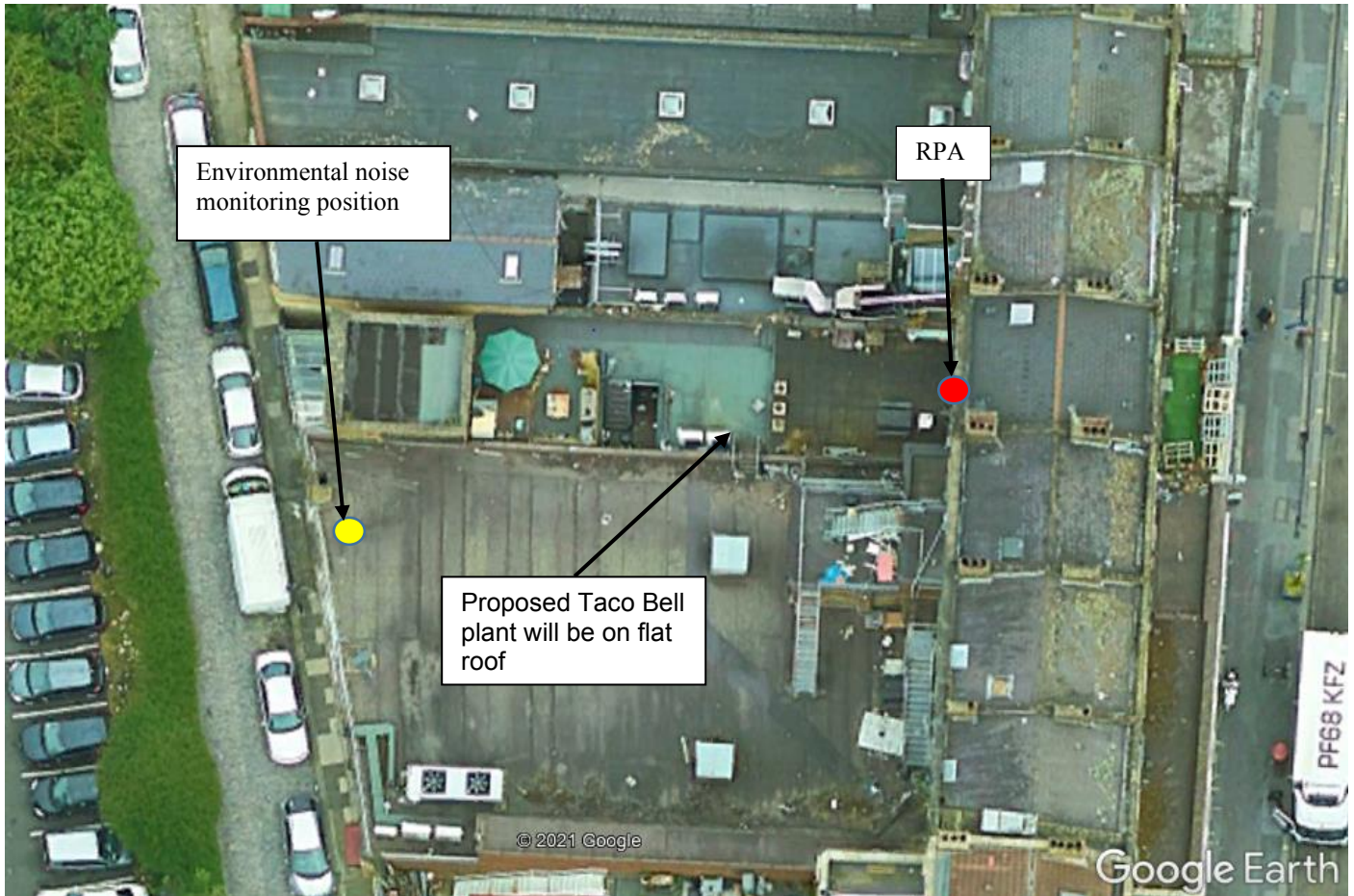
16.1 Providing the mitigation measures detailed in section 14.0 are implemented in full, the requirements of London Borough of Camden would be achieved.



### Appendix 1 – Survey Results

Time			Measured Sound Pressure Level, dB			
			L <sub>Fmax</sub>	L <sub>Aeq,T</sub>	L <sub>A10,T</sub>	L <sub>A90,T</sub>
22.45	to	23.00	72.6	53.3	56.2	45.3
23.00	to	23.15	65.0	49.7	52.2	44.6
23.15	to	23.30	67.9	50.1	51.0	46.0
23.30	to	23.45	71.0	51.4	53.2	46.3
23.45	to	00.00	63.2	49.3	51.6	45.7
02.00	to	02.15	64.7	46.1	46.2	42.1
02.15	to	02.30	63.4	44.7	44.6	41.1
02.30	to	02.45	74.6	49.2	47.6	41.3
02.45	to	03.00	58.5	44.8	46.5	41.8

## Appendix 2 – Site Plan





### Appendix 3 – Plant Noise Level Calculations – RPA

Plant Calcs for Octave Band Sound Pressure Level											
Project: Taco Bell - 335 Kentish Town Road (ATTENUATED)											
Date: 19.07.2021											
Section Total, dBA											
Day	32.6			Night	-113.0						
ALL PLANT TOTAL											
Day	34.9			Night	29.1						
RPA											
CU1 - A/C Condenser										Day "y"	Night "y"
Lp at 1m, Q=2	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33			
A weight	-26	-16	-8.6	-3.2		1.2	1	-1.1			
Directivity Q=	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Barrier (enter as +ve)	a										
Distance correction m	9	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	-7.0	-7.0	-13.0	-15.0	-22.0	-29.0	-26.0	-27.0			
Resultant dBA	12	23	22	23	15	5	2	-8			
Overall dBA	27.8										
602.1456223	14.9	192	171	188	31.2	3.26	1.56	0.15	602.1		
RPA											
CU2 - A/C Condenser										Day	Night
Lp at 1m, Q=2	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33			
A weight	-26	-16	-8.6	-3.2		1.2	1	-1.1			
Directivity Q=	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Barrier (enter as +ve)	a										
Distance correction m	9	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	-7.0	-7.0	-13.0	-15.0	-22.0	-29.0	-26.0	-27.0			
Resultant dBA	12	23	22	23	15	5	2	-8			
Overall dBA	27.8										
602.1456223	14.9	192	171	188	31.2	3.26	1.56	0.15	602.1		
RPA											
CU3 - A/C Condenser										Day	Night
Lp at 1m, Q=2	58	59	57	54	50	46	40	33			
A weight	-26	-16	-8.6	-3.2		1.2	1	-1.1			
Directivity Q=	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			
Barrier (enter as +ve)	a										
Distance correction m	9	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1	-19.1			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0			
Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	-7.0	-7.0	-13.0	-15.0	-22.0	-29.0	-26.0	-27.0			
Resultant dBA	12	23	22	23	15	5	2	-8			
Overall dBA	27.8										
602.1456223	14.9	192	171	188	31.2	3.26	1.56	0.15	602.1		
RPA											

Plant Calcs for Broadband Sound Pressure Level												
Project: Taco Bell - 335 Kentish Town Road (ATTENUATED)												
Date: 19.07.2021												
Section Total, dBA												
Day	29.1			Night	29.1							
ALL PLANT TOTAL												
Day	34.9			Night	29.1							
RPA												
Item	Lp, Q=2	Data Distance	Assessment Distance	Barrier Attenuation (enter +ve)	Directivity Q=	Night Reduction (enter +ve)	Other Correction (+ve or -ve)	Resultant Day dBA	Day "y"	Night "y"		
CR1	35	10	9	0.915	14	4	3	27.9	y	y	##	##
CR2	30	10	9	0.915	14	4	3	22.9	y	y	##	##



Fan Calcs for In duct Sound Power Levels																			
Project: Taco Bell - 335 Kentish Town Road (ATTENUATED)																			
Date: 19.07.2021																			
Section Total, dBA										Day	26.9	Night	-115.5						
ALL PLANT TOTAL										Day	34.9	Night	29.1						
RPA																			
EF1 - Kitchen Extract										Day		Night							
Induct Lw										"y"	"y"								
End reflection loss (enter +ve)																			
Directivity (enter +ve)																			
Distance correction																			
Barrier attenuation																			
Other correction (enter + or -)																			
Other correction (enter + or -)																			
A weighting																			
Attenuation IL (enter +ve)																			
Resultant dBA																			
Overall dBA																			
285.9104481										10.6	172	77	0.17	0.07	0.74	14	10.9	286	
RPA																			
SF1 - Kitchen Supply										Day		Night							
Induct Lw																			
End reflection loss (enter +ve)																			
Directivity (enter +ve)																			
Distance correction																			
Barrier attenuation																			
Other correction (enter + or -)																			
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A weighting																			
Attenuation IL (enter +ve)																			
Resultant dBA																			
Overall dBA																			
129.8594543										0.37	4.81	17.1	0.75	1.56	13	62	30.4	130	
RPA																			
EF2 - Toilet Extract										Day		Night							
Induct Lw																			
End reflection loss (enter +ve)																			
Directivity (enter +ve)																			
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Attenuation IL (enter +ve)																			
Resultant dBA																			
Overall dBA																			
39.30789047										5.92	15.2	17.1	0.12	0.08	0.26	0.49	0.15	39.3	
RPA																			
EF3 - Basement Extract										Day		Night							
Induct Lw																			
End reflection loss (enter +ve)																			
Directivity (enter +ve)																			
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