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## Acoustic review of the impact of noise from Truck Washer Unit at Old Naas Road, Kingswood Cross, Dublin 22.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Dalton Acoustics Ltd. have been commissioned by HA Design Studio on behalf of Bradawl Ltd. to carry out a noise study of the local ambient noise environment and assess the impact of a newly located Truck Wash Unit in the direction of Brownsbarn Wood - the nearest noise sensitive dwellings.

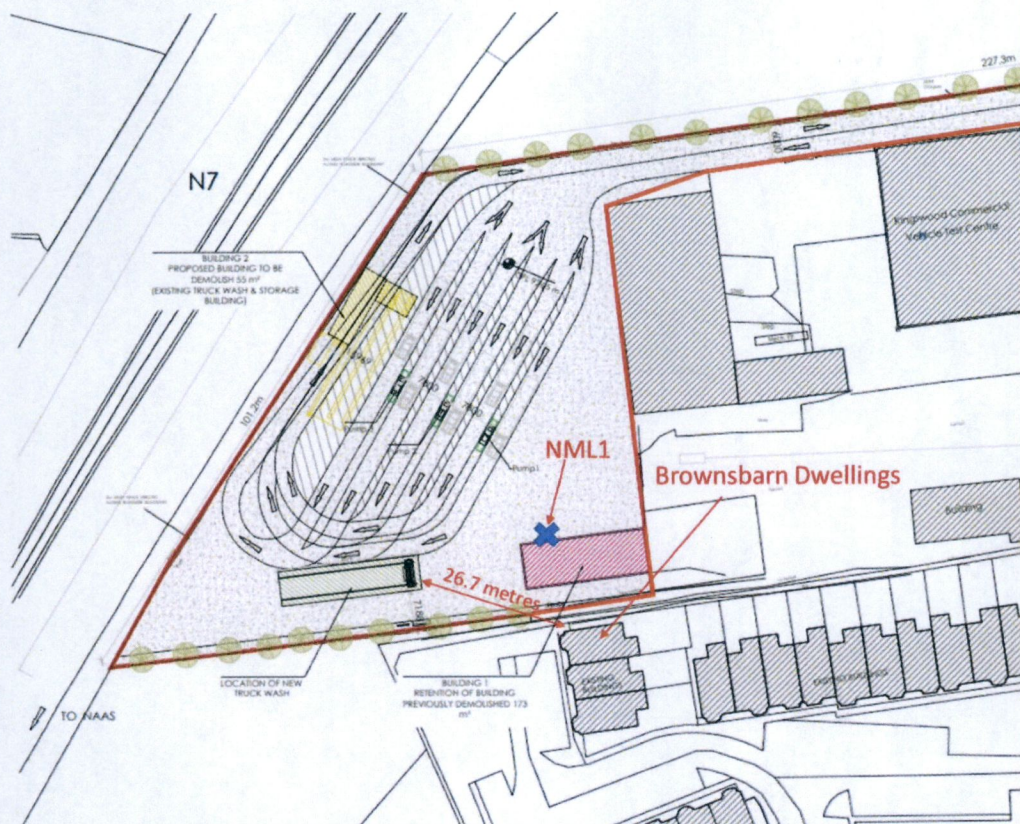
The total proposed works are the subject of a planning application to **South Dublin County Council Reg. Ref. SD22A/0150** which consist of the following:

**Development:** *Relocation of 3 fuel pumps and the reconfiguration of permitted fuel islands from 1 long fuel island and 1 small fuel island to now provide for 3 small fuel islands, demolitions / removal of single storey building along southern boundary and one new truck wash to south-western boundary of site; Planning permission is sought to remove 1 existing truck wash along the western boundary, demolition / removal of existing storage building to the western boundary and alterations to internal road layout to include directional arrows.*

South Dublin County Council **Additional Information Request dated 24/05/22 Item 1** requests the following acoustic analysis.

1. *The applicant is requested to provide a noise impact assessment which should address the following;*
  - (a) *how the development has impacted within the residential area of Browns barn wood in particular those houses and the public green closest to the development site.*
  - (b) *how the development can be altered to reduce any such impact identified under (a)*
  - (c) *if applicable how the development has been designed or redesigned as the case may be to ensure no negative impacts on the adjoining residential area*

**Illustration 1** below indicates the site location with the truck wash, nearest noise sensitive dwellings in Brownsbarn and the Long-Term monitoring position NML1. NML1 had its microphone position set at 4.00 metres from ground level to measure as per a 2-storey dwelling with window access into a noise sensitive room.



**III 1: Site Layout at Kingswood, with NML1, Truck wash & Noise Sensitive Dwellings**

The nearest noise sensitive dwellings which may be affected by the relocation of the Truck Wash Unit were identified for the purpose of this report and are located at 23 / 24 Brownsbarn Wood, Kingswood, Dublin 22.

These identified dwellings are located in an Easterly direction from the Truck Washer Unit at a distance of 26.7 Metres from the nearest extremity of the washer unit to the front elevations of the dwellings.

The measurement strategy in this instance, is to measure the existing ambient noise levels at the vicinity and ascertain what additional noise will be introduced at the location when the Truck Wash commences in operation at the nearest noise sensitive dwellings as identified. Manufacturer's data has been provided for the truck washer unit as – **ISTOBAL Roll Over HW PROGRESS "MODEL 4HW-P100"** by HA Design Studio.

A long-term unmanned measurement was carried out at NML1 commencing at 09:17 hours on 25<sup>th</sup>. August 2022 and completed on 1<sup>st</sup>. September 12:17 hours. Additionally, a witnessed measurement sample for ambient noise was carried out on 16<sup>th</sup>. September from 12:24 hours to 14:33 hours. The existing ambient noise sources observed at the noise monitoring location were, predominant traffic noise from the N7 Road, aircraft movements overhead, trucks coming and going to the open space are adjacent the proposed development's location and the operating truck washer unit nearby the N7.

All measurement sampling was logged / carried out using an NTI XL2 sound level meter, which recorded full compressed audio during the measurement process for desktop analysis of measurement data gathered.

The method of measurement for the survey process is based on **BS EN ISO 1996-1: 2016** "*Acoustics – Description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise – Part 1: Basic quantities and assessment procedures*".

## **2.0 SURVEY DETAILS.**

### **2.1 Noise measurement**

Unmanned measurement was carried out for gathering of baseline data commencing 09:17 hours on 25<sup>th</sup>. August 2022 and ceased on 1<sup>st</sup>. September at 12:17 hours.

Manned measurement was carried out commencing at 12:24 hours on 16<sup>th</sup>.

September 2022 and ceased at 14:33 hours, whereby the sound level meter location was selected to represent similar proximity in distance terms from the main noise sources of concern.

**Picture 1** below indicates the setup of the sound level metre at a similar distance from the noise sources under consideration, traffic noise from the N7. The microphone is placed at 4.00 metres above ground to replicate for a first-floor level room.



**Pic 1:** Setup at NML1 adjacent No. 24 Brownsbarn Wood front elevation.

During the measurement process, the NTI XL2 Sound Level Meter (Class 1) was set up as follows; The pre-amplifier and microphone were setup at 4.0 metres high above ground level measuring the noise levels in the direction of the nearest noise sensitive dwellings. The mic and pre-amplifier were connected back to the sound level meter with a 5-metre extension lead locked inside a weatherproof pelitor.

This allowed for all weather monitoring and unmanned measurement to occur right throughout the process, as the SLM was set to record all audio and noise measurement metrics simultaneously.

**25<sup>th</sup>. August 2022**

Temperature 20° Centigrade,

Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,

Wind Direction Varied

Clear Skies with Dry Ground,

No Temperature inversion conditions present.

**28<sup>th</sup>. August 2022**

Temperature 18° Centigrade,  
Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,  
Wind Direction Varied  
Clear Skies with Dry Ground,  
No Temperature inversion conditions present

**29<sup>th</sup>. August 2022**

Temperature 23° Centigrade,  
Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,  
Wind Direction Varied  
Clear Skies with Dry Ground,  
No Temperature inversion conditions present

**30<sup>th</sup>. August 2022**

Temperature 19° Centigrade,  
Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,  
Wind Direction Varied  
Clear Skies with Dry Ground,  
No Temperature inversion conditions present

**31<sup>st</sup>. August 2022**

Temperature 19° Centigrade,  
Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,  
Wind Direction Varied  
Clear Skies with Dry Ground,  
No Temperature inversion conditions present

**1<sup>st</sup>. September 2022**

Temperature 20° Centigrade,  
Windspeed at Ne. 1.00 – 2.00 M/Sec,  
Wind Direction Varied  
Clear Skies with Dry Ground,  
No Temperature inversion conditions present

## 2.3 Personnel & Instrumentation

Ted Dalton (Dalton Acoustics Ltd.) commenced the acoustic measurement for the survey period intended, along with the setup of all measurement equipment at location.

### Ted Dalton - Statement of Authority

- BSc Surv. (Hons) 1995 – Trinity College
- Diploma (Hons) in Acoustics & Noise Control 1999 (Institute of Acoustics).
- MSc (Hons) in Applied Acoustics 2016 (University of Derby).
- Member of Institute of Acoustics (MIOA) & Member of Irish branch committee (IOA).
- Secretary and Member of the Association of Acoustic Consultants of Ireland (MAACT).
- Diploma (Hons) in Environmental Noise Measurement & Assessment (IOA).
- 2014 to present: Principal at Dalton Acoustics Ltd.

### 2.3.1 Instrument (Sound Level Meters)

NTI XL2 Class 1 Integrating Sound Level Meter & Audio Analyser,  
Serial No. A2A-14622-EO  
Calibration Cert 220166  
Calibration Certificate Dated: 22/06/22 (2-year calibration)

### 2.3.2 Calibrator

Calibrator Rion NC 74 with serial No. 34551704  
Calibration Cert AC210144  
Dated: 19/11/21  
Valid for 1 year

### 2.3.3 Field Calibration

Using the Rion NC74 Sound Level Calibrator, which produces a sound level of 94.0dB (re.  $2 \times 10^{-5}$ ) at a frequency of 1Khz. The instruments were calibrated before and after each measurement with a recorded maximum deviation of < 0.1dB.

These instruments meet the requirements of **Annex B for Class 1 of IEC 60942: 2003** and **BS EN 61672-1:2013 Electroacoustics.**

**Sound level meters, Specifications.** See attached certs in **Appendix 1.**



## 2.4 Topography of Measurement Location.

The site comprises of mainly level hard ground which extends out to the edge of the N7 Roadway (a very busy road). In the direction of the Brownsbarn Wood Dwellings there is presently a concrete and metal clad boundary wall which is estimated to between 3.5 and 4.0 metres high above the ground level.

## 3.0 MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

The following readings were taken at the SLM microphone positions – Attended and Unattended Measurement of 15 minute  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ . Octave and Broadband samples for LAeq, LAfmax, LA10 & LA90. The SLM measurements were taken using “Fast” time weighting and “A” Frequency Weighting. The 3 No. XL2 SLMs were also set to record all audio simultaneously in compressed format, so that events can be examined in PC Data Explorer for their relevance / suitability and inclusion within the measurement samples.

The explanation for the most important descriptors is provided below;

**ISO 1996-1:2016** (*Standard for this measurement data gathering*) **Acoustics - Description, measurement and assessment of environmental noise Part 1: Basic quantities and assessment procedures**

### Where;

<b>LAeq,T</b>	This is the equivalent continuous sound level. It is a type of average and is used to describe a fluctuating noise in terms of a single noise level over the sample period (T).
<b>LAfmax</b>	The maximum RMS A-weighted sound pressure level occurring within a specified time period. Measured using the “Fast” time weighting.
<b>LAf90</b>	Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the lower 90 percentile of the sampling interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. Measured using the “Fast” time weighting.
<b>LAf10</b>	Refers to those A-weighted noise levels in the top 10 percentile of the sampling interval; it is the level which is exceeded for 10% of the measurement period. Measured using the “Fast” time weighting

The "A" suffix denotes the fact that, the sound levels have been A-Weighted in order to account for the non-linear nature of human hearing ie. LAeq, LAfMax, LA90 & LA10

**Decibel.** The scale in which sound pressure level is expressed. It is defined as 20 times the logarithm of the ratio between the RMS pressure of the sound field and the reference pressure of 20 micro pascals (20 uPa).

#### **4.0 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The proposed development consists of the relocation of a truck washing machine on site described in the planning application as follows;

*Planning permission is sought to remove 1 existing truck wash along the western boundary, demolition / removal of existing storage building to the western boundary and alterations to internal road layout to include directional arrows.*

This truck wash is now in situ although non-operational as services to it cannot be connected until grant has been received. On the basis that the truck wash is presently unable to operate measurement of the machine in-situ at this location could not be achieved. Thus, reliance is specifically placed on data provided by The Manufacturers / Suppliers of The Truck Wash and the Proprietors of the Development and their Agents HA Design Studio.

The machine in question is stated as an **ISTOBAL Roll Over HW PROGRESS "MODEL 4HW-P100"**, The Manufacturer's provide the following noise data in their technical **"USER GUIDE"**

## NOISE CONTROL

Table summarising the results of the NOISE LEVEL READINGS performed by AIMME (The Metal-Mechanical Technological Institute) in report T13-00486, as per standard EN ISO 3744, carried out for 4HW-P100 rollovers, with the following wash options (the most common ones).

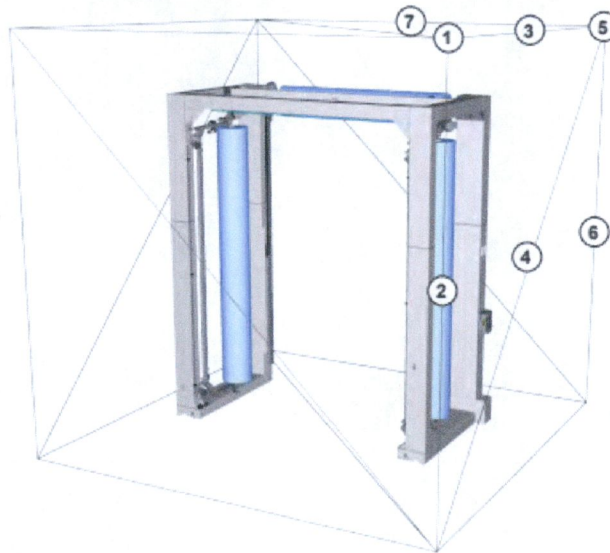
- 1) Brush wash.
- 2) Brush wash + pressurized water onto the lower half. Pump power 3x3kW and flow rate 63 l/min.
- 3) Wash with pressurized water onto the upper half. Pump power 5x3kW and flow rate 105 l/min. .

For the readings, the rollover was installed in an open, clear space, away from any building as defined in standard EN ISO 3744 in the section "Test environment".

Parameter	Description	1	2	3	Unit
N	Number of positions of the microphone.	7	7	7	-
d	Measurement distances.	3	3	3	m
S	Surface area of the parallelepiped of measurement.	453	453	453	
L <sup>p</sup>	Average level of sound pressure on the surface (Level of sound pressure source 'A' weighed).	68.49	71.6	75.2	dB (A)
L <sup>n</sup> p	Average level of background noise pressure.	68.7	71.6	75.2	dB (A)
K1	Correction factor for background noise.	0.21	0	0	-
K2	Ambient correction factor.	0	0	0	-

**Table 1:** Manufacturers Noise Measurement Data in User Manual supplied by HA Design.

The highest average noise level measured over the 7 surrounding positions for scenario 3 of the **Istobal** produces a measured level of 75.2 dB(A) at 3 metres from the machine's parallelepiped. The 7 positions of the parallelepiped are indicated in **Illustration 2** below as part of the User Guide. However, no detailed spectrum information is provided just a broadband representation of noise emission, the test is performed without machine travel and without the presence of a vehicle inside the washer unit. The data provided is an average over the 7 positions of measurement and does not provide any information on directivity of noise, therefore the greatest average level quoted is used in the absence of any other data provided.



### INFORMATION

- » In the values shown, the 'A' weighed sound pressure emitted is below 80 dB (A) and, in accordance with point 1.7.4.2-u of European Directive 2006/42/EC, the data provided is sufficient.

### INFORMATION

- » The values shown in the table correspond to readings, taken at a facility in the open air, away from any buildings, and without an enclosure or similar. If the rollover is installed inside any type of enclosure or in conditions different to the test conditions, the value of the parameters will be affected and the user will need to incorporate corrective readings (insulating or acoustic) to maintain the sound levels within the limits allowed by the legislation in force.
- » The test is performed without machine travel. Each reading is taken during 1 minute.
- » ISTOBAL declines any responsibility for alterations in sound caused by installation close to buildings, or inside enclosures and consequently denies any obligation to carry out noise level correction.
- » ISTOBAL shall not elaborate a noise level report under any circumstances. Should the user require a noise level report, they should contact the competent authorities.

### III 2: Parallelepiped positions of measurement around the Istobal Washing Machine

The above data is the full extent of noise emission data made available to Dalton Acoustics Ltd. for this acoustic evaluation. HA Designs have provided some additional information on the expected usage of the Truck Wash as follows;

**Domenica Musolino (HA Design) received email response of 17/10/22**

The truck wash is expected to operate at circa 20 times daily from 08:00 to 18:00 hours as per the proposed opening periods weekdays. It is also proposed to open from 08:00 hours till 13:00 hours on Saturdays. The average time of operation for a wash is 6 minutes and there is expected to be no substantial change to the amount of existing truck traffic at the location. This location is already heavily used by trucks for various purposes including parking up and trailer changeover.

**5.0 EXISTING NOISE LEVELS**

In order to evaluate the noise contribution that may occur at the nearest noise sensitive dwellings the data should be broken up into the operation periods of the truck wash facility. The truck wash facility is proposed to operate from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00 hours on Saturdays. The existing baseline measurement data measured at NML1 for the long-term period can be expressed from 08:00 to 18:00 hours as an average daily LAeq (10-hour) to ascertain the current levels of noise exposure at the dwellings First Floor Levels. It is proposed to open for a 5-hour period on a Saturday morning from 08:00 hours until 13:00 hours.

**Measurement Data:**

25 <sup>th</sup> . August 2022	= 66dB LAeq 10-hours from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours
26 <sup>th</sup> . August 2022	= 67dB LAeq 5-hours from 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours
29 <sup>th</sup> . August 2022	= 63dB LAeq 10-hours from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours
30 <sup>th</sup> . August 2022	= 63dB LAeq 10-hours from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours
31 <sup>st</sup> . August 2022	= 64dB LAeq 10-hours from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours
1 <sup>st</sup> . Sept. 2022	= 64dB LAeq 10-hours from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours

**5.1 Noise Guidance**

Below are acoustic guidelines and standards used which suggest absolute levels for mainly steady state noise / environmental noises but, may still be of some assistance.

**5.1.1 WHO 1999 “Community Noise Guidelines” World Health Organisation (Residential) 1999 – Community Noise Guidelines** Recommends internal levels of - Ne. 30dB LAeq in bedrooms over 8 Hours at night from 23.00 to 07.00 Hours, and ne. 35dB LAeq over 16 hours in Living Rooms for daytime. External levels outside

dwellings are equated to these internally quoted levels on the assumption that a partially ajar window provides circa 15dB(A) attenuation from outside to inside. The document also quotes **outdoor levels for daytime 16-hour at 55dB LAeq and night-time 8-hour at 45dB LAeq.**

**Table 1** offers values for acoustic comfort in residential living areas and bedrooms; however, it does not offer daytime and night-time comparisons for similar rooms.

*“Guideline values for community noise in specific environments”*

**Table 1 - Guideline values for community noise in specific environments**

Specific Environ	Critical Health effect(s)	Leq [dBA]	Time Based Hrs.	LAfmax dB
Dwelling, Indoors	Speech intelligibility and moderate annoyance, daytime & evening	35	16	-----
Inside Bedrooms	Sleep disturbance, night-time	30	8	45

**5.1.2 BS 8233: 2014 – ‘Guidance on Sound Insulation and Noise Reduction for Buildings’** Suggests specific internal room noise criteria for bedrooms at Ne. 30dB LAeq over 8 Hours at night from 23.00 to 07.00 Hours. It also suggests daytime levels at Ne. 40dB LAeq 16-hour. These levels are similar to those suggested by WHO 1999 Guidance. These values have been obtained by assuming that the noise reduction from outside to inside with the window partly open is 15 dB”

However; **Section 7.7 Specific types of building**

**7.7.2 Internal ambient noise levels for dwellings**

**NOTE 7** states

*“Where development is considered necessary or desirable, despite external noise levels above WHO guidelines, the internal target levels may be relaxed by up to 5dB and reasonable internal conditions still achieved”.*

**5.1.3 Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan - Noise Action Plan 2018– 2023**  
**Volume 4 – South Dublin County Council**

### ***Desirable and Undesirable Sound Levels***

*In line with the previous noise action plan, the following are the target values for desirable low and undesirable high sound levels in the Noise Action Plan 2018-2023:*

#### ***Desirable Low Sound levels***

*< 50 dB(A) Lnight*

*< 55 dB(A) Lday*

#### ***Undesirable High Sound levels***

*> 55 dB(A) Lnight*

*> 70 dB(A) Lday*

The present measured baseline data indicates that noise levels at the vicinity are located between the 2 categories stated and are closer to desirable category for during the daytime period. The present measured levels also exceed those suggested by WHO 1999 and BS8233: 2014 due to traffic noise from the N7.

## **6.0 ADDITION OF NEW NOISE SOURCE**

The commencement of the truck wash in operation brings a new noise source to the vicinity located at just less than 27 metres from the facades of the dwellings at Brownsbarn Wood. The noise source data for evaluation is limited to what the manufacturers have provided and therefore the maximum average level measured shall be used for evaluation purposes of 75.2dB A at 3 metres from the truck wash (average level over parallelepiped and not is quoted directionally).

The truck wash may be evaluated as a moving noise source and therefore the worst-case scenario for noise emissions is when it's in its closest position to Brownsbarn Wood circa 27 metres.

The following acoustic formula for a point source can be used to ascertain the change in noise level from the Manufacturers evaluation of noise at 3.00 metres providing the highest average level of 75.2dB(A). Treating the Truck Wash as a point source at 27 metres from the nearest dwellings the following equation may be used for attenuation over distance.

$$\text{SPL2} = \text{SPL1} - 20\text{Log}(r2/r1) \quad \text{SPL2} = 75.2\text{dB} - 20\text{Log}(27/3) \quad =56\text{dB(A)}$$

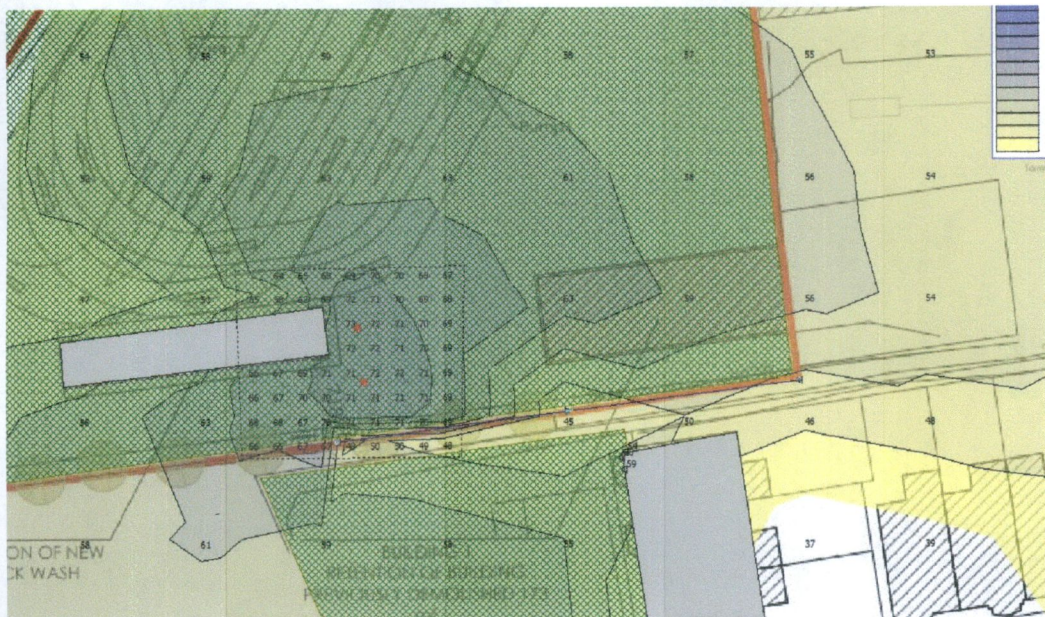
The level of attenuation over distance causes the noise emissions specifically coming from the Truck Wash to drop below those levels which already exist at the location. Therefore, they will have a negligible effect on noise at these dwellings. There is presently a barrier located at the boundary of the site between the proposed truck wash location and the houses of concern, it consists of a concrete base and metal cladding to a height of between 3.5 and 4.00 metres high above ground level. This will create acoustic shading to the rear of same affording better levels of noise attenuation at 1.5 metres from the ground. The presence of this barrier may offer from 3dB(A) to 15dB(A) improvement on levels already stated depending on the specific noise source and its proximity to the barrier in both distance and height. If the lowest figure for barrier attenuation is taken, then 19dB(A) + 3dB(A) offers an overall level of 22dB(A) attenuation for these dwellings at ground floor level during the daytime when the truck wash is in operation(08:00 to 18:00 hours).

Note the height of the main noise emission from the truck wash is unknown therefore the lowest value of barrier attenuation has been used.

The specific noise from the proposed truck wash machine should not have a negative effect on the nearby dwellings at Brownsbarn Woods where levels will be below what exists from other present source contributors, These levels will be roughly in line with the suggested external metrics provided by **BS8233: 2014** and **WHO 1999** "Community Noise Guidelines", as well as substantially below those prescribed by South Dublin County Council Noise Action Plan.

A Noise contour map of the location has been developed using the limited Manufacturer's noise data for the Truck Washer, indicating that due to the source noise of the washer alone, levels incident onto the facades of houses at Brownsbarn Wood would be circa 54dB(A) at ground floor level and 60dB(A) at second floor level. However, this takes no account of the additional contributions from other existing noise sources at the vicinity. Levels measured at the vicinity of Brownsbarn Woods in the absence of the specific noise under investigation but with all other ambient noises present are suggested to be from 63dB(A) to 67dB(A) over the proposed period of operation from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours on weekdays regardless.





**III 3:** Noise Contour Map providing similar results to distance attenuation calc

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

The measurement data obtained on site is the level of noise currently experienced at first-floor level of the Brownsbarn Woods houses (23 & 24) which are nearest in location to the proposed truck wash. Noise levels at this location are predominantly traffic at up to 66dBA during the period from 08:00 hours and 18:00 hours. This is mainly noise from the N7 and aircraft movements from the nearby Casement Aerodrome. It was not possible to measure the new truck washer in-situ as it is not commissioned yet. Therefore, whatever Manufacturer's data for the system could be obtained and assumed usage times etc has been offered by HA Design in order to assist the acoustic evaluation of the Truck Washer Unit.

It is stated by HA Design that the washer will operate circa 20 times daily for an approximate period of 6 minutes per cycle and that due to the nature of the location, this will have a minimal impact on the number of heavy vehicles coming and going to use the facilities of the washer.

The assessment of noise emission from the proposed truck wash at circa 27 metres away from the nearest noise sensitive dwelling made using a point source evaluation situated at the nearest end of the wash run to the dwellings suggests there will be a level drop of an additional 19dB(A), with some additional attenuation provided by the existing site boundary wall at lower levels ie. Ground Level.

However, as the noise emission from the truck wash is not measured in situ it may be pertinent to assume at a certain stage of emission the noise acts more like a line source for attenuation purposes.

**Line Source Attenuation**  $LP2 = LP1 - 10 \text{ Log}(r2/r1) = 9.5\text{dB(A)}$

It is therefore somewhat pertinent to say that the level drop due to attenuation over distance may at a stage alter from a line source to a point source and therefore the actual resultant at the receiving dwellings will be between -10dB(A) and -19dB(A) excluding for the partial height barrier effect of the boundary wall at the site. When allowing for the minimal effect of the barrier at ground level (daytime) an additional 3dB(A) reduction in levels will be achieved. Ground level between 08:00 hours and 16:00 hours may be expected to achieve an attenuation from source to receiving houses of circa 13dB(A) to 22dB(A).

The minimal drop of noise levels coming from the truck wash operating alone as a standalone source, excluding all / any other associated noises at the vicinity will result in a worst-case level of 62dB(A) and may be as low as 53dB(A). Noise modelling of the scenario with minimal technical information available for input suggests levels at the nearest noise sensitive dwellings will range between 54dB(A) and 60dB(A) over the height of the dwellings.

The current daily values of noise at NML1 between 08:00 hours and 18:00 hours on weekdays are ranging from 63dB LAeq 8-hour to 67dB LAeq 8-hour, these levels are above the levels of noise that will be introduced by the truck wash and there will be little overall change should the truck wash only operate 20 times per day as informed.

We trust you find the above satisfactory and look forward to being of service in the future,

Yours sincerely,

  
Ted Dalton B.Sc., MIOA. MInstSCE  
(Senior Acoustic Consultant)

**APPENDIX:**  
**Instrumentation Calibration Certs.**  
**Limitations.**



Statement of Calibration

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Dublin 12

Calibration Reference

SLM220166

Test Date: 22/06/2022

Procedure: TP-SLM-1

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Equipment

Item Calibrated:	Sound Level Meter	Model	XL2-TA
Make:	Nti-Audio	Serial Number:	14622

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Calibration Procedure

The sound level meter was allowed to stabilize for a suitable period, as described in the manufacturer's instruction manual, in laboratory conditions. The sound level meter was calibrated by carrying out the verification tests detailed in IEC 61672-3 (2006), Periodic tests, specification of sound level meters. Tolerances for verification procedures are specified in IEC 61672-1 (2003).

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Calibration Standards

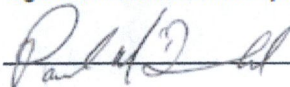
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Stanford Research DS360	123803

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The standards used in this calibration are traceable to NIST and/or other National Measurement Institutes (NMI's) that are signatories of the International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM) mutual recognition agreement (MRA).

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Signed on behalf of Sonitus Systems:



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## Certificate of Calibration

**Issued to:**

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Dublin 12

**Certificate Number**

AC210144

**Test Date:** 19/11/2021

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**Equipment Information**

<b>Item Calibrated:</b>	Acoustic Calibrator	<b>Model:</b>	NC-74
<b>Make:</b>	Rion	<b>Serial Number:</b>	34551704

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**Calibration Procedure**

The above calibrator was verified in line with the requirements of BS EN 60942:2003. The calibrator was allowed to stabilize for a suitable period, as described in the manufacturer's instruction manual, in laboratory conditions. The sound pressure level in the cavity (half-inch). The operating frequency and signal distortion were also measured.

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**Calibration Standards**

Description	Serial Number
National Instruments PXI-4461	19C91D2
GRAS 42AA Pistonphone	227947
GRAS 46A0 Pressure Field Microphone	228216

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The standards used in this calibration are traceable to NIST and/or other National Measurement Institutes (NMI's) that are signatories of the International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM) mutual recognition agreement (MRA).

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**Signed on behalf of Sonitus Systems:**

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