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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ramboll UK Ltd (Ramboll) has been appointed by Wrexham Association Football Club to produce a Noise Impact Assessment to inform a planning application for the Kop Development of 5,500 spectator seats, inclusive of a 500 capacity hospitality area, with a 600 capacity non-match day exhibition space, new public realm and associated workspace.

In 2021 Ramboll measured noise levels around the stadium during weekday daytime, evening and night-time periods, and also before, during and after a match day event at the current stadium. This information has been used to benchmark the current noise impacts and background noise levels in the surrounding area. Modelling of the new stand development has been undertaken using CadnaA® to determine the change in noise impact based on the new stand fabric and profiles. This has been compared with the existing conditions and relevant standards.

Toby Zorn of Wrexham Council has been consulted in relation to this noise assessment.

This report addresses the following key impacts:

- Fixed plant and equipment,
- Hospitality Facilities,
- Change in match day stadium noise,
- Traffic noise and patron noise.

Outline guidance is given on construction noise and vibration impacts.

Overall, the mode of operation of the stadium during matches is unlikely to significantly change when compared to existing operations. As a result, noise impacts during match day activities will generally be at or below the noise levels currently experienced at the nearest sensitive receptors. The same applies to road traffic and pedestrian access to the grounds.

New hospitality facilities at the grounds will be designed to control noise breakout based on the intended use. Appropriate noise limits and façade specifications have been proposed within this report and will be developed further by the design team.

Plant noise limits have been proposed at each of the nearest noise sensitive receptors (NSR) to achieve the noise limit criteria identified by the local authority.

2. INTRODUCTION

Ramboll have been commissioned to assess the impact of noise associated with the new 'Kop' stand at Wrexham Football Club. This report presents the findings of noise surveys during September 2021 and detailed noise modelling of the proposed development based on the latest 2022 proposals.

The new stand will replace a former stand on the 'Kop' that can no longer be used due to safety concerns. The new stand will accommodate 5,500 seats and take the overall capacity of the stadium up from the current figure of 10,000 to 15,500 spectators for league games. The scheme proposals also include a 500-capacity hospitality area, 600 capacity non-match day exhibition space, new public realm, and associated works. It is understood the hospitality area could accommodate up to 500 guests on a match day, with a reduced capacity on non-match days.

In addition to meeting the ambitions of Wrexham AFC, it is envisaged that the development will enable the Racecourse Ground to accommodate some Welsh national 'friendly' fixtures and become the home ground of the Welsh national ladies' team, reflecting its history as the oldest international stadium in the world. Therefore, the works are required to ensure that other parts of the stadium can be improved to meet appropriate UEFA standards.

Ramboll have liaised with Wrexham Council (Toby Zorn) to discuss and agree the methodology for noise surveys, suitable standards for assessing noise impact and general approach. As this project concerns the redevelopment of an existing long-standing use, Ramboll have concentrated on the change in impact from current operations as a means comparison. Ramboll understands from Toby Zorn that there are no existing concerns for the operations at the grounds that have previously led to complaints. Nonetheless we have provided recommendations to address concerns relating to the use of function areas, noise impact from the PA and fixed plant and equipment.

The capacity of the car parking provision has not increased therefore the volume of traffic flow on match-days is unlikely to change over that currently experienced. However, the enhanced facilities for functions and hospitality will mean that there could be more frequent traffic movements at different times of the day and night from currently.

Our recommendations are based on national policy, best practice, relevant British Standards and Wrexham Council requirements.

3. RELEVANT POLICY AND GUIDANCE

The assessment has been informed by the following legislation, policies and published guidance:

- 1) National Policy:
 - a. Control of Pollution Act, 1974, Part III – Noise¹;
 - b. The Environmental Protection Act, 1990 (as amended)²;
 - c. Planning Policy Wales (PPW), 2021, Edition 11³; and
 - d. Noise and soundscape action plan 2018 to 2023, December 2018⁴.
- 2) National Guidance and Industry Standards:
 - a. BS5228:2009+A1:2014 Code of Practice for Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites⁵;
 - b. BS6472-1:2008 for vibration effects on humans⁶; and
 - c. BS4142:2014+A1 2019 for industrial and commercial noise⁷.

4. NOISE SURVEY

A detailed noise survey was undertaken at several locations around Wrexham Football Club between 10 and 15 September 2021. Combinations of attended and unattended measurements were used. Survey locations are shown in Figure 1.

On 11 September 2021, noise levels were measured inside the grounds during a 'home game', Wrexham vs Woking (8,242 in attendance), with sample measurements undertaken at various points within the stands. Other sample measurements were undertaken outside the grounds at 1.5m above ground level, and 1.5m above roof level of the nearby Wrexham Village Student Accommodation. This information has been used to provide base information for the noise modelling.

Full details of the survey, along with the full results, are presented in Appendix 1.

4.1 Noise Sensitive Receptors

For the purposes of the assessments, several noise sensitive receptors (NSR) have been identified from site investigations, satellite imagery and the proposed development plans. These NSR are considered to represent a worst case, such that other receptors located at greater distances from the application site should not experience greater noise and vibration impacts.

The NSR which have been considered in the assessment are provided in Table 4.1 and indicated on Figure 4.1.

¹ Secretary of State, 1974, Control of Pollution Act, HMSO. Available: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/40/contents>

² Secretary of State, 1990. Environmental Protection Act 1990, The Stationary Office. Available: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents>

³ Welsh Government, 2021, Planning Policy Wales (PPW). Available: https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf

⁴ Welsh Government, 2018, Noise and soundscape action plan 2018 to 2023. Available: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/noise-and-soundscape-action-plan.pdf>

⁵ British Standards Institution, 2009 and 2014. British Standard 5228: 2009 +A1 2014 Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites. BSI

⁶ British Standards Institution, 2009 and 2014. British Standard 6472: 2008 Guide to evaluation of human exposure to vibration in buildings - Vibration sources other than blasting. BSI

⁷ British Standards Institute, 2014 + A1 2019. British Standard BS 4142: Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound. BSI

Receptor reference	Receptor	Type of Receptor
1	Wrexham Village Student Accommodation	Residential
2	The Turf (Pub)	Residential/Commercial
3	Houses on Mold Road	Residential
4	Glyndwr University	Education

Table 4.1 Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSR)

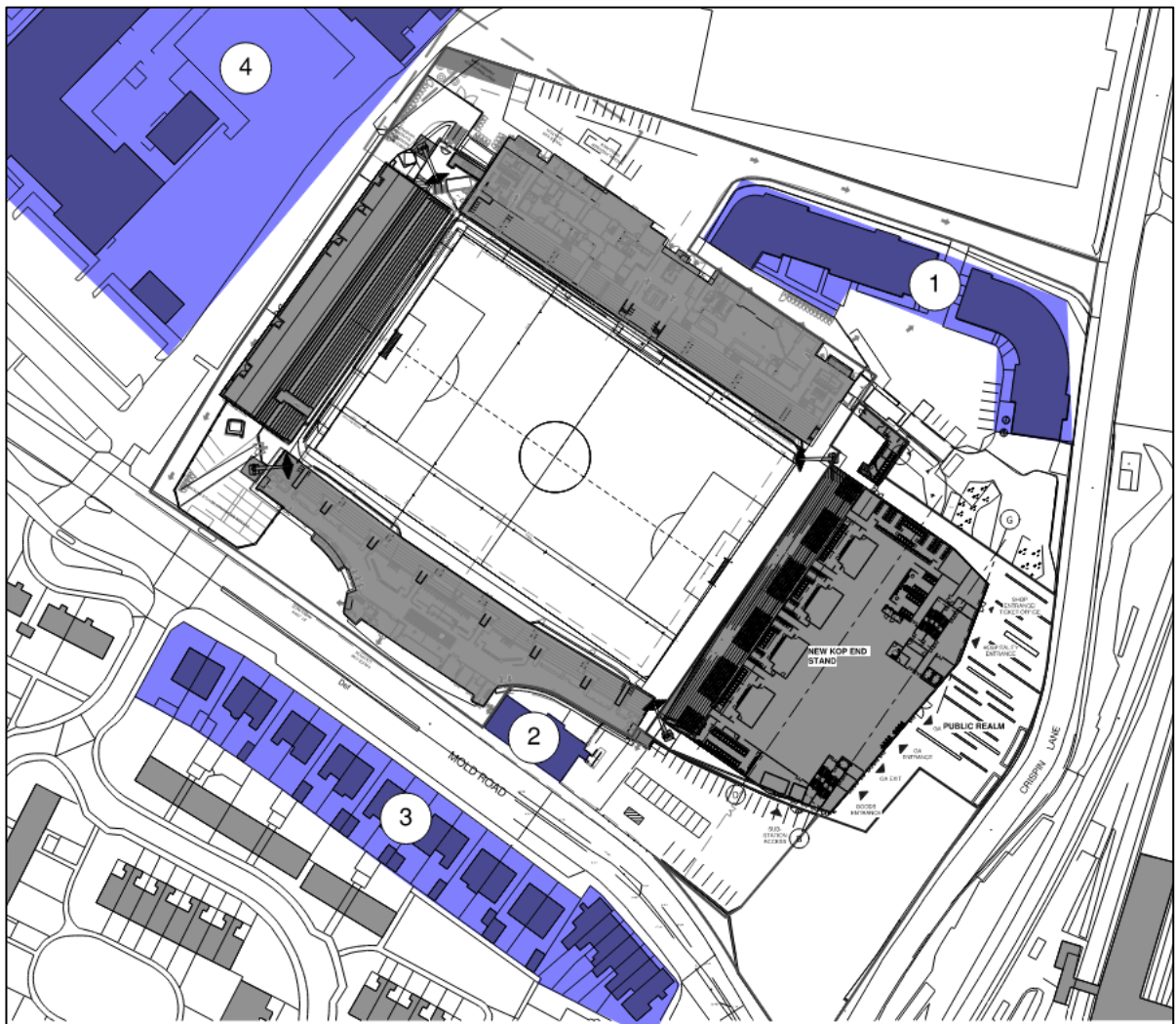


Figure 4.1 Proposed Site Plan with Noise Sensitive Receptors (NSR)

5. NOISE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

5.1 Computer Modelling using CadnaA®

Noise levels likely to be generated from the development have been calculated using the proprietary noise modelling software CadnaA®. The noise predictions have been undertaken in accordance with the noise prediction framework set out in ISO 9613-2 'Acoustics – Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors – Part 2 General method of calculation'.

The ISO 9613 noise prediction model assumes that individual sources act as point sources: the noise level reducing by 6 dB for every doubling of distance. Noise from line sources reduce by 3 dB per doubling of distance. The model considers the distance between the sources and the receptors, as well as the amount of attenuation due to atmospheric absorption and ground cover.

The acoustic ground absorptency has been modelled according to local conditions (i.e., soft ground for the pitch, and generally hard ground outside of the stadium).

5.2 Noise Model Data

Noise data from the noise surveys has been used to develop the computer model predictions.

Table 5.1 presents noise levels measured at the nearest residential property to the stadium (Wrexham Village Student Accommodation) during a typical weekday and on a Saturday during a 'home game' (see Appendix 1 for location).

Location	Average noise level, dB L _{Aeq,15min}	
	'Without' stadium noise	'With' stadium noise
LT1	33-50	70
Roof level (Wrexham Village Student Accommodation)	54	75

Table 5.1 Average noise levels at nearest properties

To predict noise breaking out of each stand during a game, we have used noise level data measured during a period of loud cheering, as measured within the Hays Travel stand of the stadium. The data for this period is presented below.

Overall dB L _{Aeq,1hr} *	L _{eq} in each Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz						
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k
95	72	72	84	92	92	88	80

*Note that 1hr period is used for the purpose of comparison of noise levels experienced at receptors. In reality this level is achieved for much shorter durations and is therefore considered worst-case.

Table 5.2 Loud cheering as measured in the Hays Travel stand

Due to the partial enclosure formed by the shape of the existing Hays Travel stand, the above measured level is considered 'semi-reverberant'.

This data has been used to approximate the sound power of loud cheering across the seating area of each existing and proposed stand.

5.3 Noise Model Assumptions

In order to develop computer models of the existing and future scenarios the following assumptions apply:

- Two-storey residential properties have been modelled as 7.5m in height and single storey buildings have been modelled as 4m in height. These heights are chosen to not over predict the screening offered by existing buildings;
- The surrounding student accommodation blocks have been modelled as 28-32m in height;
- The existing stands of the stadium have been modelled using the following heights (highest point of canopy):
 - Hays Travel Stand – 13.75m
 - Wrexrent Stand – 13.50m
 - BKConcepts Stand - 13.50m
 - Kop Stand - 10.87m
- The updated Kop stand has been modelled using a height (highest point of canopy) of 24.70m.
- Soft ground regions are identified as hatched areas on the models. The remaining ground regions are assumed to be hard, reflective ground;
- The models do not include any topographical data beyond the heights of buildings within the vicinity of the stadium;
- Noise from crowd activities within each stand have been approximated as sound power levels over a surface area assigned to each seating area of the existing and proposed stands;
- Noise levels breaking out of each stand have been based on the average noise levels of 95 dB L_{Aeq} as measured during a period of loud cheering in the Hays Travel stand. This is unlikely to be the case for the duration of a full game in all parts of the stadium and is therefore considered worst case. For increased capacity calculations we have increased this noise level using the worst case assumption that noise levels in every stand will increase logarithmically based on the increased capacity. This is also considered a worst case assumption.
- We have not used any traffic flow data within the noise model as we are not assessing the impact of, or changes in road traffic.

6. NOISE BREAKOUT FROM THE STADIUM

6.1 Significance Criteria

Ramboll have considered the following magnitudes of impact with respect to the change in crowd noise levels at nearby receptors.

Magnitude of Impact	Change in noise level dB $L_{Aeq,1hr}$
Low	≤ 0
Medium	0 - 4.9
High	≥ 5

Table 6.1 Impact Magnitude Criteria – Crowd Noise

Ramboll considers that a high magnitude of impact, i.e. an increase in crowd of 5 dB or more at receptors would be considered significant.

6.2 Prediction Models

Using the loud cheering source data shown in Table 5.2, we have produced noise models to represent the behaviour and impact of noise generated by crowd activities. We have considered the following scenarios:

- 1) Crowd noise during a 'home game' based on the **existing** layout of the stadium without the existing Kop Stand in use, and representative of current usage. The noise contour map for this situation is presented in Figure 6.1 based on 8,242 attendances. The model has been calibrated to the noise measurements made during the game on 11 September 2021.
- 2) Crowd noise during a 'home game' based on the **proposed** stadium layout (i.e. with new Kop Stand, but without this stand in use). This provides a comparable scenario to the existing conditions. The noise contour map for this situation is presented in Figure 6.2, based on 8,242 attendances.
- 3) Crowd noise during a 'home game' based on the **existing** layout of the stadium. The noise contour map for this situation is presented in Figure 6.3, based on the maximum 15,000 attendance (i.e. if the existing Kop Stand was in use).
- 4) Crowd noise during a 'home game' based on the **proposed** stadium layout and new Kop Stand in use. The noise contour map for this situation is presented in Figure 6.4 based on the maximum capacity of 15,500.

The purpose of creating the above prediction models is to demonstrate the change in noise levels at the nearest properties. The results are summarised in the following table:

Receptor Location	8,242 Attended Home Game (dB L _{Aeq,1hr})		15,500 Full Capacity Home Game (dB L _{Aeq,1hr})	
	Existing (Kop Stand not in use)	Proposed (Kop Stand not in use)	Existing (with existing Kop Stand in use)	Proposed (with proposed Kop Stand in use)
Wrexham Village Student Accommodation	81	81 (0)	82	82 (0)
The Turf (Pub)	72	72 (0)	79	76 (-3)
Houses along Mold Road*	71	70 (-1)	80	74 (-6)
Glyndwr University	73	73 (0)	73	73 (0)

Table 6.2 Comparison of stadium noise breakout for different capacities

* closest houses to Kop Stand

Figures in brackets relate to the change relative to the existing stadium at the capacity indicated.

In each case the predictions relate to noise breakout from within the confines of the stadium during gameplay, rather than crowd noise outside of the stadium.

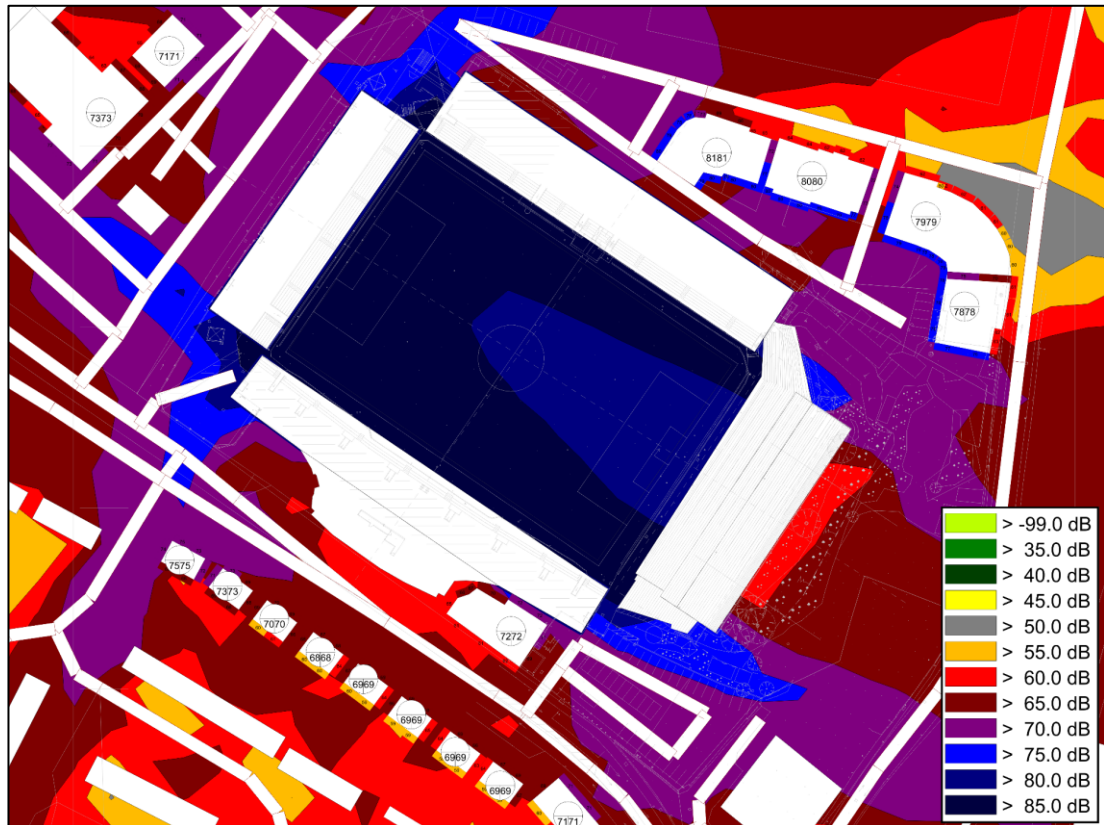


Figure 6.1 Predicted noise levels (LAeq,1hr) based on the existing layout during a home game (8,242 attendance)

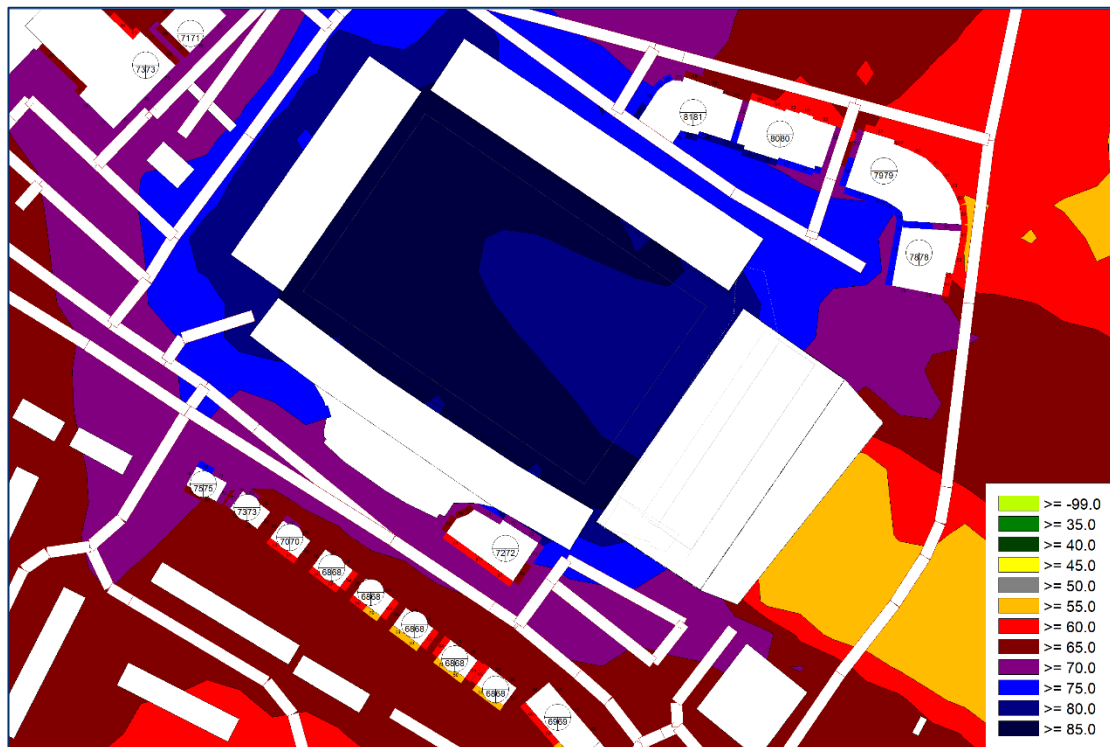


Figure 6.2 Predicted noise levels (LAeq,1hr) based on the proposed layout during a home game (8,242 attendance)

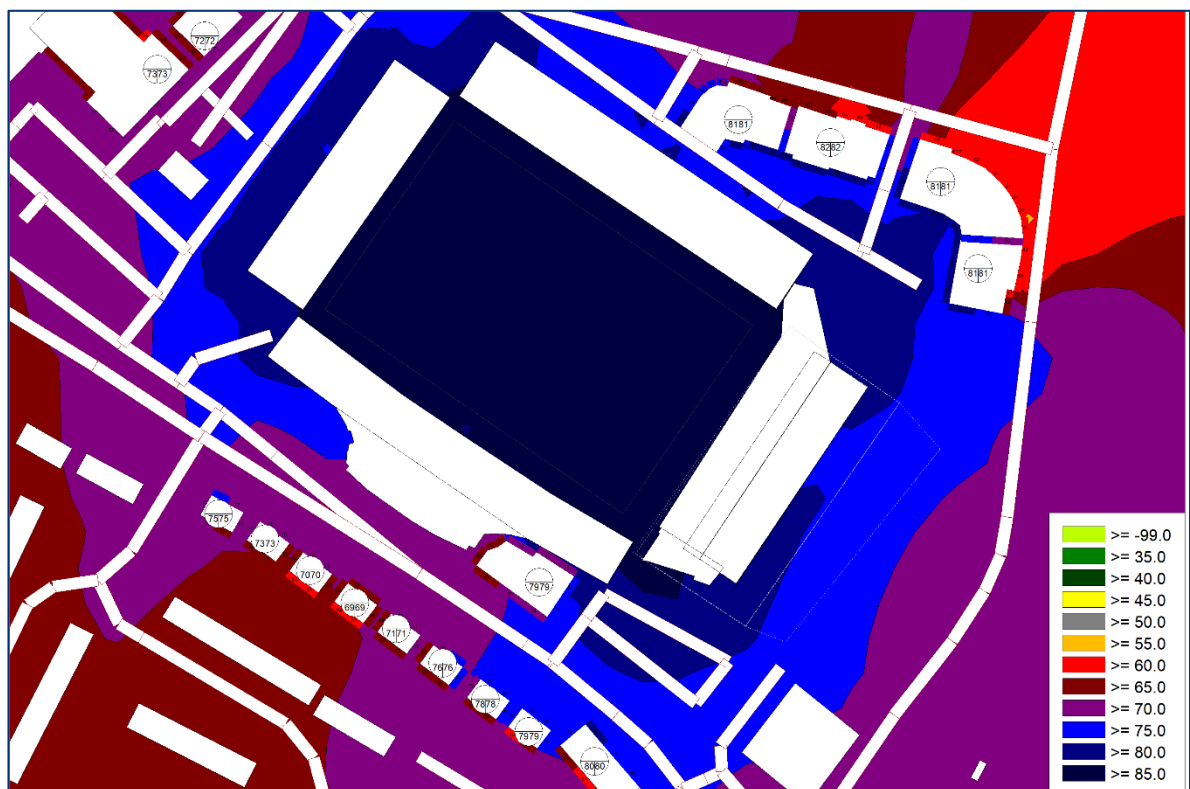


Figure 6.3 Predicted noise levels ($L_{Aeq,1hr}$) based on the existing layout during a home game (10,000 attendance)

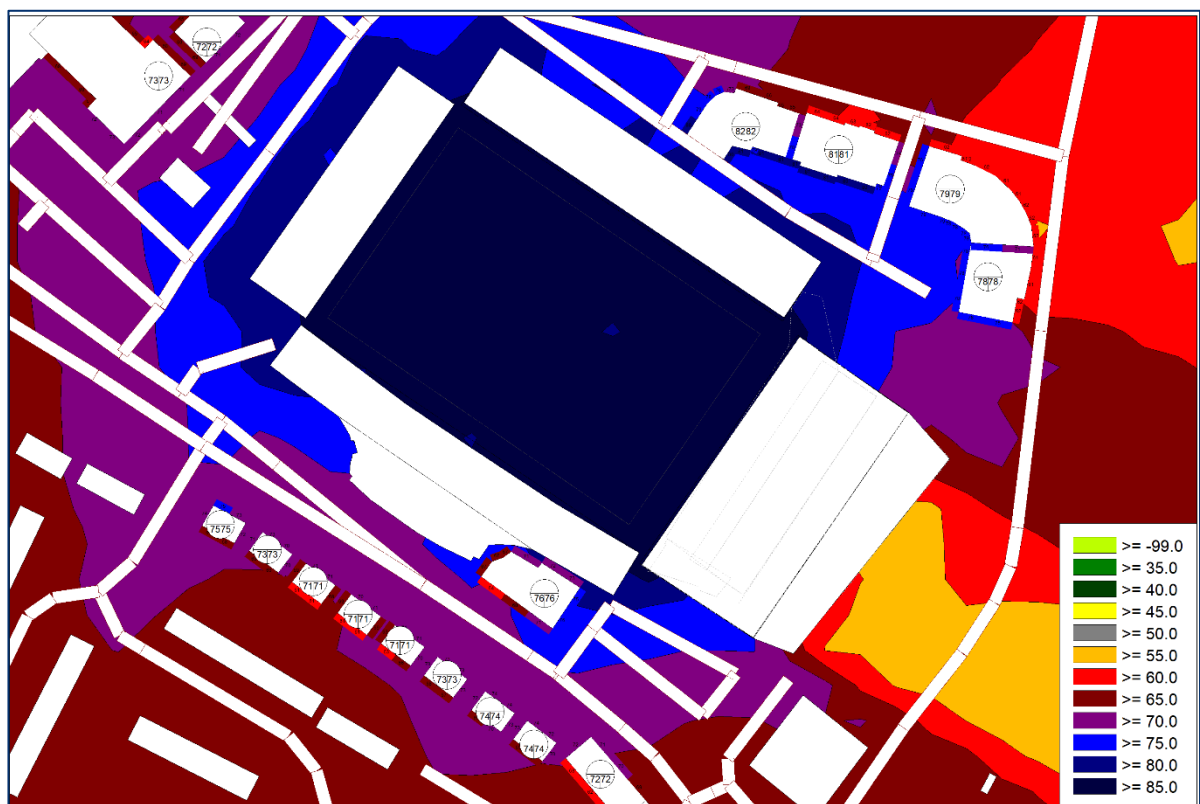


Figure 6.4 Predicted noise levels ($L_{Aeq,1hr}$) based on the proposed layout during a home game (15,500 attendance)

6.3 Wrexham Village Student Accommodation

At Wrexham Village Student Accommodation, noise levels are not expected to change as a result of the redevelopment.

There is therefore no expected change in noise levels at this receptor.

6.4 The Turf (pub)

Noise levels have the potential to decrease at The Turf pub, by around 3 dB, which is a result of the sides of the Stand offering some screening compared to the existing Kop Stand.

There is therefore no expected change in noise levels at this receptor.

6.5 Houses along Mold Road

Predictions indicate that noise levels could increase by up to 6 dB at the houses along Mold Road, again due to the sides of the new stand offering additional screening.

There is therefore no expected change in noise levels at this receptor.

6.6 Glyndwr University

At Glyndwr University, noise levels are not expected to change as a result of the redevelopment.

7. NOISE BREAKOUT FROM NEW KOP STAND HOSPITALITY AREAS

A new Hospitality Lounge is proposed in the new Kop stand as part of the development. It is expected that these new facilities will replace the area currently used in the BKConcepts Stand. The new facilities in the Kop stand will be designed to control noise breakout to the nearest residential premises.

7.1 Façade Specification

The plans for the second floor of the stadium are shown in AFL drawing 'WRX-AFL-Z4-02-DR-A-20112 - GA, Level 2, Plan, Hospitality'.

We have used archive data for bar/hospitality activities to calculate the outline requirements of the external façade, as presented in Table 7.1 below. This spectrum would be typical of a busy venue that also plays amplified music, with some live band capability and would be subjectively 'very loud'. Such high noise levels represent worst case levels, and typical levels would be lower.

Overall dB L _{Aeq,1hr}	L _{Aeq} in each Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz						
	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k
101	97	101	97	97	96	93	86

Table 7.1 Assumed internal noise level used for hospitality breakout calculations

As can be seen from the long-term measurements shown on Figure A.2 (in Appendix 1), evening background levels are typically around 38-40dB L_{A90} before 11pm.

Using the table above, we have calculated the outline façade and roof requirements needed to control noise breakout from the hospitality areas so that they equal existing background levels, during evening periods at the nearest properties to the stadium. These are shown in Table 7.2

below. Note, these outline performances are subject to ongoing review with the Architect and design team for the project which will be fully developed during RIBA stages 3 and 4.

Location	Overall dB R _w	Sound reduction, R, in each Octave Band Centre Frequency, Hz						
		63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k
2 nd floor Hospitality Lounge Façades	45	22	27	35	43	53	53	63
2 nd floor Hospitality Lounge Roof	53	25	36	41	50	57	64	65

Table 7.2 Outline sound insulation requirements of hospitality area façades and roof

The above requirements could be achieved using most masonry or cladding solutions including glazed elements if required. Ramboll will check the proposed construction(s) once developed.

8. PLANT NOISE LIMITS

8.1 Existing Background Noise Levels

We have used data from the noise survey (see Appendix 1) to establish the representative background levels at the nearest properties to the proposed plant decks of the stadium.

We understand that Wrexham Council (WC) require noise from proposed plant to be controlled such that the 'rating' level is no greater than the representative measured background noise levels.

The proposed plant is not expected to have any tonal or intermittent qualities. However, to allow for flexibility in the design, specific noise limits have been set 5 dB below the measured background levels.

Table 8.1 identifies the representative background levels at each of the NSR, along with the allowance plant noise limits 1m from the façade at each location in order to comply with Wrexham Council's requirements.

Receptor Location	Existing representative background noise levels (dB LA90)		Plant noise limit (dB LAeq)	
	Daytime (07:00-23:00)	Night-time (23:00-07:00)	Daytime (dB LAeq, 1hour)	Night-time (dB LAeq, 15mins)
Wrexham Village Student Accommodation	44	37	39	32
The Turf (Pub)	45	33	40	28
Houses along Mold Road	45	33	40	28
Glyndwr University	49	n/a	44	n/a

Table 8.1 Background noise levels in vicinity of the proposed plant decks of the stadium and plant limits

9. TRAFFIC NOISE IMPACTS

As part of the redevelopment of the Wrexham Football Club, the amount of parking at the ground and therefore traffic entering and leaving the grounds is not expected to increase. There is expected to be no significant change in noise from traffic movements on match days.

It is expected that the extended function capability for the ground (i.e. Hospitality Lounge) will mean more frequent use of the facilities. It is unlikely that such events would put a strain on the current car parking provision at the grounds of anything like approaching the current match day activity. The impact as a result of the operation of the facilities at the stadium is not expected to have any significant impact on the local area.

10. CONCERTS AND INFREQUENT EVENTS

It is understood that the grounds host occasional concerts. These are subject to individual licence applications, requiring the submission of an Event Management Plan. The same arrangement is likely to continue in the future and no further assessment is considered as part of this application.

11. PA SYSTEM DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

As part of the scope of this project, some new PA equipment will be provided to the new Kop stand. Crowd safety requirements will take priority but practical steps can be taken to reduce the noise breakout to the wider areas. These include:

- 1) Level adjustment based on feedback monitoring of noise in the stands
- 2) Directional speaker arrays that focus the signal where it is needed – this could reduce noise breakout from the stadium by several decibels.
- 3) Speaker location and zoning.

Within the scope of the works in this project, Ramboll will take steps to mitigate noise from this source and will assist in selection and commissioning the PA system with the selected sub-contractor to help mitigate the noise breakout. We would expect the new stadium layout to provide similar or greater reductions in PA noise audibility over the current stand configuration.

12. NOISE AND VIBRATION FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

12.1 Noise

We have considered, in outline terms, the impact of construction noise and vibration in accordance with BS5228:2009+A1 2014 'Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites' (BS5228). At this stage, detailed proposals of site operations are not known. It is expected that the chosen contractor will have significant experience in constructing new buildings in residential areas. They will work with the local community to agree when potentially noisy activities can take place so that the impact is minimised.

It is desirable to keep daytime (07:30 hours to 19:00 hours) noise levels from construction activities to below 65 dB $L_{Aeq,1hr}$ at residential properties (based on the ABC method of BS5228). This applies to weekdays and Saturday mornings (07:30 hours to 13:00 hours), but excludes Saturday afternoons and Sundays, which should be taken as periods of rest. This is a threshold above which significant effects may occur, but not a limit.

12.2 Vibration

Piling is normally the most significant source of vibration on a construction site. Table 12.1 details the distances at which certain construction activities are likely to give rise to a just perceptible level of vibration. These figures are based on historical field measurements to inform BS5228.

Construction Activity	Distance from Activity (m)
Heavy vehicles (e.g. dump trucks)	5-10
Excavation	10-15
Hydraulic breaker	15-20
Rotary bored piling	20-30
Driven piling	50-100
Continuous flight auger (CFA) piling	10-20

Table 12.1 Distances at which vibration may just be perceptible

Should vibration be perceived to be a problem, it will be assessed using BS6472-1: 2008 'Guide to evaluation of human exposure to vibration in buildings. Vibration sources other than blasting'.

12.3 Noise and Vibration Mitigation

Although the detailed site layout of construction apparatus has not yet been determined, the following measures should be incorporated as best practice to minimise the potential for

disturbance of local residents. These will form part of the contractor's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

- Works should only be carried out Mondays to Fridays 07:30 hours to 19:00 hours, and Saturdays 07:30 to 13:00 hours. No work (except emergency) should be done on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or Bank Holidays, unless otherwise agreed with Wrexham Council.
- Audits of site activities should be done at regular and frequent intervals during the construction programme to check that noise mitigation is being done.
- Where possible, site all noisy equipment away from noise-sensitive receptors.
- Machinery should be regularly and effectively maintained.
- Intermittently used machinery should be shut down between work periods.
- Where periods of noise levels above the desired target are anticipated, the residents should be informed and given timescales over which the activities will occur.
- Where possible, do loading and unloading away from noise-sensitive receptors.
- Materials should be lowered and not dropped.
- Use compressors that have effective acoustic enclosures and are designed to operate when their access panels are closed. Packaged generators, where provided, should have sufficient silencing such that they do not exceed the threshold at the nearest residential property.
- Acoustic covers to engines should be kept closed when the engines are in use and idling.
- Acoustic fencing, where required.
- Nominated person as point of contact for local residents.

APPENDIX 1

NOISE SURVEY DETAILS

A1.1 Personnel

Match-day survey and assessment by: Thomas Jones, MIOA
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Ramboll is a member of the Association of Noise Consultants (ANC).

A1.2 Site Surveys/Monitoring

A1.2.1 Noise Measurements

Long-term

Environmental noise measurements were taken between 15:00 on 10 September 2021 and 13:00 on 13 September 2021 by long-term unattended noise monitoring equipment (denoted at LT1 in Figure A.1).

This location was chosen to be representative of background noise levels at the nearest noise sensitive receptor (NSR), Wrexham Village Student Accommodation.

The noise climate at this location is generally dominated by distant road traffic noise, pedestrian and vehicle movements within the Wrexham Village car park and railway movements at Wrexham Railway Station. Measured noise levels at LT1 were inclusive of contributions from the existing site operations, including the home game played on 11 September 2021.

Short-term

Short-term attended measurements were taken on 11 September 2021, comprising short sample measurements undertaken around the football grounds, within the stands, and on the roof of the Wrexham Village Student Accommodation (ST4), immediately before, during and after the home game was played.

Additional attended measurements were undertaken externally at locations ST1-ST4 on 14-15 September 2021 (see Figure A.1) to measure typical daytime, evening and night time noise levels at locations representative of other NSR:

- Wrexham Village Student Accommodation;
- The Turf (pub);
- Houses along Mold Road; and
- Glyndwr University.

A1.2.2 Measurement Equipment

The following equipment was used to conduct the surveys:

Equipment Type	Model Number	Serial Number(s)	Calibration Due
Sound Level Meter	Brüel and Kjær 2250 (Class 1)	3002075	24 April 2022
Microphone	Brüel and Kjær 4189 (Class 1)	2839798	24 April 2022
Calibrator	Brüel and Kjær 4231	2642788	29 July 2022
Sound Level Meter	01 dB FUSION	12079	11 February 2022
Microphone	GRAS 40CD	367009	11 February 2022
Calibrator	01 dB CAL31	82830	11 February 2022
Sound Level Meter	NTi XL2-TA	A2A-09209-EO	29 July 2022
Microphone	NTi MC230	8072	29 July 2022
Calibrator	NTi CAL200	16089	29 July 2022

Table A.1 Measurement equipment

Noise measurements were taken at approximately 1.5 metres above local ground level, at a distance of at least 3.5 metres from the façades of buildings and are considered representative of free field measurements. The calibration of the sound level meter was checked before and after the measurements were taken, and no significant drift was observed.

A1.2.3 Weather Conditions

Weather conditions were ideal for noise measurements for the majority of the survey period, with no wind speeds above 5 m/s recorded at any of the attended measurement locations during the survey.

There were some brief periods of rain noted on Sunday 12 and Monday 13 September, but these are not considered to have significantly affected noise measurements at LT1 as there were no roads located near to this position.

A1.2.4 Measurement Parameters

At each measurement location, a comprehensive suite of noise level metrics was recorded. The following noise level indices are relevant to this assessment:

- i. $L_{Aeq,T}$ The A-weighted equivalent continuous noise level over the measurement period,
- ii. $L_{A90,T}$ The A-weighted noise level exceeded for 90% of the measurement period. This parameter is often used to describe background noise, and

Other metrics were measured and are available for further analysis, if required.

A1.2.5 Measurement Positions

Figure A1 shows the positions of attended and unattended measurement positions ("ST" denotes short-term attended measurement positions, "LT" denotes long-term unattended measurement positions).

Location LT1 – located in the north east of the football grounds between the existing Kop stand and BK Concepts (Yale) stand. This position was selected to have similar screening as experienced by Wrexham Student Village, whilst also maintaining line-of-sight to the football pitch. The noise climate is generally dominated by distant road traffic noise, pedestrian and vehicle movements

within the Wrexham Village car park and railway movements at Wrexham Railway Station. This position is also highly influenced by noise from the stadium during matches.

Location ST1 – located in the car park of The Turf pub. This location was selected to represent The Turf and Mold Road NSR. The noise climate during the daytime was dominated by traffic Noise on Mold Road and activity from Pub and car park. During the evening and night-time, plant noise from the stadium became more dominant, with some distant construction noise from Wrexham Railway Station also audible.

Location ST2 – located along Crispin Lane. The noise climate was influenced by traffic Noise on Crispin Lane and noise from slow trains entering station. Frequent pedestrians were also located along this road. During the night-time, construction works within the railway station were being undertaken (changing of scaffolding, etc.), however these are not considered to have affected the background noise measurements.

Location ST3 – located near the University's Health Centre. The noise climate was dominated by plant noise from vents in the rear of North Stand. Some operational noise from within the football grounds (e.g. maintenance) and cars occasionally moving around car park were also noted. The plant was switched off for the last daytime measurement.

Location ST4 – located on the roof of Wrexham Village Student Accommodation. The noise climate (outside of match-days) was dominated by road traffic noise from Mold road, train noise, and activity from Jewsons and ATS industrial.

Sample measurements within grounds - for details of sample measurements, please refer to Table A.1.2.

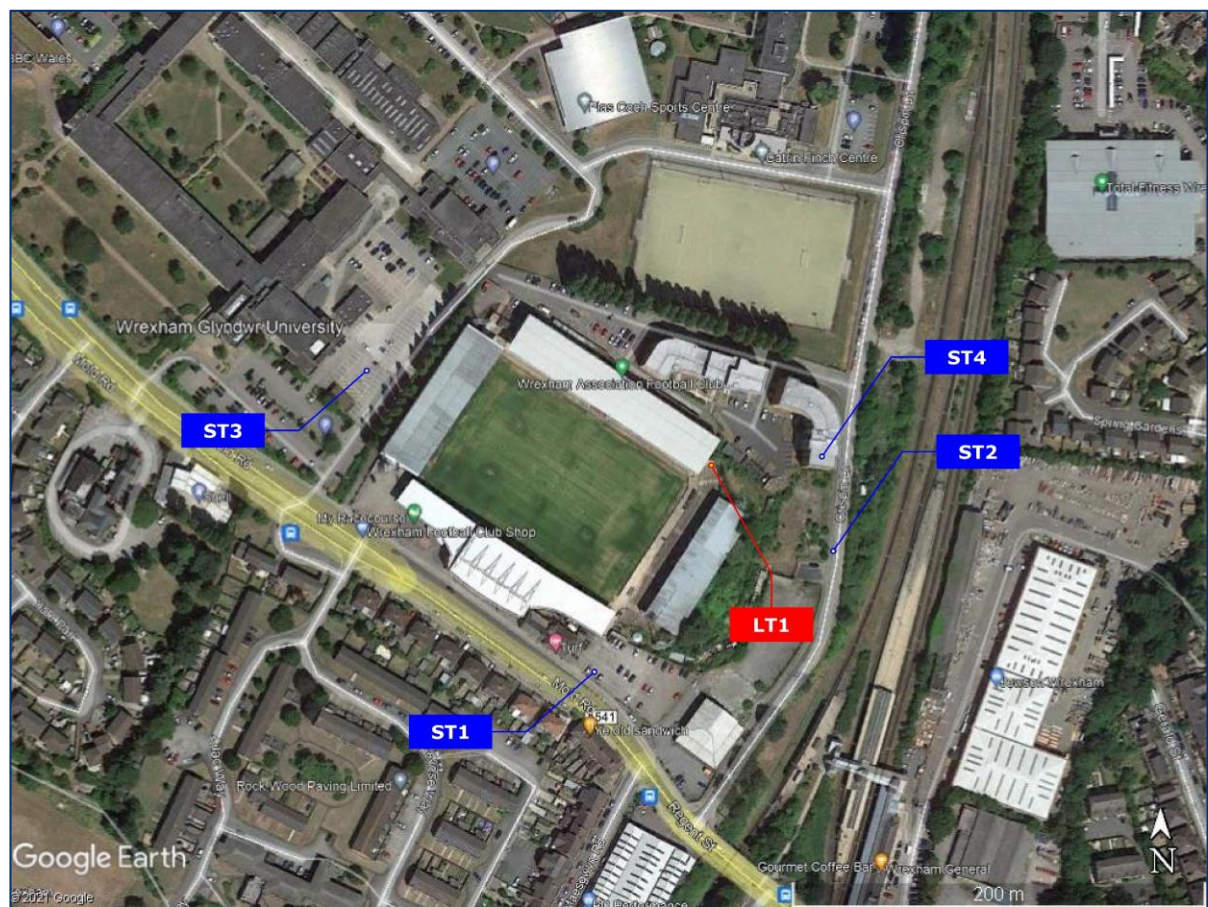


Figure A.1 Unattended and Attended Measurement Positions

A2.5 Summary of Results

A2.5.1 Attended

A summary of the results of the attended measurements at positions ST1-ST4 is provided in Table A.2.

Location	Date	Start	Duration	Noise Level (dB)	
				L _{Aeq}	L _{A90}
Daytime (07:00-19:00)					
ST1 - The Turf Pub	14/09/2021	13:53:50	15 Mins	62	55
	14/09/2021	14:56:00	15 Mins	61	54
	14/09/2021	15:59:38	15 Mins	62	54
ST2 - Crispin Lane	14/09/2021	13:33:02	15 Mins	64	43
	14/09/2021	14:36:32	15 Mins	62	42
	14/09/2021	15:38:02	15 Mins	65	44
ST3 - Health Centre	14/09/2021	14:15:08	15 Mins	53	50
	14/09/2021	15:17:06	15 Mins	53	51
	14/09/2021	16:19:44	15 Mins	51	45
ST4 - Rooftop	15/09/2021	11:03:18	15 Mins	54	51
	15/09/2021	11:20:26	15 Mins	54	52
Evening (19:00-23:00)					
ST1 - The Turf Pub	14/09/2021	22:22:26	15 Mins	58	45
	14/09/2021	23:03:48	15 Mins	55	45
	14/09/2021	23:44:10	15 Mins	53	44
ST2 - Crispin Lane	14/09/2021	22:03:48	15 Mins	57	39
	14/09/2021	22:43:12	15 Mins	51	38
	14/09/2021	23:24:44	15 Mins	52	36
	14/09/2021	23:23:02	15 Mins	61	52
Night-time (23:00-07:00)					
ST1 - The Turf Pub	15/09/2021	02:02:26	15 Mins	55	34
	15/09/2021	02:40:50	15 Mins	42	32
	15/09/2021	03:23:12	15 Mins	46	33
ST2 - Crispin Lane	15/09/2021	02:21:44	15 Mins	53	44
	15/09/2021	03:01:54	15 Mins	48	41
	15/09/2021	03:43:18	15 Mins	48	43

Table A.2 Summary of attended measured noise levels at ST1-ST4

A2.5.2 Unattended

An overview of the unattended measurements taken at LT1 between 10 and 13 September 2021 (excluding the home game match) is presented in Table A.3 below:

Measurement Position and Period	Time Period (T)	Log Average $L_{Aeq,T}$ (dB)	Mode Background Daytime/Evening $L_{A90,1hr}$, Night-time $L_{A90,15mins}$ (dB)	Arithmetic Average Background Daytime/Evening $L_{A90,1hr}$, Night-time $L_{A90,15mins}$ (dB)	Lowest Individual Background Daytime/Evening $L_{A90,1hr}$, Night-time $L_{A90,15mins}$ (dB)
LT1 10 September 2021 to 13 September 2021	Daytime (07:00-19:00)	54	44	44	32
	Evening (19:00-23:00)	44	42	42	39
	Night-time (23:00-07:00)	43	37	38	33

Table A.3 Summary of unattended measurements at LT1

The continuous noise measurements are represented graphically in Figure A.2.

With reference to Figure A.2, the modal L_{A90} values presented in Table A.3 are considered to be typical of the prevailing background noise levels at the NSRs.

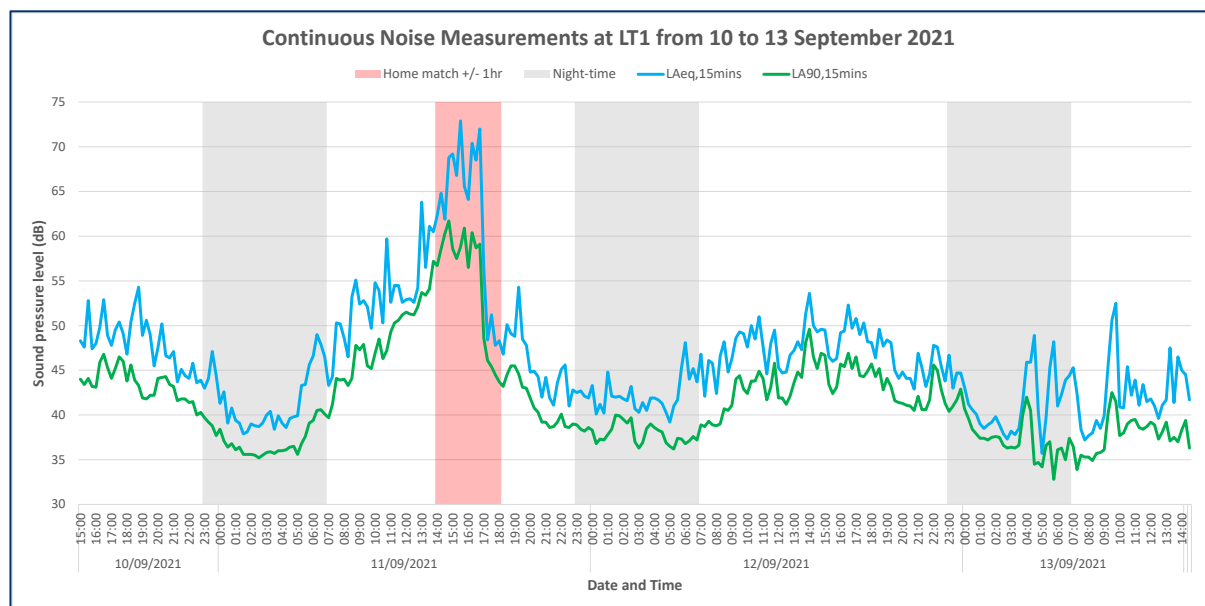


Figure A.2 Unattended measurement results at LT1

A2.5.3 Sample measurements

An overview of the sample noise measurements is presented in Table A.4.

Measurement Position/Description	Start time (Date, hh:ss)	Duration (hh:mm:ss)	Measurement noise level, L _{Aeq} (dB)
1m from temporary generator in SE of grounds	11/09/2021 13:26	00:01:00	77
Wrexrent SW stand music tests	11/09/2021 13:36	00:00:31	84
Wrexrent centre music tests (volume turned down)	11/09/2021 13:38	00:00:30	73
BK Concepts centre music tests	11/09/2021 13:40	00:00:31	85
As above	11/09/2021 13:42	00:00:31	70
BK Concepts concourse music tests	11/09/2021 13:43	00:00:30	80
Kop NE corner music tests	11/09/2021 13:45	00:00:31	70
Kop centre music tests	11/09/2021 13:46	00:00:24	68
Kop centre music tests	11/09/2021 13:46	00:00:31	67
Kop SE generator and music tests	11/09/2021 13:48	00:00:30	70
Hays Travel centre music	11/09/2021 13:49	00:00:30	78
As above at access points with some spectators starting to fill seats	11/09/2021 13:50	00:00:30	81
As above	11/09/2021 13:51	00:00:30	80
As above	11/09/2021 13:52	00:00:30	81
As above	11/09/2021 13:53	00:00:31	80
As above at access points with some spectators starting to fill seats	11/09/2021 13:54	00:01:00	72
SW outside football grounds	11/09/2021 14:02	00:01:00	69
SE outside football grounds	11/09/2021 14:05	00:01:01	73
Wrexham Village car park - noise from hospitality audible	11/09/2021 14:10	00:01:00	55
NW corner between stands, announcements on PA	11/09/2021 14:15	00:00:34	87
Wrexrent NW team announcements, lower seats approx. row E	11/09/2021 14:22	00:00:31	88
As above at access points with some spectators starting to fill seats	11/09/2021 14:24	00:00:31	92
NE corner between stands, Woking warming up, stands filling up	11/09/2021 14:30	00:03:00	73
Wrexrent NW chanting for players returning to tunnel	11/09/2021 14:47	00:00:17	90
Wrexrent NW fans cheering teams coming on, supporters singing	11/09/2021 14:57	00:00:33	99
As above	11/09/2021 14:58	00:00:37	95

Measurement Position/Description	Start time (Date, hh:ss)	Duration (hh:mm:ss)	Measurement noise level, L_{Aeq} (dB)
Wrexrent NW general gameplay, singing, cheering	11/09/2021 14:59	00:00:47	98
As above	11/09/2021 15:01	00:00:16	93
As above	11/09/2021 15:02	00:01:00	91
As above	11/09/2021 15:03	00:00:20	95
As above	11/09/2021 15:04	00:00:44	93
Wrexrent NW corner won for Wrexham	11/09/2021 15:09	00:00:20	95
Wrexrent NW lull in noise with just Away fans singing in BKConcepts stand	11/09/2021 15:12	00:00:32	82
As above	11/09/2021 15:13	00:00:13	85
Wrexrent NW missed attempt at goal for Wrexham	11/09/2021 15:15	00:00:05	96
Wrexrent NW Banging and stamping and clapping	11/09/2021 15:21	00:00:11	92
As above	11/09/2021 15:21	00:00:06	90
Hays Travel Stand centre, general gameplay	11/09/2021 15:33	00:00:12	84
Hays Travel Stand centre, Wrexham Offside	11/09/2021 15:35	00:00:08	93
As above, aftermath	11/09/2021 15:37	00:00:22	79
Hays Travel Stand centre, Goal for Wrexham!	11/09/2021 15:40	00:00:23	111
As above, aftermath	11/09/2021 15:40	00:00:09	95
Halftime in Wrexham Village Car Park	11/09/2021 15:50	00:01:03	58
ST4 halftime - announcements, crowd chatter, some road noise but not dominant	11/09/2021 15:57	00:02:16	64
As above	11/09/2021 15:59	00:01:00	62
ST4 - clapping players back on	11/09/2021 16:01	00:00:09	68
As above	11/09/2021 16:02	00:00:10	70
ST4 - general gameplay	11/09/2021 16:04	00:00:08	66
ST4 - general gameplay with train arrival and departure and pause in gameplay for injury, clapping off for injury (Hays Travel Stand dominant, but Wrexrent and away fans still audible (singing))	11/09/2021 16:06	00:05:00	66
ST4 - cheering for momentum	11/09/2021 16:11	00:00:05	72
ST4 - clapping	11/09/2021 16:12	00:00:17	72

Measurement Position/Description	Start time (Date, hh:ss)	Duration (hh:mm:ss)	Measurement noise level, L_{Aeq} (dB)
ST4 - missed goal	11/09/2021 16:15	00:00:07	77
ST4 - aftermath of above	11/09/2021 16:16	00:00:12	71
ST4 - booing	11/09/2021 16:16	00:00:19	78
ST4 - foul	11/09/2021 16:17	00:00:16	82
ST4 - corner won? west end of pitch not visible	11/09/2021 16:18	00:00:19	82
ST4 - general gameplay	11/09/2021 16:19	00:00:11	70
As above	11/09/2021 16:20	00:00:16	73
As above	11/09/2021 16:20	00:00:10	79
As above	11/09/2021 16:25	00:00:11	76
As above	11/09/2021 16:27	00:00:17	71
ST4 - announcement of capacity (8,242)	11/09/2021 16:29	00:00:17	74
ST4 - general gameplay	11/09/2021 16:30	00:00:12	65
As above	11/09/2021 16:32	00:00:09	72
As above	11/09/2021 16:34	00:00:14	63
ST4 - goal saved by Wrexham	11/09/2021 16:35	00:00:04	77
ST4 - general gameplay	11/09/2021 16:35	00:01:00	74
As above	11/09/2021 16:43	00:00:12	66
As above	11/09/2021 16:46	00:00:21	60
As above	11/09/2021 16:48	00:00:10	79
As above	11/09/2021 16:50	00:00:11	75
As above	11/09/2021 16:50	00:00:09	74
ST4 - Full time cheering	11/09/2021 16:52	00:00:03	80
As above	11/09/2021 16:52	00:00:12	83
As above	11/09/2021 16:52	00:00:25	80
Inside stairwell of Wrexham Village student accommodation with window open	11/09/2021 16:54	00:00:16	61
As above	11/09/2021 16:54	00:00:14	64
SW outside football grounds, crowd leaving	11/09/2021 17:01	00:00:21	66

Table A.4 Sample measurements on match day