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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1** Monitoring of construction noise is being undertaken by FCBC during the construction of the new Forth Crossing and the associated road network. This report covers the month of February 2017. The objective of this report is to detail the monitoring that was undertaken across the site during this reporting period and to present the construction noise monitoring results.
- 1.2** Monitoring of construction noise has been undertaken in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and the Noise and Vibration Management Plan (NVMP).

## 2 Noise Monitoring Locations

- 2.1 During February 2017, construction noise was monitored using permanent, continuous noise monitoring devices (01db DUOs) at locations listed in **Table 1**. These monitors were installed during November and December 2011, with additional monitors installed at Scotstoun Park (Arup's Office) and Newton during March 2012, a further sound level meter was installed at Whinny Hill during April 2012.
- 2.2 Weather stations accompany the noise monitors at Linn Mill and Whinny Hill.
- 2.3 Various construction works were undertaken across the site during February 2017. **Table 1** outlines the main construction activities in the location of each monitor.

**Table 1: Monitoring Locations**

Ref.	Monitoring Location	Crossing or Network	Main Construction Activities During February 2017
M1	Whinny Hill	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth Works/Fill Placement</li> <li>• Park and Ride works</li> <li>• Main carriageway roadworks</li> </ul>
M3	Tigh-Na-Grian	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Tower stay cable installation works</li> <li>• North Tower stay cable installation works,</li> <li>• Tower crane removal</li> <li>• Falsework removal</li> <li>• Bridge Deck works</li> </ul>
M7	Butlaw Fisheries	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Tower stay cable installation works</li> <li>• AVS concrete works on deck</li> <li>• Waterproofing on deck</li> <li>• Wind shield installation</li> <li>• Scour protection</li> <li>• South Tower deck section lifts and stay cable installation works</li> <li>• Bridge deck works</li> </ul>
M10	Inchgarvie Lodge	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway works</li> <li>• SUDS detention basin works</li> <li>• AVS concrete works on deck</li> <li>• Waterproofing on deck</li> <li>• Wind shield installation</li> <li>• Scour protection</li> <li>• South Tower deck section lifts and stay cable installation works</li> <li>• Bridge deck works</li> <li>• South abutment works</li> </ul>
M11	Linn Mill	Network (close proximity to Crossing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway works</li> <li>• AVS concrete works on deck</li> <li>• Waterproofing on deck</li> <li>• Wind shield installation</li> <li>• Scour protection</li> <li>• South Tower deck section lifts and stay cable installation works</li> <li>• Bridge deck works</li> <li>• South abutment works</li> </ul>
M13	Clufflat Brae	Crossing / Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway works</li> <li>• SUDS detention basin works</li> <li>• AVS concrete works on deck</li> <li>• Waterproofing on deck</li> <li>• Wind shield installation</li> <li>• Scour protection</li> <li>• South Tower deck section lifts and stay cable installation works</li> <li>• Bridge deck works</li> <li>• South abutment works</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycle footpath work</li> </ul>
M14	Springfield	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway works</li> <li>• SUDS detention basin works</li> <li>• South abutment works</li> </ul>
M15	Echline	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AVS rebar and concrete deck works</li> <li>• South Abutment works</li> <li>• Main carriageway roadworks</li> </ul>
M16	Scotstoun	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway roadworks</li> </ul>
M17	Dundas Home Farm	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor main carriageway roadworks</li> </ul>
M18	Newton	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outwith works area</li> </ul>

## Noise Monitoring Results

### Overview

**2.4** Noise monitoring results are presented in graphs (**Appendix A**) using the template provided in the *Construction Noise Monitoring Information Note* ([www.transportscotland.gov.uk](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk)).

**2.5** With regard to the noise monitoring graphs, the following should be noted:

- All locations are considered as either 'Main Crossing' or 'Network Connections', as set out in **Table 1**.
- Main Crossing works are undertaken during the day, evening and night time periods. Network connection works are generally undertaken during the daytime only.
- Linn Mill is considered as a network location which has the potential to receive noise from the marine works near the south shore. As a result, evening and night time data has been included for this location.
- Noise data for day, evening and night on which no construction works were conducted have been excluded from the monthly average results presented in the graph.  $L_{AFmax}$  exceedances during these periods would have been caused by non-construction related factors and do not require investigation. Noise results ( $L_{Aeq}$  and  $L_{AFmax}$ ) for any day, evening and night on which no construction works have been conducted have been presented in the graphs as greyed out areas.
- An average for Sunday construction noise data has been included where applicable; in locations where no Sunday works were conducted no average is shown.
- As set out in the CoCP, the assessment time for evening, night and Sunday daytime is in one hour periods. To present the construction noise results for these periods, therefore, the maximum  $L_{AFmax}$  (fast time response) and maximum  $L_{Aeq}$  within the overall evening/night time period has been taken. It should be noted, therefore, that the average shown for these periods is an average of only the highest  $L_{Aeq}$  results.

## Results

- 2.6** Results demonstrate that the monthly average total of construction noise results for daytime and evening are within the threshold levels for all monitoring locations during February 2017. For night time periods, there were exceedances of monthly average at Butlaw and Tigh-Na-Grian. There were also exceedances of Sunday average for Butlaw and Tigh-Na-Grian during the night.
- 2.7** Most exceedances noted were not caused by construction activities. Each exceedance was found to be influenced by increased noise levels due to periods of adverse weather, traffic, residential noise or birdsong. Audio recordings demonstrate that the increased levels were caused by sea waves and birdsong at Butlaw Fisheries and birdsong at Tigh-Na-Grian. With regard to the averages reported for night-time periods, it should be noted that these averages are based only on the highest LAeq levels for 1 hour periods which can affect the averages.
- 2.8** Each exceedance of the threshold was investigated using triggered audio recordings, records of construction works (i.e. site programmes, diaries and daily marine reports) and analysis of weather station data, where required. A Noise and Vibration Investigative Report (NVIR) spread sheet has been produced detailing the results of the investigation for each construction exceedance. There were some exceedances this month that were due to construction work.
- 2.9** Construction related noise at the Clufflat monitor during the daytime period on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February were caused by the excavation work nearby at the eastern SUDs pond. Site teams were made aware of these exceedances. The exceedance on the 11<sup>th</sup> February at Tigh-Na-Grian during the night was caused by a metal banging noise possibly coming from site. Site teams were made aware of the exceedance and asked to remind staff about night time noise levels.
- 2.10** A summary of the findings for exceedances occurring at each of the locations can be found in Table 2.

**Table 2: Summary of Exceedances at Monitoring Locations**

Monitoring Location	Summary of Exceedance Details
Butlaw Fisheries	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 44 occasions (10 day time, 8 evening and 26 night time). Exceedances were attributed to non-construction factors, notably birdsong, waves and wind.
Clufflat Brae	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 30 occasions (11 daytime, 3 evening and 16 night time). Exceedances were mainly found to be due to birdsong and residents. There were two instances of construction noise exceeding the threshold (see 2.9)
Inchgarvie Lodge	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 30 occasions (7 day time, 1 evening and 18 night time). Exceedances were mainly found to be due to birdsong and wind.
Linn Mill	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 35 occasions (10 daytime, 4 evening and 21 night time). The majority of exceedances at this location were due to birdsong and wind.
Tigh-Na-Grian	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 51 occasions (14 daytime, 15 evening and 22 night time). Exceedances were mainly due to birdsong and wind. There was one instance of construction noise exceeding the threshold (see 2.9)
Dundas Home Farm	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 18 occasions. The main exceedances were due to residents and birdsong.
Echline	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 23 occasions. Exceedances were attributed to vehicles passing by on the adjacent roads.
Springfield	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 10 occasions. These exceedances were due to local residents.
Scotstoun	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 27 occasions. These exceedances were attributed to general traffic noise on the adjacent road.
Whinny Hill	During February the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 15 occasions during the daytime. No exceedances at this location were attributed to construction activities. Most exceedances were due to birdsong and residents
Newton	Recordings taken for data record purposes

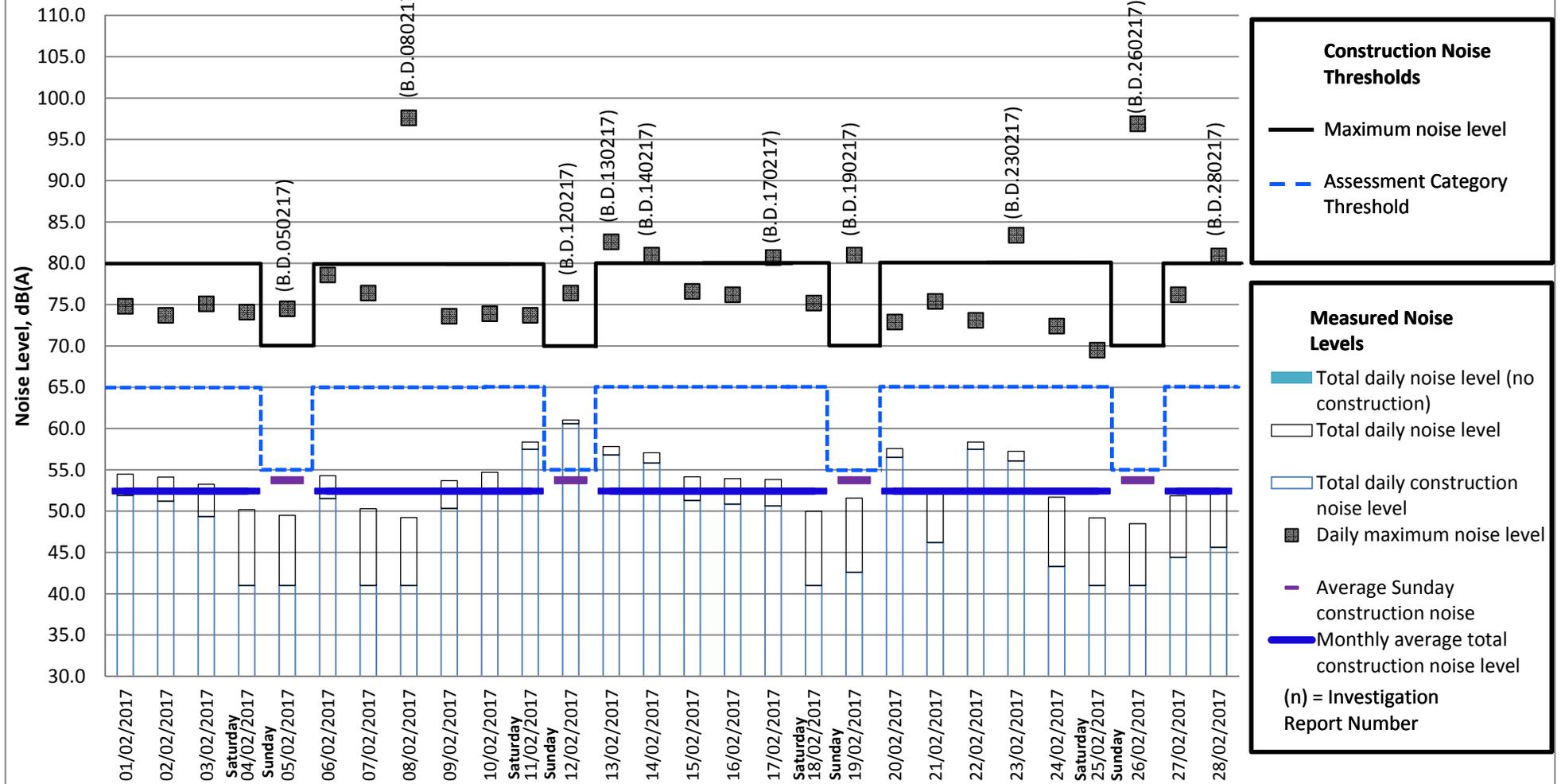


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## APPENDIX A

# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

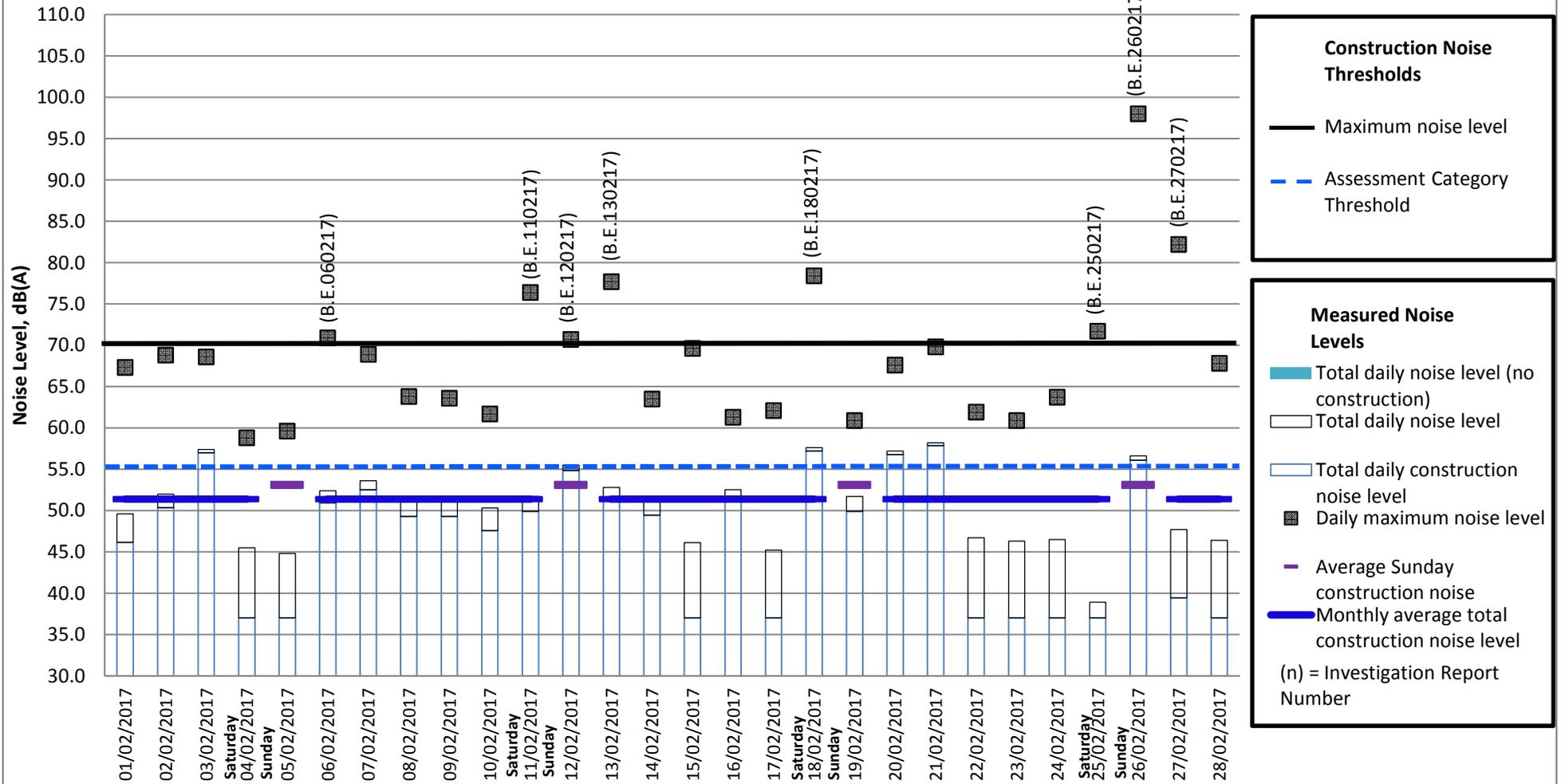
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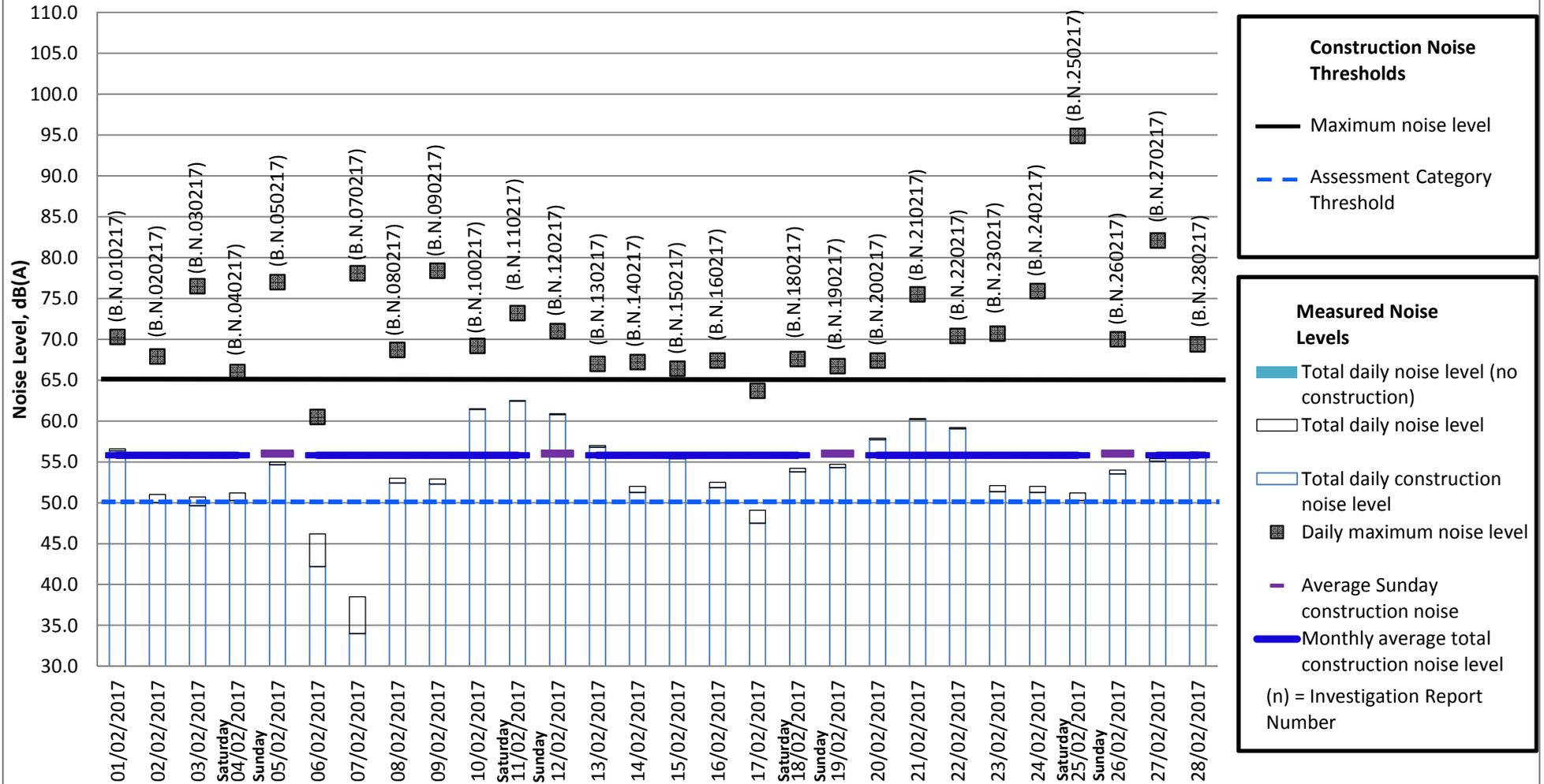
# Measured Evening Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

## Measurement period: February 2017



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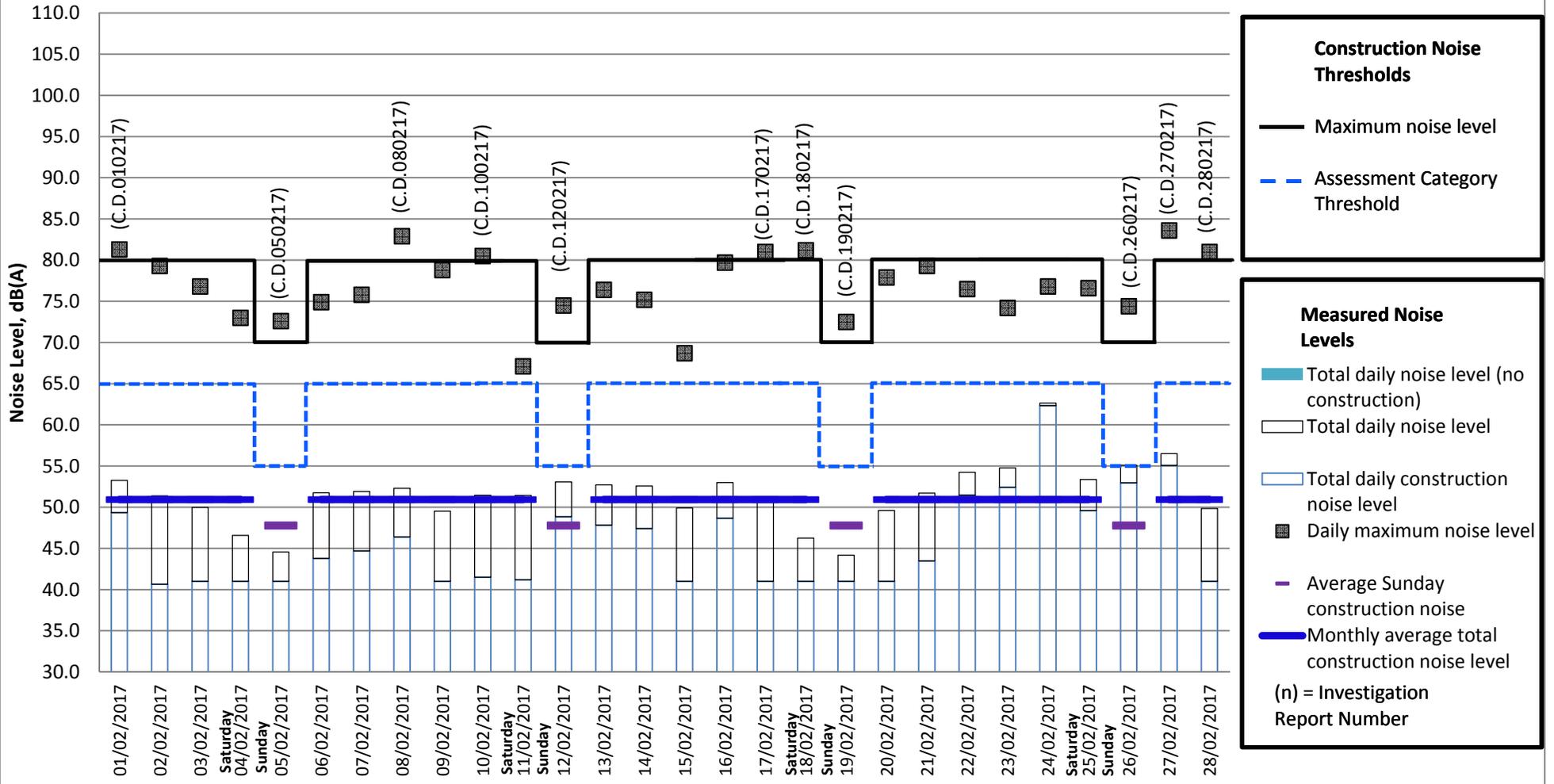
## Measured Night time Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:** After investigation, it was concluded that the exceedance of the LAeq 'Total Daily Construction' throughout the month were caused by wind and waves

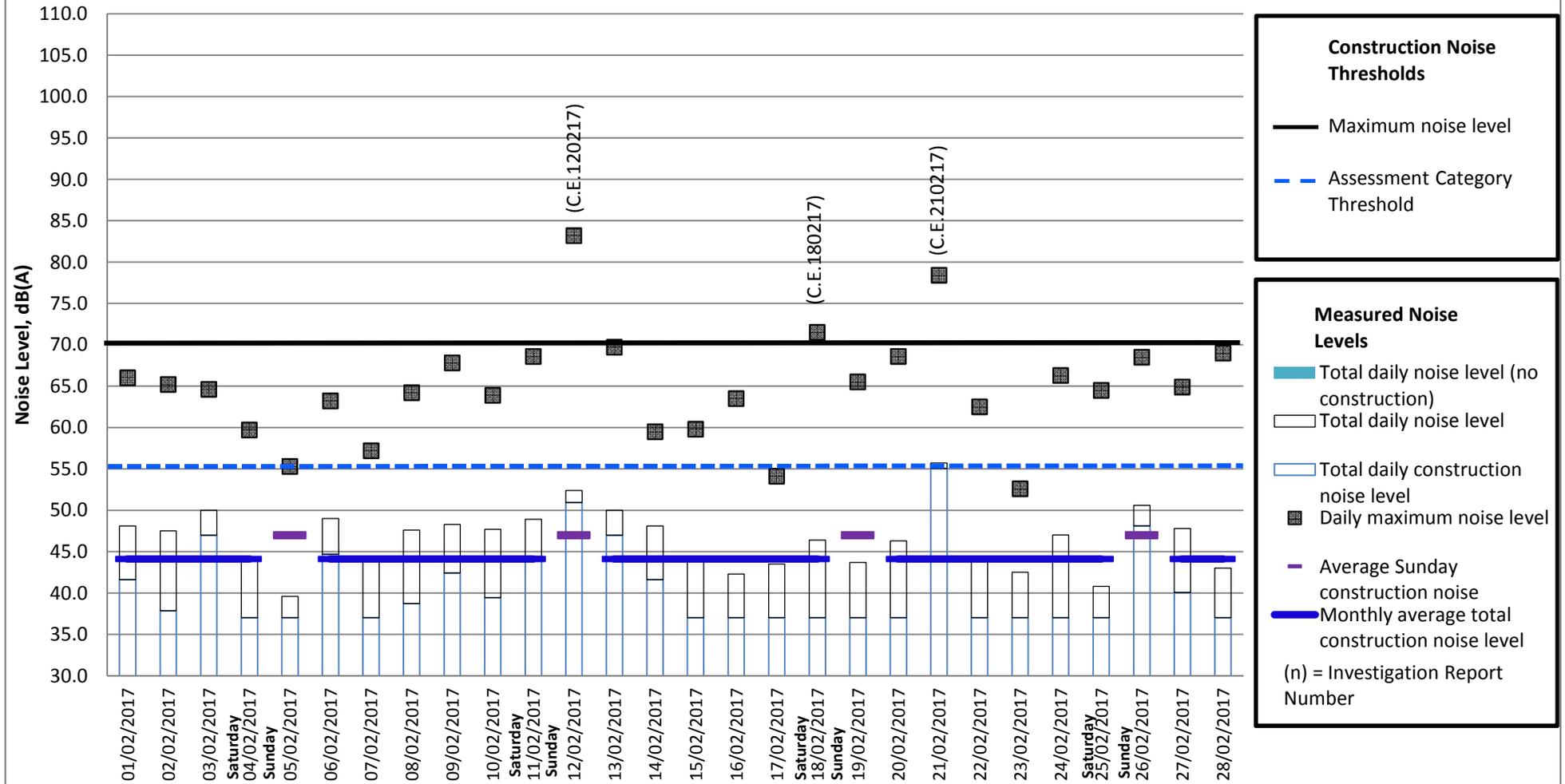
# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Clufflat

## Measurement period: February 2017



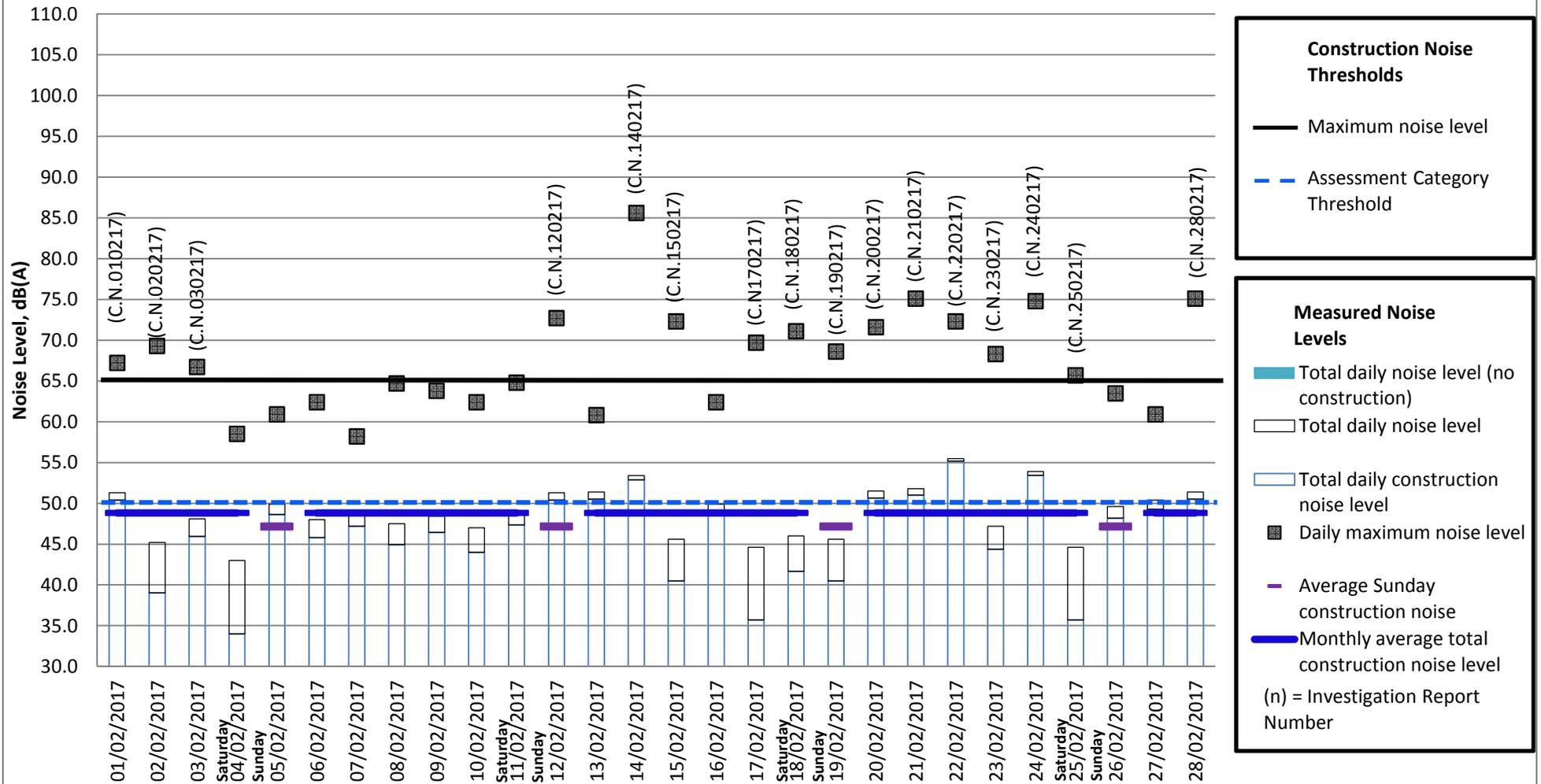
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## Measured Evening Noise Levels at Clufflat Measurement period: February 2017



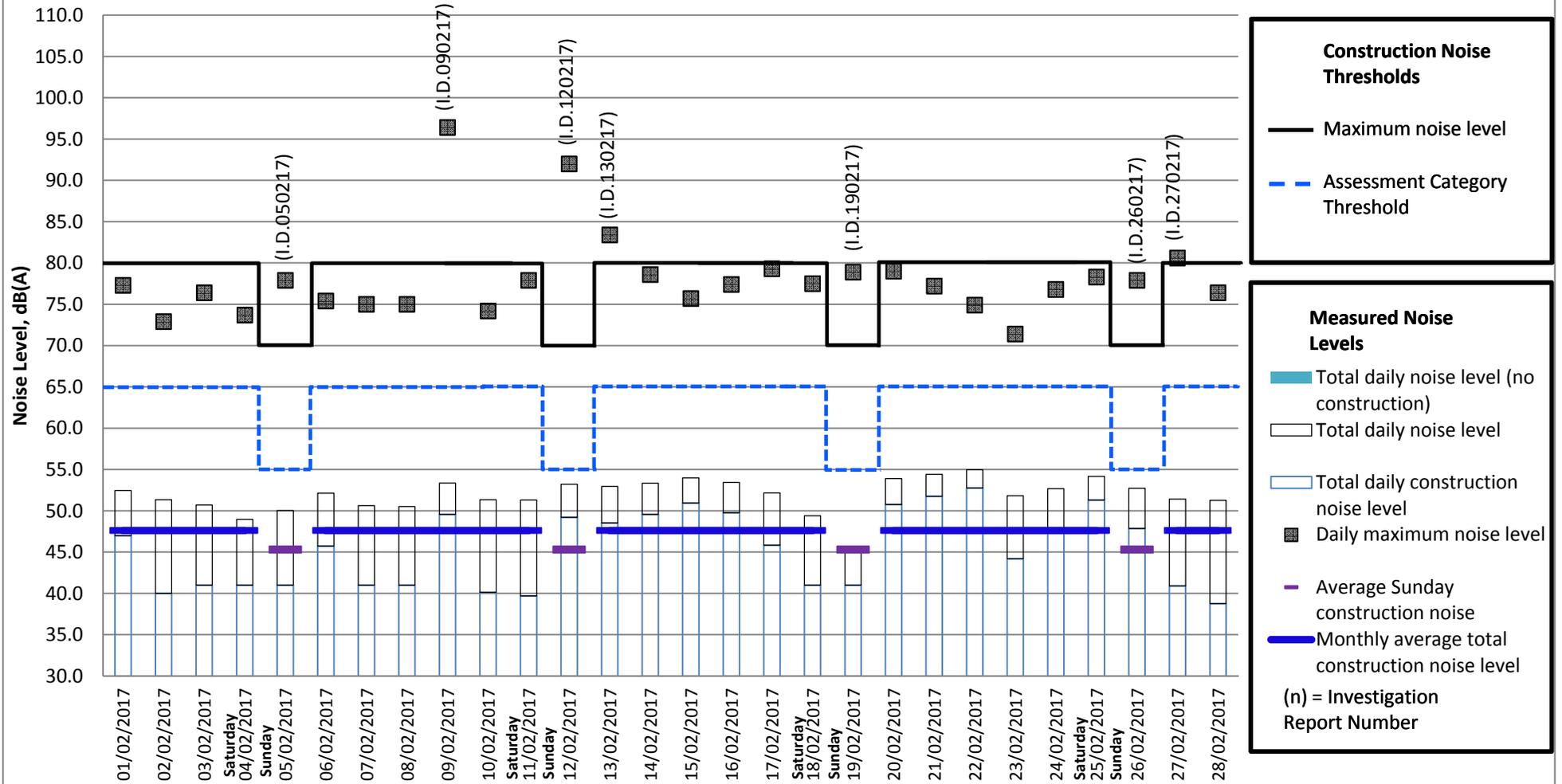
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## Measured Night time Noise Levels at Clufflat Measurement period: February 2017



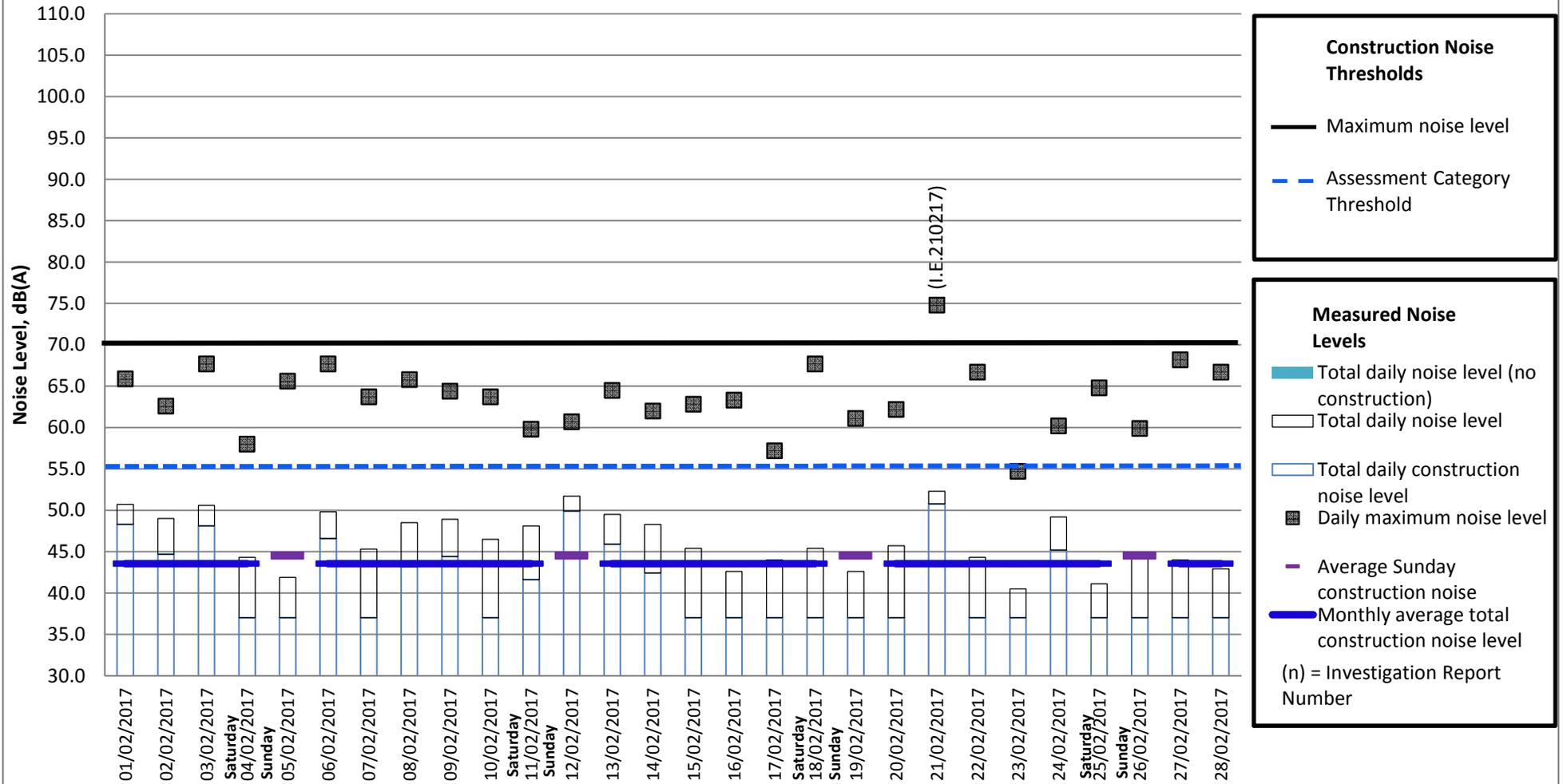
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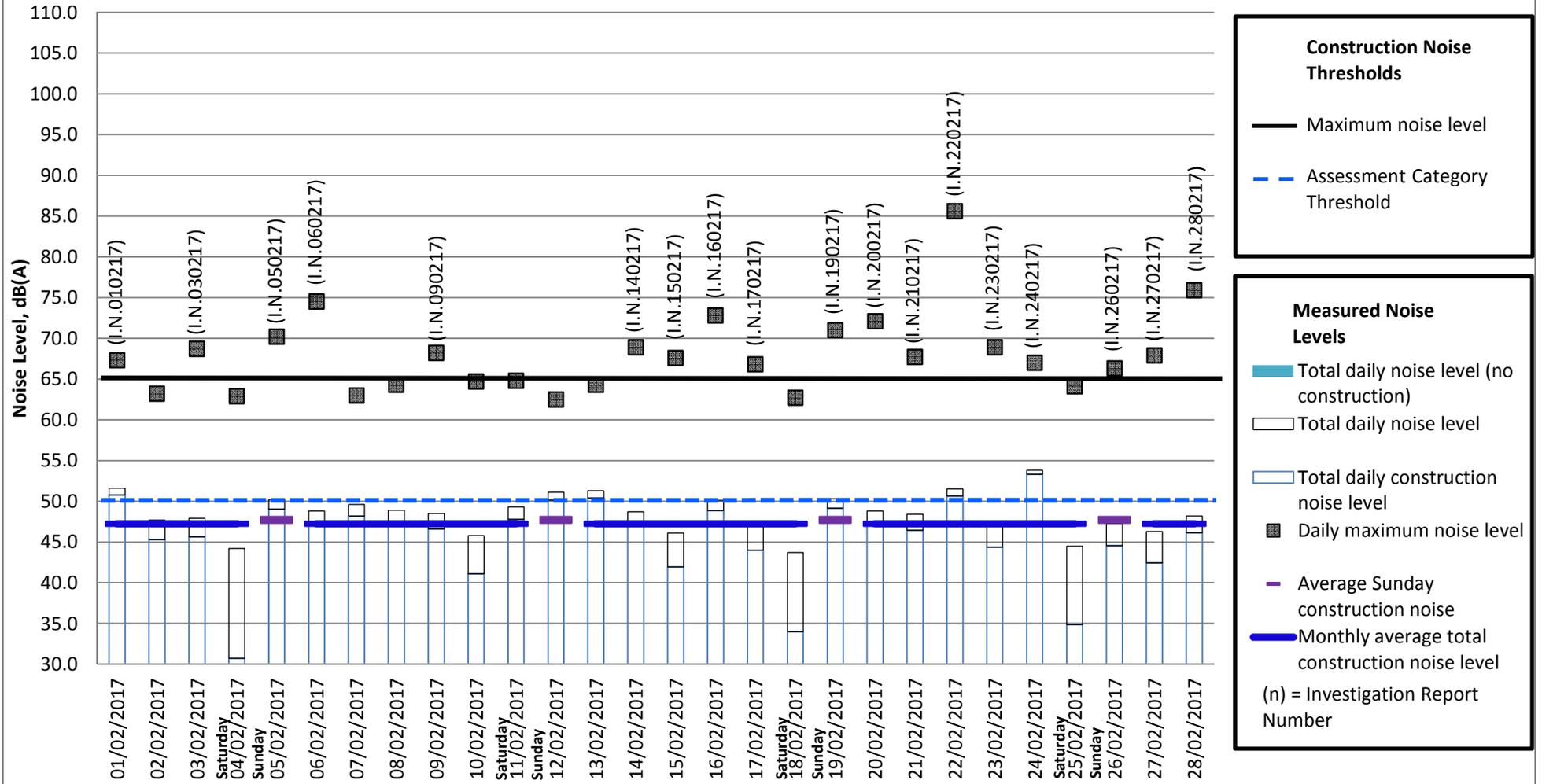
## Measured Evening Noise Levels at Inchgarvie Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:**

# Measured Night time Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

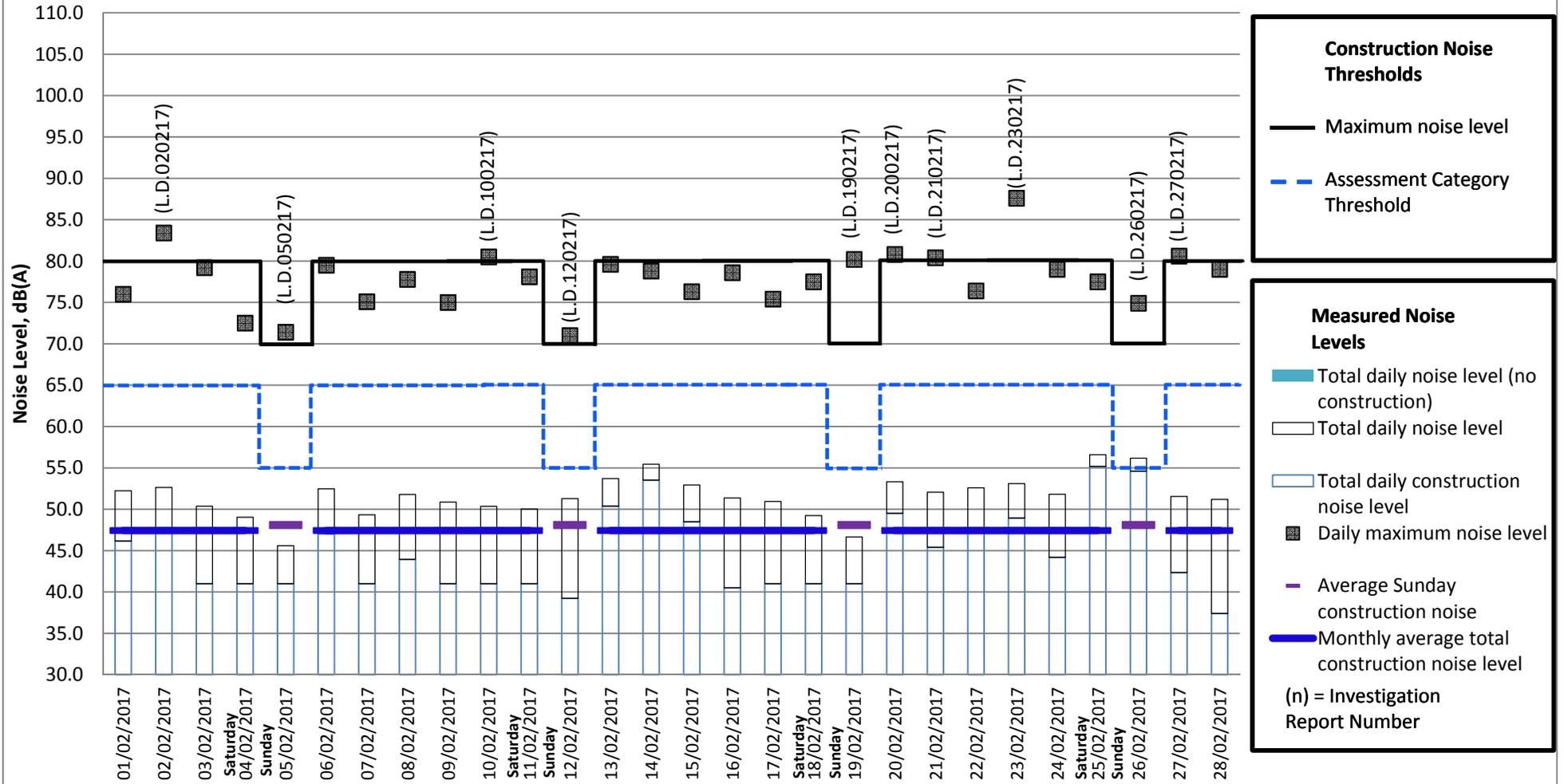
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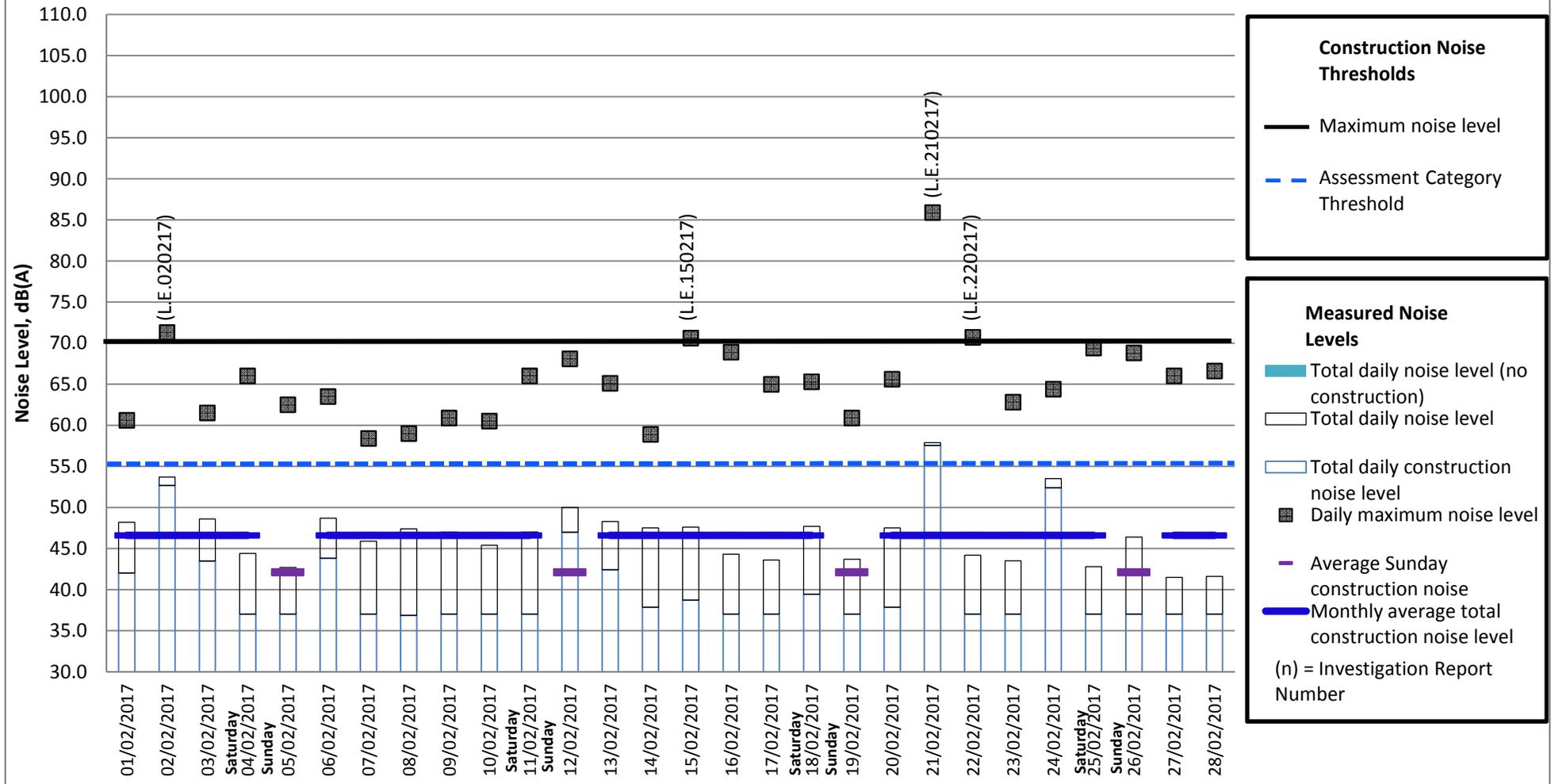
# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Linn Mill

## Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:**

## Measured Evening Noise Levels at Linn Mill Measurement period: February 2017



**Construction Noise Thresholds**

- Maximum noise level
- Assessment Category Threshold

**Measured Noise Levels**

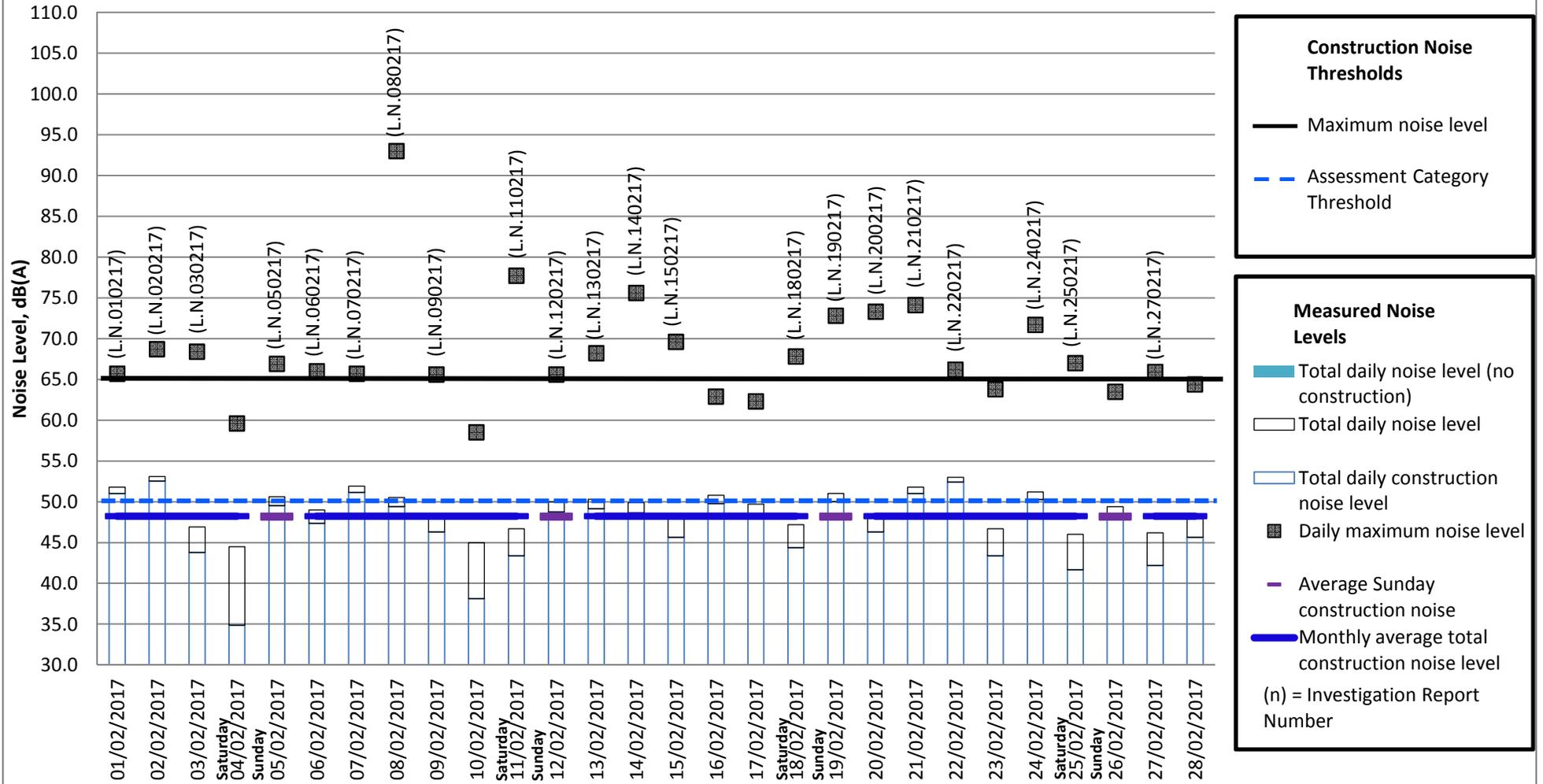
- Total daily noise level (no construction)
- Total daily construction noise level
- Daily maximum noise level
- Average Sunday construction noise
- Monthly average total construction noise level

(n) = Investigation Report Number

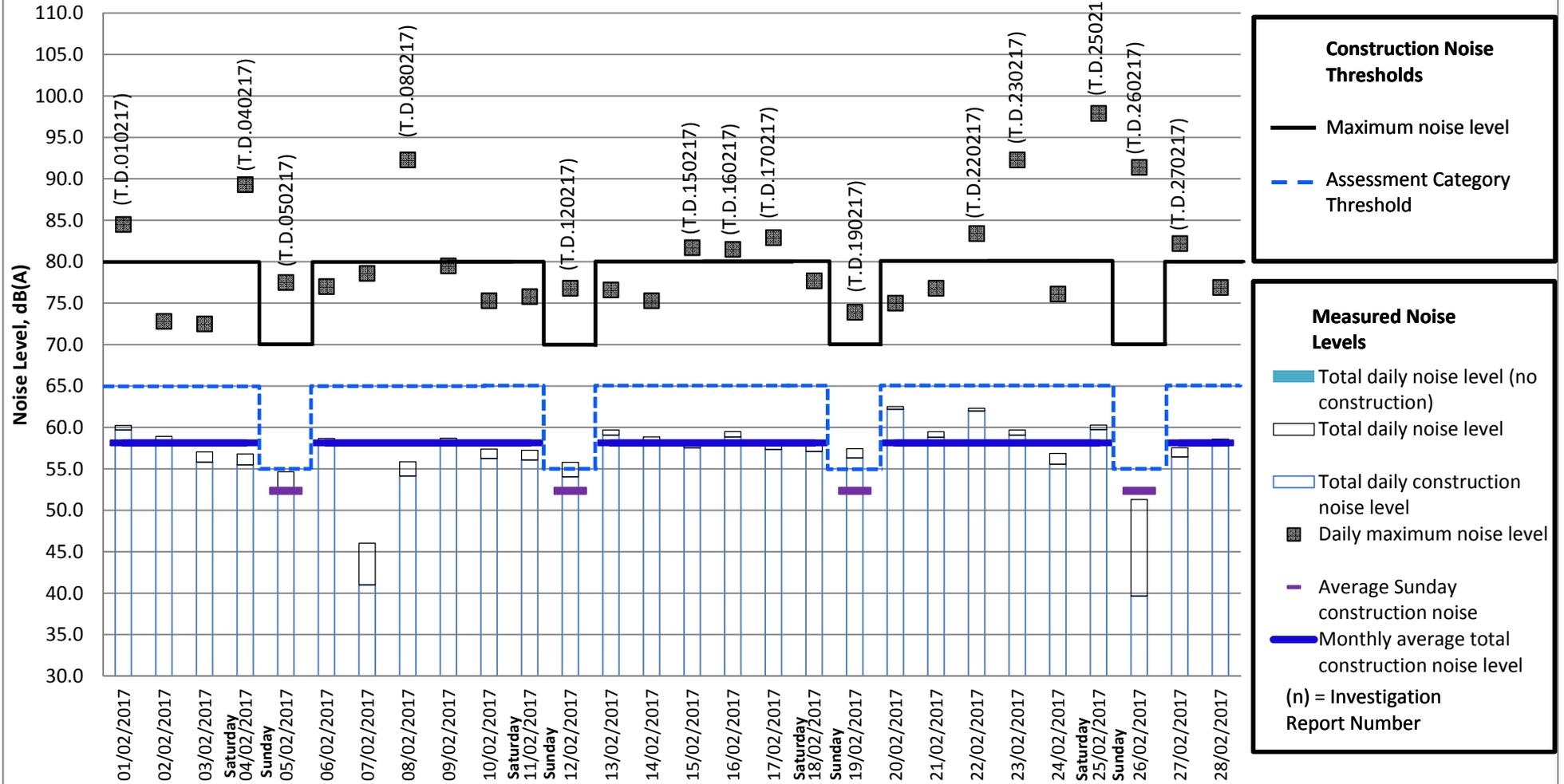
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# Measured Night time Noise Levels at Linn Mill

## Measurement period: February 2017

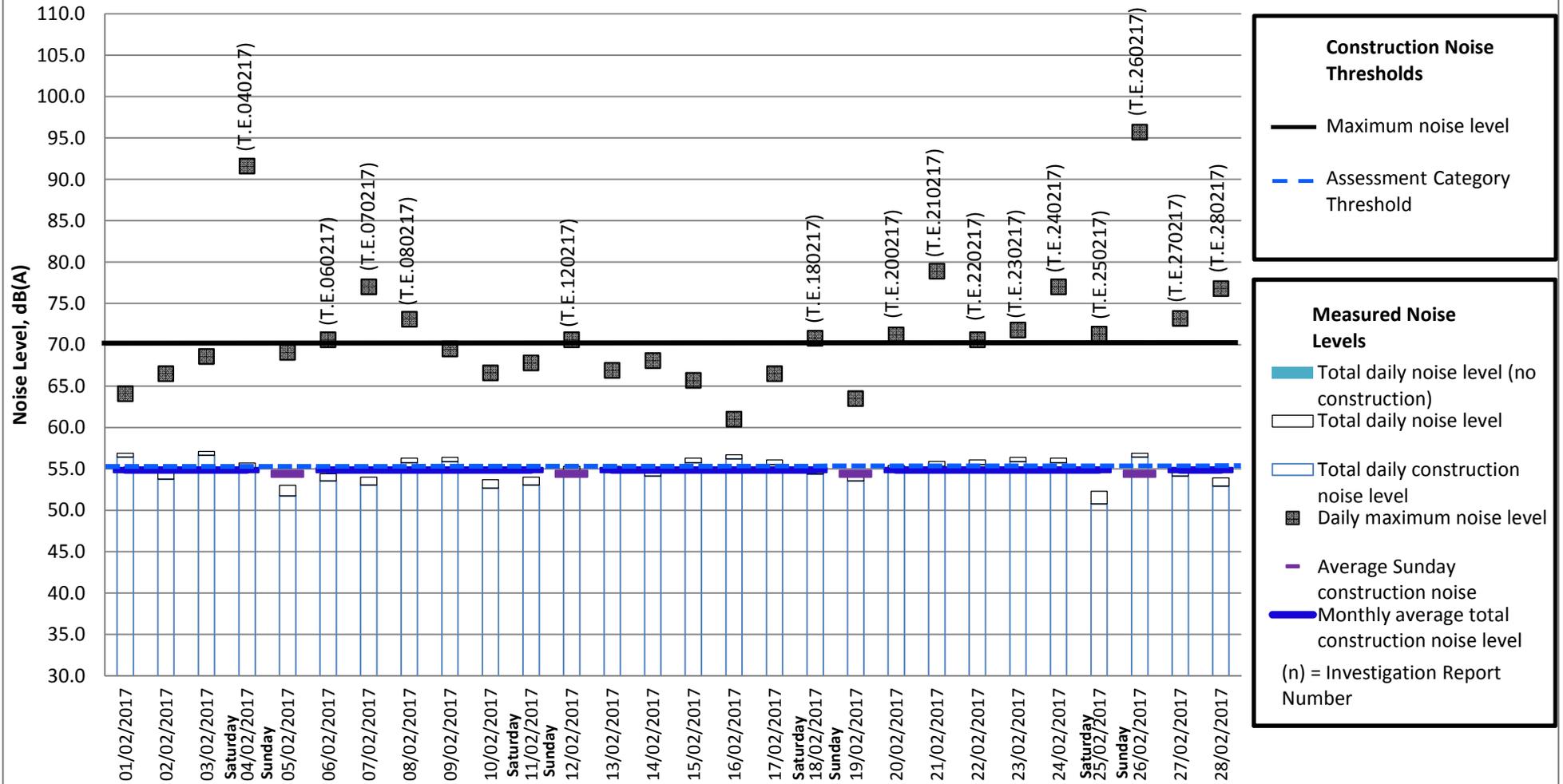


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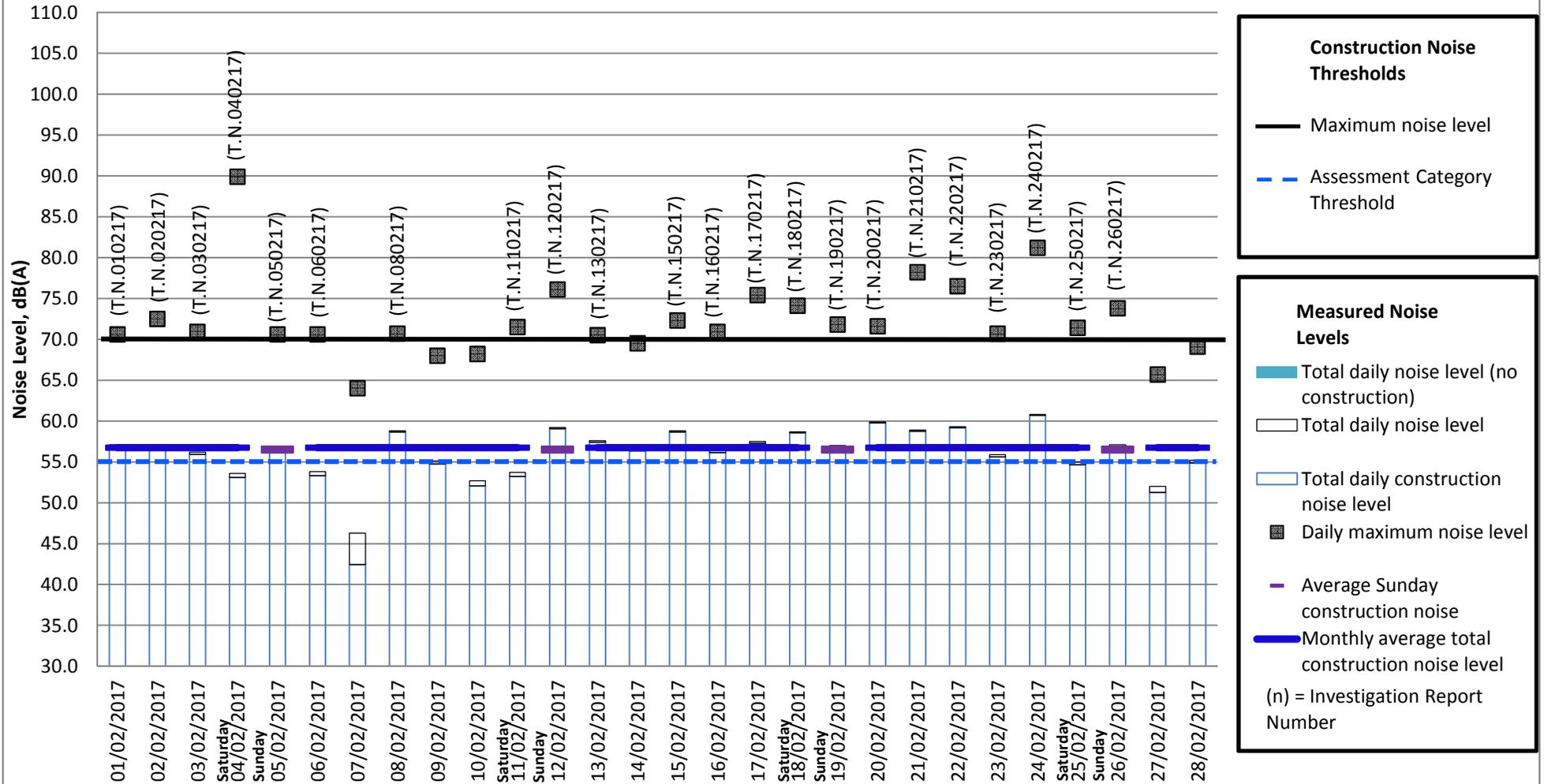
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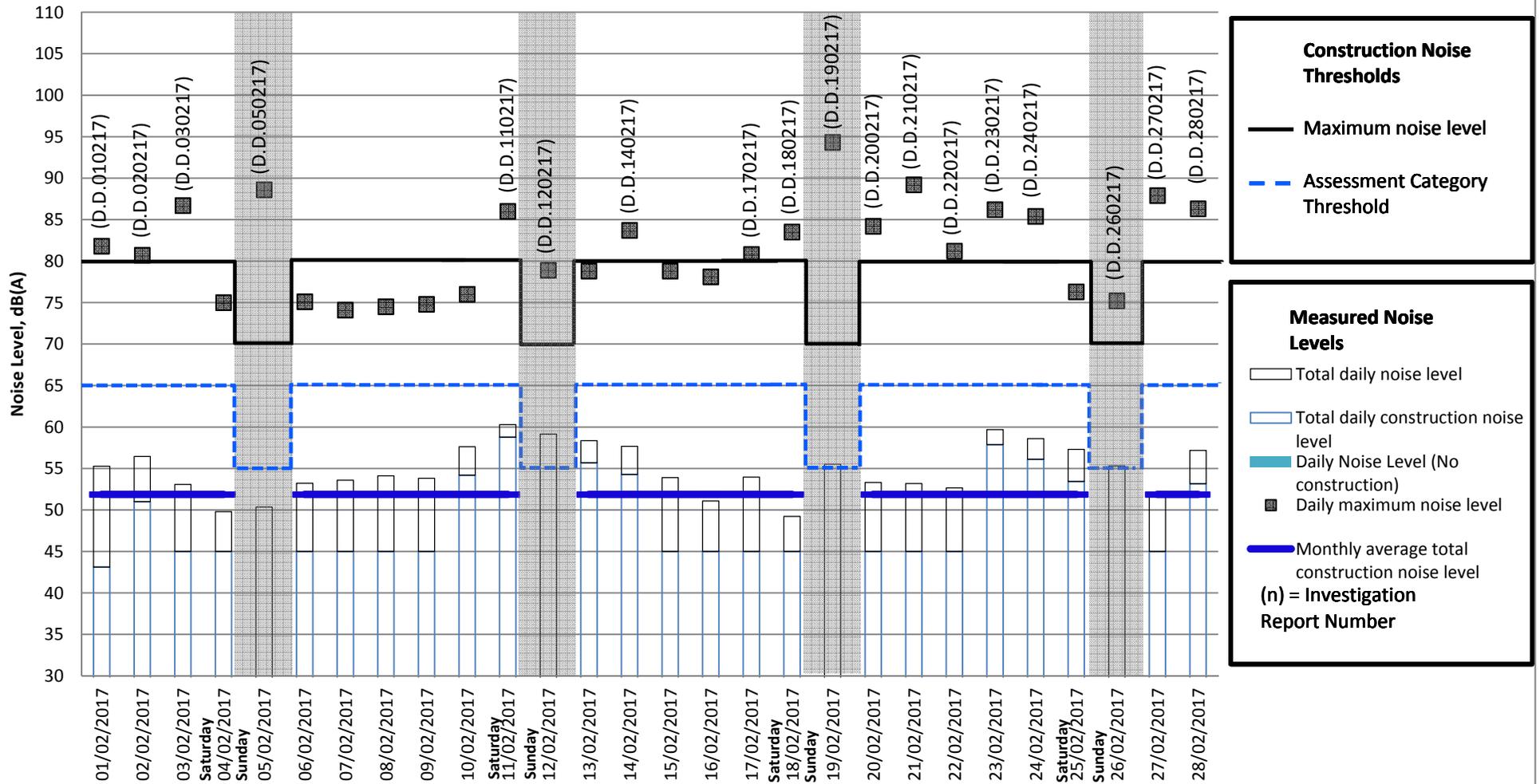
**Note:**

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**Note:** After investigation, it was concluded that the exceedance of the LAeq 'Total Daily Construction' throughout the month were caused by wind.

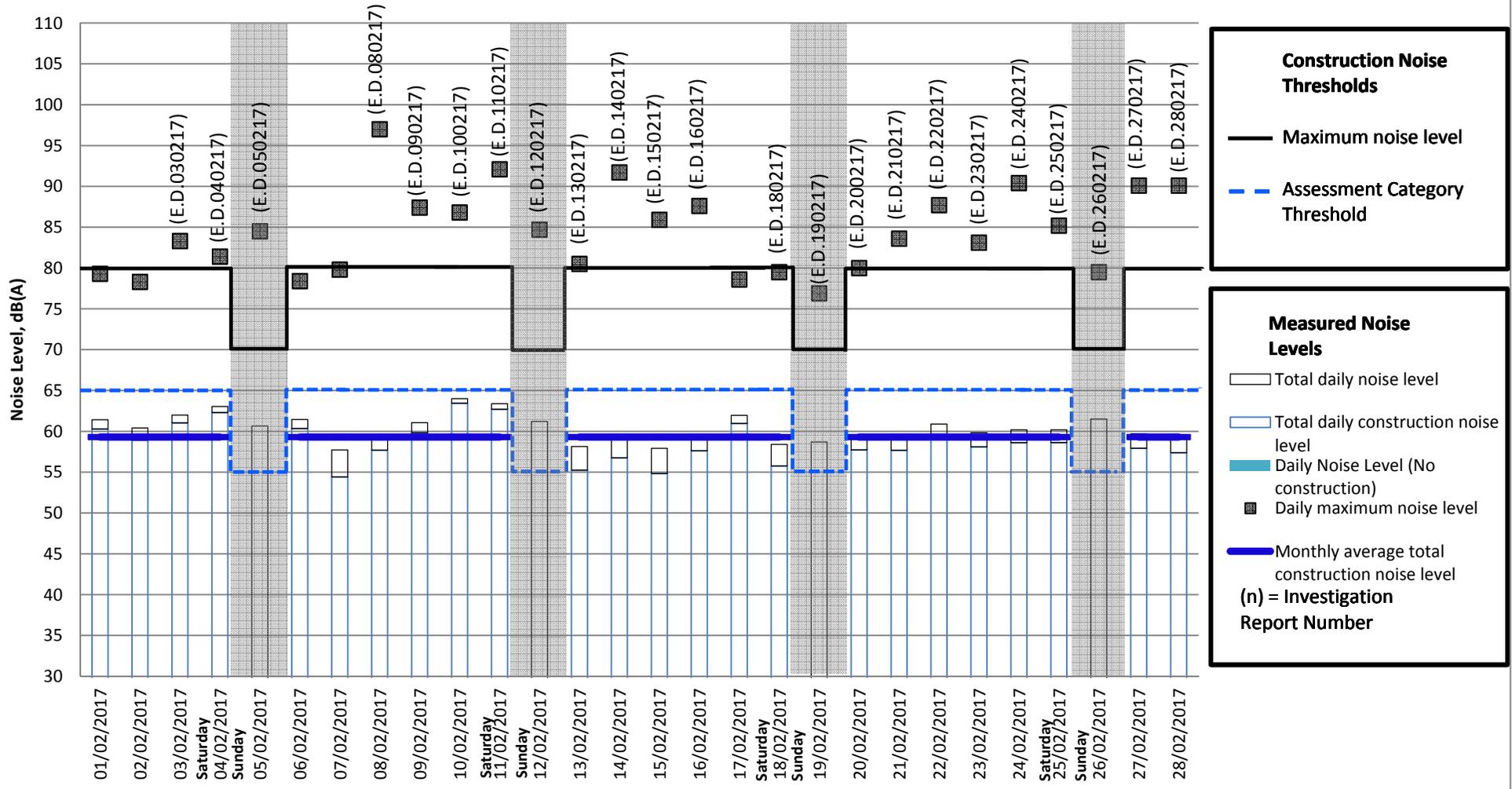
## Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Dundas Home Farm Measurement period: February 2017



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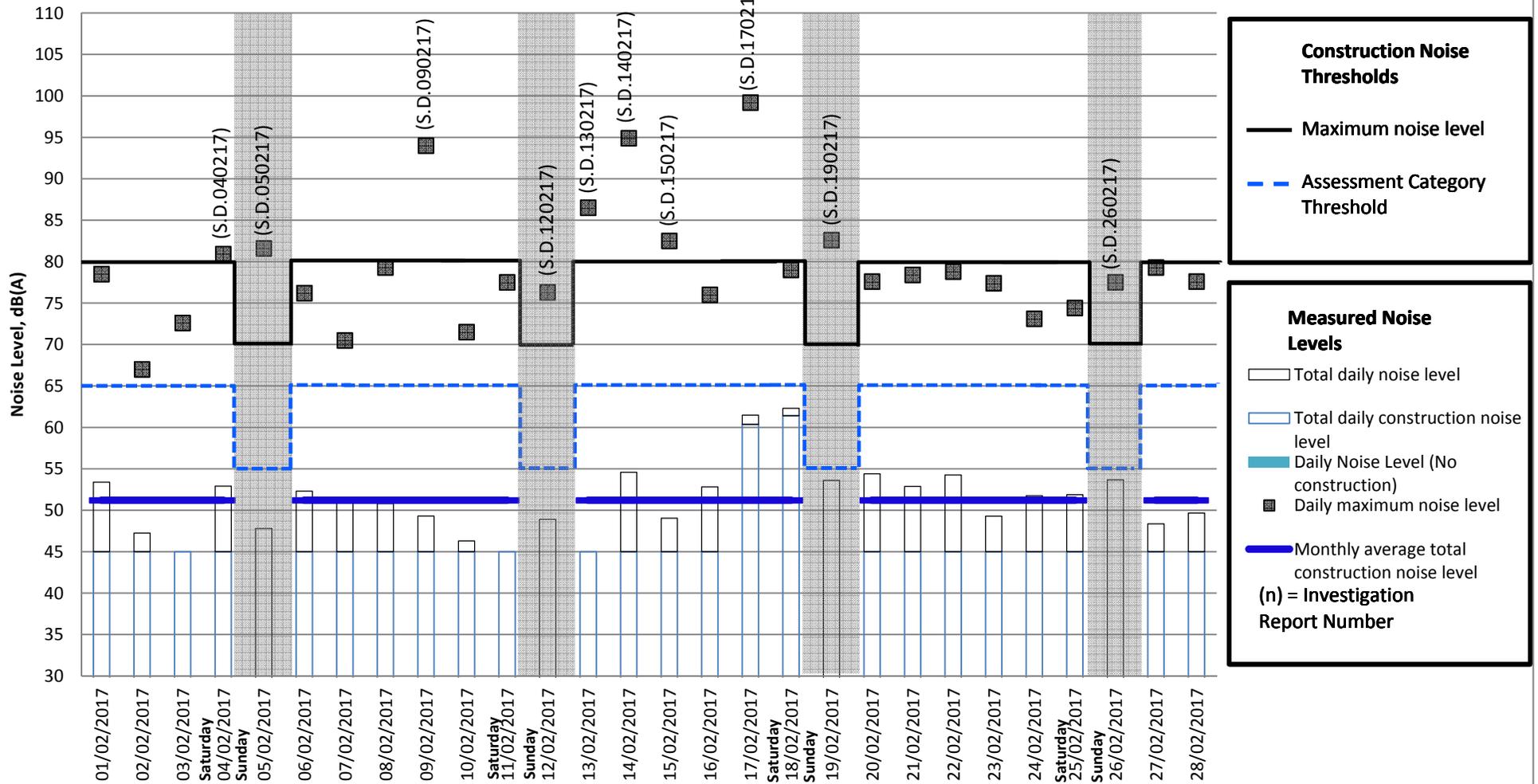
# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Echline

## Measurement period: February 2017



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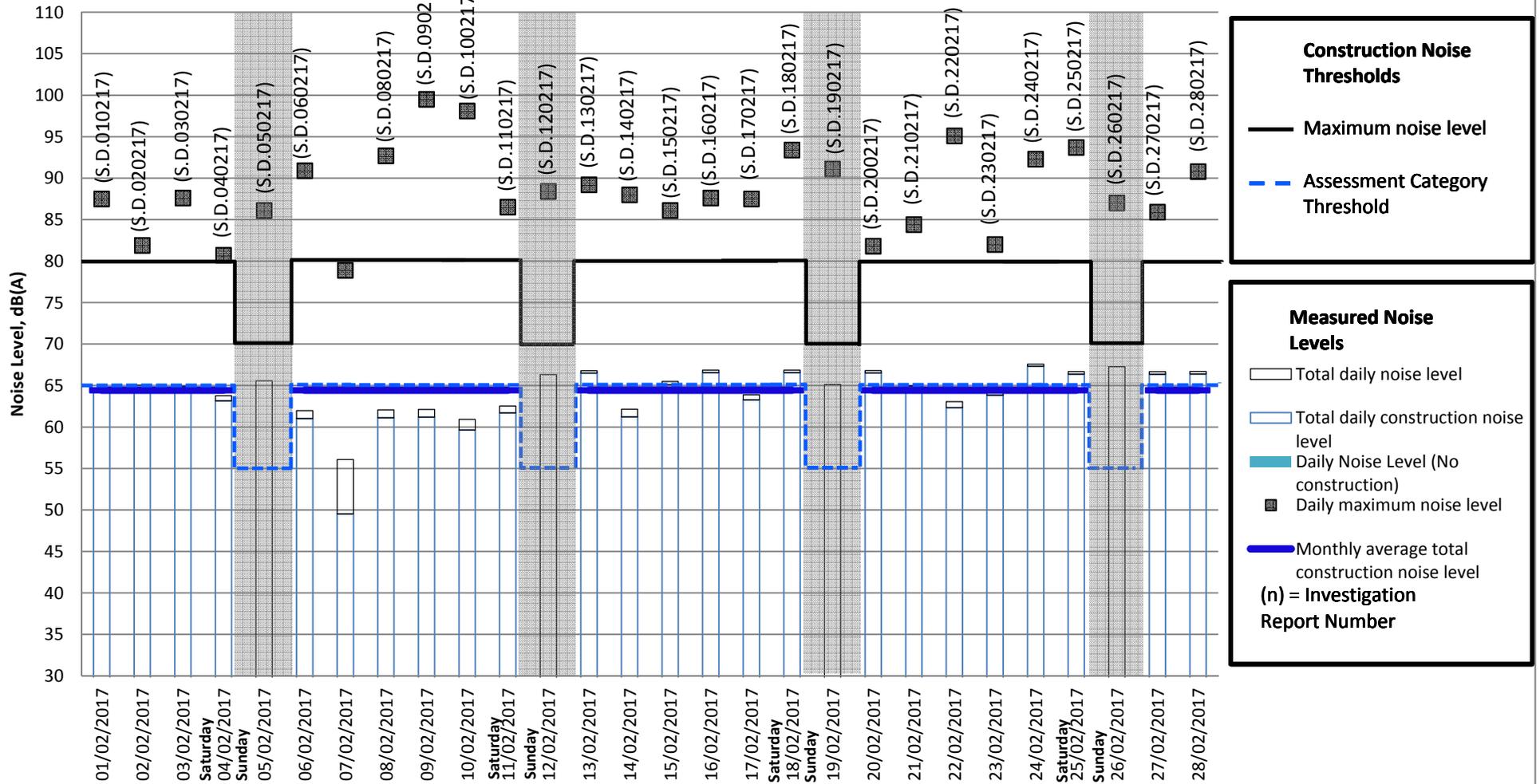
## Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Springfield Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:** The grey areas of the chart represent days on which no construction works have been conducted;

# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Scotstoun

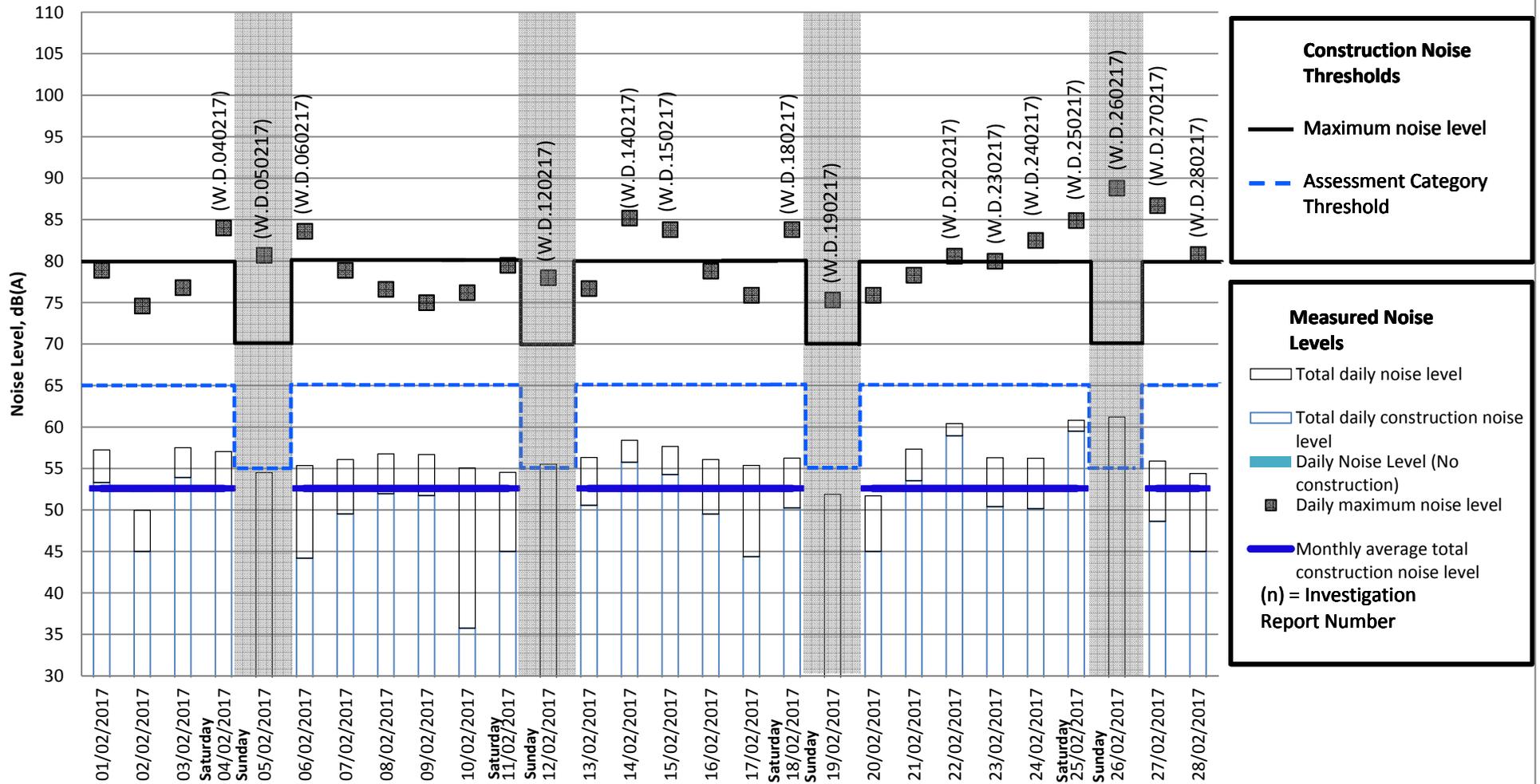
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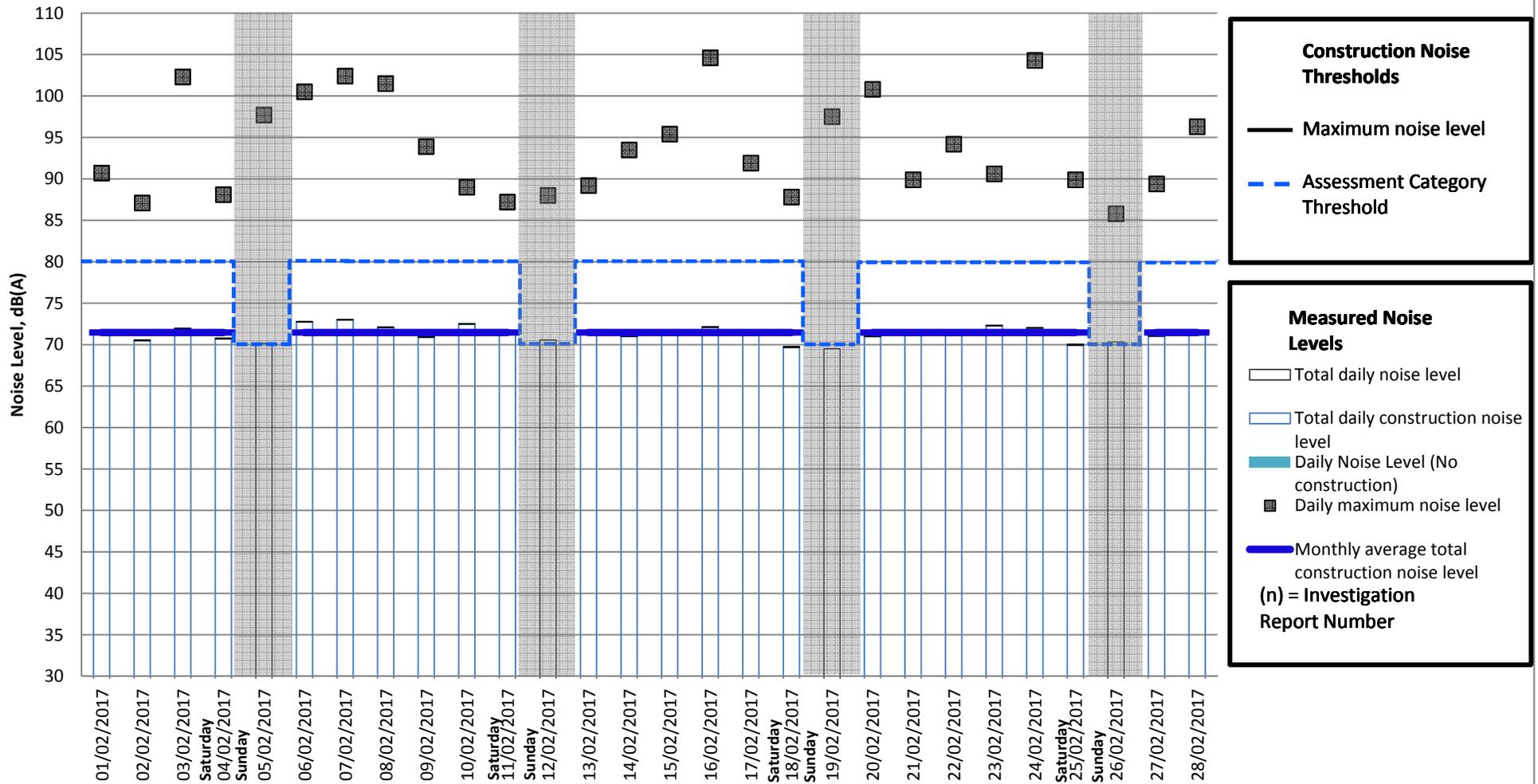
# Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Whinnyhill

## Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:** The grey areas of the chart represent days on which no construction works have been conducted;

## Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Newton Measurement period: February 2017



**Note:** The grey areas of the chart represent days on which no construction works have been conducted;