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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 July 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 July 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 July 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 July 2017
M1	Whinny Hill	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Works/Fill Placement • Main carriageway roadworks
M3	Tigh-Na-Grian	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower stay cable installation works • North Tower stay cable installation works, • Bridge Deck works
M7	Butlaw Fisheries	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Tower stay cable installation works • Deck surfacing • Wind shield installation • South Tower stay cable installation works • Bridge deck works
M10	Inchgarvie Lodge	Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway works • SUDS detention basin works • Waterproofing on deck • Deck surfacing • Wind shield installation • South Tower stay cable installation works • Bridge deck works • South abutment works • Society Road Works
M11	Linn Mill	Network (close proximity to Crossing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway works • Waterproofing on deck • Deck surfacing • Wind shield installation • South Tower stay cable installation works • Bridge deck works • South abutment works • Society Road Works
M13	Clufflat Brae	Crossing / Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway works • SUDS detention basin works • Waterproofing on deck • Deck surfacing • Wind shield installation • South Tower stay cable installation works • Bridge deck works • South abutment works • Cycle / footpath work • Society Road Works
M14	Springfield	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway works • SUDS detention basin works • South abutment works



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M15	Echline	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Abutment works • Cycle/footway works
M16	Scotstoun	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway roadworks
M17	Dundas Home Farm	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor main carriageway roadworks
M18	Newton	Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outwith works area

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).

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 July 2017. For night time periods, there were exceedances of monthly average at Butlaw. There were no exceedances of Sunday average.
- 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 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 Butlaw monitor during the daytime period on the 4th July was caused during the day by the work at the Barracks to reinstate the seawall. There were also exceedances caused at the Butlaw in the evening and night time on the 28th and 29th caused by works at Society Road. Site teams were made aware of these exceedances. Exceedances were recorded on the Clufflat monitor on the 17th and 18th. This was caused by a hammering noise while building a fence in close proximity to the monitor. Site teams were made aware of these exceedances.
- 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

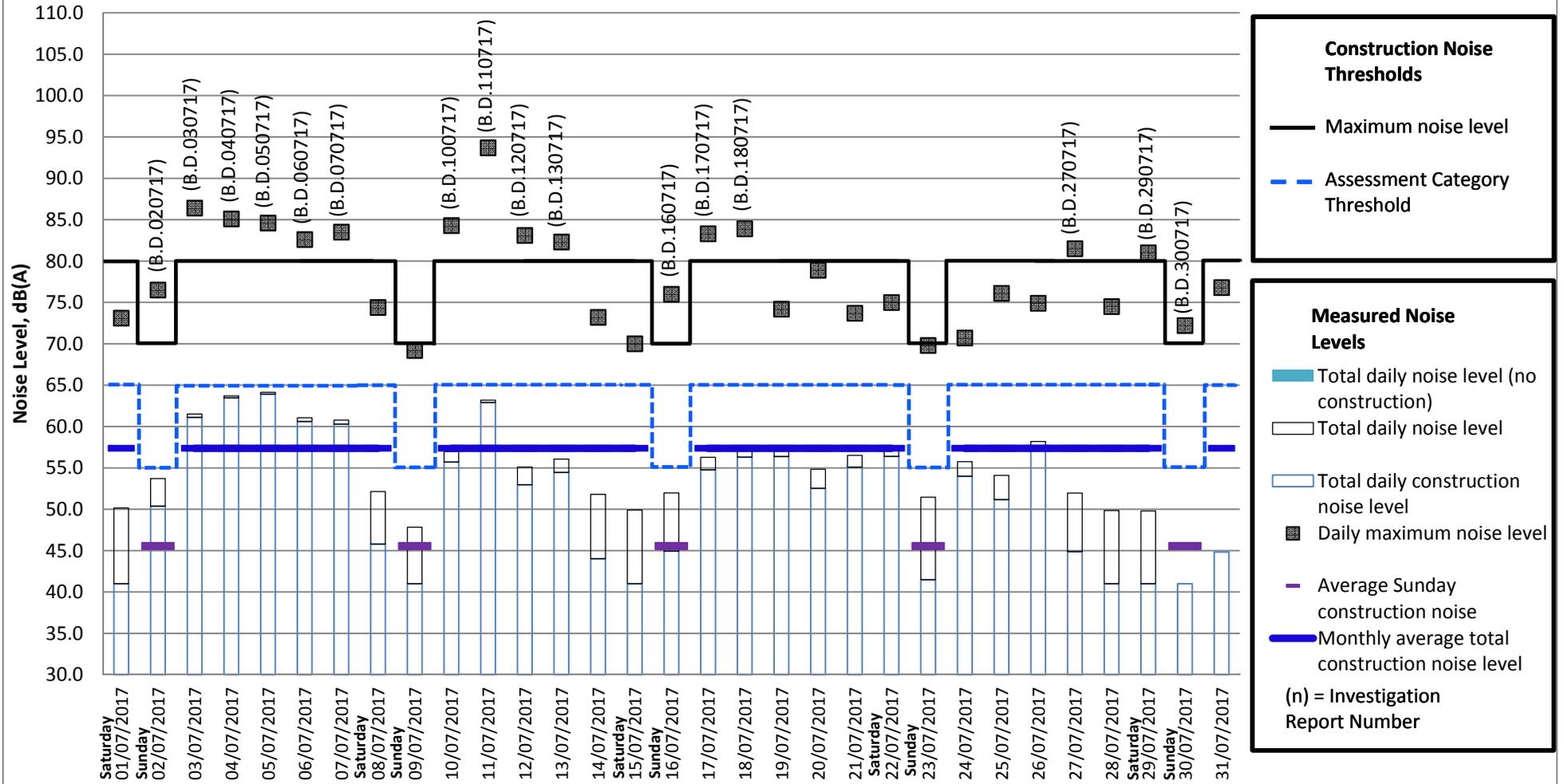
Monitoring Location	Summary of Exceedance Details
Butlaw Fisheries	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 56 occasions (16 day time, 12 evening and 28 night time). Most exceedances were attributed to non-construction factors, notably birdsong and waves. There were three instances of construction noise exceeding the threshold (see 2.9)
Clufflat Brae	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 31 occasions (9 daytime, 2 evening and 20 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 July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 39 occasions (12 day time, 8 evening and 19 night time). No exceedances were related to construction activity. Exceedances were mainly found to be due to birdsong, residents and wind. There were no instances of construction noise exceeding the threshold
Linn Mill	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 48 occasions (10 daytime, 10 evening and 28 night time). No exceedances were related to construction activity. The majority of exceedances at this location were due to birdsong and residents.
Tigh-Na-Grian	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 38 occasions (15 daytime, 7 evening and 16 night time). No exceedances were related to construction activity. Exceedances were mainly due to birdsong and wind.
Dundas Home Farm	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 21 occasions. No exceedances were related to construction activity. The main exceedances were due to residents and birdsong.
Echline	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 29 occasions. Exceedances were attributed to vehicles passing by on the adjacent roads.
Springfield	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 16 occasions. These exceedances were due to local residents.
Scotstoun	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 31 occasions. These exceedances were attributed to general traffic noise on the adjacent road.
Whinny Hill	During July the maximum noise threshold was exceeded on 13 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



APPENDIX A

Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

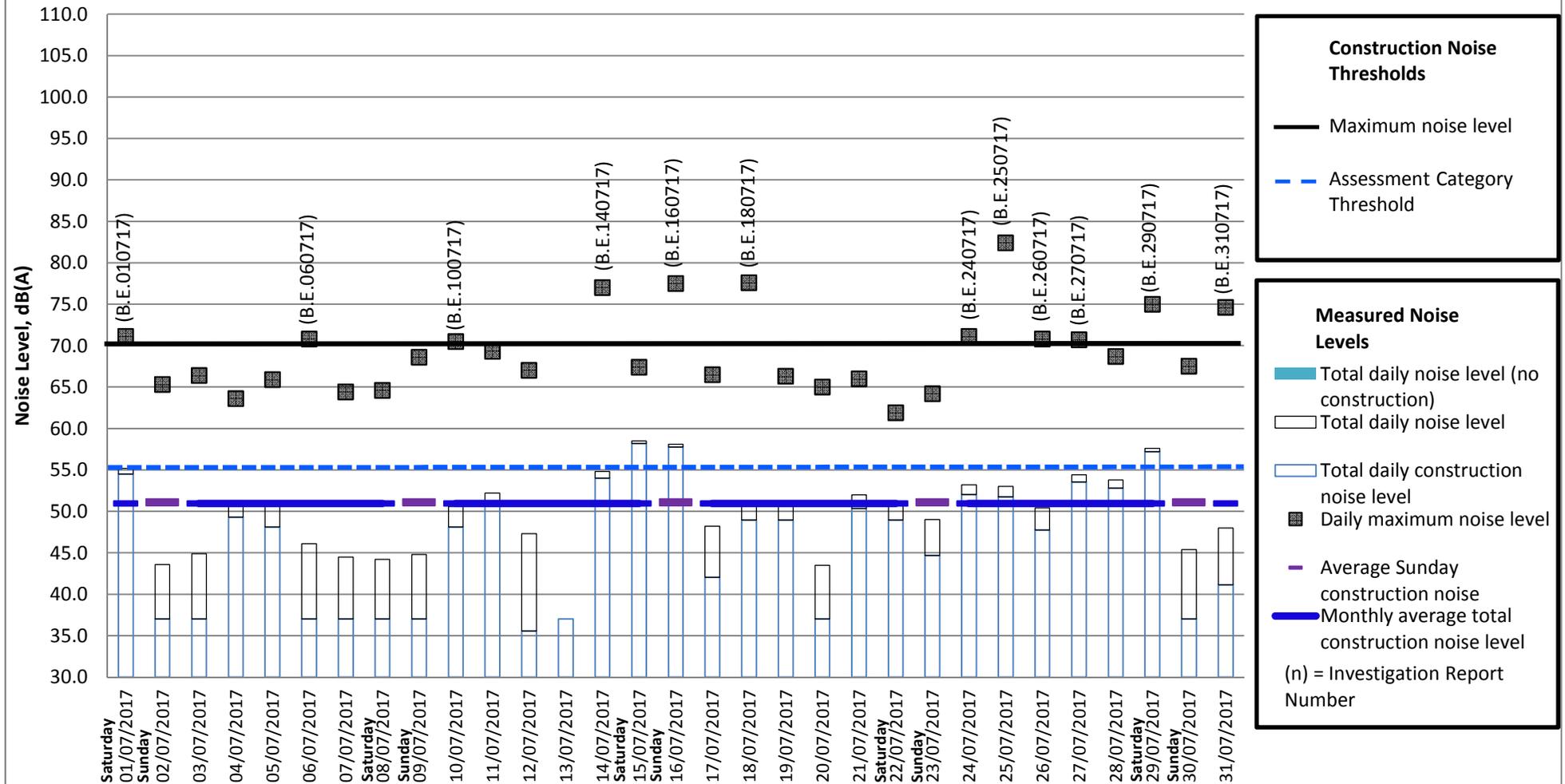
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Note:

Measured Evening Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

Measurement period: July 2017

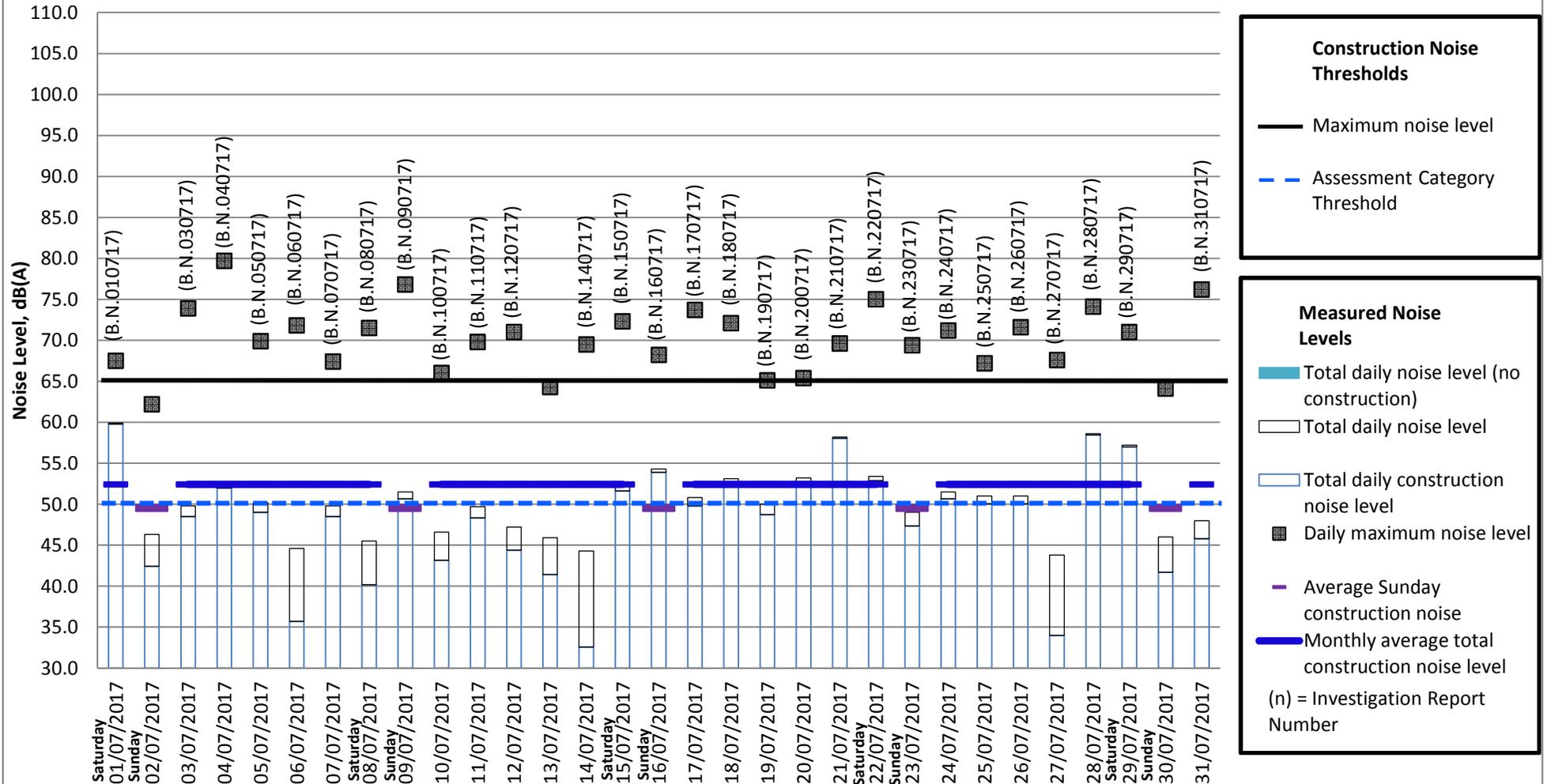


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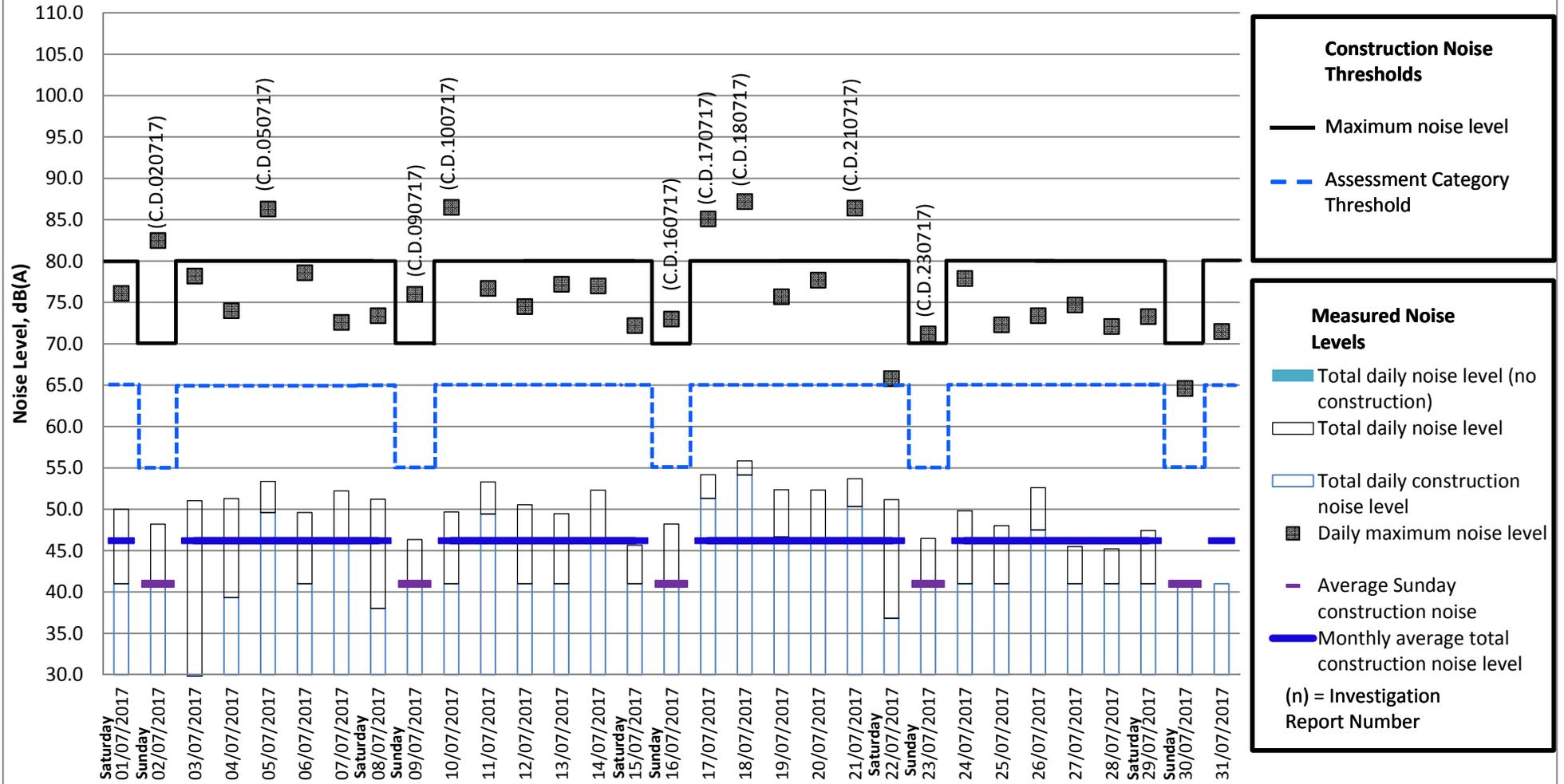
Measured Night time Noise Levels at Butlaw Fisheries

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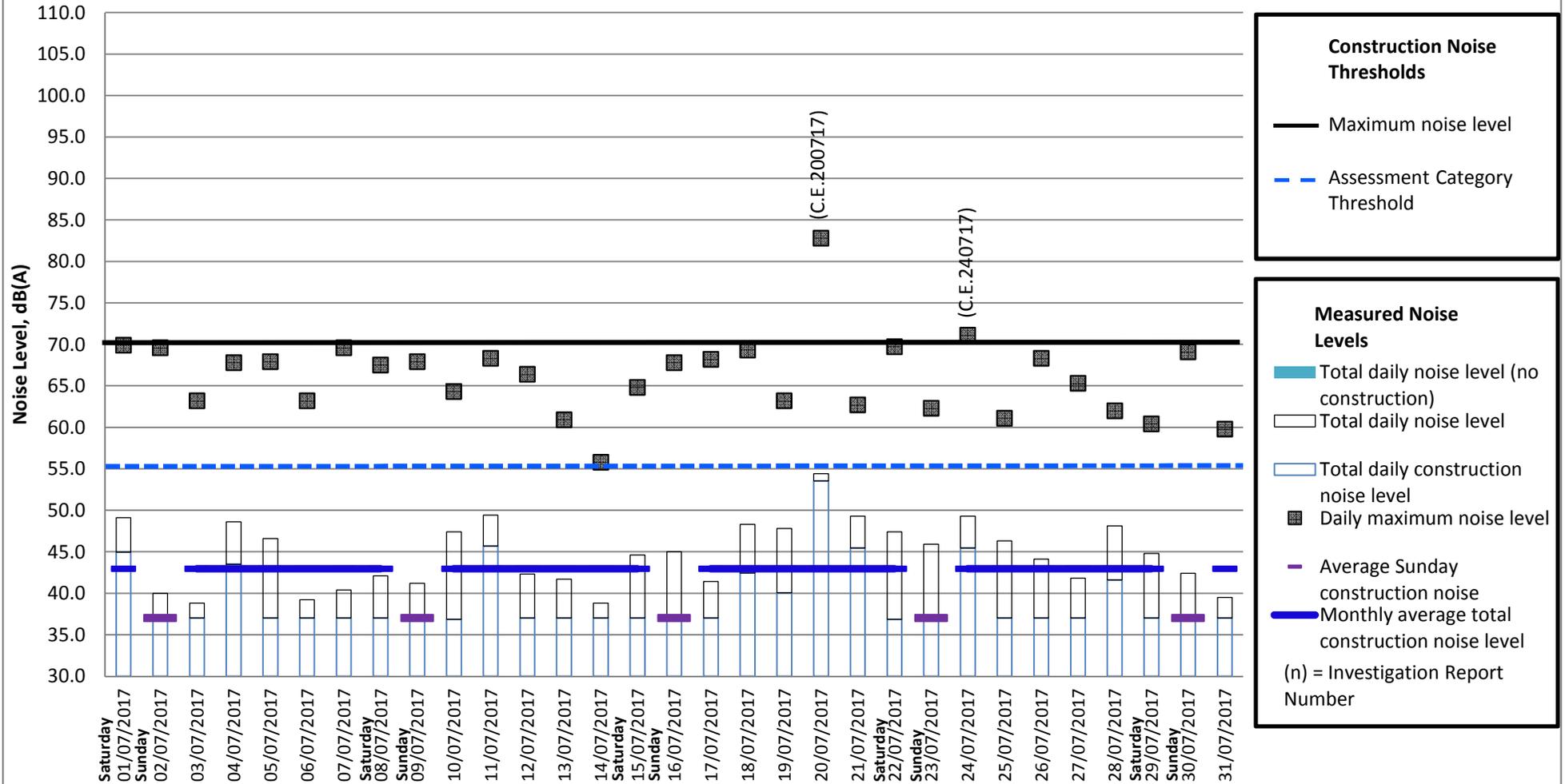
Note: After investigation, it was concluded that the exceedance of the LAeq 'Total Daily Construction' throughout the month were caused by birds and waves

Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Clufflat Measurement period: July 2017



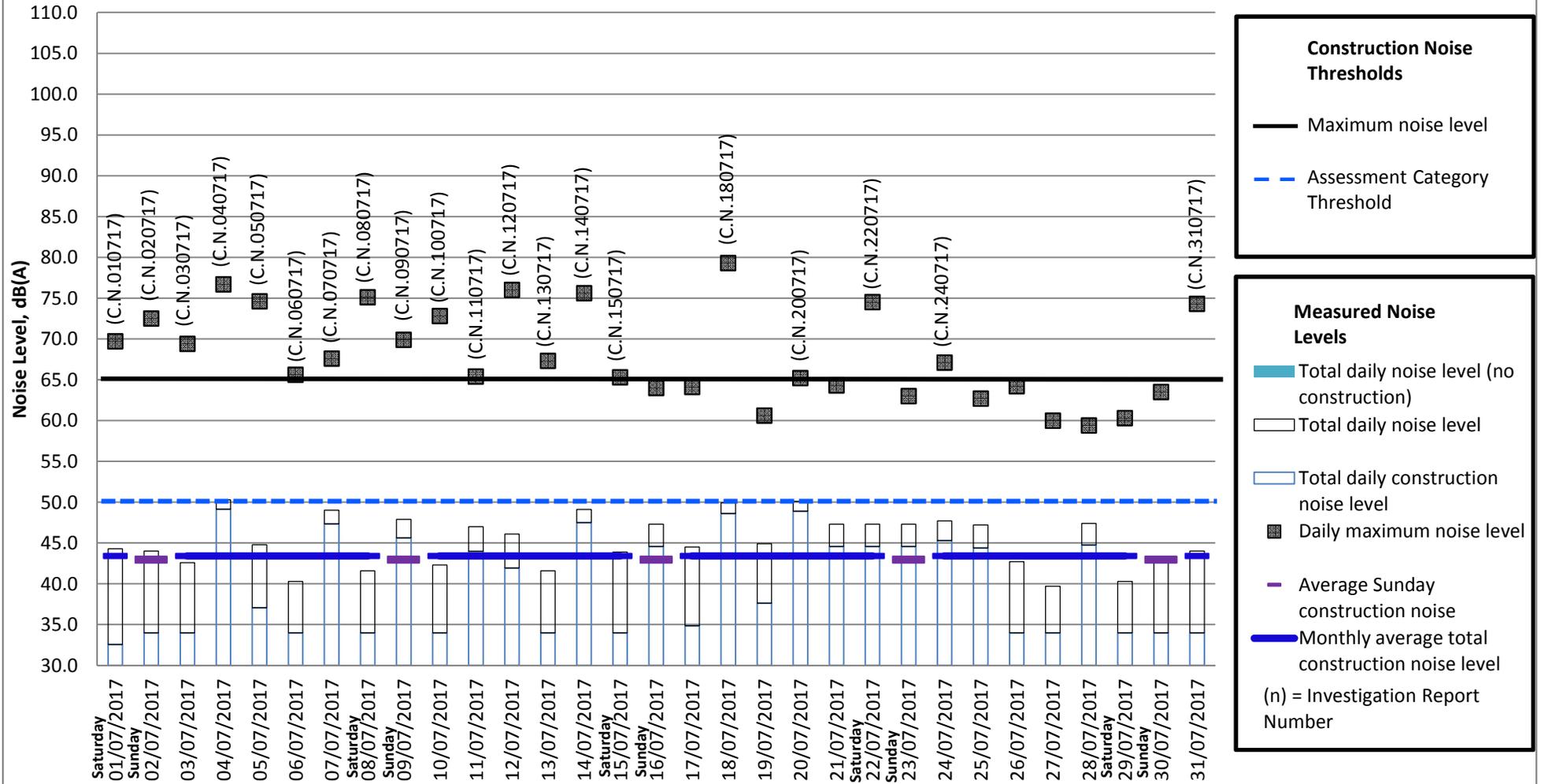
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Measured Evening Noise Levels at Clufflat Measurement period: July 2017



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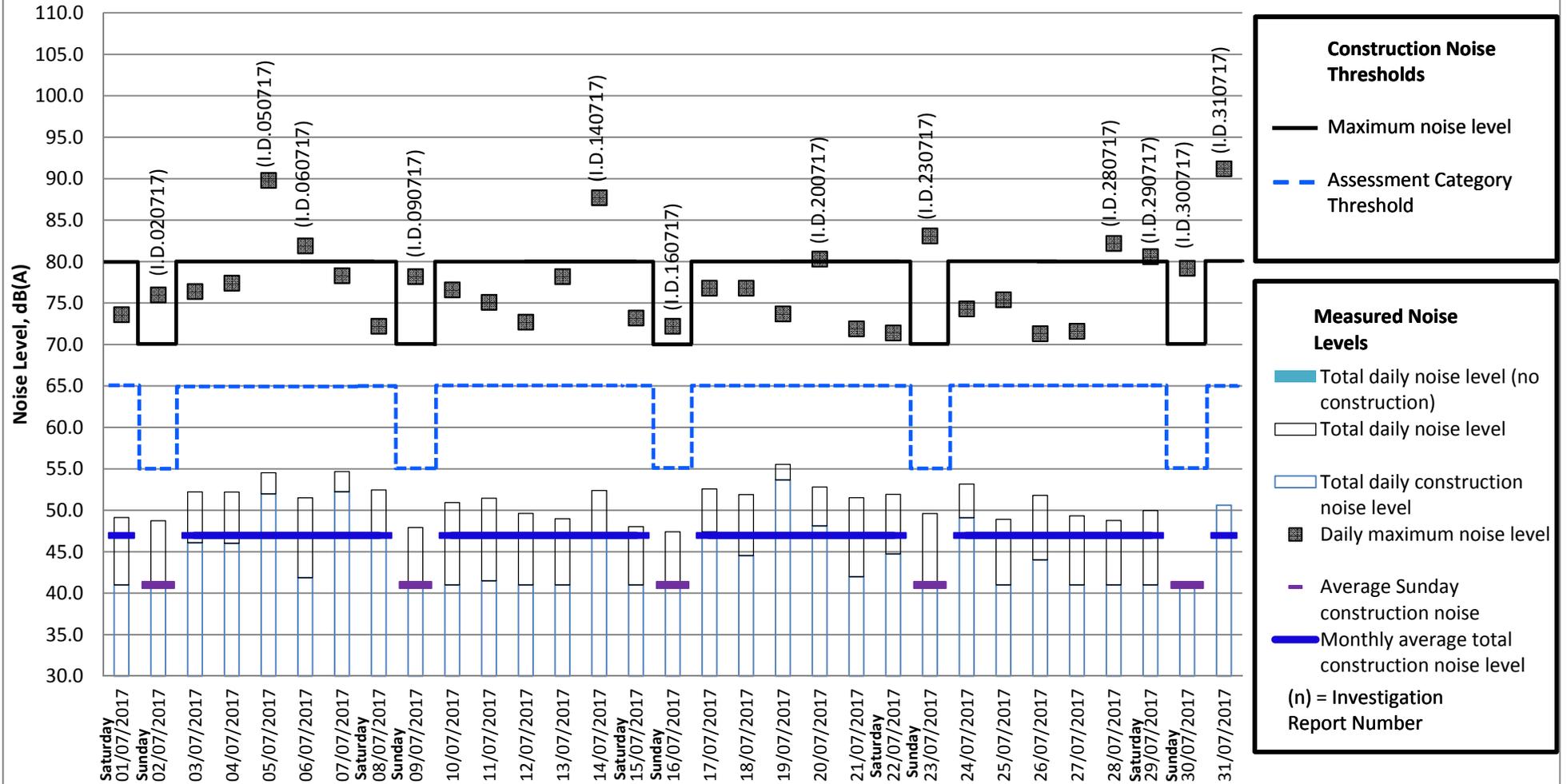
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Note:

Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

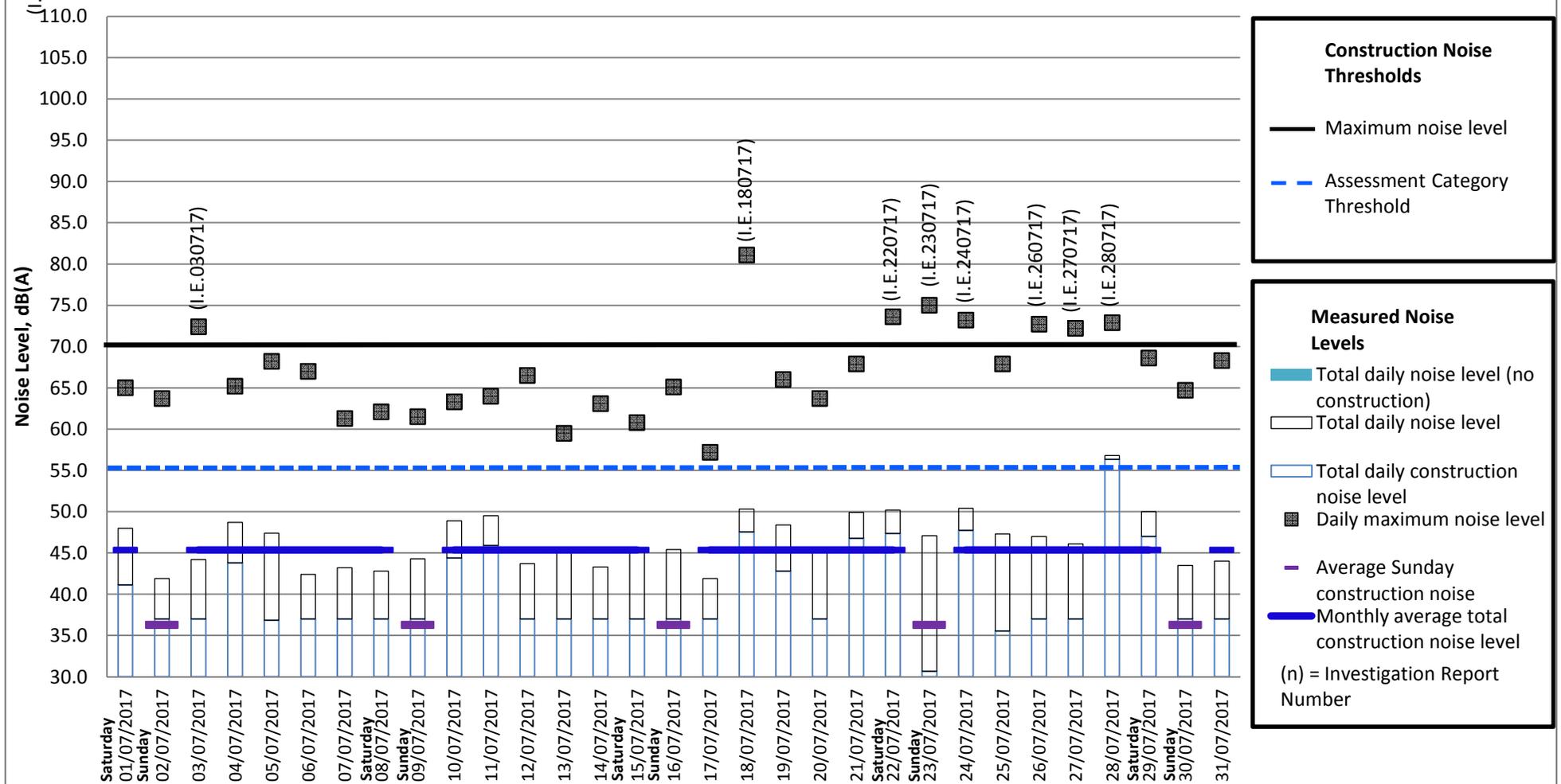
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Note:

Measured Evening Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

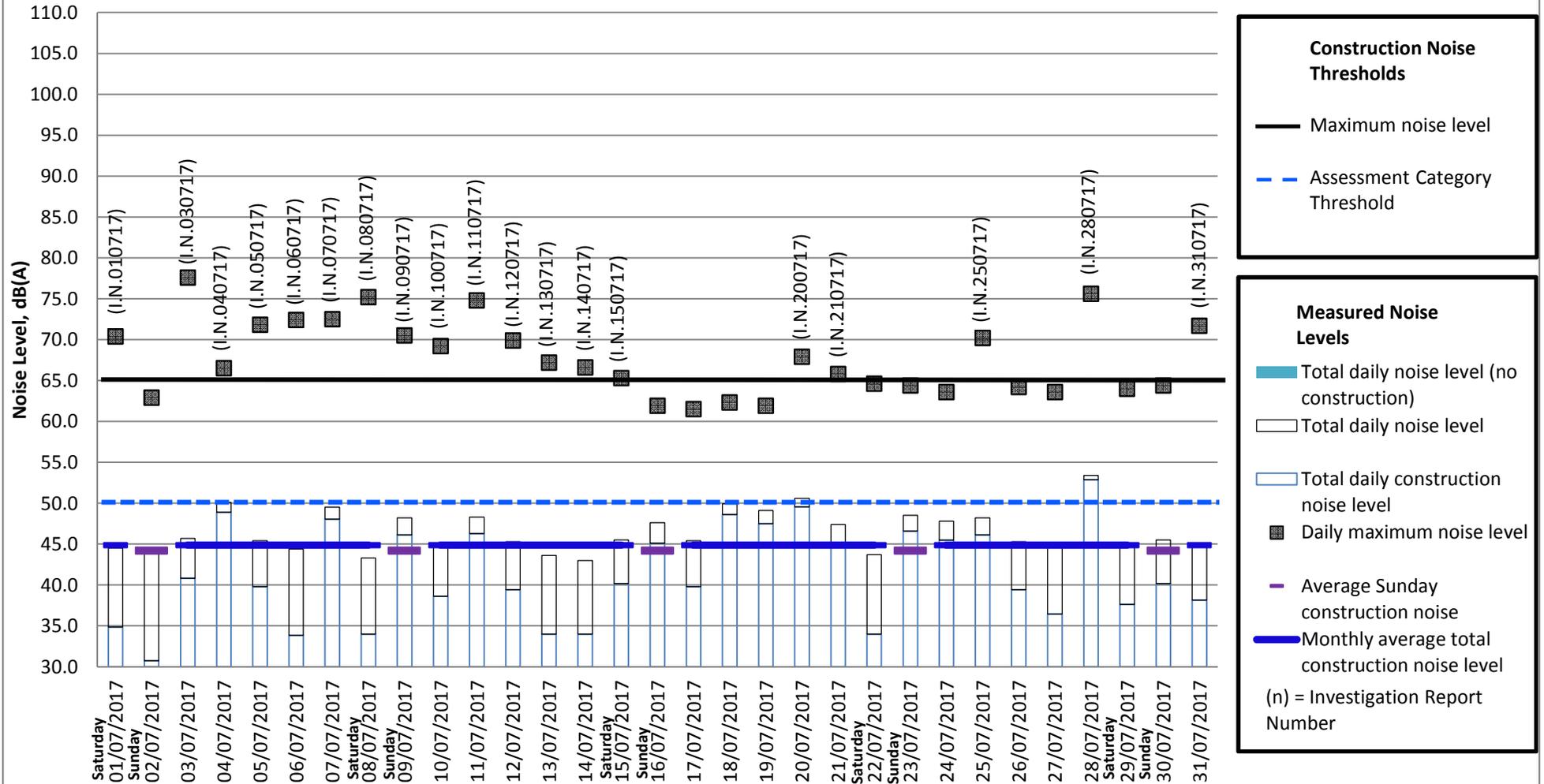
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Note:

Measured Night time Noise Levels at Inchgarvie

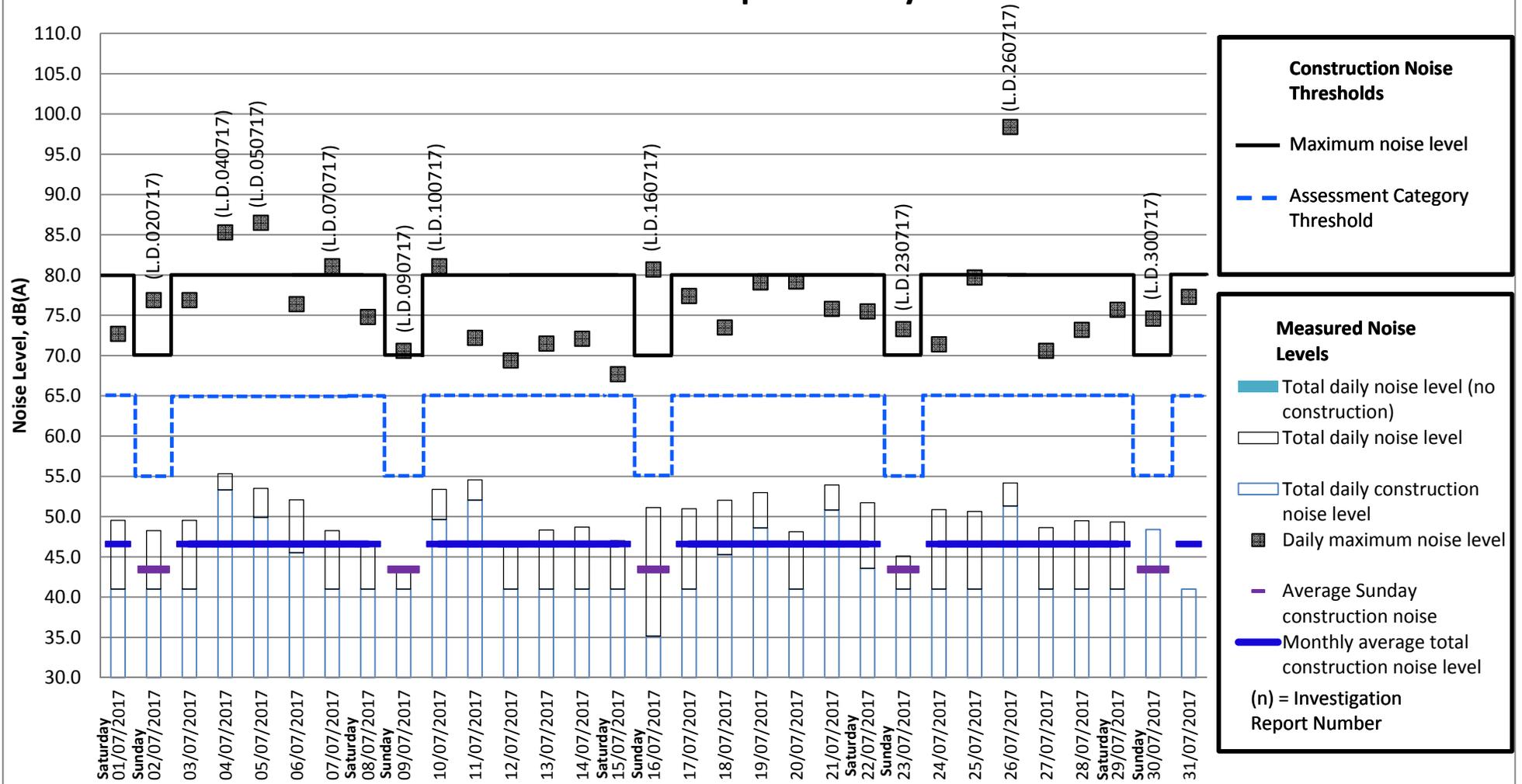
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Note:

Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Linn Mill

Measurement period: July 2017



Note:

Construction Noise Thresholds

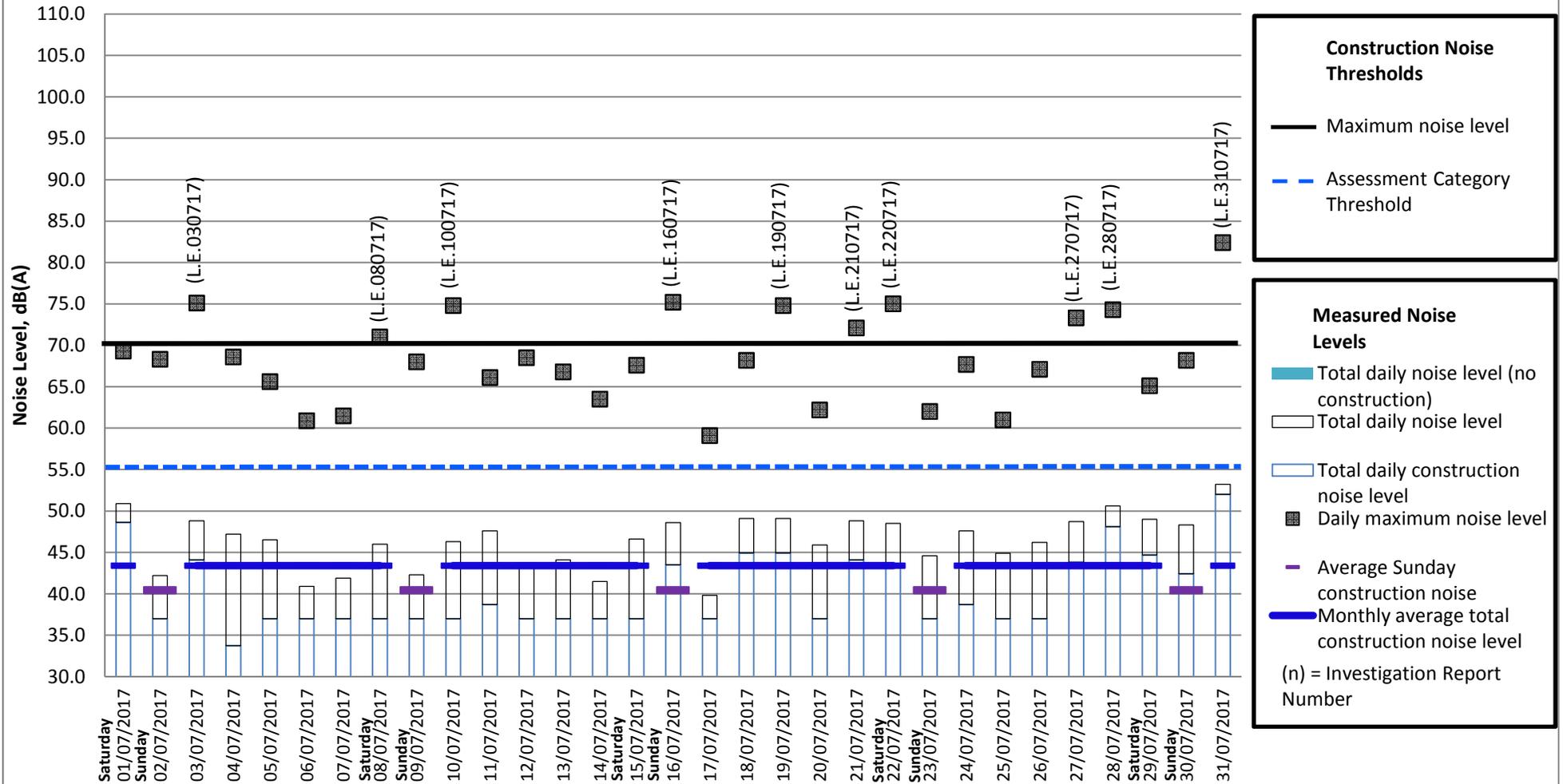
- Maximum noise level
- Assessment Category Threshold

Measured Noise Levels

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

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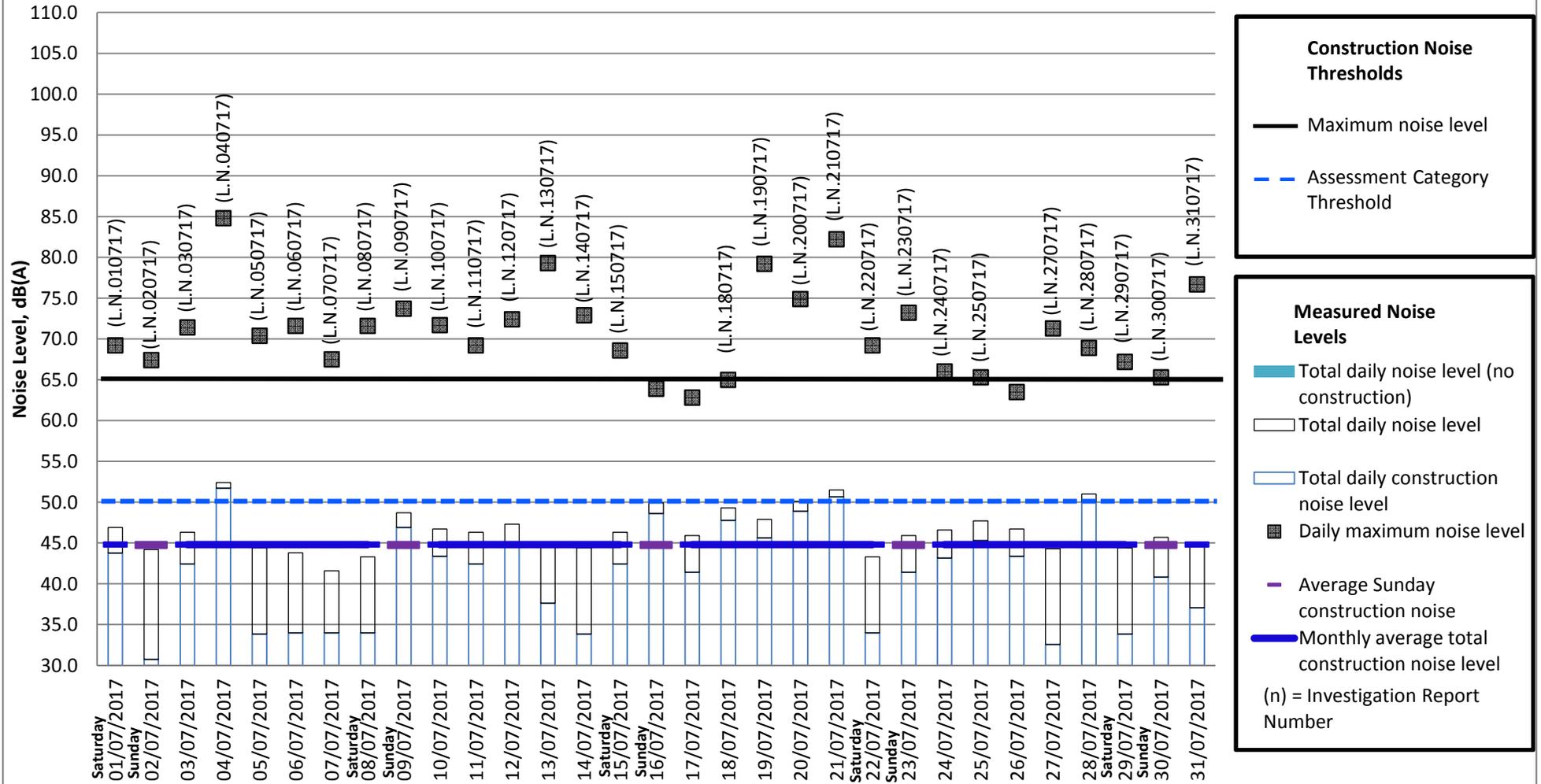
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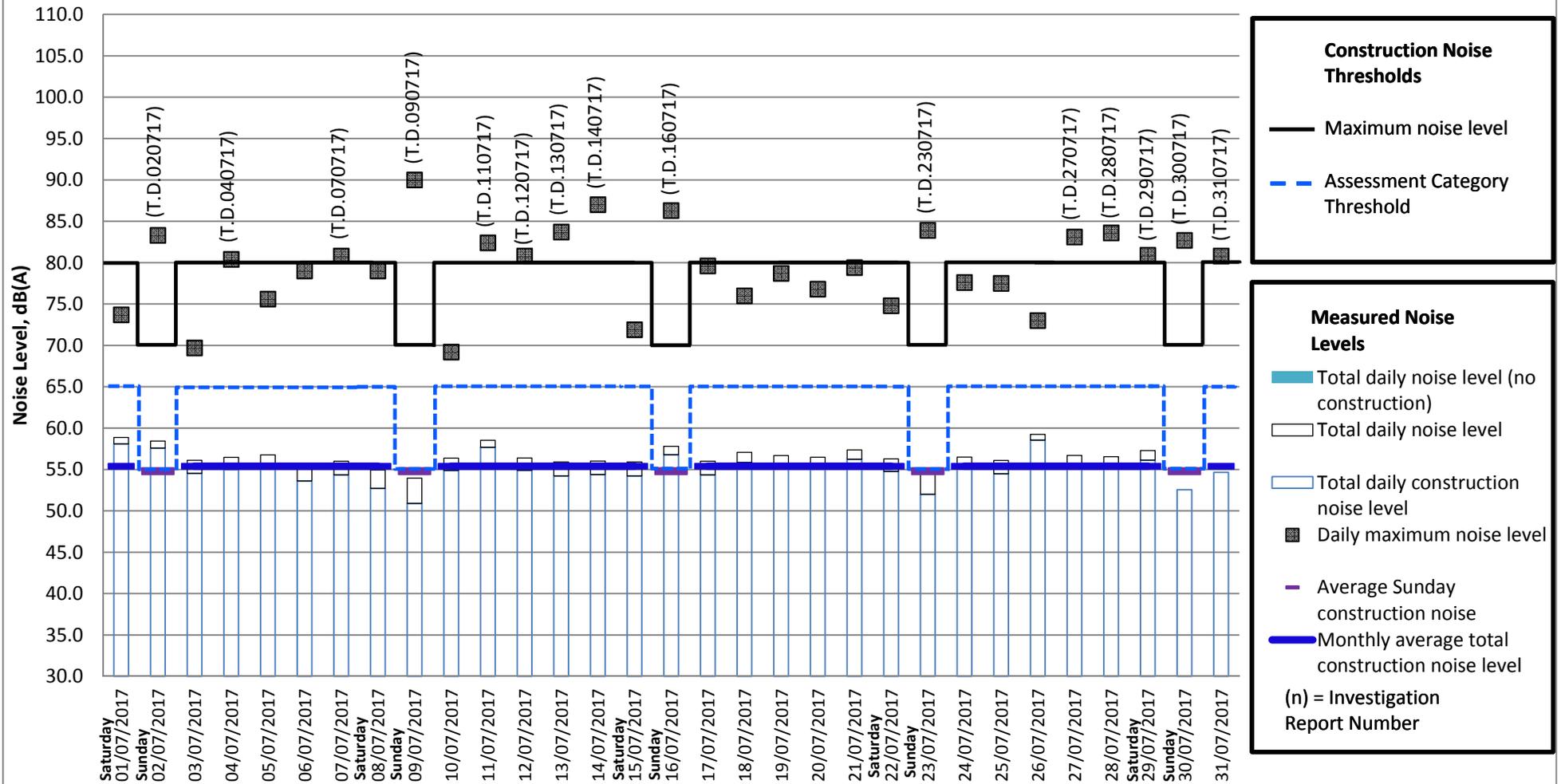
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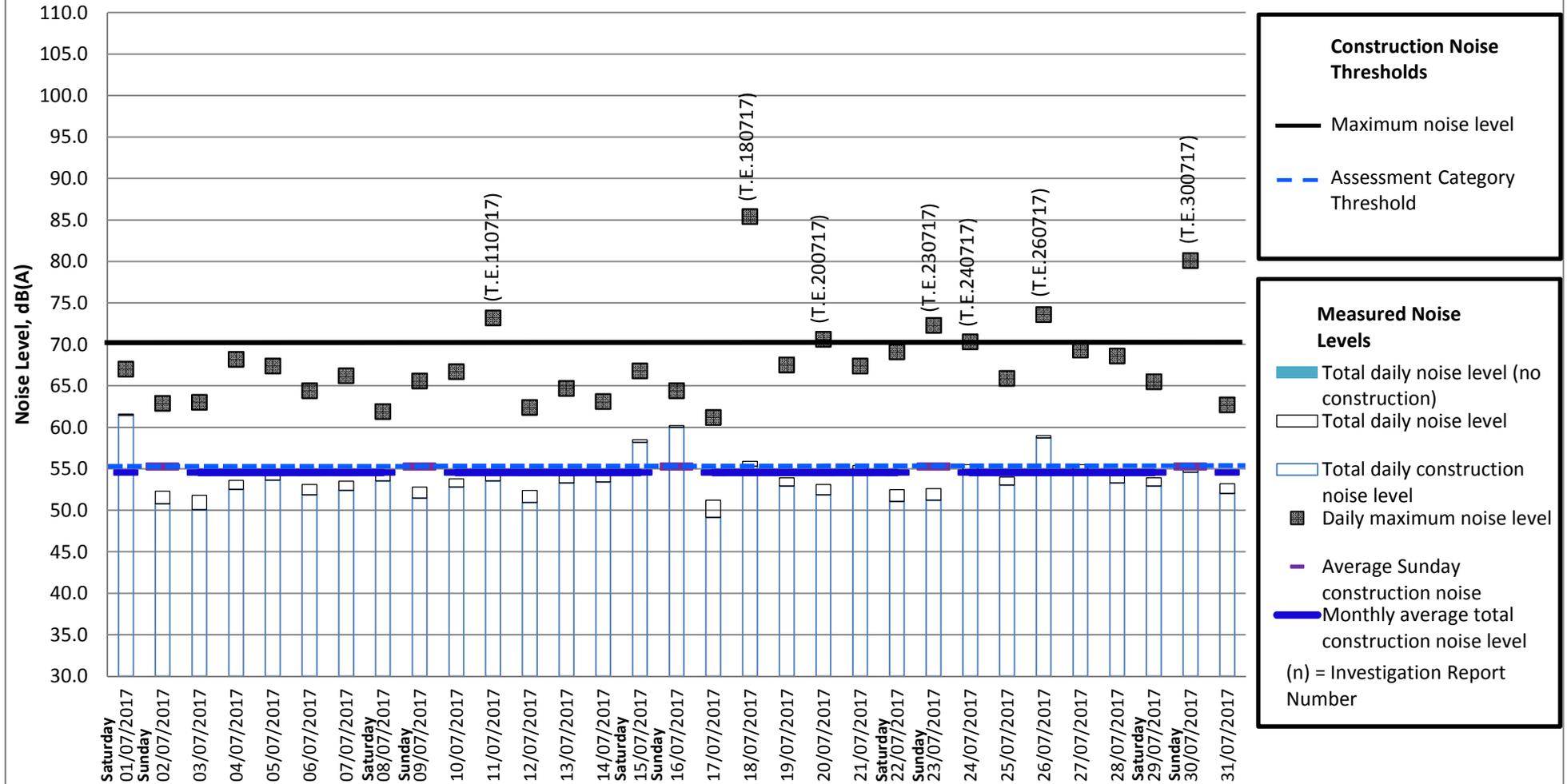
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Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Tigh-Na-Grian Measurement period: July 2017



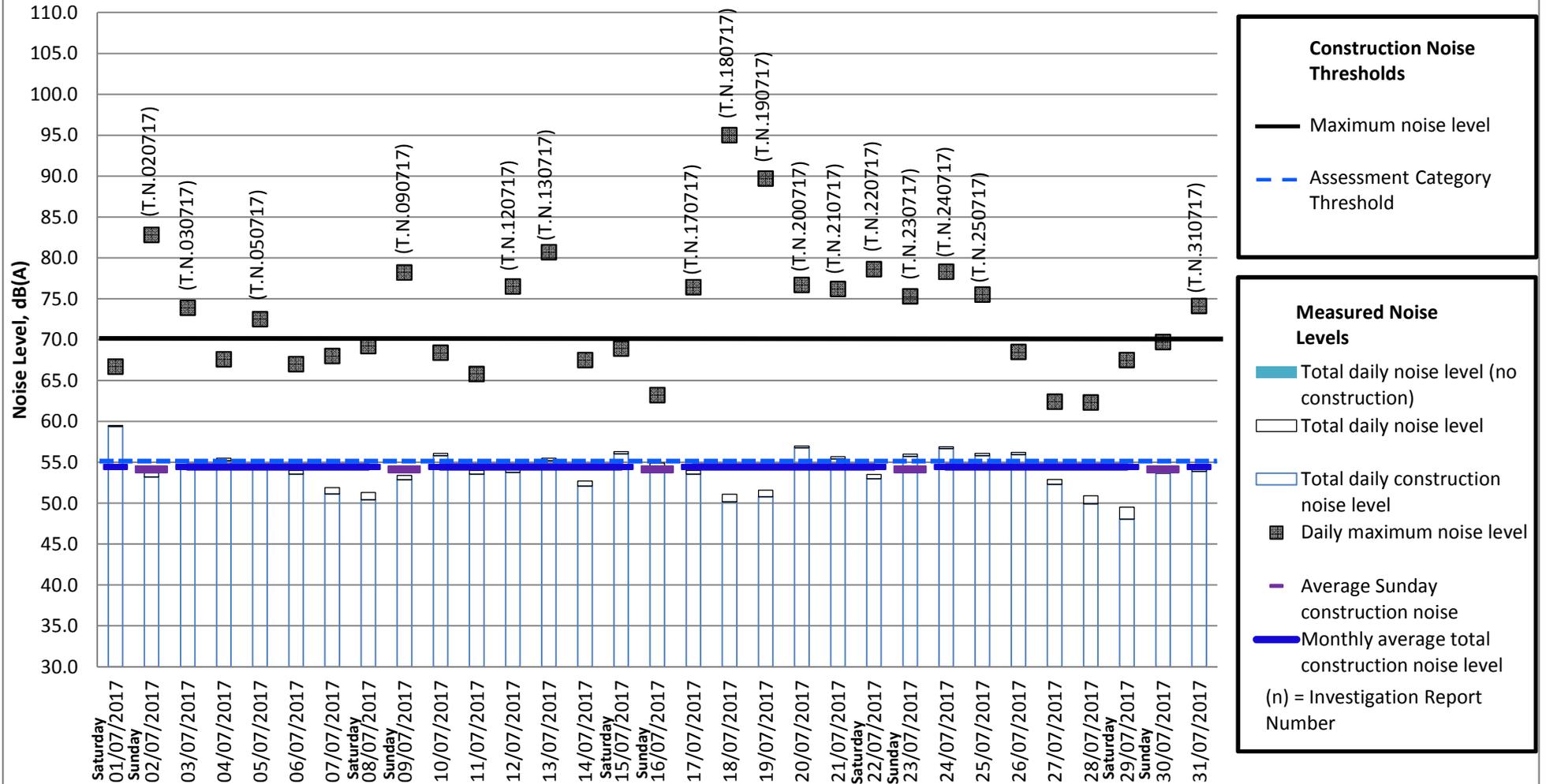
Note: With regards to the exceedances of total daily noise level on the 2nd and 9th July, the only exceedances recorded on these dates were birds.

Measured Evening Noise Levels at Tigh-Na-Grian Measurement period: July 2017



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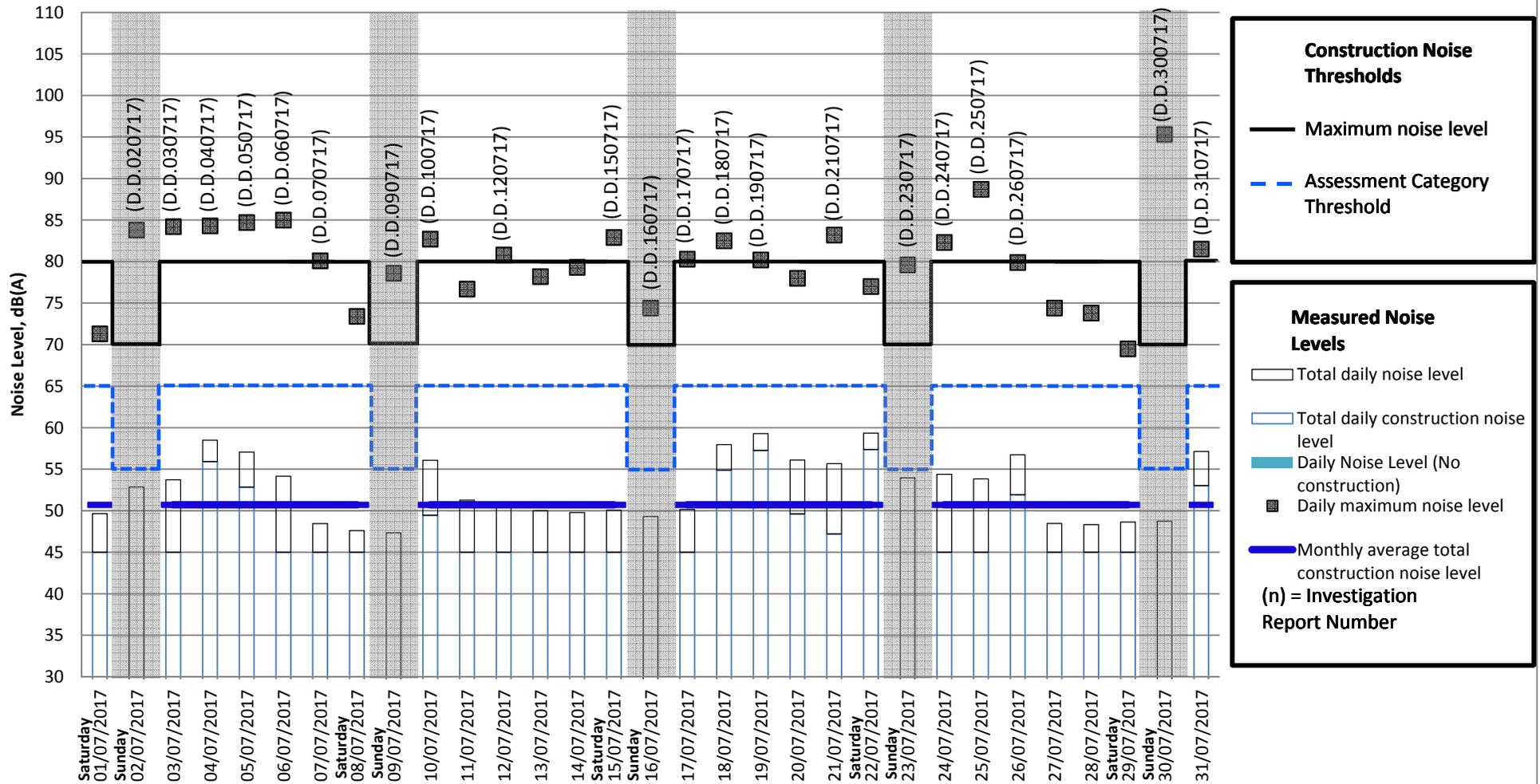
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Note:

Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Dundas Home Farm

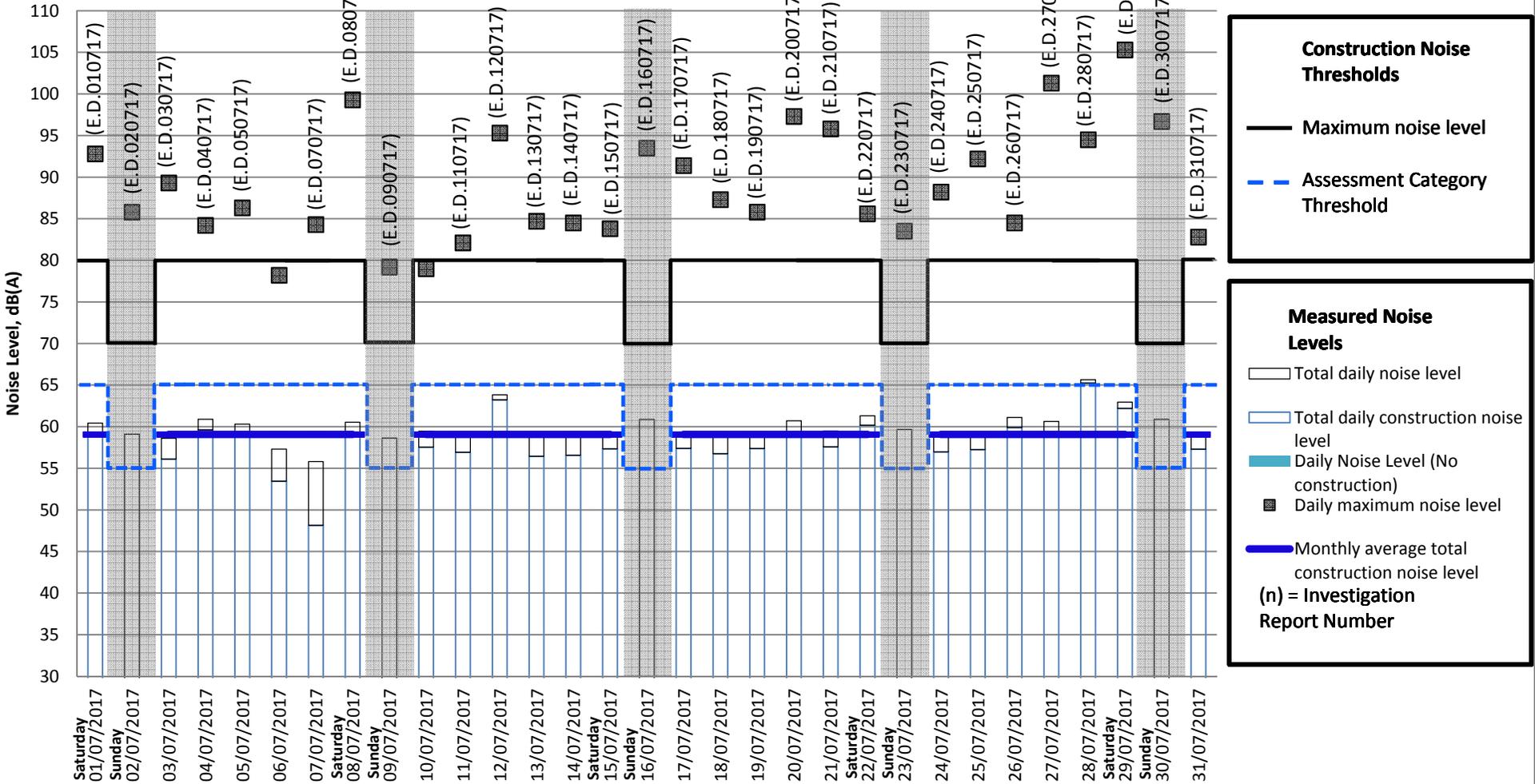
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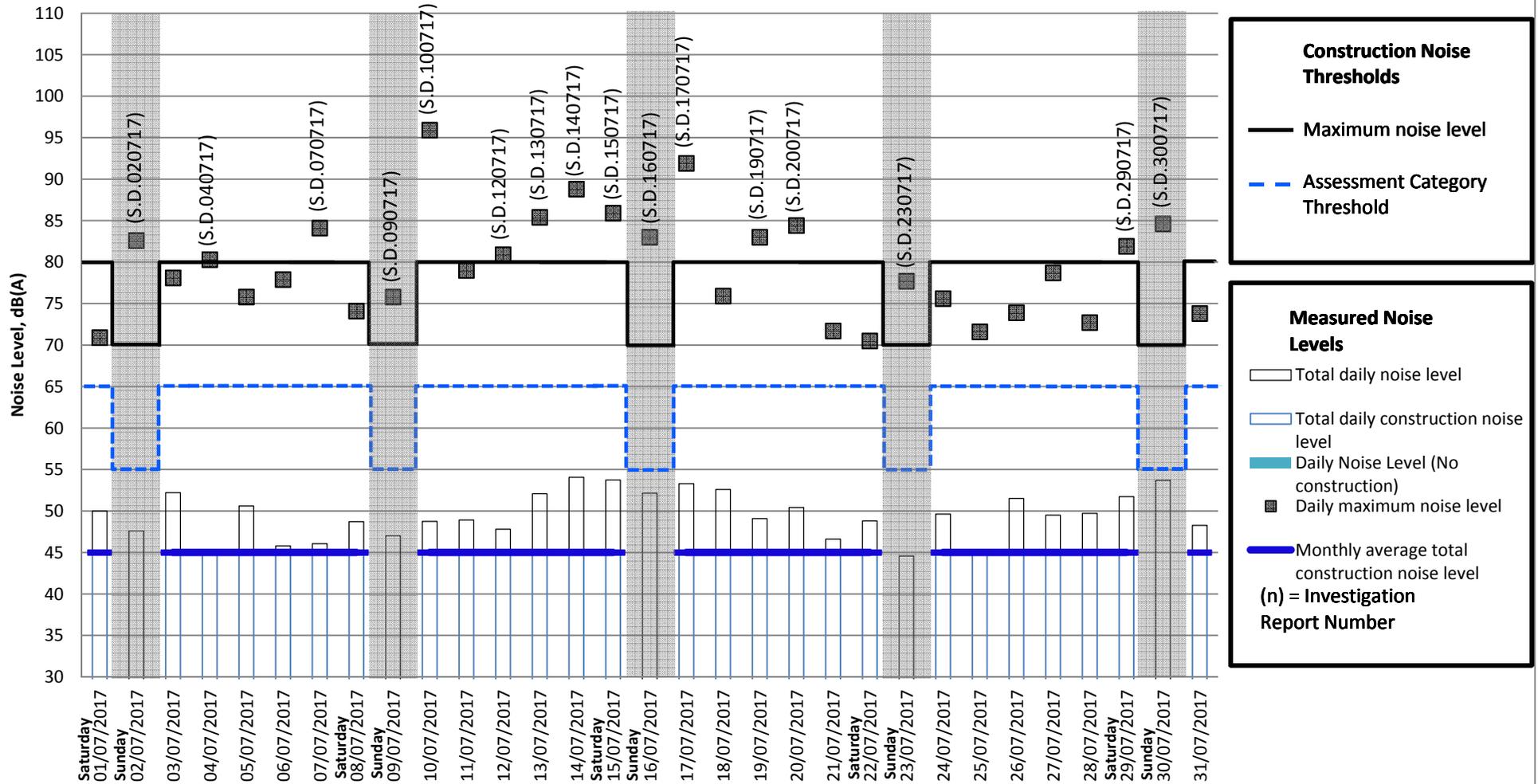
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Echline

Measurement period: Echline 2017



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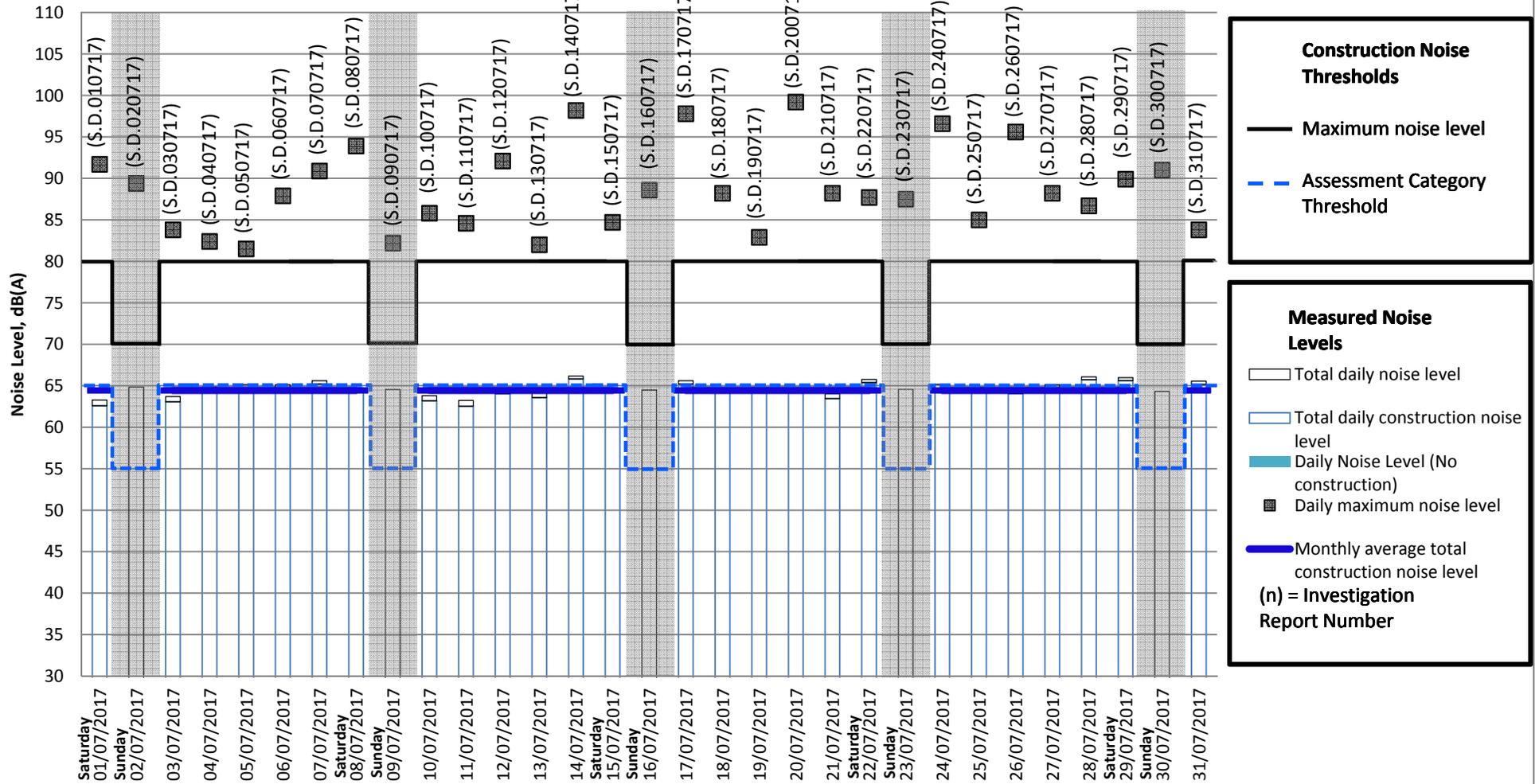
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Springfield Measurement period: July 2017



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Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Scotstoun

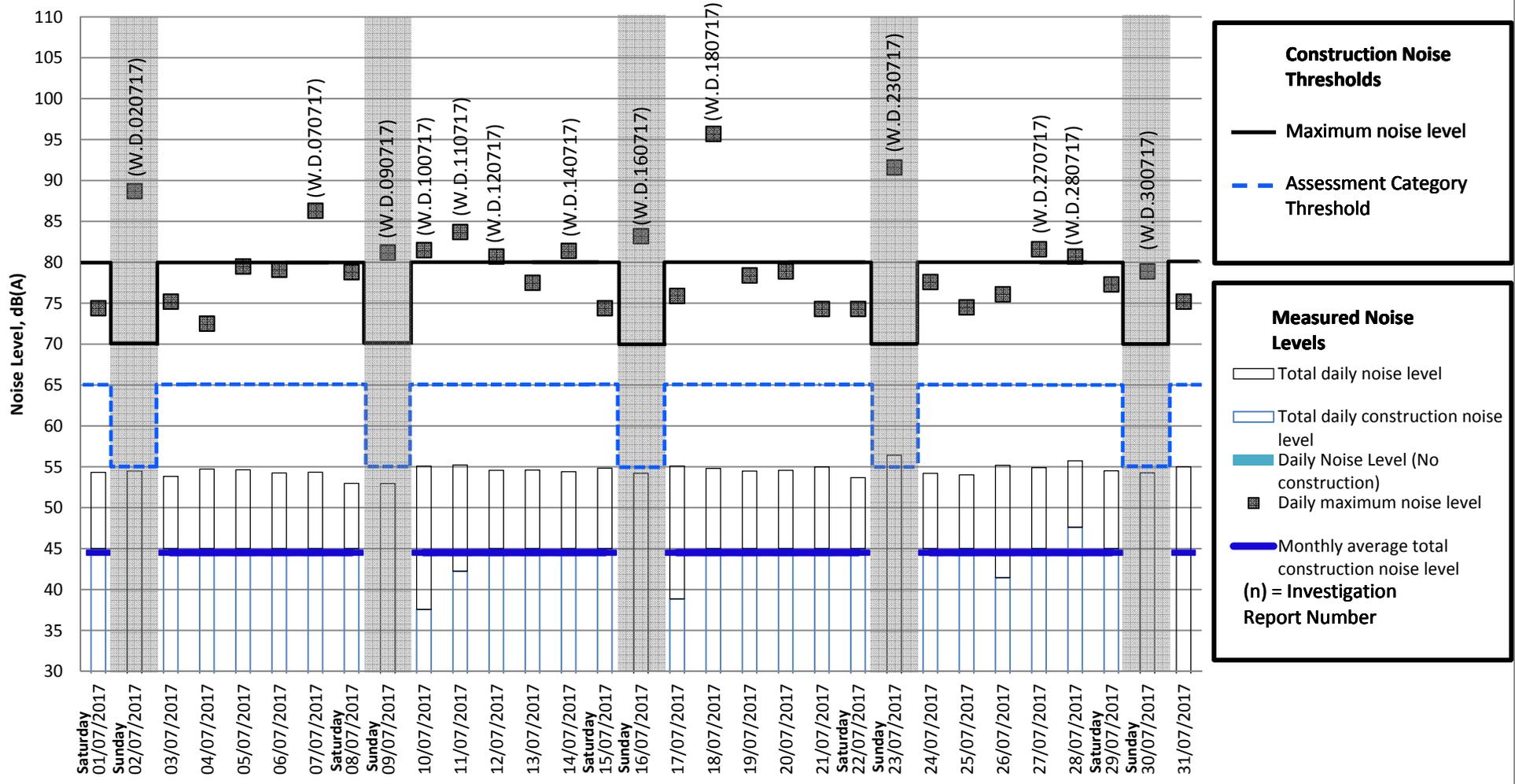
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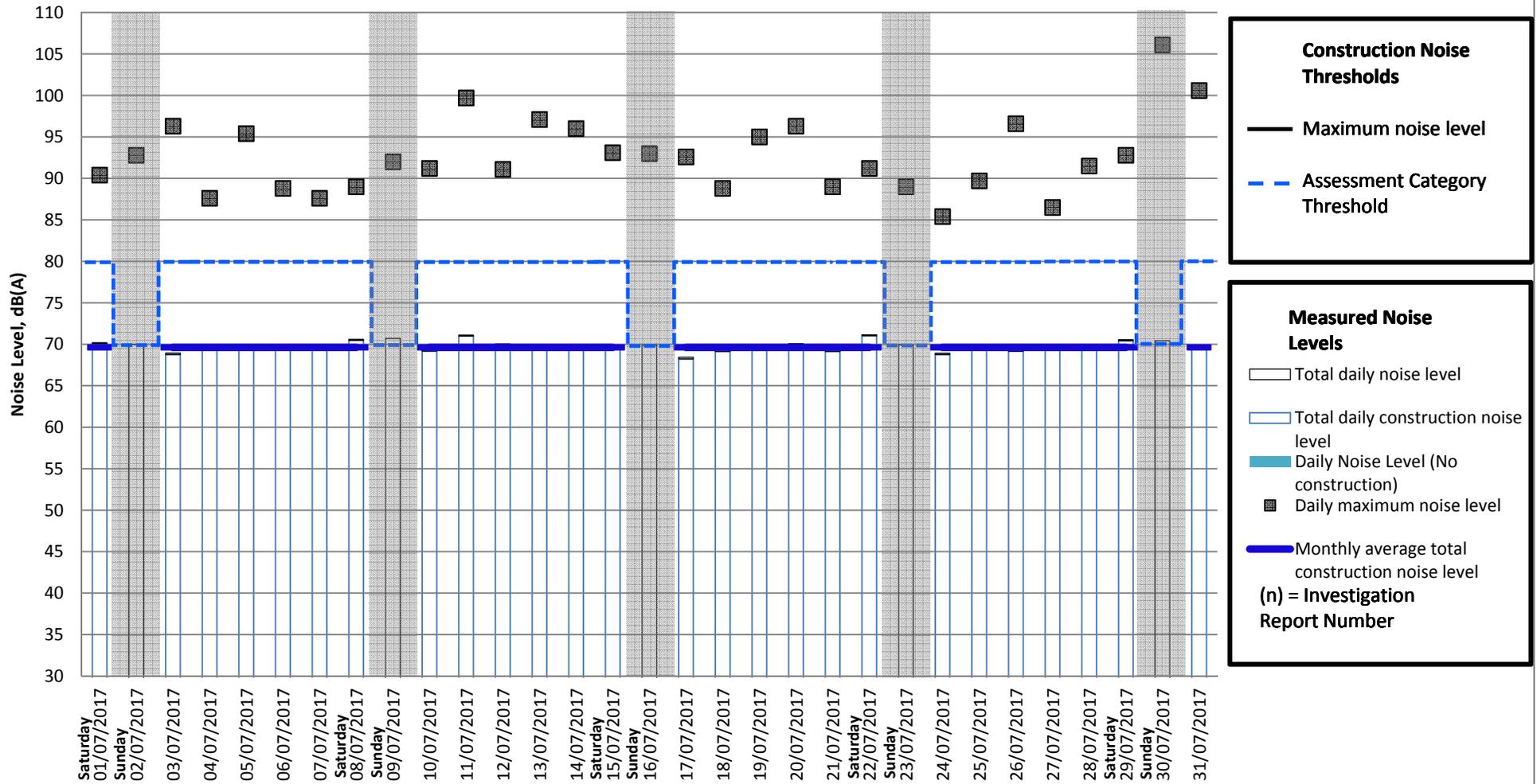
Measured Daytime Noise Levels at Whinnyhill

Measurement period: July 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: July 2017



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