

Appendix 5.12: Sample Calculation for Operational Ground-borne Railway Noise (Base Case Scenario)

**Project:** NOL Rail Operational GBN Assessment  
**NSR:** AUT-G10  
**Location:** York International Kindergarten  
**Assessed Floor:** G/F

	Horizontal Dist, m	Vertical Dist, m	Slant Dist, m	Train Speed, Km/h
Up Track	17	0	17	95
Down Track	32	0	32	103

Description	Unit	Frequency (Hz)															
		20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	
<b>Up Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	56.7	60.7	59.7	57.7	56.7	60.7	63.7	64.7	64.7	60.7	59.7	58.7	55.7	56.7	53.7	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Bored Tunnel in Soil	dB	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5	-8.0	-7.5	-7.0	-4.5	-5.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LSR NOL-Soil	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	47.1	40.9	36.1	28.0	31.2	32.5	24.2	23.4	15.9	21.5	11.7	8.5	7.1	2.8	2.9	
Up Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	95.8	92.6	90.7	84.0	77.4	78.2	73.4	75.4	68.1	70.7	58.3	55.4	52.3	53.5	49.7	
<b>Down Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	57.4	61.4	60.4	58.4	57.4	61.4	64.4	65.4	65.4	61.4	60.4	59.4	56.4	57.4	54.4	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Bored Tunnel in Soil	dB	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5	-8.0	-7.5	-7.0	-4.5	-5.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LSR NOL-Soil	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	30.5	26.4	26.3	22.2	22.0	19.0	13.8	13.1	8.7	10.8	-2.8	-5.1	-10.3	-9.9	-11.1	
Down Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	79.9	78.7	81.6	78.9	68.9	65.4	63.7	65.9	61.6	60.7	44.4	42.4	35.6	41.5	36.4	
<b>Total of Up and Down Tracks Calculation</b>																	
Total Vibration Level Outside Building		95.9	92.8	91.2	85.2	77.9	78.4	73.8	75.9	69.0	71.1	58.4	55.6	52.3	53.8	49.9	
BCF	dB Large masonry bldgs	-6.7	-7.3	-8.0	-9.0	-10.1	-11.1	-12.0	-12.9	-13.6	-14.1	-14.3	-14.2	-12.6	-11.5	-11.5	
BVR-up	dB Floor G/F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BVR - Resonance	dB	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	
CTN	dB	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	
SAF	dB	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

<b>Predicted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>A-weighting</b>	<b>dB</b>	<b>-50.5</b>	<b>-44.7</b>	<b>-39.4</b>	<b>-34.6</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>A-weighted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB(A)</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>L<sub>max</sub></b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>35</b>														
<b>Passby duration</b>	<b>sec</b>	<b>7.6</b>														
<b>Train Frequency (Day)</b>	<b>per 30min per direction</b>	<b>15</b>														
<b>L<sub>eq,30mins</sub> (Day)</b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>23</b>														

- Notes: [1] FDL based on SP1900 8-car 60kph data (See Appendix 5.2) and adjusted by the speed correction factor of 20log(V/Vref), in line with FTA manual.  
 [2]  $L_{eq,30mins} = L_{max} + 10 \cdot \log(\text{Passby duration in sec}) + 10 \cdot \log(\text{no. of events in 30mins per direction}) - 10 \cdot \log(1800 \text{ seconds}) \text{dB(A)}$   
 (3dB(A) correction is added to  $L_{eq,30mins}$  for leading and trailing effect for conservative approaches.)  
 [3] The adopted LSR data is based on interpolation of the relevant measured LSR data  
 [4] Passby duration = Train length / train speed. Train length is 200m. The direction, where the train speed is lower, was adopted for calculation.  
 [5] The train type, number of car and peak train frequencies were provided and confirmed by MTRCL.

Appendix 5.12: Sample Calculation for Operational Ground-borne Railway Noise (Base Case Scenario)

**Project:** NOL Rail Operational GBN Assessment  
**NSR:** KSR-G04  
**Location:** No.297-298 Kut Hing Wai  
**Assessed Floor:** G/F

	Horizontal Dist, m	Vertical Dist, m	Slant Dist, m	Train Speed, Km/h
Up Track	41	23	47	87
Down Track	22	23	31	78

Description	Unit	Frequency (Hz)															
		20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	
<b>Up Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	55.9	59.9	58.9	56.9	55.9	59.9	62.9	63.9	63.9	59.9	58.9	57.9	54.9	55.9	52.9	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Tunnel in Rock	dB	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
LSR NOL-Rock	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	17.8	22.3	19.9	12.2	11.5	13.6	11.9	2.4	3.1	10.1	13.1	11.1	-5.4	-12.6	-20.8	
Up Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	72.7	81.2	81.8	75.9	65.4	67.0	68.3	61.2	61.5	63.0	64.4	62.2	44.0	42.3	30.3	
<b>Down Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	55.0	59.0	58.0	56.0	55.0	59.0	62.0	63.0	63.0	59.0	58.0	57.0	54.0	55.0	52.0	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Tunnel in Rock	dB	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
LSR NOL-Rock	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	19.2	23.1	20.8	13.9	13.2	15.3	13.6	4.7	5.4	11.8	14.5	11.9	-4.5	-11.3	-18.6	
Down Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	73.2	81.0	81.7	76.6	66.2	67.7	69.1	62.5	62.8	63.7	64.9	62.1	44.0	42.7	31.6	
<b>Total of Up and Down Tracks Calculation</b>																	
Total Vibration Level Outside Building		75.9	84.1	84.8	79.3	68.8	70.4	71.7	64.9	65.2	66.4	67.7	65.2	47.0	45.5	34.0	
BCF	dB 2-4 storey masonry blk	-10.8	-11.5	-12.0	-12.3	-12.4	-12.3	-12.1	-11.6	-11.1	-10.3	-9.3	-8.1	-6.7	-4.7	-4.7	
BVR-up	dB Floor G/F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BVR - Resonance	dB	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	
CTN	dB	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	
SAF	dB	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

<b>Predicted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>	
<b>A-weighting</b>	<b>dB</b>	<b>-50.5</b>	<b>-44.7</b>	<b>-39.4</b>	<b>-34.6</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	
<b>A-weighted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB(A)</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>	
<b>L<sub>max</sub></b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>33</b>															
<b>Passby duration</b>	<b>sec</b>	<b>9.2</b>															
<b>Train Frequency (Day)</b>	<b>per 30min per direction</b>	<b>15</b>															
<b>L<sub>eq,30mins</sub> (Day)</b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>22</b>															

- Notes: [1] FDL based on SP1900 8-car 60kph data (See Appendix 5.2) and adjusted by the speed correction factor of 20log(V/Vref), in line with FTA manual.  
 [2]  $L_{eq,30mins} = L_{max} + 10 \cdot \log(\text{Passby duration in sec}) + 10 \cdot \log(\text{no. of events in 30mins per direction}) - 10 \cdot \log(1800 \text{ seconds}) \text{dB(A)}$   
 (3dB(A) correction is added to  $L_{eq,30mins}$  for leading and trailing effect for conservative approaches.)  
 [3] The adopted LSR data is based on interpolation of the relevant measured LSR data  
 [4] Passby duration = Train length / train speed. Train length is 200m. The direction, where the train speed is lower, was adopted for calculation.  
 [5] The train type, number of car and peak train frequencies were provided and confirmed by MTRCL.

Appendix 5.12: Sample Calculation for Operational Ground-borne Railway Noise (Base Case Scenario)

**Project:** NOL Rail Operational GBN Assessment  
**NSR:** KTU-G02  
**Location:** Village House in Chau Tau Tsuen  
**Assessed Floor:** G/F

	Horizontal Dist, m	Vertical Dist, m	Slant Dist, m	Train Speed, Km/h
Up Track	38	11	40	72
Down Track	17	12	21	93

Description	Unit	Frequency (Hz)															
		20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160	200	250	315	400	500	
<b>Up Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	54.3	58.3	57.3	55.3	54.3	58.3	61.3	62.3	62.3	58.3	57.3	56.3	53.3	54.3	51.3	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Bored Tunnel in Soil	dB	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5	-8.0	-7.5	-7.0	-4.5	-5.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LSR NOL-Soil	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	24.6	21.2	22.8	20.1	18.8	14.3	10.2	9.5	6.1	7.0	-8.0	-10.0	-16.4	-14.4	-16.1	
Up Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	70.9	70.5	75.0	73.6	62.5	57.5	56.9	59.1	55.9	53.8	36.2	34.5	26.3	33.9	28.4	
<b>Down Track Calculation</b>																	
FDL	dB re 1 N/m <sup>0.5</sup>	56.5	60.5	59.5	57.5	56.5	60.5	63.5	64.5	64.5	60.5	59.5	58.5	55.5	56.5	53.5	
TIL BCT (Alt1)	dB	-1.0	-1.0	3.0	6.8	-2.0	-6.5	-6.5	-5.1	-5.5	-7.0	-7.6	-6.8	-5.5	-1.0	-1.8	
TCF Bored Tunnel in Soil	dB	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5	-8.0	-7.5	-7.0	-4.5	-5.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	
TOC	dB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LSR NOL-Soil	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> (m/s)/(N/m <sup>0.5</sup> )	41.2	35.7	32.6	26.0	27.9	27.7	20.5	19.7	13.4	17.7	6.5	3.7	0.9	-1.7	-2.1	
Down Track Vib. Level	dB re 10 <sup>-9</sup> m/s	89.7	87.2	87.1	81.7	73.9	73.2	69.5	71.6	65.4	66.7	52.9	50.4	45.9	48.8	44.6	
<b>Total of Up and Down Tracks Calculation</b>																	
Total Vibration Level Outside Building		89.8	87.3	87.3	82.4	74.2	73.3	69.7	71.8	65.8	66.9	53.0	50.5	45.9	48.9	44.7	
BCF	dB Single family residence	-4.4	-4.8	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-4.8	-4.5	-4.2	-3.8	-3.4	-2.9	-2.0	-0.5	-0.5	
BVR-up	dB Floor G/F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BVR - Resonance	dB	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	
CTN	dB	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	-27	
SAF	dB	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

<b>Predicted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>22.2</b>	
<b>A-weighting</b>	<b>dB</b>	<b>-50.5</b>	<b>-44.7</b>	<b>-39.4</b>	<b>-34.6</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>-22.5</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	
<b>A-weighted Noise Level</b>	<b>1/3 Oct, dB(A)</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>22.3</b>	<b>19.0</b>	
<b>L<sub>max</sub></b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>38</b>															
<b>Passby duration</b>	<b>sec</b>	<b>10.0</b>															
<b>Train Frequency (Day)</b>	<b>per 30min per direction</b>	<b>15</b>															
<b>L<sub>eq,30mins</sub> (Day)</b>	<b>dB(A)</b>	<b>27</b>															

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 [2]  $L_{eq,30mins} = L_{max} + 10 \cdot \log(\text{Passby duration in sec}) + 10 \cdot \log(\text{no. of events in 30mins per direction}) - 10 \cdot \log(1800 \text{ seconds}) \text{dB(A)}$   
 (3dB(A) correction is added to  $L_{eq,30mins}$  for leading and trailing effect for conservative approaches.)  
 [3] The adopted LSR data is based on interpolation of the relevant measured LSR data  
 [4] Passby duration = Train length / train speed. Train length is 200m. The direction, where the train speed is lower, was adopted for calculation.  
 [5] The train type, number of car and peak train frequencies were provided and confirmed by MTRCL.