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#### 1

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Herring Storer Acoustics were commissioned by the Germano Designs to undertake an acoustic assessment of noise emissions associated with the proposed child care centre located at Lot 2035 (#7) Crushing Road, Alkimos.

It is noted that the adjacent premises at 1580 (#45) Bainbridge Avenue, Alkimos is an existing child care centre and that the 2 centres will share parking.

The report considers noise received at the neighbouring premises from the proposed development for compliance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*. This report considers noise emissions from:

- Children playing within the outside play areas of the child care centre; and
- Mechanical services.

For information, a plan of the proposed development is attached in Appendix A.

We note that from information received from DWER, the bitumised area would be considered as a road, thus noise relating to motor vehicles is exempt from the *Environmental Protection* (*Noise*) Regulations 1997. We note that these noise sources are rarely critical in the determination of compliance. However, as requested by council and for completeness, they have been included in the assessment, for information purposes only.

#### 2. SUMMARY

We understand that it is proposed that the proposed child care centre would cater for up to 51 children.

It is noted that although the proposed child care centre would open before 7.00am (ie during the night period), the outdoor play area would not be used until after 7.00am. Thus, noise received at the neighbouring residences from the outdoor play area needs to comply with the assigned day period noise level. However, other noise sources would need to comply with the assigned night period noise levels.

Noise received at the neighbouring premises from children playing in the outdoor areas of both centres would, with the fencing as shown on Figure 02 in Section 5 - Modelling, comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*, for the day period.

Noise from the mechanical services has also been assessed to comply with the relevant criteria. It is recommended that the air conditioning units be located within the drying court and this area would be screened from the neighbouring residences to the south. Additionally, to ensure compliance, these units should be installed with low noise night period modes.

Finally, noise emission from car doors within the car park would with the recommended parking restrictions, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5, comply with the Regulatory requirements, at all times.

It is noted that noise associated with car movements is exempt from complying with the Regulations. Even so, noise emissions from these noise sources would comply with the Regulatory Requirements.

#### 3. CRITERIA

The allowable noise level at the surrounding locales is prescribed by the *Environmental Protection* (*Noise*) Regulations 1997. Regulations 7 & 8 stipulate maximum allowable external noise levels. For highly sensitive area of a noise sensitive premises this is determined by the calculation of an influencing factor, which is then added to the base levels shown below in Table 3.1. The influencing factor is calculated for the usage of land within two circles, having radii of 100m and 450m from the premises of concern. For other areas within a noise sensitive premises, the assigned noise levels are fixed throughout the day, as listed in Table 3.1.

**TABLE 3.1 - BASELINE ASSIGNED OUTDOOR NOISE LEVEL** 

Premises Receiving	Time of Day		Assigned Level (dB)		
Noise	Time of Day	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>	
	0700 - 1900 hours Monday to Saturday (Day)	45 + IF	55 + IF	65 + IF	
Noise sensitive	0900 - 1900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Sunday / Public Holiday Day)	40 + IF	50 + IF	65 + IF	
premises: highly sensitive area	1900 - 2200 hours all days (Evening)	40 + IF	50 + IF	55 + IF	
	2200 hours on any day to 0700 hours Monday to Saturday and 0900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Night)	35 + IF	45 + IF	55 + IF	
Noise sensitive premises: any area other than highly sensitive area	All hours	60	75	80	

Note:

 $L_{A10}$  is the noise level exceeded for 10% of the time.

LA1 is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time.

 $L_{\mbox{\scriptsize Amax}}$  is the maximum noise level.

IF is the influencing factor.

Under the Regulations, a highly sensitive area means that area (if any) of noise sensitive premises comprising –

- (a) A building, or a part of a building, on the premises that is used for a noise sensitive purpose; and
- (b) Any other part of the premises within 15 m of that building or that part of the building.

It is a requirement that received noise be free of annoying characteristics (tonality, modulation and impulsiveness), defined below as per Regulation 9.

"impulsiveness"

means a variation in the emission of a noise where the difference between  $L_{Apeak}$  and  $L_{Amax(Slow)}$  is more than 15 dB when determined for a single representative event;

"modulation"

means a variation in the emission of noise that -

- (a) is more than 3 dB  $L_{AFast}$  or is more than 3 dB  $L_{AFast}$  in any onethird octave band;
- (b) is present for more at least 10% of the representative assessment period; and
- (c) is regular, cyclic and audible;

#### "tonality"

means the presence in the noise emission of tonal characteristics where the difference between –

- (a) the A-weighted sound pressure level in any one-third octave band; and
- (b) the arithmetic average of the A-weighted sound pressure levels in the 2 adjacent one-third octave bands,

is greater than 3 dB when the sound pressure levels are determined as  $L_{Aeq,T}$  levels where the time period T is greater than 10% of the representative assessment period, or greater than 8 dB at any time when the sound pressure levels are determined as  $L_{ASlow}$  levels.

Where the noise emission is not music, if the above characteristics exist and cannot be practicably removed, then any measured level is adjusted according to Table 3.2 below.

**TABLE 3.2 - ADJUSTMENTS TO MEASURED LEVELS** 

Where <b>tonality</b> is present	Where <b>modulation</b> is present	Where <b>impulsiveness</b> is present	
+5 dB(A)	+5 dB(A)	+10 dB(A)	

Note: These adjustments are cumulative to a maximum of 15 dB.

For this development, the closest neighbouring residences are located around the proposed development, as shown on Figure 01.

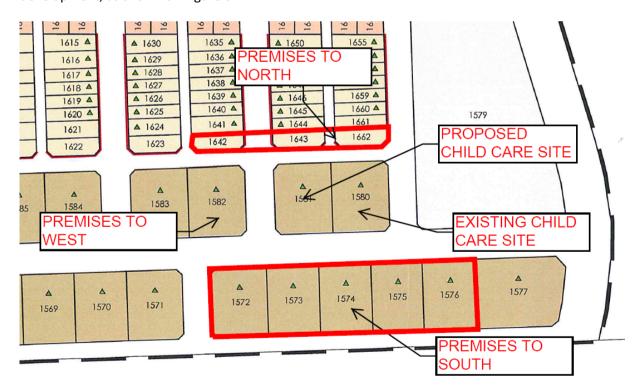


FIGURE 01 – NEIGHBOURING PREMISES

At the neighbouring residence, the influencing factor has been determined to be +1 dB. Thus, the assigned noise levels would be as listed in Table 3.3.

**TABLE 3.3 - ASSIGNED OUTDOOR NOISE LEVEL** 

Premises Receiving	Time of Day	Assigned Level (dB)		
Noise	Time of Day	L <sub>A10</sub>	L <sub>A1</sub>	L <sub>Amax</sub>
	0700 - 1900 hours Monday to Saturday (Day)	46	56	66
Noise sensitive premises: highly	0900 - 1900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Sunday / Public Holiday Day)		51	66
sensitive area	1900 - 2200 hours all days (Evening)	41	51	56
	2200 hours on any day to 0700 hours Monday to Saturday and 0900 hours Sunday and Public Holidays (Night)	36	46	56
Commercial Premises	All hours	60	75	80

Note:

L<sub>A10</sub> is the noise level exceeded for 10% of the time.

L<sub>A1</sub> is the noise level exceeded for 1% of the time.

L<sub>Amax</sub> is the maximum noise level.

#### PROPOSAL

From information supplied, we understand that the child care centre normal hours of operations would be between 0630 and 1900 hours, Monday to Friday and potentially on Saturdays between 0800 and 1300 hours (closed on public holidays). It is understood that the proposed childcare centre will cater for a maximum of 51 children, with the following breakdown of children:

0 – 2 years - 16 2 - 3 years - 15 3 – 5 years - 20

It is noted that although the proposed child care centre would open before 7 am (ie during the night period), the outdoor play area would not be used until after 7am.

A sketch of the proposed floor plan is attached in Appendix A for information.

It is noted that the premises to the east is an existing child care centre. However, it is noted that the outdoor play areas are located at the opposite sides of each lot, thus the noise from children playing outdoors would not be cumulative. Even so, the noise modelling of the outdoor play area included the children playing outdoors modelled for the existing centre. Similarly for the mechanical services, we believe they would be located at the opposite sides of each child care centre building, however, again to be conservative, modelling was undertaken with all mechanical services operating.

Finally, as the car park is being modified, new noise modelling was undertaken for the noise sources within the car park.

#### 5. MODELLING

To assess the noise received at the neighbouring premises from the proposed development, noise modelling was undertaken using the noise modelling program SoundPlan.

Calculations were carried out using the DER standard weather conditions, which relate to worst case noise propagation, as stated in the Department of Environment Regulation "Draft Guidance on Environmental Noise for Prescribed Premises". These conditions include winds blowing from sources to the receiver(s).

Calculations were based on the sound power levels used in the calculations are listed in Table 5.1.

#### **TABLE 5.1 – SOUND POWER LEVELS**

Item	Sound Power Level, dB(A)	
Children Playing	83 (per 10 children)	
Car Starting	85	
Car Moving in Car Park	76	
Door Closing	87	
Air conditioning condensing Unit	4 @ 71 (Existing) 3 @ 71 (Proposed)	

#### Notes:

- With regards to the air conditioning, we understand that the air conditioning has not been designed at this stage of the development. The noise level for the air conditioning has been based on the sound power levels used for previous assessment of child care centres. From other studies, we understand that the noise associated with these condensing units would be conservative.
- 2 Noise modelling has been undertaken with the air conditioning condensing units for the proposed child care centre located within the Drying Court, with the drying court being screened / barriered from the neighbouring residences to the south.
- 3 Noise modelling for the children playing within the outdoor area was based on the following:

Existing - 5 groups of 10 children.

Proposed - 4 groups of 10 children.

- 4 Noting the number of children in each child care centre under the age of 2 years, the above scenario would be conservative.
- Noise modelling was undertaken to a number of different receiver locations for each of the neighbouring residences shown in Figure 01. These receiver locations were at locations adjacent to the proposed child care centre. However, to simplify the assessment, only the noise level in the worst case location for each direction, have been listed.
- Preliminary noise modelling indicates that noise received at the neighbouring premises from children within the outdoor play area and the air conditioning condensing units could result in an exceedance of the Regulations. To comply with the regulatory criteria, additional fencing, as shown on Figure 5.1 is required. With regards to the air conditioning condensing units, to achieve compliance, the access to the AC Store be to the west (ie from car park). Model includes boundary fence to the west.
- Modelling shows that noise received at the neighbouring residences from car doors closing would comply with the assigned noise level for the day period. However, to achieve compliance at the residences to the south (ie adjacent residences to the car park) during the night period (ie before 7am), the parking needs to be restricted, as shown on Figure 5.2.

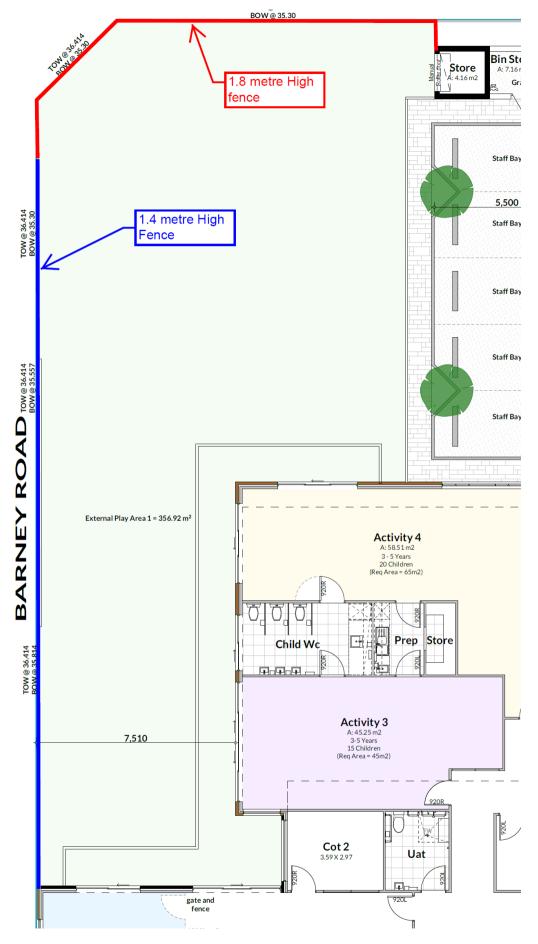


FIGURE 5.1 - ADDITIONAL FENCING

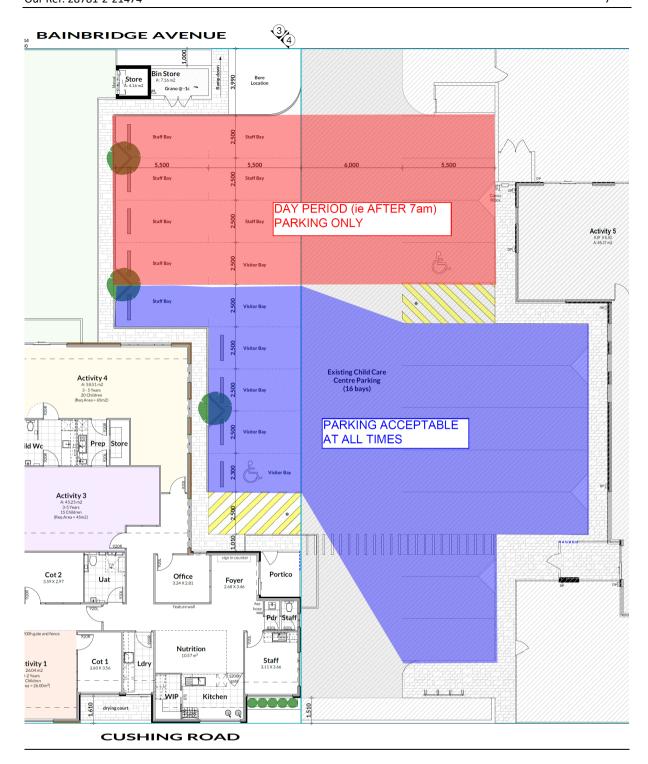


FIGURE 5.2 - NIGHT PERIOD PARKING RESTRICTIONS

#### 6. ASSESSMENT

Although under the regulations, for the purposes of determining the Influencing Factor, the land type used in determining the Assigned Noise level is based on the land usage that results in the highest Influencing Factor, it has been assumed that the neighbouring premises could contain residential components. Thus, noise received at these premises has been based on noise received at a "highly" sensitive area of a noise sensitive premises.

Given the number and breakdown of children, acoustic modelling of outdoor play noise was made, based on 50 children playing outside within the outdoor play areas at the one time, utilising 5 groups of 10 children sound power levels distributed as plane sources. The resultant noise levels at the neighbouring residence from children playing outdoors are tabulated in Table 6.1.

The resultant noise levels from the air conditioning at the neighbouring residences are also listed in Table 6.1.

From previous measurements, noise emissions from children playing is a broadband type noise and does not contain any annoying characteristics in accordance with the *Environmental Protection* (*Noise*) *Regulations 1992*. Noise emissions from the mechanical services would be tonal and a +5 dB(A) penalty would be applied, as shown in Table 6.1. Noise emissions from both outdoor play and the mechanical services needs to comply with the assigned L<sub>A10</sub> noise levels.

TABLE 6.1 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS FOR LA10 CRITERIA OUTDOOR PLAY AREAS AND MECHANICAL PLANT

Najahhawiya Bususiya	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))		
Neighbouring Premises	Children Playing	Air Conditioning	
Premises to North	46	31 (36)	
Premises to South	45	29 (34)	
Premise to West	45	27 (32)	

() Includes +5 dB(A) penalty for tonality

With regards to noise associated with cars within the parking area. The resultant noise levels are tabulated in Tables 6.2 and 6.3. It is noted that noise emissions from a moving car would need to comply with the assigned  $L_{A1}$  noise level, with noise emissions from cars starting and doors closing needing to comply with the assigned  $L_{Amax}$  noise level.

TABLE 6.2 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS LA1 CRITERIA CAR MOVING

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Neighbouring Premises	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))		
Premises to North	41		
Premises to South	37		
Premise to West	29		

TABLE 6.3 - ACOUSTIC MODELLING RESULTS L<sub>Amax</sub> CRITERIA CAR STARTING / DOOR CLOSING

	Calculated Noise Level (dB(A))			
<b>Neighbouring Premises</b>	Car Starting		Door Closing	
	Day Period	Night Period	Day Period	Night Period
Premises to North	49	44	51 [61]	46 [56]
Premises to South	41	41	42 [51]	42 [51]
Premise to West	35	35	38 [48]	38 [48]

[ ] Includes +10 dB(A) penalty for a impulsiveness.

() Includes +5 dB(A) penalty for tonality

Tables 6.4 to 6.10 summarise the applicable Assigned Noise Levels, and assessable noise level emissions for each identified noise.

### TABLE 6.4 – ASSESSMENT OF LA10 NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS OUTDOOR PLAY (DAY PERIOD)

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
Premises to North	46	46	Complies
Premises to South	45	46	Complies
Premise to West	45	46	Complies

### TABLE 6.5 – ASSESSMENT OF L<sub>A10</sub> NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS ALL AIR CONDITIONING

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
Premises to North	36	36	Complies
Premises to South	34	36	Complies
Premise to West	32	36	Complies

### TABLE 6.6 – ASSESSMENT OF La1 NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR MOVEMENTS

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level
Premises to North	41	46	Complies
Premises to South	37	46	Complies
Premise to West	29	46	Complies

### TABLE 6.7 – ASSESSMENT OF L<sub>Amax</sub> DAY PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR STARTING

Location	Location Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)		Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level		
Premises to North	49	66	Complies		
Premises to South	41	66	Complies		
Premise to West	29	66	Complies		

### TABLE 6.8 – ASSESSMENT OF $L_{Amax}$ NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR STARTING

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level		
Premises to North	44	56	Complies		
Premises to South	41	56	Complies		
Premise to West	29	56	Complies		

### TABLE 6.9 – ASSESSMENT OF Lamax DAY PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR DOOR

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level		
Premises to North	59	66	Complies		
Premises to South	51	66	Complies		
Premise to West	48	56	Complies		

### TABLE 6.10 – ASSESSMENT OF L<sub>Amax</sub> NIGHT PERIOD NOISE LEVEL EMISSIONS CAR DOOR

Location	Assessable Noise Level, dB(A)	Applicable Assigned Noise Level (dB(A))	Exceedance to Assigned Noise Level		
Premises to North	56	56	Complies		
Premises to South	51	56	Complies Complies		
Premise to West	48	56			

#### 7. CONCLUSION

It is proposed that the proposed child care centre would would cater for up to 51 children.

Noise received at the neighbouring residential premises from children playing in the outdoor play area would, with the additional fencing as shown on Figure 01 in Section 5 - Modelling, comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* for the day period. It is understood that although the child care centre would open before 7am, the outdoor play area would not to be utilised until after 7am. Hence, compliance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* would be achieved.

Noise from the mechanical services has also been assessed to comply with the relevant criteria. However, it is recommended that the air conditioning be located within the drying court, and they be screened from the neighbours to the south with a solid barrier. Additionally, the units should be installed with low noise night period modes.

Finally, noise emission from car doors within the car park would with the recommended parking restrictions, as shown on Figure 5.2 in Section 5, comply with the Regulatory requirements, at all times.

It is noted that noise associated with car movements is exempt from complying with the Regulations. Even so, noise emissions from these noise sources would comply with the Regulatory Requirements.

Thus, noise emissions from the proposed development, would be deemed to comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997* for the proposed hours of operation.

### **APPENDIX A**

**PLANS** 

# Panda ELC

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Childcare Centre

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1 Cover Sheet

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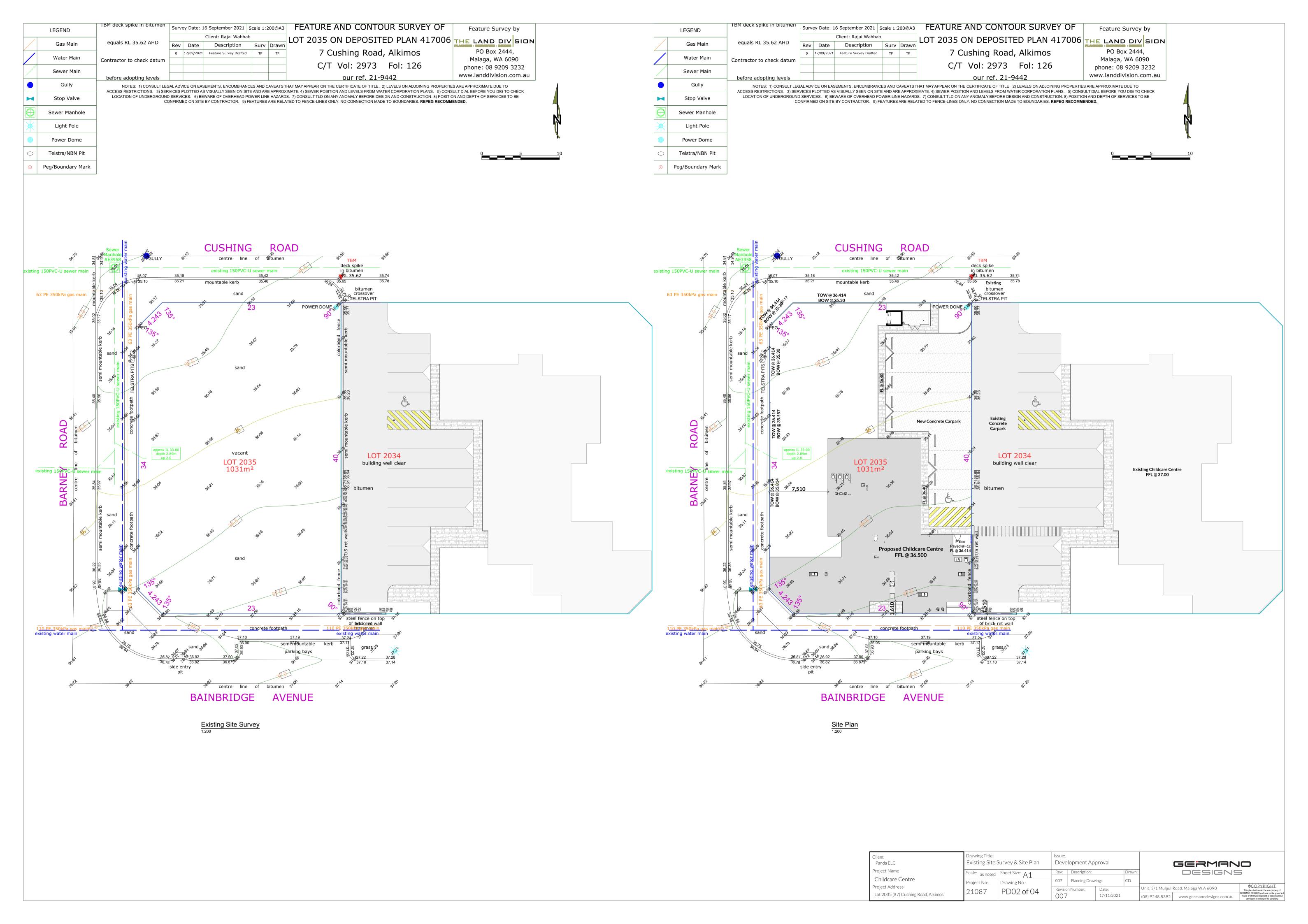




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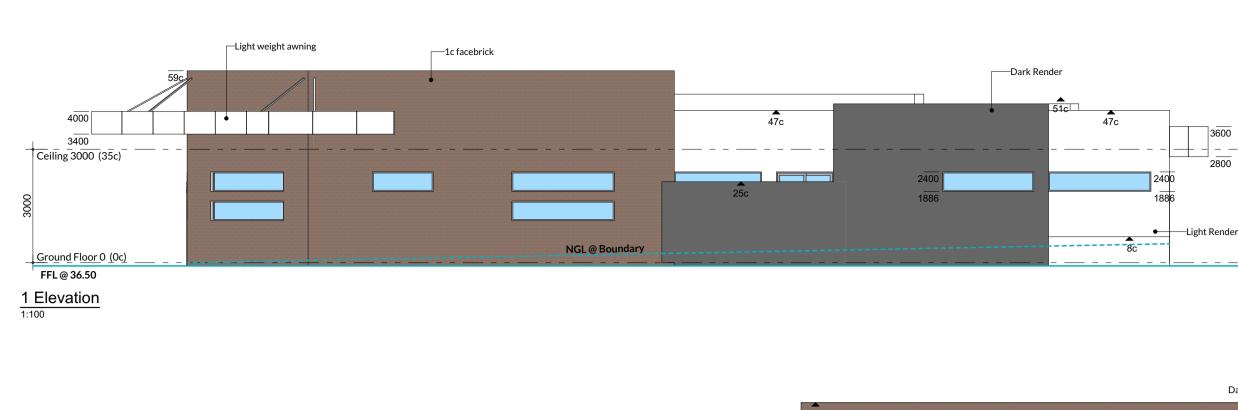


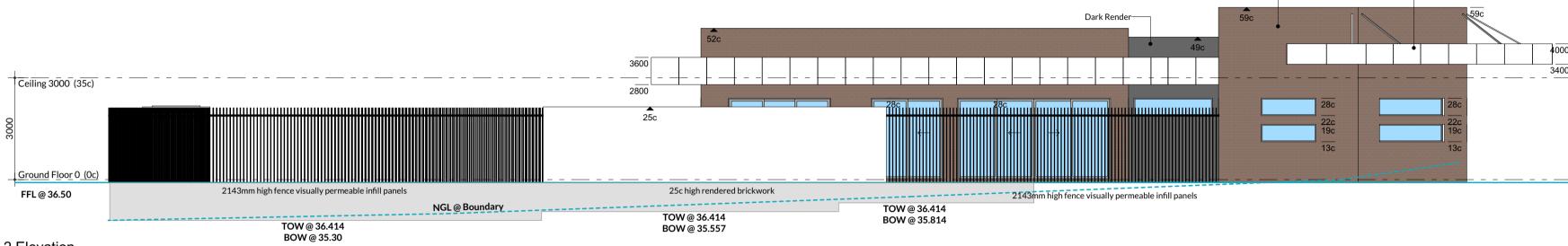


Zone Perim Area **Child / Room Calculations** Room Age (Yrs) Quant. Size Staff Req Bin Store Child Care Centre 363.50 101.89 0-2 0-2 3-5 3-5 10.50 8.16 Activity 1 26.04m<sup>2</sup> 26.43m<sup>2</sup> Activity 2 381.57 m<sup>2</sup> 131.73 m Activity 3 15 45.25m<sup>2</sup> Activity 4  $58.51m^2$ 10.57m<sup>2</sup> Nutritional Total Internal = 166.80m<sup>2</sup> (Min 3.25m<sup>2</sup> per child) (Min 165.75m<sup>2</sup> req) 357.11m<sup>2</sup> Total External Play Area = (Min 7m<sup>2</sup> per child) (Min 357.00m<sup>2</sup> req) Parking Calculations as per Wanneroo Local Planning Policy 2.3: Child Care Centres **Bays Provided** TOW@ 36.414
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BAINBRIDGE AVENUE Requirement Quant Bays Reqd 1 space per staff Type 2 parking Location Grano@-1c 1,591.00 m<sup>2</sup> Staff Bay Staff Bay 5,500 5,500 5,500 Staff Bay Staff Bay WC 2 Staff Bay Staff Bay C.L @3.00 Activity 5 9.91 × 6.53 A: 65.37 m2 HWU Prep 3 Staff Bay Visitor Bay Activity 4 8.33 X 7,31 A: 65,61 m2 Store 3 C.L @3.00 Staff Bay Visitor Bay Visitor Bay C.L @3.00 External Play Area 1 = 356.92 m<sup>2</sup> **Existing Child Care** Activity 4 A: 58.51 m2 Centre Parking (16 bays) 3 - 5 Years 20 Children (Req Area = 65m2) Prep Store Activity 3 9.34 × 5.39 A: 49.01 m2 Visitor Bay Child Wc Existing Child Care Centre Activity 3
A: 45.25 m2
3-5 Years
15 Children
(Req Area = 45m2) 7,510 Waiting c.L.@3.00 Staff 4.45 X 3.37 C.L.@3.00 Cot 2 3.71 X 3.70 C.L @3.00 A: 13.73 m2 7 ( 3 ( 4 ) ) Reception C.L @3.00 UAT C.L @3.00 Cot 2 3.59 X 2.97 Portico **Office** 3.24 X 2.81 Uat **Foyer** 2.68 X 3.46 gate and fence Activity 2 7.64 X 3.67 A: 26.89 m2 Prep 1 / Store 1 1200h gate and fence 920R Cot 1 3.81 X 3.61 C.L @3.00 A: 13.83 m2 Activity 2 A: 26.43 m2 Nutrition 0-2 Years 8 Children Req Area = 26.00m²) **Staff** 3.11 × 3.66 Cot 1 2.60 X 3.56 Activity 1
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0-2 Years
8 Children
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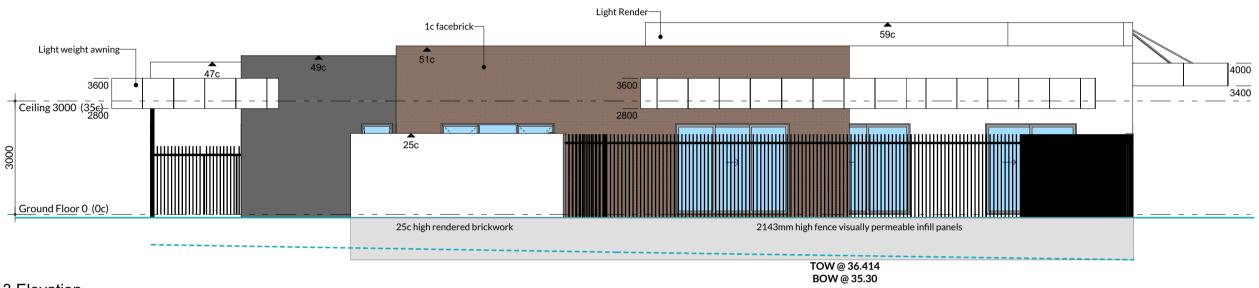




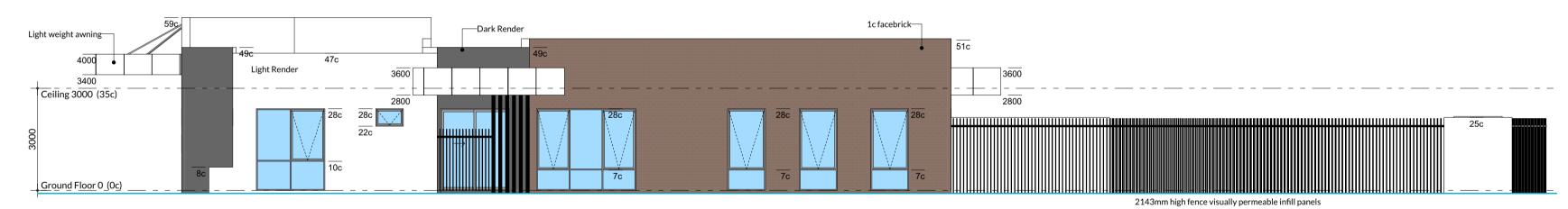
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# 2 Elevation



## 3 Elevation



# 4 Elevation 1:100

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### **APPENDIX B**

NOISE CONTOUR PLOTS

