APPENDIX B

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1. INTRODUCTION

Working Paper No. 1 has identified and evaluated noise mitigation measures to redress the impacts by road traffic noise on existing residential buildings along Ap Lei Chau Bridge and Tsing Tsuen Road. The measures comprising inverted L-shaped noise barriers and partial enclosures were considered acoustically effective and aesthetically acceptable in the urban setting. However, these barriers or enclosures have the potential to localize the air pollutants. It remains to be shown therefore that these measures would not result in unacceptable air quality at the air sensitive receivers, which include dwellings, sitting out areas, playgrounds, sports grounds etc., as defined in the HKPSG.

This Technical Paper has been prepared to address the air quality issue that may arise from the potential implementation of the noise mitigation measures. Pedestrians and drivers are not considered as air sensitive in this context because the time they spend on the road is short compared to the averaging time for the calculation of the pollutant concentrations.

2. OPTIMAL MITIGATION SCHEMES

Following an evaluation of several options for the two flyovers based on engineering, environmental and cost considerations, the following mitigation measures, comprising inverted L-shaped barriers and partial enclosures, are considered to be the most optimal schemes for the two sites. Typical cross section of the barriers and enclosures on independent structures are illustrated in Appendix A.

2.1 Ap Lei Chau Bridge

The optimal mitigation scheme for Ap Lei Chau Bridge consists of two sections of 5 m high inverted L-shaped barriers about 45m and 50m in length along the eastbound carriageway to protect the NSRs located adjacent to the flyover.

Figure 2-1 shows the location of the proposed barriers and representative air sensitive receivers (ASRs) likely to be affected as a result of implementation of the noise mitigation measures. Table 2-1 describes the ASRs in further details.

Table 2-1 Description of ASRs along Ap Lei Chau Bridge

ASR ID	Name of ASR	Current Uses
HA	Hans Andersen Club	Vacated
HM	Harbour Mission School	Vacated
SO	Shan On House	Residential
CO	Choi On House	Residential
FM	Fortune Mansion	Residential
BK	Baptist Kindergarten	School
FP	Football pitch	Outdoor Recreation

2.2 Tsing Tsuen Road

The optimal mitigation scheme for Tsing Tsuen Road near Riviera Gardens consists of two segments of partial enclosures, one about 95m in length along the eastbound carriageway and another 185m in length partly covering the eastbound carriageway and along part of its length, covering the full-width of the carriageway, to protect the NSRs at Riviera Gardens.

For the other end of Tsing Tsuen Road near Cheung On Estate, the optimal mitigation scheme consists of a 150m long partial enclosure along the eastbound carriageway in front of Cheung On Estate.

Figures 2-2 and 2-3 show the locations of the proposed partial enclosures and representative air sensitive receivers likely to be affected as a result of implementation of the noise mitigation schemes. Table 2-2 gives further details of the ASRs.

ASR ID Name of ASR **Current Uses** HS Hoi Sing Mansion Residential HF Hoi Fung Mansion Residential HΚ Hoi Kwai Mansion Residential SC Sunley Centre Industrial OC On Pak House Residential **OP** On Chiu House Residential AG Home for the Aged Convalescent Home SP St. Paul's Village Residential V1Tierra Verde Residential V2Tierra Verde Residential

Table 2-2 Description of ASRs along Tsing Tsuen Road

3. ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

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3.1 Air Pollutants

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Motor vehicles generate a variety of airborne pollutants, including carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulates, and trace amounts of volatile organic compounds. However, the air pollutants of concern are nitrogen dioxide and respirable suspended particulate since the concentrations of carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds produced by motor vehicles are usually far below the level that cause health effects.

Air pollutants come under the control of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, which calls for compliance with a set of health-related air quality objectives (AQO) for seven pollutants. Petrol vehicles contribute more carbon monoxide, while diesel-powered vehicles emit more nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. Under the current emission controls, emissions from petrol vehicles will be reduced as a result of more vehicles being fitted with catalytic converters which convert carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide. In view of the lower emission rates and the high statutory limit for carbon monoxide, the key air pollutants are considered to be Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and

Outdoor Recreation

Respirable Suspended Particulate (RSP). Compliance with the concentration levels shown below in Table 3-1 is required.

Table 3-1 Air Quality Objectives

Parameter	Maximum Perr	nitted Average Conce	ntration (µg/m³)
	1 hour	24 hours	Yearly
RSP		180	55
NO ₂	300	150	80

Notes: *All criteria are Hong Kong Air Quality Objectives.

- *Hourly criterion for NO₂ not to be exceeded more than three times per vear.
- *24-hour criteria not to be exceeded more than once per year.
- *Expressed at the reference condition of 298K and 101.325 KPa.

3.2 Traffic Flows

The existing morning peak hour traffic flows, i.e. traffic flows in 1998 as used for noise impact assessment in Working Paper No. 1, were adopted for the present assessment. These traffic flows are assumed to be free flowing at the speed limit (50 kph) with no queuing.

3.3 Vehicle Emissions

Emission factors for RSP and NOx were taken from the Fleet Average Emission Factors - EURO2 Model provided by EPD for the year 1998. Based on these figures, the composite emission factors for the road links were calculated as the weighted average of the emission factors of different types of vehicles. No speed correction or other adjustments were made.

3.4 Meteorological Conditions

The worst-case meteorological conditions were adopted in the modelling. This involves a wind speed of 1m/s blowing at a worst wind angle to each sensitive receiver. The standard deviation of the wind direction varies from place to place. A suitable value for use for the various sites is 18 degrees as used previously for other similar sites. The stability is assumed to be Class D during day-time and Class F for night-time.

The following summarizes the meteorological conditions adopted in the model calculations:

Wind Speed	1 m/s
Wind Direction	worst-case
Wind Direction Variation	18 degrees
Stability Class	D or F
Mixing Height	500 m
Temperature	25°C

3.5 Modelling Method

The USEPA California Line Source Dispersion Model - CALINE4 was used to model the air quality at the representative air sensitive receivers. The NO₂ option of the model was adopted to calculate the NO₂ concentrations, and RSP was modelled as particulate in the model.

All at-grade roads have zero elevation and elevated roads have elevations which are equal to the heights of the roads above ground in the model. In order to estimate the effects of the recommended mitigation measures on the air quality at the nearby ASRs, the model was set up to incorporate the type of barriers proposed. According to the model description, there is no exact method to calculate the effects arising from road-side barrier structure.

In the case of inverted L-shaped barriers and partial enclosures, the road link with a barrier was artificially elevated to a height that is equivalent to the height of the barrier. In addition, the road link was laterally shifted by an amount equivalent to the horizontal extent of the barrier into the carriageway.

The Type I partial enclosure covering both carriageway of Tsing Tsuen Road has been further modelled as a tunnel in accordance with the recommendation of PIARC 91. The volume of pollutants was assumed to eject from the portal as a portal jet such that 2/3 of the total emissions was dispersed within the first 50m of the portal and 1/3 of the total emissions within the second 50m.

3.6 Ambient Pollutant Concentrations

In order to be consistent with other similar calculations, the following daily peak values, as recorded at the Central Western Air Quality Monitoring Station in 1996 [Air Quality in Hong Kong, 1996], were adopted in the model calculation of NO₂ at the receiver locations:

 $O_3 = 0.03 \text{ ppm}$ NO = 0.07 ppm $NO_2 = 0.05 \text{ ppm}$

The annual average NO₂ and RSP background concentrations for Central Western and Tsuen Wan are as follows:

Central Western	<u>Isuen Wan</u>
$NO_2 = 47 \mu g/m^3$	$NO_2 = 59 \mu g/m^3$
$RSP = 52 \mu g/m^3$	$RSP = 53 \ \mu g/m^3$

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The following sections present an assessment of the air quality impact at the worst-hit levels of the representative ASRs with and without the noise mitigation measures. Sample computer output is given in Appendix B.

4.1 Ap Lei Chau Bridge

The proposed inverted L-shaped barriers tend to limit the lateral dispersion of air pollutants towards the low-rise buildings along the eastbound carriageway of the flyover. At the same time, ASRs locating in front of the barrier will be subject to slightly more severe pollution impact. As shown in Table 4-1, the maximum 1-hour NO₂ and 24-hour RSP concentrations at most of the ASR locations with and without the proposed noise mitigation measures are practically unaffected except for the indicative assessment point at HA, which is located on the opposite side of the barrier. The RSP concentration at HA is slightly higher during the mitigated scenario because of the limited lateral dispersion of pollutants. On the other hand, the football pitch locating behind the barriers will receive some minor benefit from the implementation of the measures.

The 1-hour NO₂ and 24-hour RSP isopleths for the unmitigated and mitigated scenarios are presented in Figures 4-1 to 4-4.

Table 4-1 1-Hour NO₂ and 24-Hour RSP Concentrations at ASRs along Ap Lei Chau Bridge

	ΝΟ2, μ	.g/m³	RSP,µg/m³			
ASR	Unmitigated	Mitigated	Unmitigated	Mitigated		
HA	160	160	133	139		
HM	216	216	171	171		
SO	103	103	93	92		
CO	122	122	107	107		
FM	103	103	91	91		
BK	160	160	129	129		
FP	160	122	134	113		

Note: Background concentrations are included.

4.2 Tsing Tsuen Road

The proposed partial enclosures tend to limit the lateral dispersion of air pollutants towards Riviera Gardens and Cheung On Estate. The result is a positive impact for the low level receivers at Riviera Gardens and the tennis courts outside of Cheung On Estate. On the other hand, the partial enclosures tend to deflect the air pollutants towards the opposite side of the road and/or towards the portal ends. However, the pollutant concentration levels at ASRs opposite Cheung On Estate (i.e. AG, SP, V1, V2) are practically unaffected by the erection of a partial enclosure. Conversely, the pollutant concentrations at ASR HK are slightly higher after the implementation of the partial enclosures as HK is located near the eastern portal of the enclosure.

Table 4-2 gives the maximum 1-hour NO₂ and 24-hour RSP concentrations without and with the noise mitigation measures at the identified ASR locations, and Figures 4-5 to 4-12 present the corresponding contours for the unmitigated and mitigated scenarios. As far as these receivers are concerned, the effects are minor and all concentrations are within the AQO.

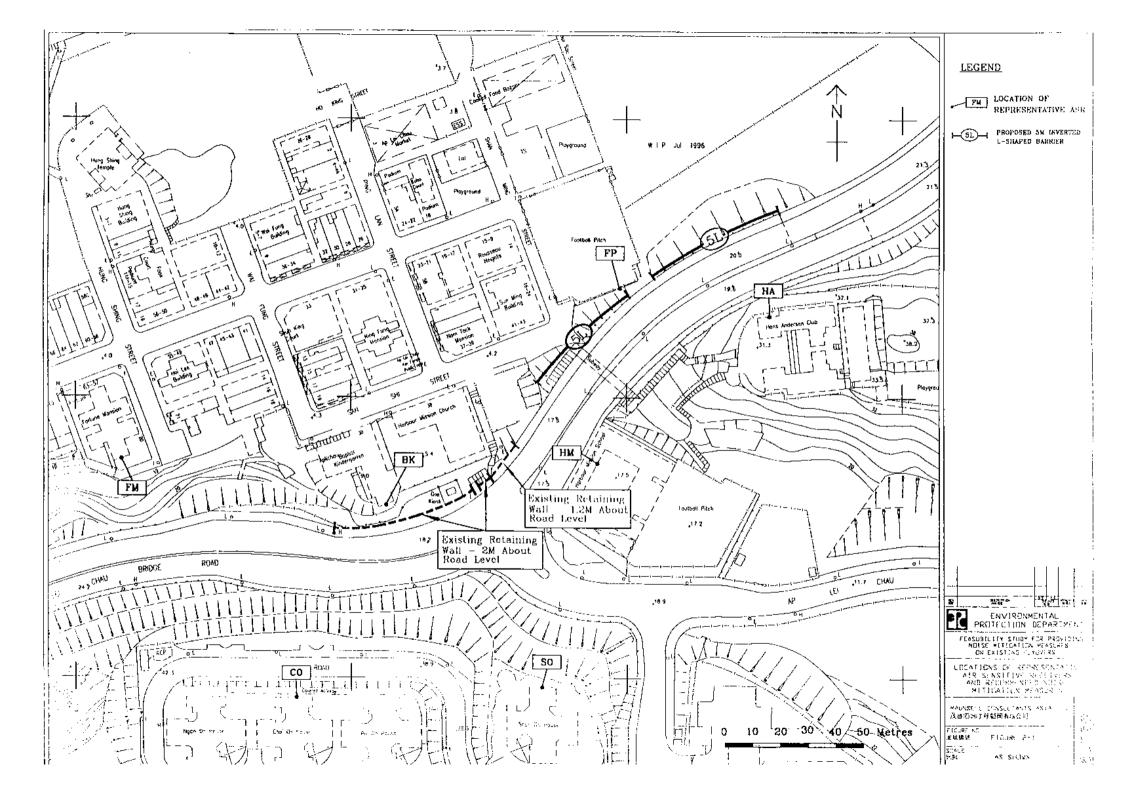
Table 4-2 1-Hour NO₂ and 24-Hour RSP Concentrations at ASRs along Tsing Tsuen Road

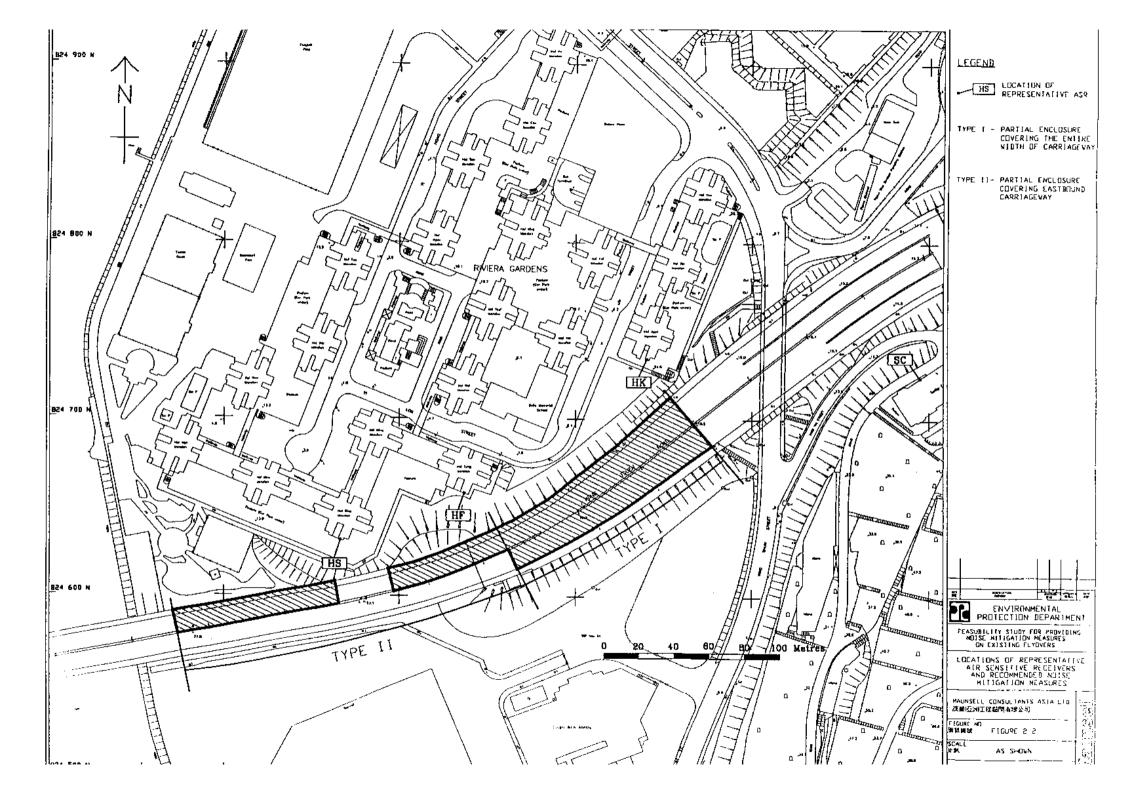
	ΝΟ2, μ	g/m3	RSP,µg/m3			
ASR	Unmitigated	Mitigated	Unmitigated	Mitigated		
HS	122	103	125	113		
HF	160	141	149	138		
HK	160	179	154	169		
SC	122	122	120	114		
OC	141	141	125	125		
OP	103	103	108	108		
AG	103	103	105	104		
SP	103	103	100	100		
V1	103	103	100	100		
V2	103	103	107	106		
TC	141	122	135	122		

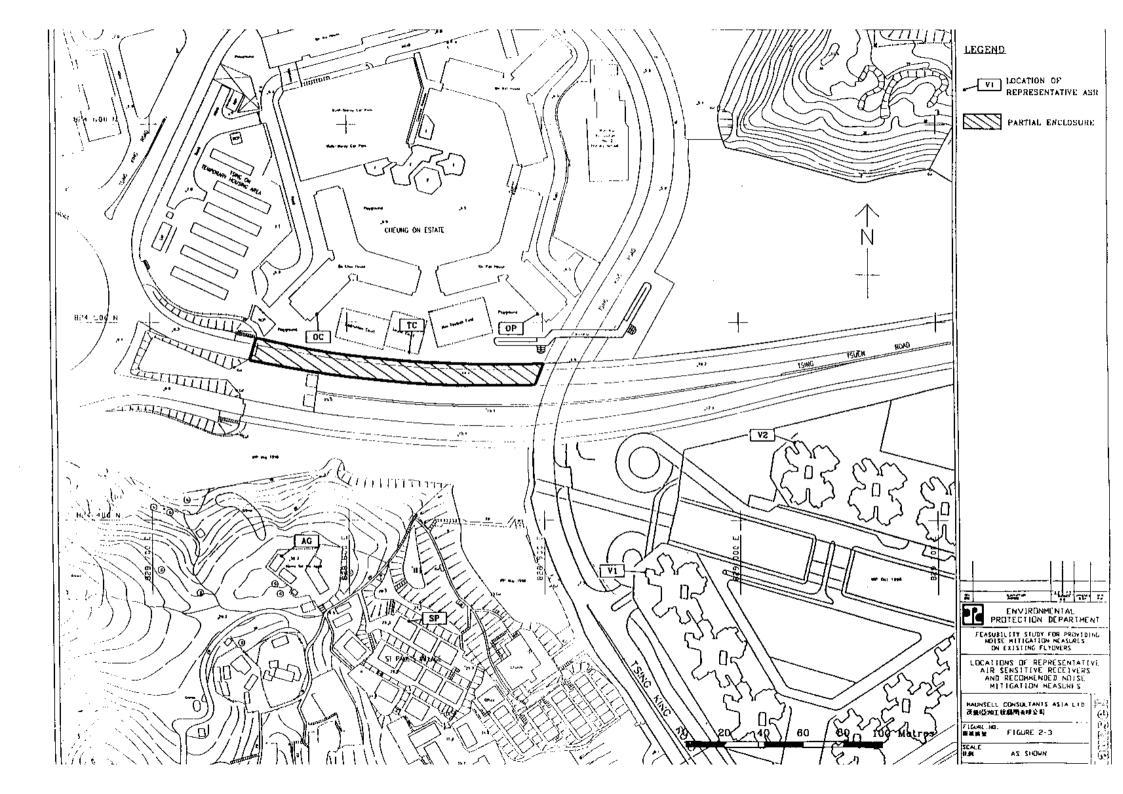
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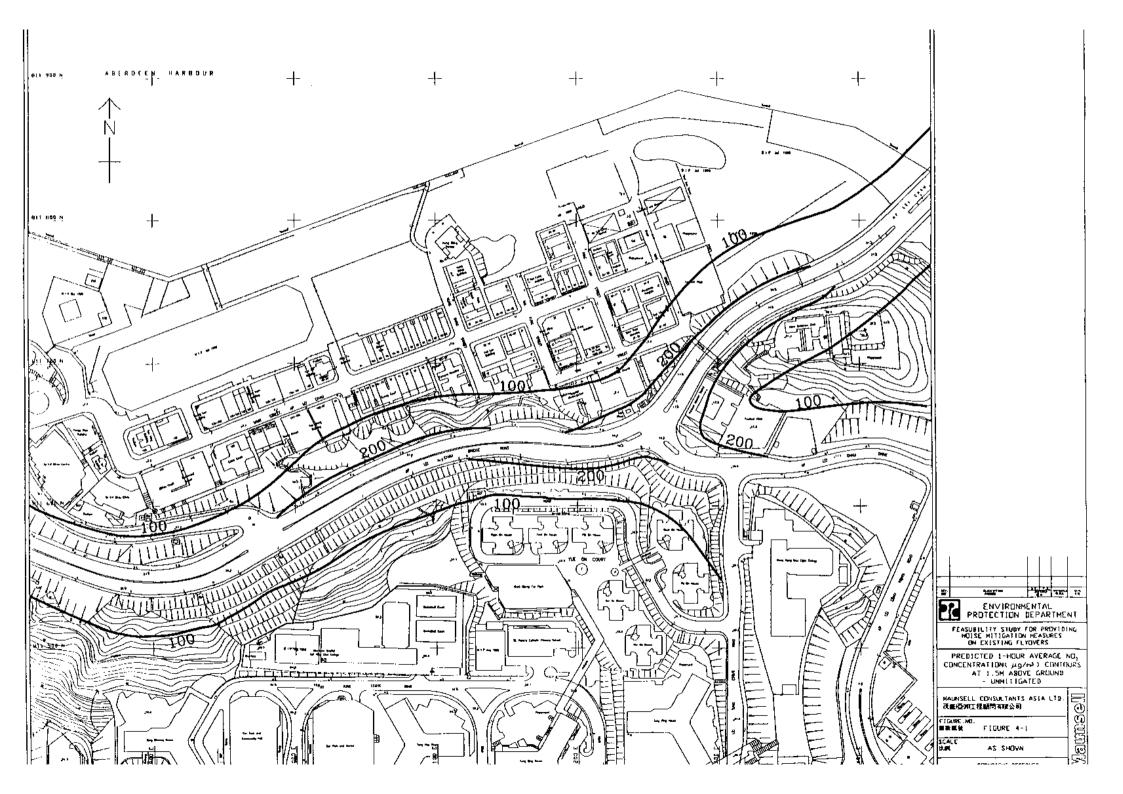
5. CONCLUSION

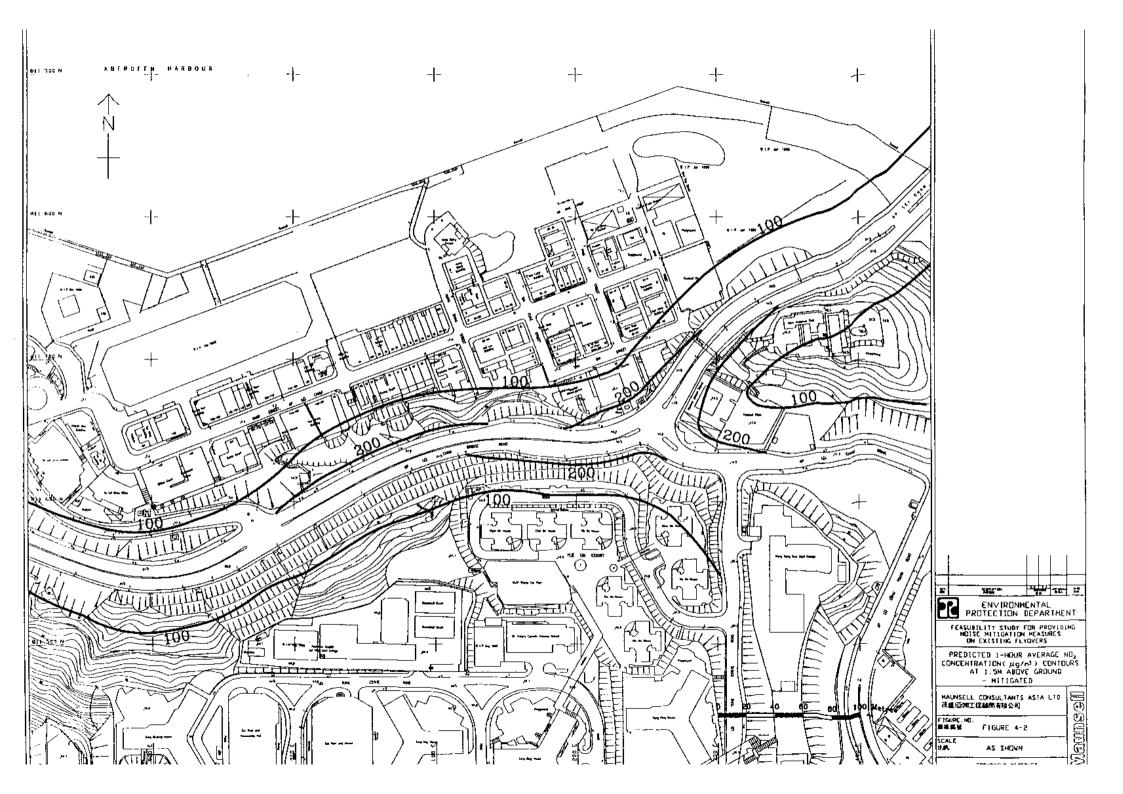
Using the modelling methodology as described above, it has been shown that the proposed noise mitigation measures would not produce any significant, adverse air quality impact on the nearby air sensitive receivers. In some cases, there appears to be minor benefit to the receivers mainly because the noise structures limit the lateral dispersion or diffusion of air pollutants to the receivers.

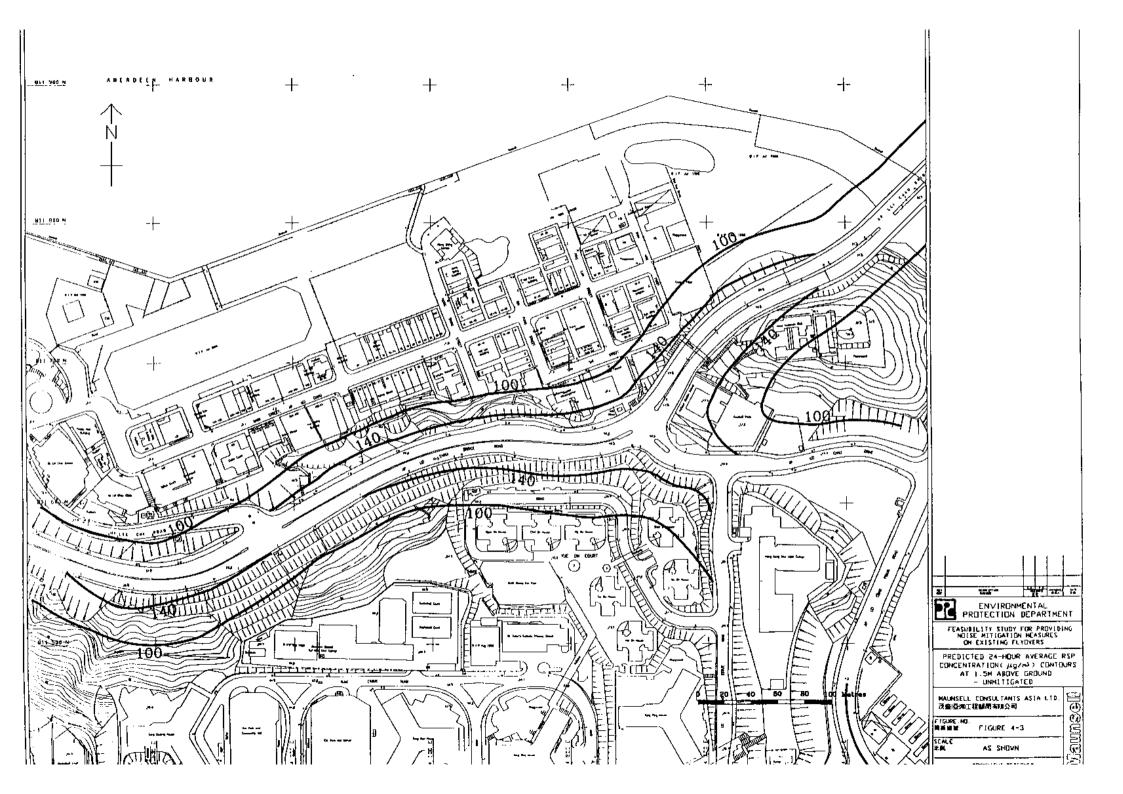


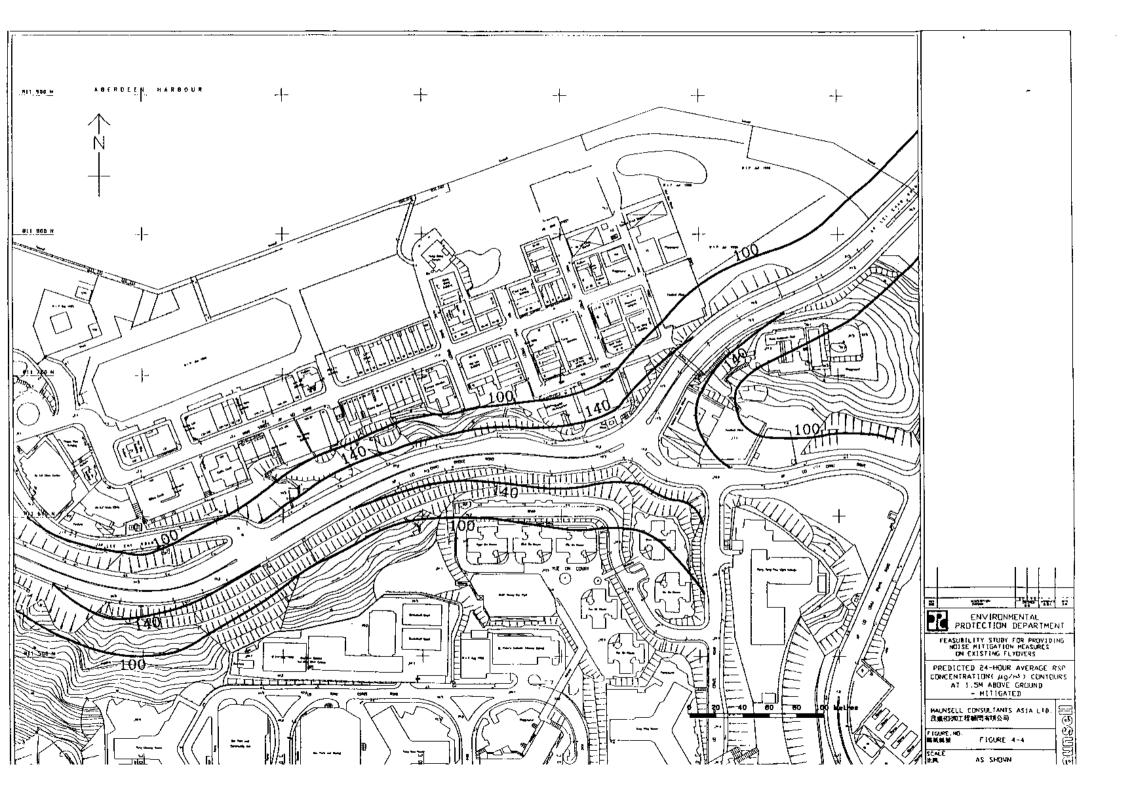


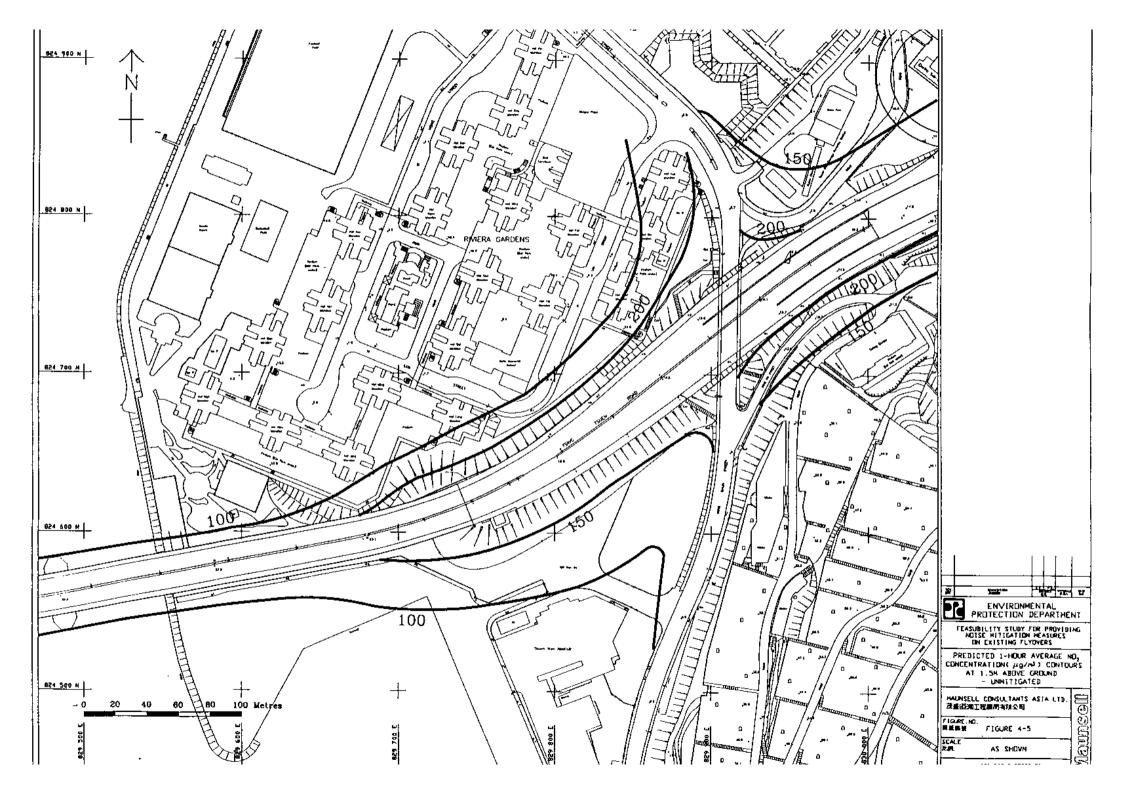


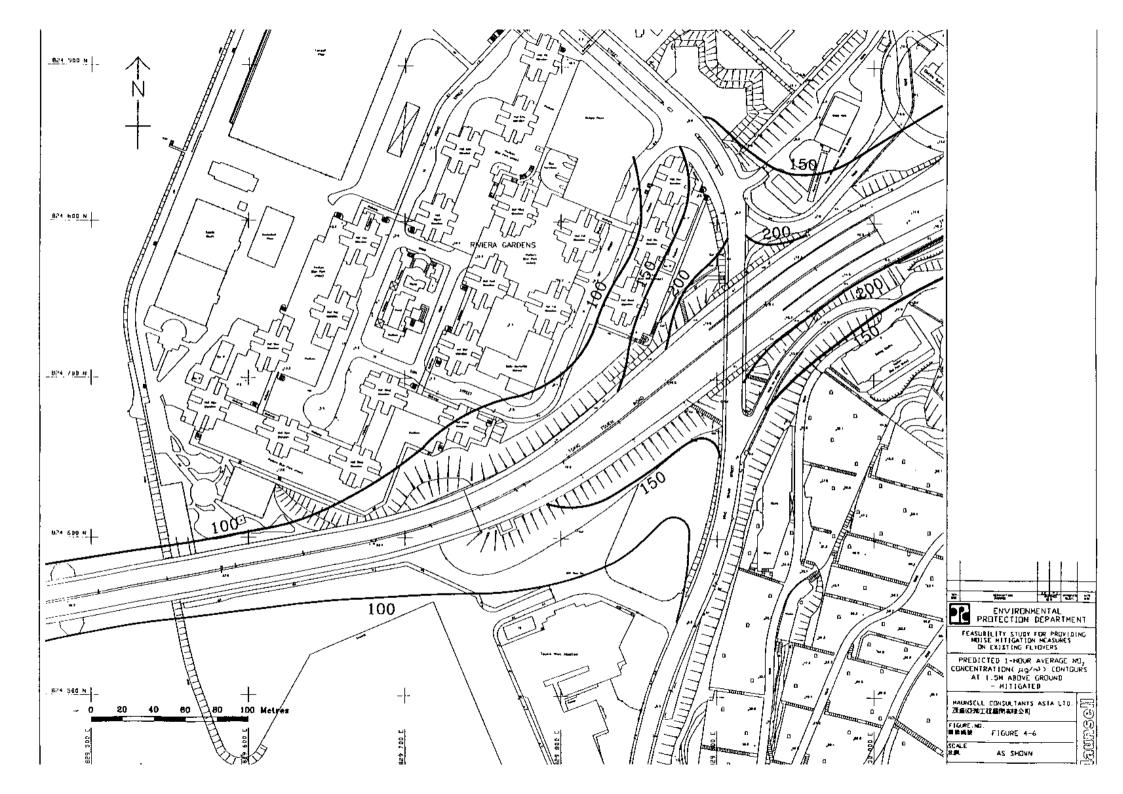


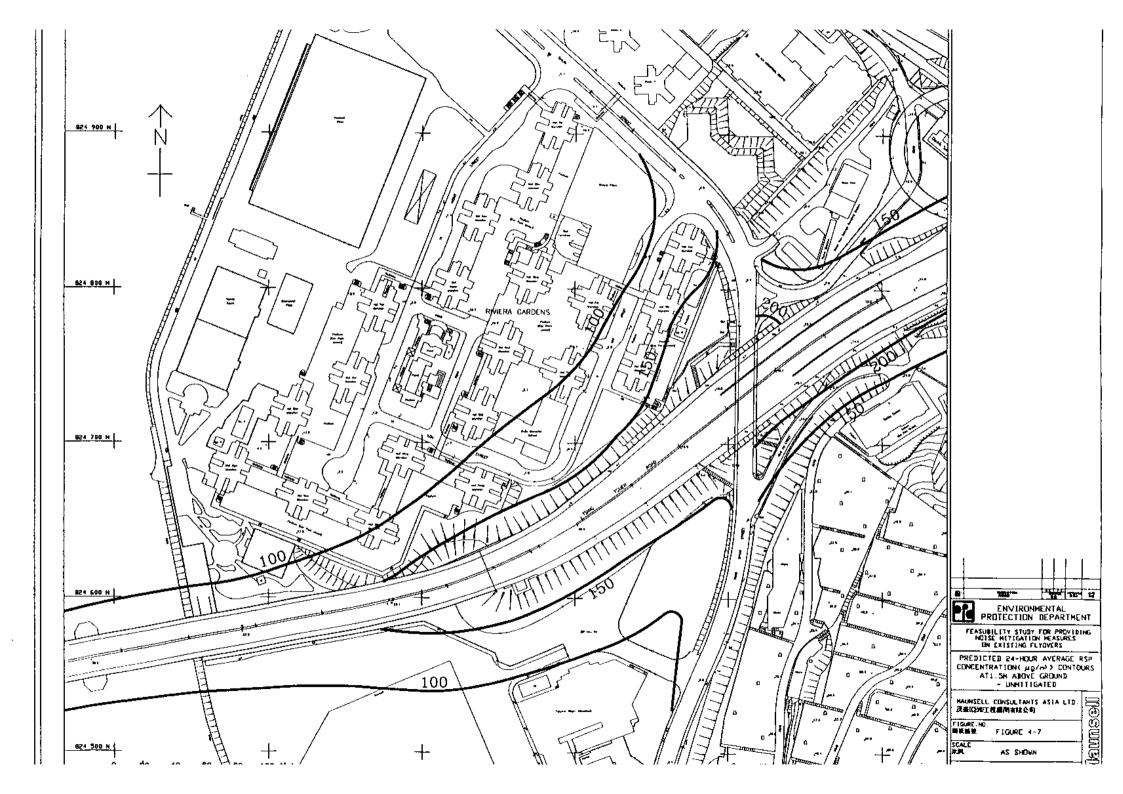


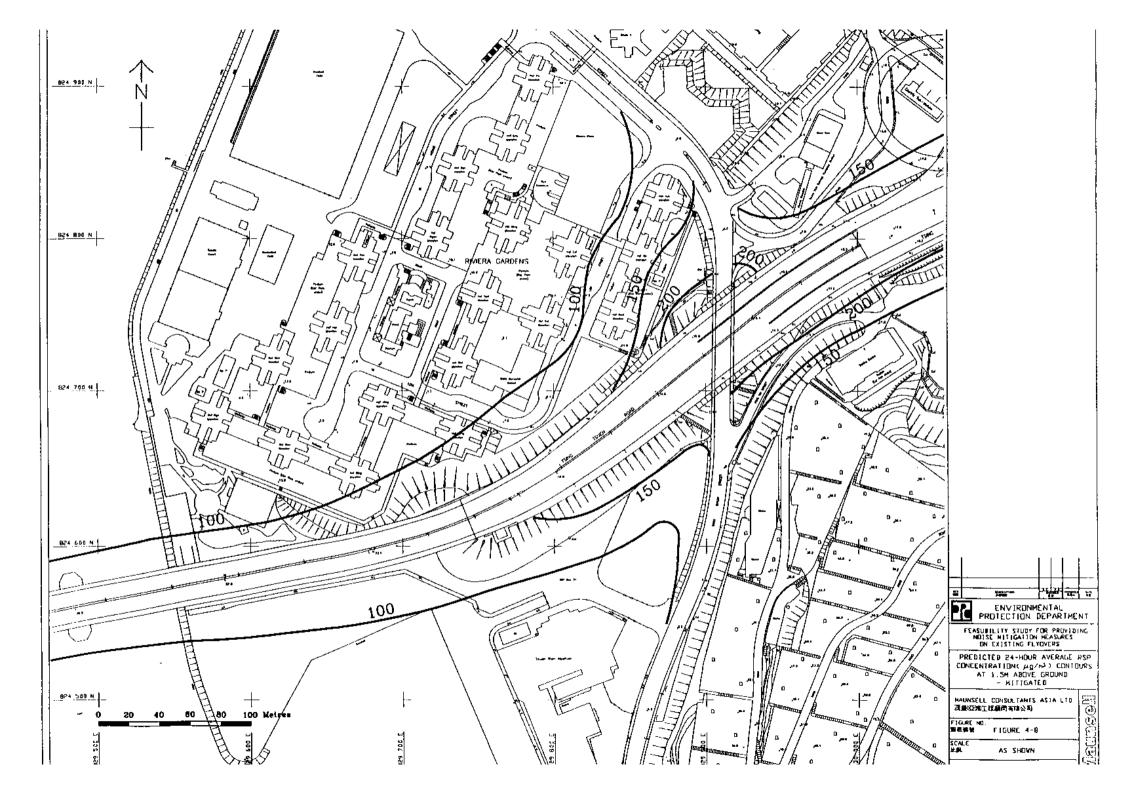


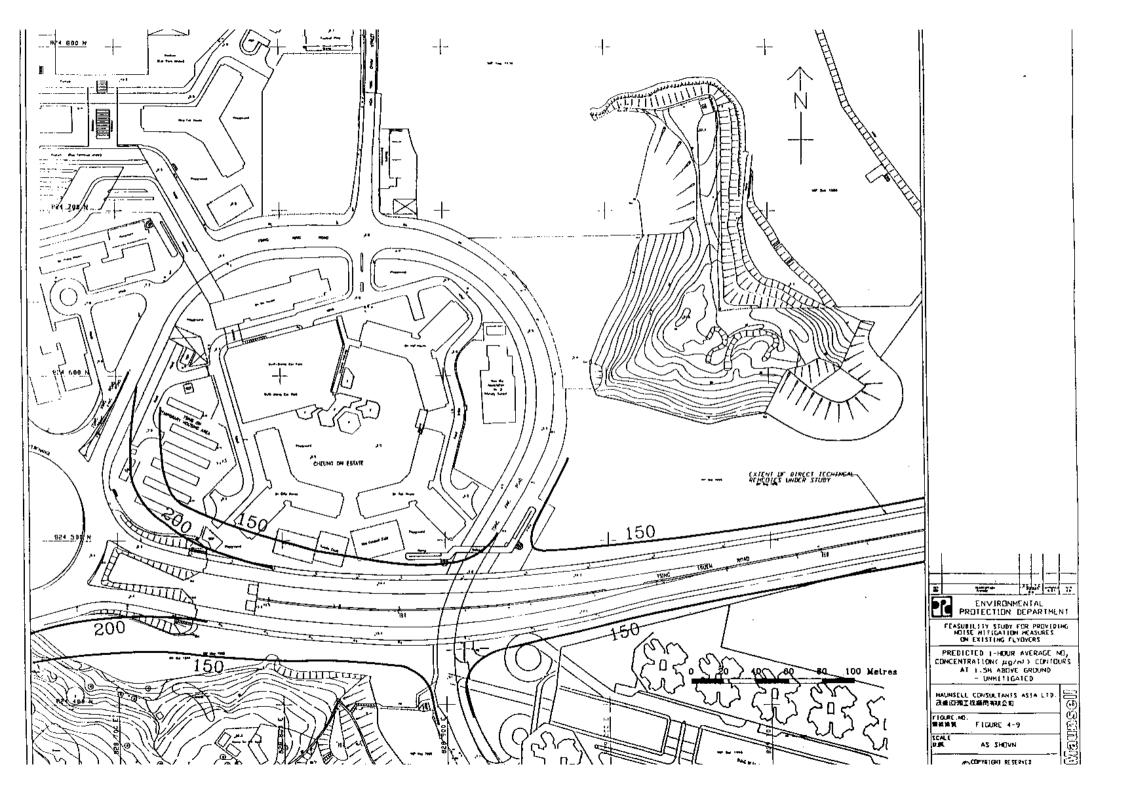


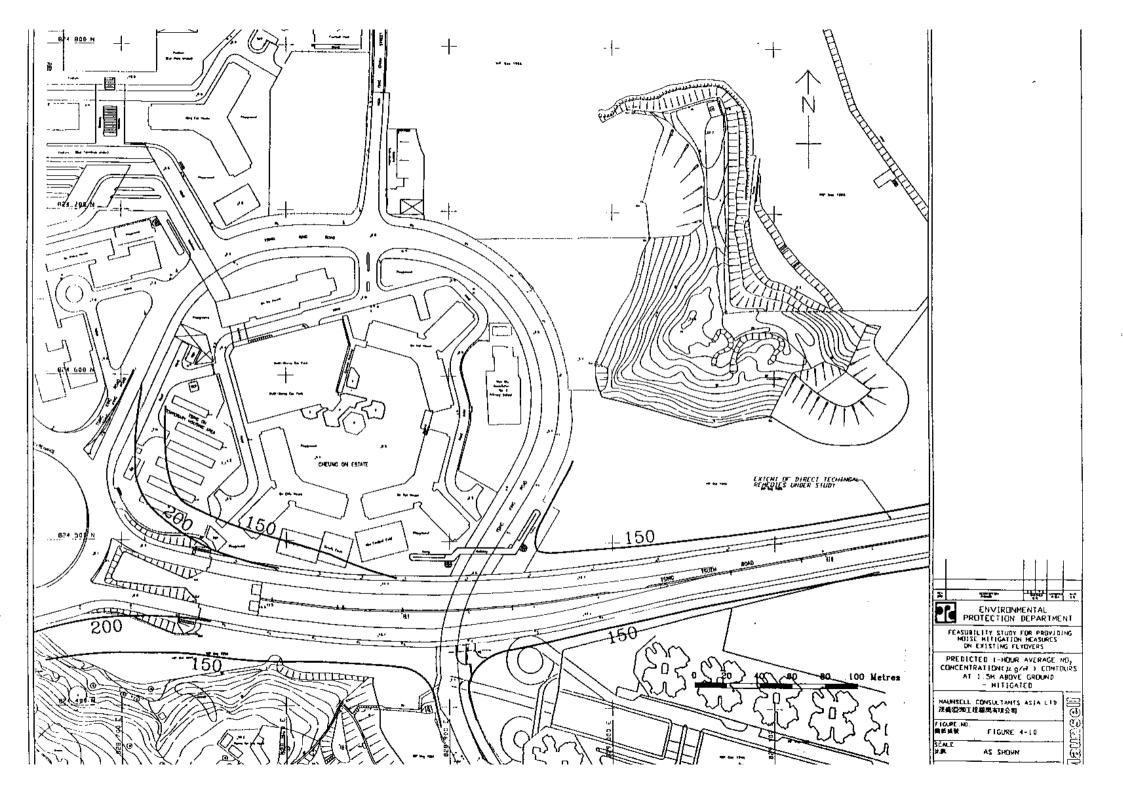


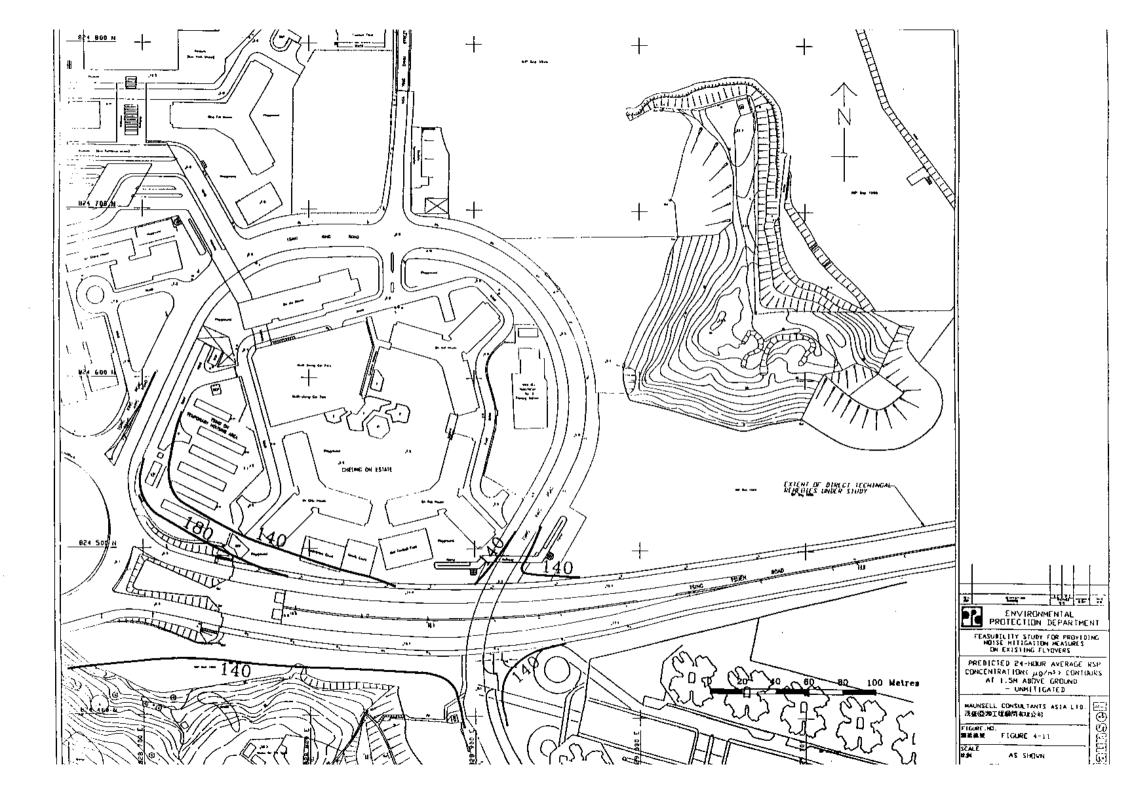


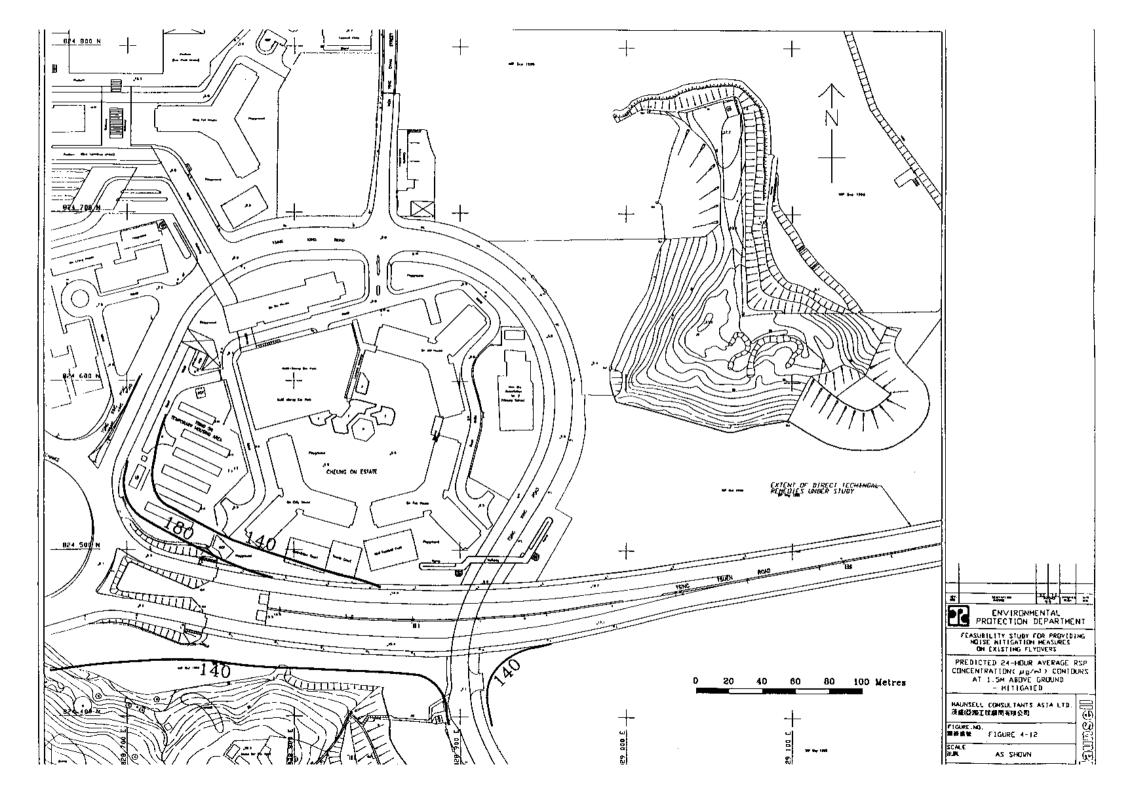




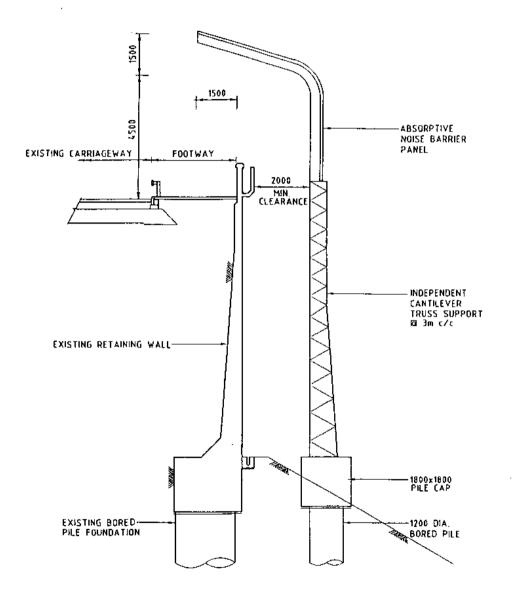








APPENDIX A

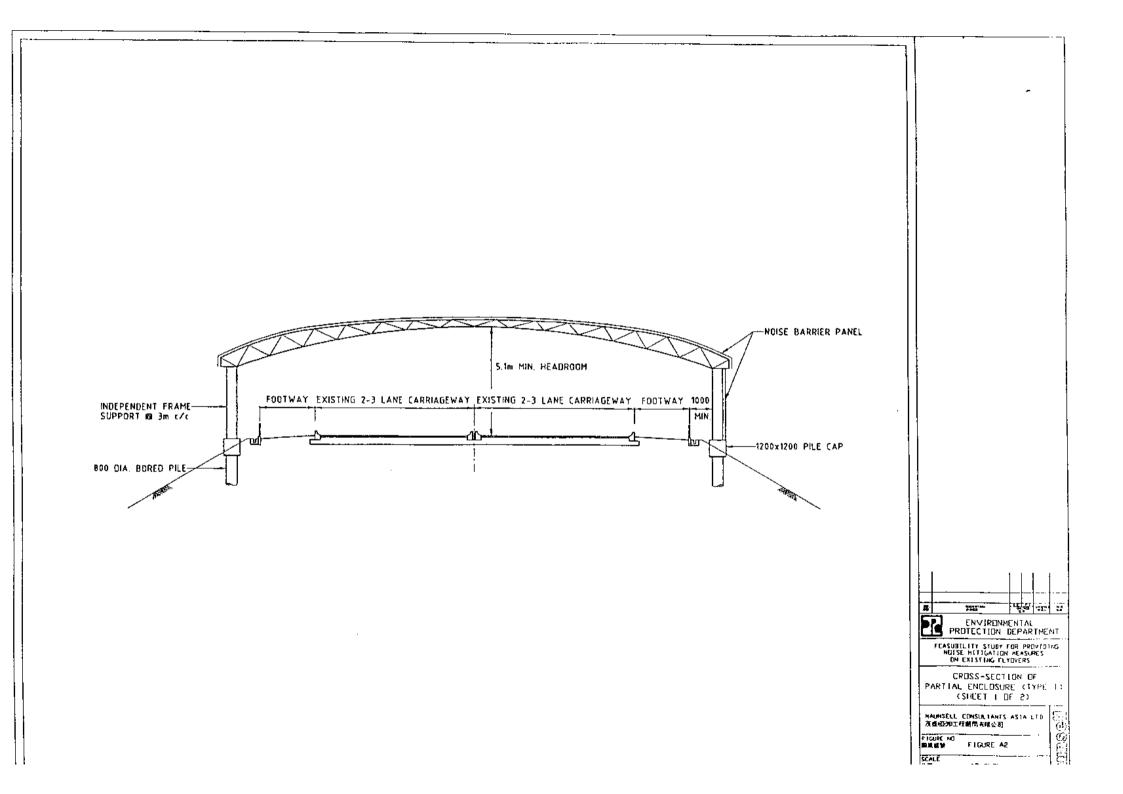


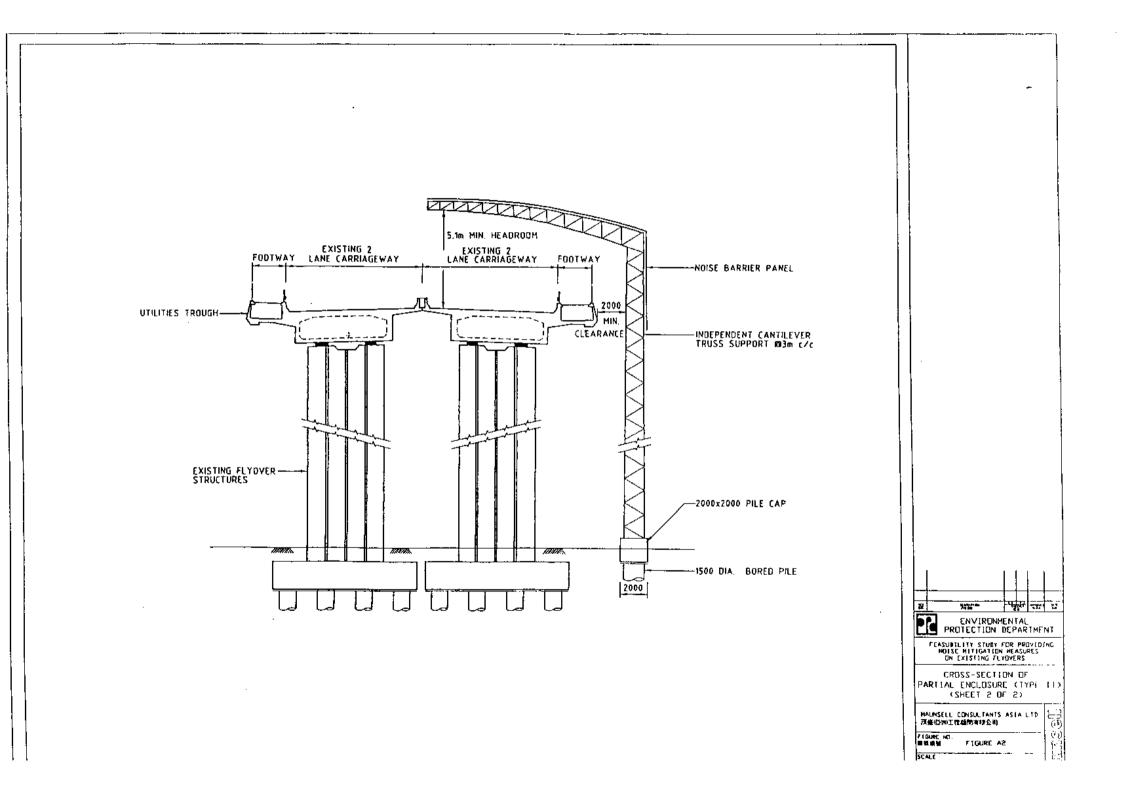


FEASUBILITY STUDY FOR PROVIDING NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES ON EXISTING FLYDYERS

CROSS-SECTION OF INVERTIONAL SHAPED NOISE BARRIER

MAUNSELL 改進(公知工)	EDNSULIANIS ASIA LID 建碱酯有鲱公司	{ ∑
FIEL/RE HO	FIGURE A1	6
P-BF 2CVF E	N. T S.	15





APPENDIX B

CALINE4: CALIFORNIA LINE SOURCE DISPERSION MODEL

JUNE 1989 VERSION

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JOB: Retroactive: AP LEI CHAU (UN-mitigrated)

RUN: 11 (WORST CASE ANGLE)

POLLUTANT: NO2

I. SITE VARIABLES

U= 1.0 M/S Z0= 100. CM ALT= 1. (M)
BRG= WORST CASE VD= .0 CM/S
CLAS= 4 (D) VS= .0 CM/S
MIXH= 500. M TEMP= 25.0 DEGREE (C)
SIGTH= 18. DEGREES

NOX VARIABLES

NO2= .05 PPM NO= .07 PPM O3= .03 PPM KR= .004 1/SEC

II. LINK VARIABLES

	LINK	* LINK COORDINATES		(M)				EF	Н	W		
	DESCRIPTION	* - *	х1	Y1	Х2	Y2	*	TYPE	VPH	(G/MI)	(M)	(M)
A.	2A	*	34419	11636	34373	11630	*	AG	180	9.39	.0	13.0
В.	2B		34373					AG	180	9.39	.0	13.0
c.	3	*	34313	11400	34310	11514	*	AG	690	9.02	.0	14.0
D.	4A	*	34310	11514	34255	11529	*	AG	160	4.07	.0	14.0
E.	4B	*	34255	11529	34231	11604	*	AG	160	4.07	.0	14.0
F.	4C	*	34231	11604	34138	11603	*	AG	160	4.07	.0	14.0
G.	5	*	34310	11514	34309	11626	*	AG	840	8.23	.0	16.0
Н.	6	*	34310	11618	34250	11654	*	AG	940	8.55	.0	18.0
I.	7A	*	34491					BG	2480	7.30	18.0	24.0
J.	7B					11754		BG	2480	7.30	18.0	24.0
Κ.	7C		34361					AG	2480	7.30	.0	24.0
L.	7D		34316					AG	2480	7.30	.0	24.0
Μ.	7£		34283					AG	2480	7.30	.0	24.0
N.	8A		34250					AG	2020	7.04	.0	24.0
ο.	8B		34222					AG	2020	7.04	. 0	24.0
P.	8C		34133					AG	2020	7.04	.0	24.0
Q.	8D		34041					AG	2020	7.04	.0	24.0
R.	8E					11546		AG	2020	7.04	.0	24.0
	8F	*	33884	11546	33808	11574	*	AG	2020	7.04	.0	24.0
T.	9		34214					AG	110	6.95	.0	16.0
U.	A0		34214					AG	. 95	5.90	.0	16.0
v.	0B		34232			11689	*	AG	95	5.90	.0	16.0
W.	0C		34184			11734		AG	95	5.90	.0	16.0
Х.	11	*	34167	11734	33883	11627	*	AG	230	6.65	.0	16.0

III. RECEPTOR LOCATIONS

RECEPTOR	* * -*	COOR X	DINATES Y	(M) Z
1. HA 2. HM 3. SO 4. CO 5. FM 6. BK 7. FP	* * * * * *	34353 34288 34270 34179 34117 34213 34296	11730 11674 11596 11592 11678 11662 11740	2.0 2.0 5.0 5.0 5.0 2.0

IV. MODEL RESULTS (WORST CASE WIND ANGLE)

* * PRED * CONC/LINK														
		*	BRG	*	CONC	*				(PP	M)			
RECEPTOR		*	(DEG)	*	(PPM)	*	Α	B	С	D	E	F	G	Н
		*-		- * .		_ * _	-							
1.	HA	*	255.	*	.11	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
2.	HM	*	251.	*	.14	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01
3.	SO	*	358.	*	.08	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01
4.	CO	*	47.	*	.09	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.00	.00
5.	FM	*	127.	*	.08	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
6.	BK	*	109.	*	.11	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.02
7.	FP	*	182.	*	.11	*	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.01	.01