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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of a detailed investigation into the wind environment impact of the Maximum Planning Envelope for the proposed 383 Kent Street development, located in Sydney. Testing was performed at Windtech's boundary layer wind tunnel facility. The wind tunnel has a 3.0m wide working section and a fetch length of 14m, and measurements were taken from 16 wind directions at 22.5 degree increments. Testing was carried out using a 1:300 detailed scale model of the development, which was fabricated based on the architectural drawings received on December 8, 2023. The effects of nearby buildings and land topography have been accounted for through the use of a proximity model which represents an area with a radius of 375m.

Peak gust and mean wind speeds were measured at selected critical outdoor trafficable locations within and around the subject development. Wind velocity coefficients representing the local wind speeds are derived from the wind tunnel and are combined with a statistical model of the regional wind climate (which accounts for the directional strength and frequency of occurrence of the prevailing regional winds) to provide the equivalent full-scale wind speeds at the site. The wind speed measurements are compared with criteria for pedestrian comfort and safety, based on Gust-Equivalent Mean (GEM) and annual maximum gust winds, respectively.

The model was tested in the wind tunnel without the effect of any forms of wind ameliorating devices such as screens, balustrades, etc., which are not already shown in the architectural drawings. The effect of vegetation was also excluded from the testing. The existing site conditions were also tested, for comparison.

The site in its current wind environment context is partially exposed to adverse westerly winds which manifest in the form of downwashing and funnelling along Sussex Street, as shown in the existing case tunnel testing results which demonstrates four points currently exceeding the safety limit. Existing case tunnel testing results for Kent Street demonstrates that all study point locations satisfy the assigned comfort criterion for walking and are within the safety limit.

The results of the test for the Envelope Case indicate that with the inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, the wind conditions are either within the target comfort criterion and safety limit, equivalent to the existing site wind conditions or better than the existing site wind conditions. Hence, the development satisfies the relevant planning controls as per Section 5.1.9(2) of the Sydney Development Control Plan (DCP).

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INTRODUCTION

This Pedestrian Wind Environment Study has been prepared by Windtech Consultants in support of a Planning Proposal to amend the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Sydney LEP). This report has been prepared on behalf of Charter Hall Holdings Pty Ltd (Charter Hall) (the Proponent) and it relates to a single development lot identified as Lot 1 in DP 778342 or 383 Kent Street, Sydney (the site).



The Site

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Figure 1: Aerial Map Source: Nearmap, edits by Ethos Urban

The purpose of this Planning Proposal is to amend the site's maximum Height of Building development standard and maximum Floor Space Ratio (FSR) development standard to unlock additional floor space to be used exclusively for employment generating land uses, consistent with the vision and intent of the Central Sydney Planning Strategy (CSPS) for tower cluster sites. This Planning Proposal will also seek to facilitate significant public benefits through additional site activation by way of a new pedestrian through-site link, shared loading dock facility and delivering on sustainable initiatives to contribute to the City of Sydney's vision to achieve net zero energy buildings.

The proposed Sydney LEP amendment is part of the broader redevelopment plan for the site to demolish the existing structure on the site (including the existing 10 storey car park), and construct a new 42 storey commercial office tower with a total maximum FSR of 20:1 (circa 73,000m² GFA).

The uplift being sought is consistent with the strategic intent of the CSPS for tower cluster sites within Central Sydney, which contains the City's requirements and expectations for projects pursuing this pathway. Following the Planning Proposal, the planning approval pathway involves a competitive design process and a detailed

Development Application (DA). As such, this report reflects the concept stage of the proposal, and may be embellished as the detailed design and required works evolve.

1.1 Indicative Reference Scheme Overview

This Planning Proposal is accompanied by amendments to the Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 (Sydney DCP). The site specific DCP amendments reflect the proposed outcome to create a new commercial office tower that reintroduces a fine grain texture to the city by way of a new through-site link and retail activation at each ground floor interface to the public domain. This is reflected in the accompanying reference design prepared by FJC which serves as a baseline proof of concept for this Planning Proposal. This large strategic site presents a unique opportunity to deliver a landmark tower site that will exhibit design excellence and redefine the western edge of the CBD, whilst offering significant employment opportunities for global Sydney.

The reference scheme supporting the Planning Proposal and site specific DCP can be described as follows:

- Demolition of the existing building, including removal of the over 800 capacity public car park.
- Construction of the following:
 - New 42-storey office tower comprising a total FSR of 20:1, up to a height of RL 189.60 (approximately 170m above Kent Street and 180m above Sussex Street).
 - New premium-grade commercial floorspace with an approximate GFA of circa 73,000m².
 - New through-site link connecting Kent and Sussex Streets, including public art activation.
 - New ground floor activation opportunities, including approximate retail GFA of circa 640m².
 - 2 levels of basement, comprising:
 - Basement Level 1 facilitating 72 car parking spaces; and
 - Sussex Street ground level shared loading dock facility including SRV and MRV short term stay bays to service retail tenancies within buildings along Kent Street (located between Market Street and King Street).
 - $_{\odot}$ $\,$ New end of trip facilities below the Kent Street ground level.

1.2 Wind Tunnel Assessment

A wind tunnel study has been undertaken to assess wind speeds at selected critical outdoor trafficable areas within and around the subject development. The test procedures followed for this wind tunnel study were based on the guidelines set out in the Australasian Wind Engineering Society Quality Assurance Manual (AWES-QAM-1-2019), ASCE 7-16 (Chapter C31), and CTBUH (2013).

A scale model of the development was prepared, including the surrounding buildings and land topography. Testing was performed at Windtech's boundary layer wind tunnel facility. The wind tunnel has a 3.0m wide working section and a fetch length of 14m, and measurements were taken from 16 wind directions at 22.5 degree increments. The wind tunnel was configured to the appropriate boundary layer wind profile for each wind direction. Wind speeds were measured using either Dantec hot-wire probe anemometers or pressure-based wind speed sensors, positioned to monitor wind conditions at critical outdoor trafficable areas of the development.

The model was tested in the wind tunnel without the effect of any forms of wind ameliorating devices such as screens, balustrades, etc., which are not already shown in the architectural drawings. The scale model was based on the drawing set received December 8, 2023 (refer to Table 1 below). Additional modifications were made to the Maximum Planning Envelope in the form of a stepped podium aspect, as a result of wind advice provided to the client. The effect of vegetation was also excluded from the testing. The wind speeds measured during testing were combined with a statistical model of the regional wind climate to provide the equivalent full-scale wind speeds at the site. The measured wind speeds were compared against appropriate criteria for pedestrian comfort and safety.

Table 1: List of architectural drawing referenced for this assessment.

Drawing No. and Title	Revision Number	Date
231207 Revised Southern Setbacks	-	7/12/2023

Additional modifications made to the northern aspect of the podium as per client instruction.

WIND TUNNEL MODEL

Wind tunnel testing was carried out using a 1:300 scale model of the development and surroundings. The study model incorporates all necessary architectural features on the façade of the development to ensure an accurate wind flow is achieved around the model, and was constructed using a Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) process to ensure that a high level of detail and accuracy is achieved. The study model was fabricated based on the architectural drawings received on December 8, 2023. The effect of nearby buildings and land topography has been accounted for through the use of a proximity model, which represents a radius of 375m from the development site. The following building scenarios were tested:

- With the inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope. In this report, this test case is referred to as the "Envelope Case".
- With the inclusion of the existing building massing. In this report, this test case is referred to as the "Existing Case".

Photographs of the wind tunnel model are presented in Figures 2. Planview images of the proximity model are provided in Figures 3.



Figure 2a: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Envelope Case, view from the north-west



Figure 2b: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Envelope Case, view from the north



Figure 2c: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Envelope Case, view from the west



Figure 2d: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Envelope Case, view from the south



Figure 2e: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Envelope Case, view from the east



Figure 2f: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Existing Case, view from the north-west



Figure 2g: Photograph of the Wind Tunnel Model Existing Case, view from the west

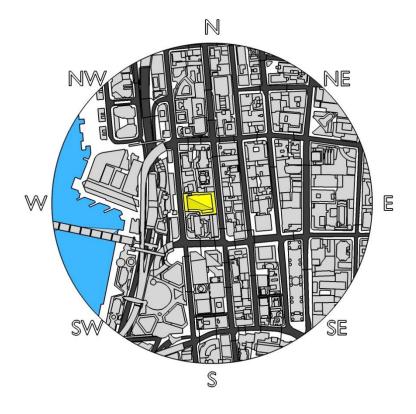


Figure 3a: Proximity Model Plan, Envelope Case

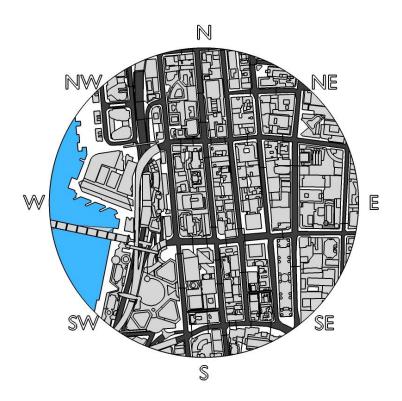


Figure 3b: Proximity Model Plan, Existing Case

BOUNDARY LAYER WIND PROFILES AT THE SITE

The roughness of the surface of the earth has the effect of slowing down the wind near the ground. This effect is observed up to the boundary layer height, which can range between 500m to 3km above the earth's surface depending on the roughness of the surface (ie: oceans, open farmland, etc). Within this range the prevailing wind forms a boundary layer wind profile.

Various wind codes and standards and other publications classify various types of boundary layer wind flows depending on the surface roughness z_0 . Descriptions of typical boundary layer wind profiles, based on D.M. Deaves and R.I. Harris (1978), are summarised as follows:

- Flat terrain (0.002m < z_0 < 0.003m). Examples include inland water bodies such as lakes, dams, rivers, etc, and the open ocean.
- Semi-open terrain (0.006m < z_0 < 0.01m). Examples include flat deserts and plains.
- Open terrain (0.02m < z_0 < 0.03m). Examples include grassy fields, semi-flat plains, and open farmland (without buildings or trees).
- Semi-suburban/semi-forest terrain (0.06m < z_0 < 0.1m). Examples include farmland with scattered trees and buildings and very low-density suburban areas.
- Suburban/forest terrain (0.2m < z_0 < 0.3m). Examples include suburban areas of towns and areas with dense vegetation such as forests, bushland, etc.
- Semi-urban terrain (0.6m $< z_0 < 1.0m$). Examples include centres of small cities, industrial parks, etc.
- Urban terrain (2.0m < z_0 < 3.0m). Examples include centres of large cities with many high-rise towers, and also areas with many closely-spaced mid-rise buildings.

The boundary layer wind profile does not change instantly due to changes in the terrain roughness. It can take many kilometres (at least 100km) of a constant surface roughness for the boundary layer wind profile to achieve a state of equilibrium. Hence an analysis of the effect of changes in the upwind terrain roughness is necessary to determine an accurate boundary layer wind profile at the development site location.

The proximity model accounts for the effect of the near field topographic effects as well as the influence of the local built forms. To account for further afield effects, an assessment of the upwind terrain roughness has been undertaken based on the method given in AS/NZS1170.2:2021, using a fetch ranging from 20 to 60 times the study reference height (as per the recommendation by AS/NZS1170.2:2021). An aerial image showing the surrounding terrain is presented in Figure 4 for a range of 5.4km from the edge of the proximity model used for the wind tunnel study. The resulting mean and gust terrain and height multipliers at the site location are presented in Table 2, referenced to the study reference height (which is approximately half the height of the subject development since typically we are most interested in the wind effects at the ground plane). Details of the boundary layer wind profiles at the site are combined with the regional wind model (see Section 4) to determine the site wind speeds.

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	Ten	rain and Height Multip	Turbulence	Equivalent Terrain	
Wind Sector (degrees)	$k_{tr,T=1hr}$ (hourly)	$k_{tr,T=10min}$ (10min)	(3sec)	Intensity $I_{m v}$	Category (AS/NZS1170.2:2021 naming convention)
0	0.81	0.85	1.23	0.172	2.7
30	0.86	0.90	1.25	0.152	2.4
60	1.00	1.03	1.32	0.104	1.2
90	0.93	0.96	1.28	0.129	1.9
120	0.77	0.81	1.21	0.188	3.0
150	0.82	0.86	1.23	0.169	2.7
180	0.72	0.76	1.18	0.216	3.3
210	0.76	0.80	1.20	0.195	3.1
240	0.77	0.82	1.21	0.188	3.0
270	0.83	0.87	1.24	0.166	2.6
300	0.88	0.91	1.26	0.147	2.3
330	0.92	0.96	1.28	0.130	2.0

Table 2: Approaching Boundary Layer Wind Profile Analysis Summary (at the study reference height)

NOTE: These terrain and height multipliers are to be applied to a basic regional wind speed averaged over 3-seconds. Divide these values by 1.10 for a basic wind speed averaged over 0.2-seconds, 0.69 for a basic wind speed averaged over 10-minutes, or 0.66 for a basic wind speed averaged over 1-hour.

For each of the 16 wind directions tested in this study, the approaching boundary layer wind profiles modelled in the wind tunnel closely matched the profiles listed in Table 2. Plots of the boundary layer wind profiles used for the wind tunnel testing are presented in Appendix E of this report.

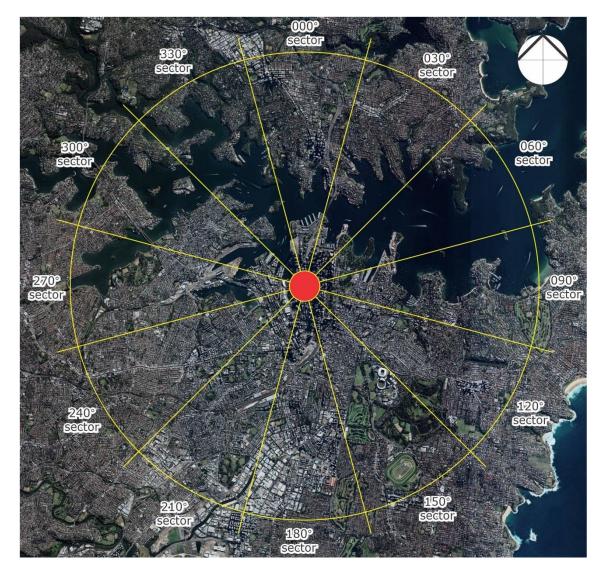


Figure 4: Aerial Image of the Surrounding Terrain (radius of 5.4km from the edge of the proximity model)

REGIONAL WIND MODEL

The regional wind model used in this study was determined from an analysis of measured directional mean wind speeds obtained at the meteorological recording station located at Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney Airport). Data was collected from 1995 to 2016 and corrected so that it represents winds over standard open terrain at a height of 10m above ground for each wind direction. From this analysis, directional probabilities of exceedance and directional wind speeds for the region are determined. The directional wind speeds are summarised in Table 3. The directional wind speeds and corresponding directional frequencies of occurrence are presented in Figure 5.

The data indicates that the southerly winds are by far the most frequent winds for the Sydney region, and are also the strongest. The westerly winds occur most frequently during the winter season for the Sydney region, and although they are typically not as strong as the southerly winds, they are usually a cold wind and hence can be a cause for discomfort for outdoor areas. North-easterly winds occur most frequently occur during the warmer months of the year for the Sydney region, and hence are usually welcomed within outdoor areas since they are typically not as strong as the southerly winds.

The recurrence intervals examined in this study are for exceedances of 5% (per 90 degree sector) of the pedestrian comfort criteria using Gust-Equivalent Mean (GEM) wind speeds, and annual maximum wind speeds (per 22.5 degree sector) for the pedestrian safety criterion. Note that the 5% probability wind speeds presented in Table 3 are only used for the directional plot presented in Figure 5 and are not used for the integration of the probabilities.

Wind Direction	5% Exceedance	Annual Maximum
Ν	5.9	9.9
NNE	9.9	12.9
NE	9.7	12.3
ENE	7.5	10.0
E	6.3	9.3
ESE	6.2	9.1
SE	7.0	10.1
SSE	8.5	12.2
S	10.3	13.9
SSW	10.0	14.1
SW	6.9	11.9
WSW	9.3	13.6
W	9.8	14.4
WNW	8.8	14.3
NW	6.7	12.6
NNW	5.5	10.7

Table 3: Regional Directional Wind Speeds (hourly means, at 10m height in standard open terrain) (m/s)

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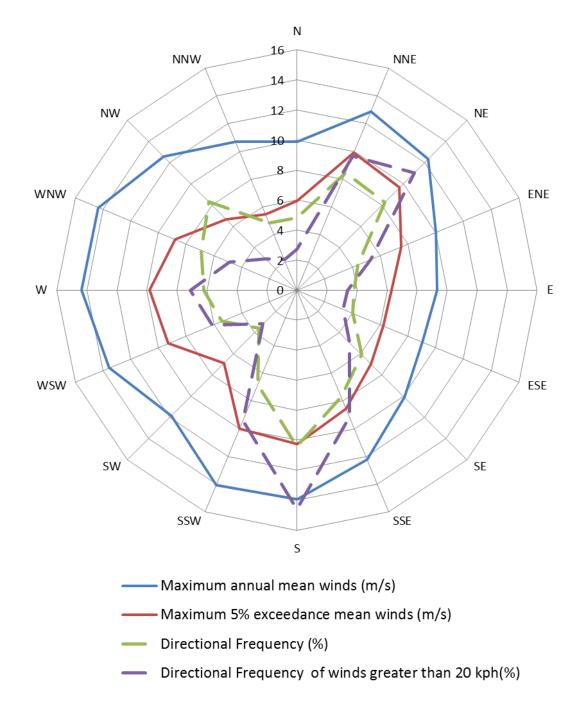


Figure 5: Annual and 5% Exceedance Hourly Mean Wind Speeds, and Frequencies of Occurrence, for the Sydney Region (at 10m height in standard open terrain)

PEDESTRIAN WIND COMFORT AND SAFETY

The acceptability of wind conditions for an area is determined by comparing the measured wind speeds against an appropriate criteria. This section outlines how the measured wind speeds were obtained, the criteria considered for the development, as well as the critical trafficable areas that were assessed and their corresponding criteria designation.

5.1 Measured Wind Speeds

Wind speeds were measured using either Dantec hot-wire probe anemometers or pressure-based wind speed sensors, positioned to monitor wind conditions at critical outdoor trafficable areas of the development. The reference mean free-stream wind speed measured in the wind tunnel, which is at a full-scale height of 200m and measured 3m upstream of the study model.

Measurements were acquired for 16 wind directions at 22.5 degree increments using a sample rate of 1,024Hz. The full methodology of determining the wind speed measurements at the site from either the Dantec Hot-wire probe anemometers or pressure-based wind speed sensors is provided in Appendix B. Based on the results of the analysis of the boundary layer wind profiles at the site (see Section 3), and incorporating the regional wind model (see Section 4), the data sampling length of the wind tunnel test for each wind direction corresponds to a full-scale sample length ranging between 30 minutes and 1 hour. Research by A.W. Rofail and K.C.S. Kwok (1991) has shown that, in addition to the mean and standard deviation of the wind being stable for sample lengths of 15 minutes or more (full-scale), the peak value determined using the upcrossing method is stable for sample lengths of 30 minutes or more.

5.2 Wind Speed Criteria Used for This Study

For this study, the measured wind conditions for the various critical outdoor trafficable areas around the subject development are compared against the criteria presented in the Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 (SDCP2012).

For pedestrian comfort, the Sydney DCP 2012 requires that the hourly mean wind speed, or Gust-Equivalent Mean (GEM) wind speed (whichever is greater for each wind direction), must not exceed 8m/s for walking, 6m/s for standing, and 4m/s for sitting. These are based on a 5% probability of exceedance.

For pedestrian safety, the Sydney DCP 2012 defines a safety limit criterion of 24m/s, based on an annual maximum 0.5 second gust wind speed, which applies to all areas.

Furthermore, in accordance with the provisions of the Sydney DCP 2012, the existing conditions for the pedestrian footpaths around the site are also analysed as part of this study to determine the impact of the subject development. If it is found that the existing conditions exceed the relevant criteria, then the target wind speed for that area with the inclusion of the proposed development is to at least match the existing site conditions.

In accordance with the provisions of the Sydney DCP 2012, the wind speed assessment is undertaken for winds occurring between 6am and 10pm (AEST).

A more detailed comparison of published criteria for pedestrian wind comfort and safety is provided in Appendix A.

For this study the measured wind conditions of the selected critical outdoor trafficable areas are compared against two sets of criteria; one for pedestrian safety, and one for pedestrian comfort. The safety criterion is applied to the annual maximum gust winds, and the comfort criteria is applied to Gust Equivalent Mean (GEM) winds. In accordance with ASCE (2003), the GEM wind speed is defined as follows:

$$GEM = max\left(\bar{V}, \frac{\hat{V}}{1.85}\right) \tag{5.1}$$

where:

 $ar{V}$ is the mean wind speed.

 \hat{V} is the gust wind speed.

The criteria considered in this study are summarised in Tables 4 and 5 for pedestrian comfort and safety, respectively. The results of the wind tunnel study are presented in the form of directional plots attached in Appendix C of this report. For each study point there is a plot of the annual probability of exceedance of the assigned comfort criteria, and a plot for the annual maximum gust wind speeds using the safety criterion. The velocity coefficients are also presented in the form of directional plots in Appendix D

Table 4: Pedestrian Comfort Criteria (Sydney DCP 2012)

Classification	Description	Maximum 5% Exceedance GEM Wind Speed (m/s)
Walking	For pedestrian thoroughfares, private swimming pools, most communal areas, private balconies and terraces, etc.	8.0

Table 5: Pedestrian Safety Criterion (Sydney DCP 2012)

Classification	Description	Annual Maximum Gust Wind Speed (m/s)
Safety	Safety criterion applies to all trafficable areas.	24

5.3 Layout of Study Points

For this study a total of 14 study point locations along the Kent Street and Sussex Street pedestrian footpath areas were selected for analysis in the wind tunnel. The locations of the study points tested for this study, as well as the target wind speed criteria for the various outdoor trafficable areas of the development, are presented in Figure 6 in the form of marked-up plans. It should be noted that only the most critical outdoor locations of the development have been selected for analysis.



- City of Sydney DCP in accordance with Section 5.1.9 of the Sydney DCP 2012:
 Wind Comfort Standard for Walking criterion of 8m/s (5% exceedance) for walking
 Safety criterion of 24m/s (gust 0.1% exceedance) for safety



Figure 6: Study Point Locations and Target Wind Speed Criteria – Ground Floor Plan (Street Frontages for the Envelope and Existing Cases)

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the wind tunnel study are presented in the form of directional plots in Appendix C for all study points locations, summarised in Table 6, and shown on marked-up plans in Figures 7. The velocity coefficients are also presented in the form of directional plots in Appendix D The wind speed criteria that the wind conditions should achieve are also listed in Table 6 for each study point location, as well as in Figures 6.

6.1 Existing Site (Existing Case)

The results of the study for the existing site indicate that all the wind conditions satisfy the Walking criterion. The site is partially exposed to the west and is subjected to adverse winds in the form of downwashing and funnelling along the Sussex Street frontage. This is reflected in the results of the assessment where wind conditions at various locations along Sussex Street exceed the safety limit. Kent Street is well protected by the surrounding buildings and all study point locations satisfy the assigned comfort criterion of Walking and are within the safety limit.

6.2 Maximum Planning Envelope (Envelope Case)

The wind conditions along Kent Street, with the inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, satisfy the assigned comfort criterion of Walking and are within the safety limit. The observed wind effects along Sussex Street are similar to those identified in the wind tunnel test of the existing site. In the Maximum Planning Envelope test, there is a slight increase in wind speeds at some locations along Sussex Street due to the increased height of the development over the existing building. The increase in wind speeds is partially offset by the reduction in the tower width along the western aspect. As a result, all of the locations which exceed the safety limit are either equivalent to or better than the existing site wind conditions and not worsened with the inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope.

Study	(5% e	GEM (5% exceedance)		Annual Gust		Final	Description of Treatment	
Point	Criterion (m/s)	Results (m/s)	Grade	Criterion (m/s)	Results (m/s)	Grade	Result	Description of frediment
Point 01	8.0	7.8	Pass	24	25	Fail	Fail	Better than or equivalent to Existing
Existing	8.0	7.5	Pass	24	25	Fail	Fail	Conditions.
Point 02	8.0	7.0	Pass	24	23	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	6.8	Pass	24	24	Pass	Pass	
Point 03	8.0	7.1	Pass	24	24	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	6.4	Pass	24	23	Pass	Pass	
Point 04		7.8	Pass	0.4	22	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	6.7	Pass	24	25	Fail	Fail	
Point 05		6.9	Pass	<u>.</u>	25	Fail	Fail	Better than or equivalent to Existing
Existing	8.0	7.3	Pass	24	27	Fail	Fail	Conditions.
Point 06		5.5	Pass	<u>.</u>	18	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.1	Pass	24 – ISS	13	Pass	Pass	
Point 07		5.6	Pass	24	17	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.3	Pass	24	13	Pass	Pass	
Point 08		5.6	Pass	- /	17	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.2	Pass	24	13	Pass	Pass	
Point 09		5.5	Pass	- /	17	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.5	Pass	24	13	Pass	Pass	
Point 10		5.6	Pass	- /	17	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.9	Pass	24	13	Pass	Pass	
Point 11	0.0	6.9	Pass	<i></i>	21	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	7.1	Pass	24	23	Pass	Pass	
Point 12	0.5	6.4	Pass	.	23	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	6.9	Pass	24	25	Fail	Fail	
Point 13		6.3	Pass	.	21	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	5.6	Pass	24	20	Pass	Pass	
Point 14		6.8	Pass		23	Pass	Pass	
Existing	8.0	4.9	Pass	24	17	Pass	Pass	

Table 6: Wind Tunnel Results Summary

Note that, for any study points listed in Table 6 with two rows of results data, the second row is for the existing site conditions. The test results shown in Table 6 are without any treatments applied.

- Wind Speed Magnitude from Directions Exceeding Criteria
- Wind Speed Magnitude from Directions Satisfying Criteria
- Passing Safety Limit and Comfort Criteria
- Failing Safety Limit
- 😑 Failing Comfort Criteria
- Failing Safety Limit and Comfort Criteria

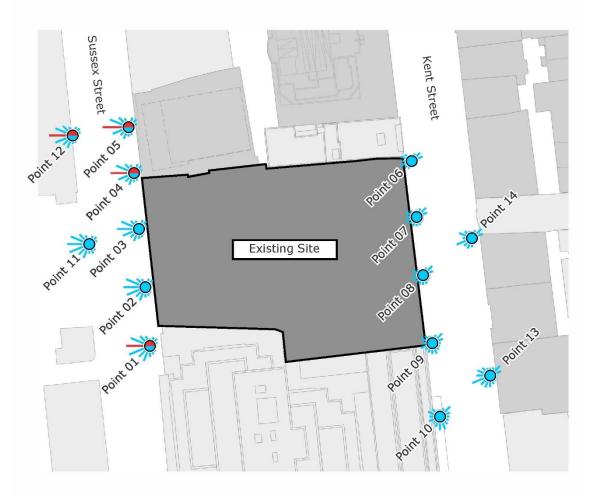


Figure 7a: Wind Tunnel Results – Ground Floor Plan (Street Frontages) – Existing Case (results shown without treatments applied)

- Wind Speed Magnitude from Directions Exceeding Criteria
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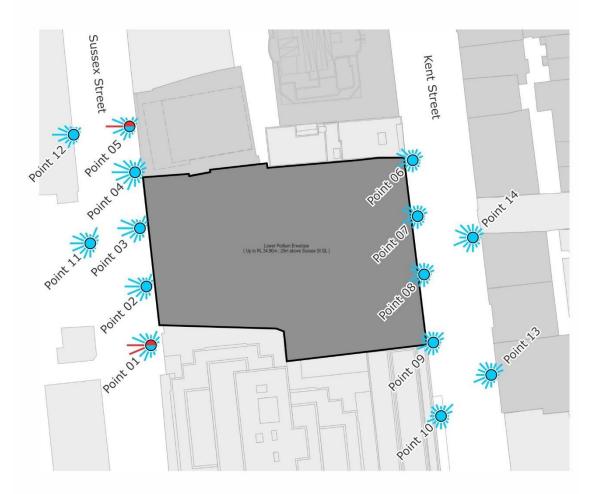


Figure 7b: Wind Tunnel Results – Ground Floor Plan (Street Frontages) – Envelope Case (results shown without treatments applied)

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APPENDIX A PUBLISHED ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA

A.1 Wind Effects on People

The acceptability of wind in an area is dependent upon the use of the area. For example, people walking or window-shopping will tolerate higher wind speeds than those seated at an outdoor restaurant. Quantifying wind comfort has been the subject of much research and many researchers, such as A.G. Davenport, T.V. Lawson, W.H. Melbourne, and A.D. Penwarden, have published criteria for pedestrian comfort for pedestrians in outdoor spaces for various types of activities. This section discusses and compares the various published criteria.

A.2 A.D. Penwarden (1973) Criteria for Mean Wind Speeds

A.D. Penwarden (1973) developed a modified version of the Beaufort scale which describes the effects of various wind intensities on people. Table A.1 presents the modified Beaufort scale. Note that the effects listed in this table refers to wind conditions occurring frequently over the averaging time (a probability of occurrence exceeding 5%). Higher ranges of wind speeds can be tolerated for rarer events.

Type of Winds	Beaufort Number	Hourly Mean Wind Speed (m/s)	Effects	
Calm	0	0 - 0.3		
Calm, light air	1	0.3 - 1.6	No noticeable wind	
Light breeze	2	1.6 - 3.4	Wind felt on face	
Gentle breeze	3	3.4 - 5.5	Hair is disturbed, clothing flaps, newspapers difficult to read	
Moderate breeze	4	5.5 - 8.0	Raises dust, dry soil and loose paper, hair disarranged	
Fresh breeze	5	8.0 - 10.8	Force of wind felt on body, danger of stumbling	
Strong breeze	6	10.8 - 13.9	Umbrellas used with difficulty, hair blown straight, difficult to walk steadily, wind noise on ears unpleasant	
Near gale	7	13.9 – 17.2	Inconvenience felt when walking	
Gale	8	17.2 - 20.8	Generally impedes progress, difficulty balancing in gusts	
Strong gale	9	20.8 - 24.5	People blown over	

Table A.1: Summary of Wind Effects on People (A.D. Penwarden, 1973)

A.3 A.G. Davenport (1972) Criteria for Mean Wind Speeds

A.G. Davenport (1972) also determined a set of criteria in terms of the Beaufort scale and for various return periods. Table A.2 presents a summary of the criteria based on a probability of exceedance of 5%.

Table A.2: Criteria by A.G. Davenport (1972)

Classification	Activities	5% exceedance Mean Wind Speed (m/s)
Walking Fast	Acceptable for walking, main public accessways.	7.5 - 10.0
Strolling, Skating	Slow walking, etc.	5.5 - 7.5
Short Exposure Activities	Generally acceptable for walking & short duration stationary activities such as window-shopping, standing or sitting in plazas.	3.5 - 5.5
Long Exposure Activities	Generally acceptable for long duration stationary activities such as in outdoor restaurants & theatres and in parks.	0 - 3.5

A.4 T.V. Lawson (1975) Criteria for Mean Wind Speeds

In 1973, T.V. Lawson, while referring to the Beaufort wind speeds of A.D. Penwarden (1973) (as listed in Table A.1), quoted that a Beaufort 4 wind speed would be acceptable if it is not exceeded for more than 4% of the time, and that a Beaufort 6 wind speed would be unacceptable if it is exceeded more than 2% of the time. Later, in 1975, T.V. Lawson presented a set of criteria very similar to those presented in A.G. Davenport (1972) (as listed in Table A.2). These criteria are presented in Table A.3 and Table A.4 for safety and comfort respectively.

Table A.3: Safety Criteria by T.V. Lawson (1975)

Classification	Activities	Annual Mean Wind Speed (m/s)
Safety (all weather areas) Accessible by the general public.		0 – 15
Safety (fair weather areas) Private areas, balconies/terraces, etc.		0 – 20

Table A.4: Comfort Criteria by T.V. Lawson (1975)

Classification	Activities	5% exceedance Mean Wind Speed (m/s)
Business Walking	Objective Walking from A to B.	8 - 10
Pedestrian Walking	Slow walking, etc.	6 - 8
Short Exposure Activities	Pedestrian standing or sitting for short times.	4 – 6
Long Exposure Activities	Pedestrian sitting for a long duration.	0 - 4

A.5 W.H. Melbourne (1978) Criteria for Gust Wind Speeds

W.H. Melbourne (1978) introduced a set of criteria for the assessment of environmental wind conditions that were developed for a temperature range of 10°C to 30°C and for people suitably dressed for outdoor conditions. These criteria are presented in Table A.5, and are based on maximum gust wind speeds with a probability of exceedance of once per year.

Table A.5: Criteria by W.H. Melbourne (1978)

Classification	Activities	Annual Gust Wind Speed (m/s)
Limit for Safety	Completely unacceptable: people likely to get blown over.	23
Marginal	Unacceptable as main public accessways.	16 - 23
Comfortable Walking	Acceptable for walking, main public accessways	13 - 16
Short Exposure Activities	Generally acceptable for walking & short duration stationary activities such as window-shopping, standing or sitting in plazas.	10 - 13
Long Exposure Activities	Generally acceptable for long duration stationary activities such as in outdoor restaurants & theatres and in parks.	0 - 10

A.6 Comparison of the Published Wind Speed Criteria

W.H. Melbourne (1978) presented a comparison of the criteria of various researchers on a probabilistic basis. Figure A.1 presents the results of this comparison, and indicates that the criteria of W.H. Melbourne (1978) are comparatively quite conservative. This conclusion was also observed by A.W. Rofail (2007) when undertaking on-site remedial studies. The results of A.W. Rofail (2007) concluded that the criteria by W.H. Melbourne (1978) generally overstates the wind effects in a typical urban setting due to the assumption of a fixed 15% turbulence intensity for all areas. It was observed in A.W. Rofail (2007) that the 15% turbulence intensity assumption is not real and that the turbulence intensities at 1.5m above ground is at least 20% and in a suburban or urban setting is generally in the range of 30% to 60%.

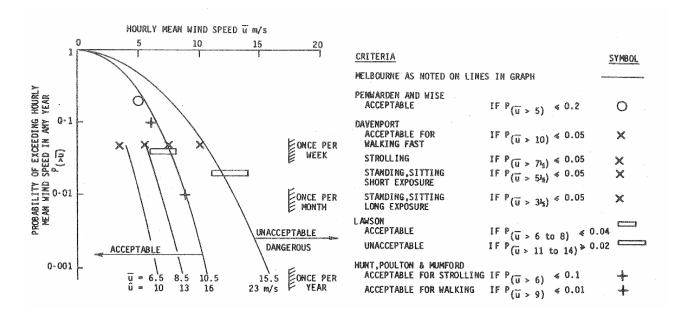


Figure A.1: Comparison of Various Mean and Gust Wind Environment Criteria, assuming 15% turbulence and a Gust Factor of 1.5 (W.H. Melbourne, 1978)

A.7 References relating to Pedestrian Comfort Criteria

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APPENDIX B DATA ACQUISITION

The wind tunnel testing procedures utilised for this study were based on the guidelines set out in the Australasian Wind Engineering Society Quality Assurance Manual (AWES-QAM-1-2019), ASCE 7-16 (Chapter C31), and CTBUH (2013). The wind speed measurements for the wind tunnel study were determined as coefficients using data acquired by either Dantec hot-wire probe anemometers or pressure-based wind speed sensors and converted to full-scale wind speeds using details of the regional wind climate obtained from an analysis of directional wind speed recordings from the local meteorological recording station(s).

B.1 Measurement of the Velocity Coefficients

The study model and proximity model were setup within the wind tunnel which was configured to the appropriate boundary layer profile, and the wind velocity measurements were monitored using either Dantec hot-wire probe anemometers or pressure-based wind speed sensors at selected critical outdoor locations. The wind velocity results presented in this study for each study point are representative of wind at a full-scale height of approximately 1.5m above ground/slab level. In the case of the Dantec hot-wire probe anemometers, the support of the probe is mounted such that the probe wire is vertical as much as possible to ensure that the measured wind speeds are independent of wind direction along the horizontal plane. In addition, care was taken in the alignment of the hot-wire probe wire and in avoiding wall-heating effects.

Wind speed measurements were made in the wind tunnel for the wind directions described within this report. Data was acquired for each wind direction using a sample rate of 1024Hz. The sample length was determined to produce a full-scale sample time that is sufficient for this type of study. In the case of the pressure-based wind speed sensors, the phase lag between the various channels where data is acquired simultaneously is within 10% of a typical pressure cycle, and the signal is low-pass filtered at 500Hz and then digital filtering is applied over this range to provide an unbiased response from the pressure measurement system (A.W. Rofail, 2004).

The mean, gust and standard deviation velocity coefficients were determined from the data acquired in the wind tunnel. The gust velocity coefficients were also derived for each wind direction from by the following relation:

$$\hat{C}_V = \bar{C}_V + g \cdot \sigma_{C_V} \tag{B.1}$$

where:

 $\hat{\mathcal{C}}_V$ is the gust velocity coefficient.

- $\bar{\mathcal{C}}_V$ is the mean velocity coefficient.
- $g_{\rm c}$ is the peak factor, taken as 3.0 for a 3-sec gust and 3.4 for a 0.5-sec gust.
- $\sigma_{\mathcal{C}_V}$ is the standard deviation of the velocity coefficient measurement.

In the case of a Dantec hot-wire probe anemometer, the velocity coefficient is obtained as follows:

$$C_V = \frac{C_{V,study}}{C_{V,200m}}$$
B.2

where:

- $C_{V,study}$ is the velocity coefficient measurement obtained from the Dantec hot-wire probe anemometer at the study point location.
- $C_{V,200m}$ is the velocity coefficient measurement obtained from the Dantec hot-wire probe anemometer at the free-stream reference location at 200m height upwind of the model in the wind tunnel.

However, in the case of the pressure-based wind speed sensors, these are determined from the measured differential mean, standard deviation and maximum pressure coefficients obtained from the wind speed sensor. For this analysis all calculations are performed on the square root of the differential pressure measurements. The velocity coefficient at the pressure-based wind speed sensor location is then calculated as follows:

$$C_V = \frac{\alpha + \beta \sqrt{\Delta p}}{V_{200m}}$$
B.3

where:

- \mathcal{C}_V is the velocity coefficient measurement at the study point location.
- lpha is a calibration coefficient for the pressure-based wind speed sensor.
- eta is a calibration coefficient for the pressure-based wind speed sensor.
- Δp is the differential pressure obtained from the pressure-based wind speed sensor at the study point location.
- V_{200m} is the wind speed at the free-stream reference location of 200m height (full-scale) in the wind tunnel, which is determined directly in the wind tunnel using a pitot static probe.

B.2 Calculation of the Full-Scale Results

The full-scale results determine if the wind conditions at a study location satisfy the designated criteria of that location. More specifically, the full-scale results need to determine the probability of exceedance of a given wind speed at a study location. To determine the probability of exceedance, the measured velocity coefficients were combined with a statistical model of the local wind climate that relates wind speed to a probability of exceedance. Details of the wind climate model are outlined in Section 4 of the main report.

The statistical model of the wind climate includes the impact of wind directionality as any local variations in wind speed or frequency with wind direction. This is important as the wind directions that produce the highest wind speed events for a region may not coincide with the most wind exposed direction at the site.

The methodology adopted for the derivation of the full-scale results for the maximum gust and the GEM wind speeds are outlined in the following sub-sections.

B.3 Maximum Gust Wind Speeds

The full-scale maximum gust wind speed at each study point location is derived from the measured coefficient using the following relationship:

$$V_{study} = V_{ref,RH} \left(\frac{k_{200m,tr,T=1hr}}{k_{RH,tr,T=1hr}} \right) C_V$$
B.4

where:

- V_{study} is the full-scale wind speed at the study point location.
- $V_{ref,RH}$ is the full-scale reference wind speed at the study reference height. This value is determined by combining the directional wind speed data for the region (detailed in Section 4) and the upwind terrain and height multipliers for the site (detailed in Section 3).
- $k_{200m,tr,T=1hr}$ is the hourly mean terrain and height multiplier at the free-stream reference location of 200m height.
 - $k_{RH,tr,T=1hr}$ is the hourly mean terrain and height multiplier at the study reference height (Section 3).
 - C_V is the velocity coefficient, obtained from either Equation B.2 (in the case of Dantec hotwire probe anemometers) or Equation B.3 (in the case of pressure-based wind speed sensors).

The value of $V_{ref,RH}$ varies with each prevailing wind direction. Wind directions where there is a high probability that a strong wind will occur have a higher directional wind speed than other directions. To determine the directional wind speeds, a probability level must be assigned for each wind direction. These probability levels are set following the approach used in AS/NZS1170.2:2021, which assumes that the major contributions to the combined probability of exceedance of a typical load effect comes from only two 45 degree sectors.

B.4 Maximum Gust-Equivalent Mean Wind Speeds

The contribution to the probability of exceedance of a specified wind speed (ie: the desired wind speed for pedestrian comfort, as per the criteria) was calculated for each wind direction. These contributions are then combined over all wind directions to calculate the total probability of exceedance of the specified wind speed. To calculate the probability of exceedance for a specified wind speed a statistical wind climate model was used to describe the relationship between directional wind speeds and the probability of exceedance. A detailed description of the methodology is given by T.V. Lawson (1980).

The criteria used in this study is referenced to a probability of exceedance of 5% of a specified wind speed.

B.5 References relating to Data Acquisition

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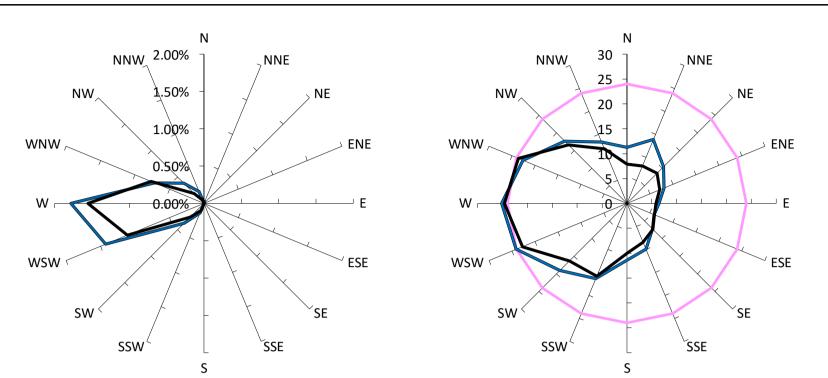
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APPENDIX C DIRECTIONAL PLOTS OF WIND TUNNEL RESULTS



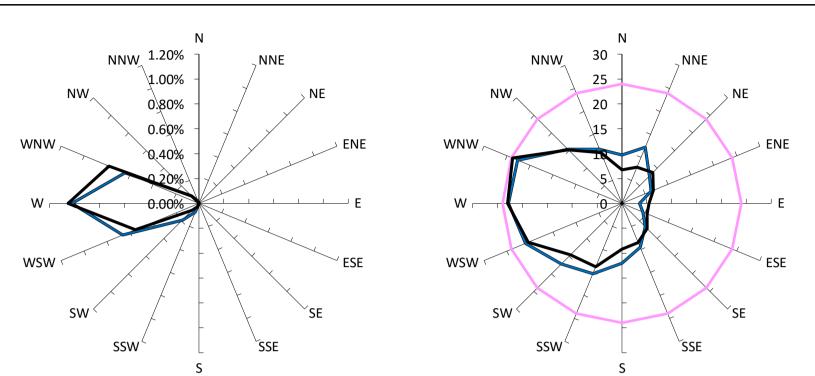
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Annual probability of exceeding 8m/s (%)

Annual Maximum Gust (m/s)

Description		Peak Gust m/s
—— Criterion: Wind Comfort Standard for Walking Criterion (8m/s). Safety Limit (24m/s).	8.0	24
Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.8	25
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.5	25

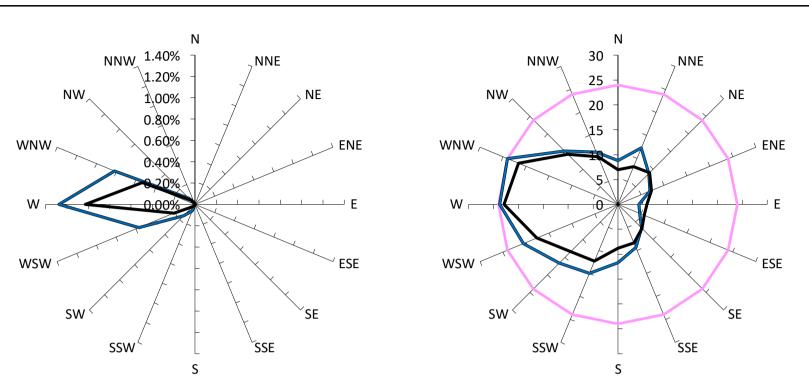
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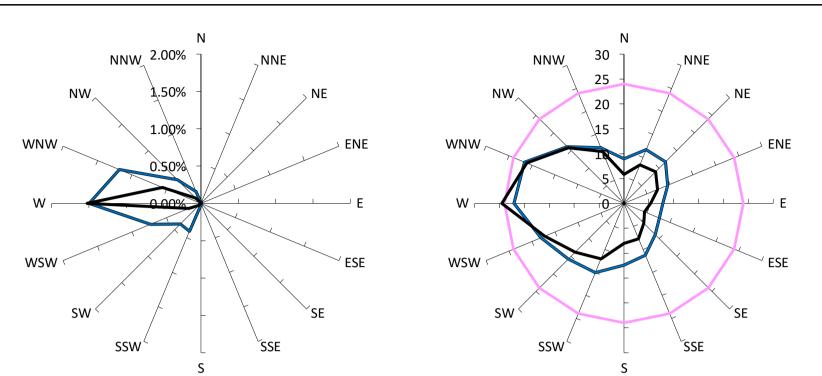
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.0	23
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	6.8	24



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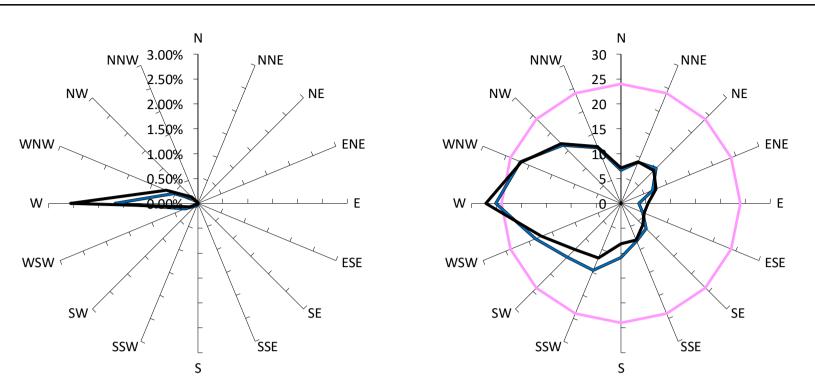
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.1	24
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	6.4	23



Annual probability of exceeding 8m/s (%)

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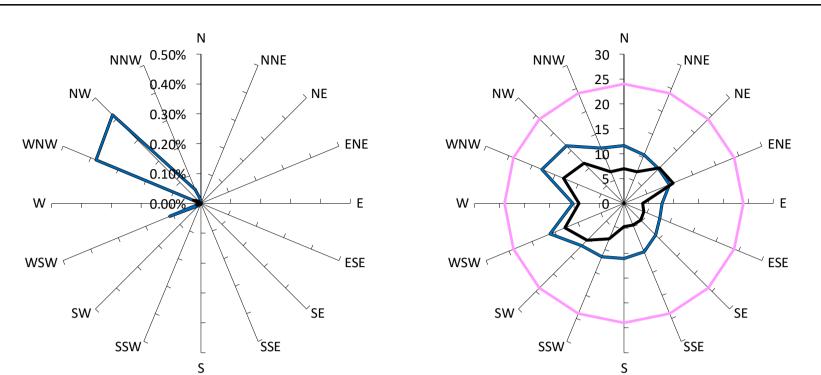
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.8	22
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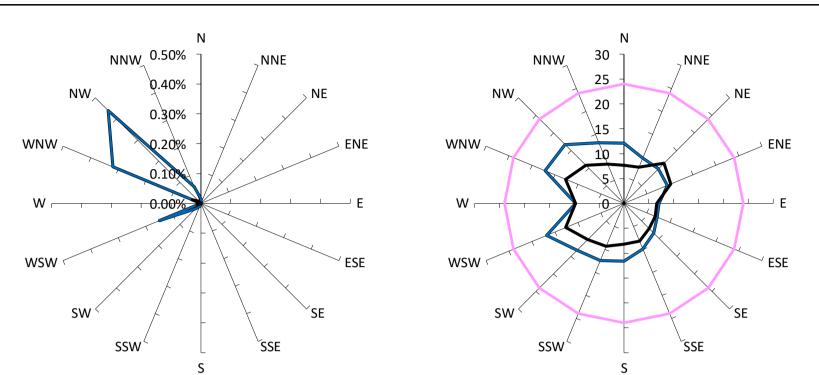
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	6.9	25
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.3	27



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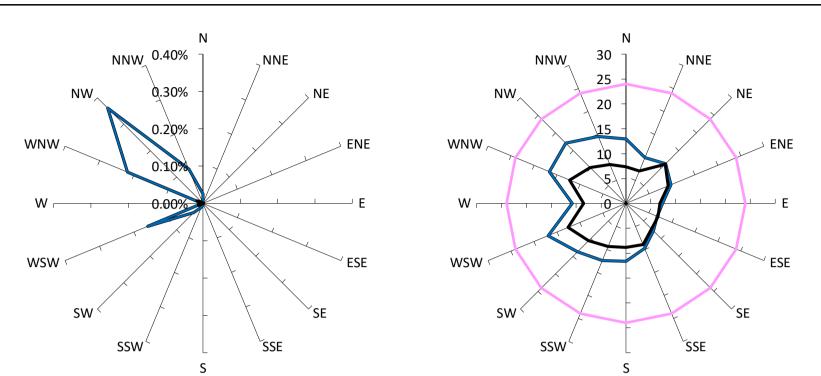
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—— Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	5.5	18
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	4.1	13



Annual probability of exceeding 8m/s (%)

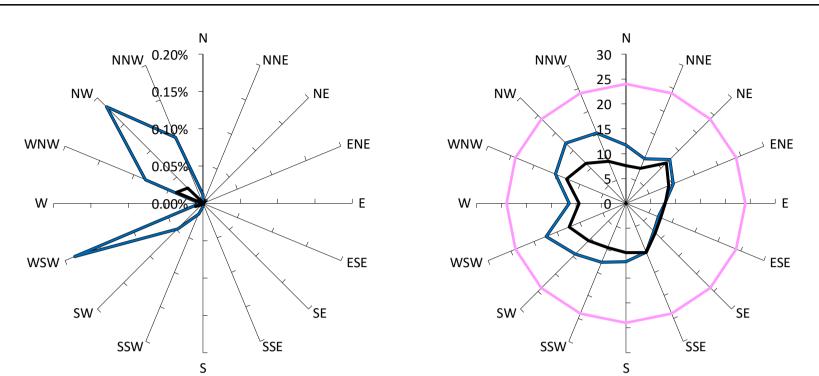
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	5.6	17
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	4.3	13



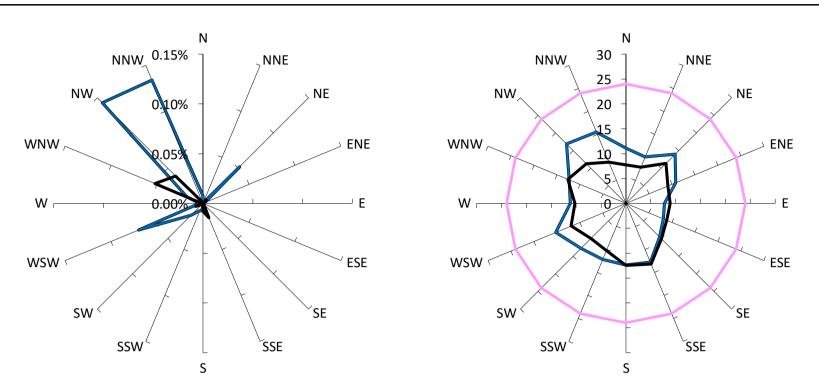
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	5.6	17
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	4.2	13



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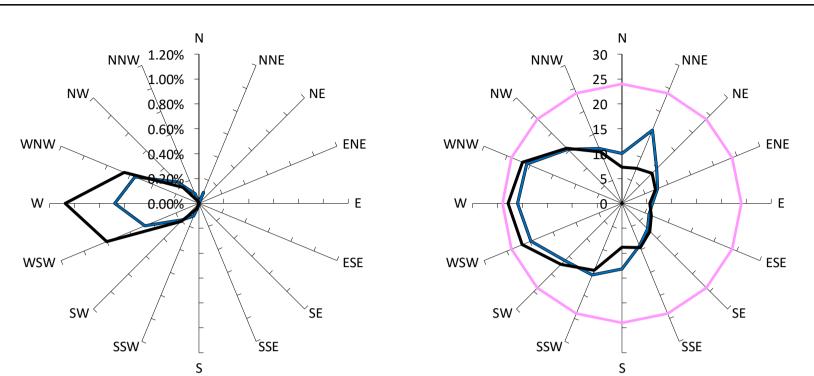
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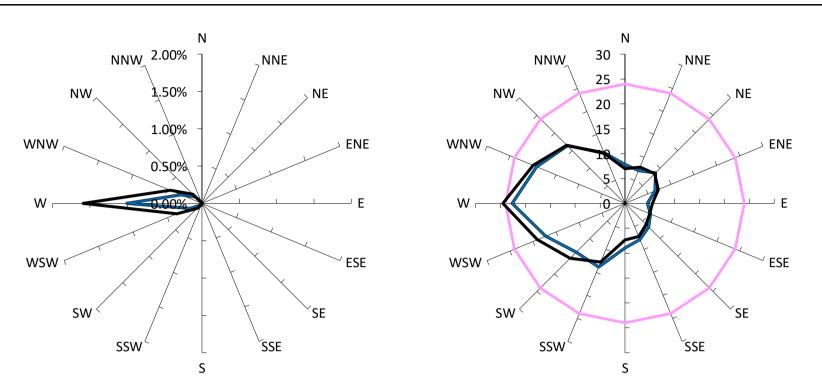
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	5.6	17
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	4.9	13



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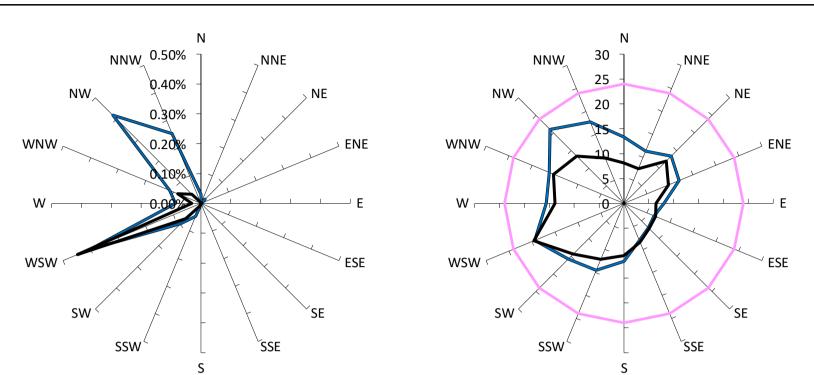
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Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	7.1	23



Annual probability of exceeding 8m/s (%)

Annual Maximum Gust (m/s)

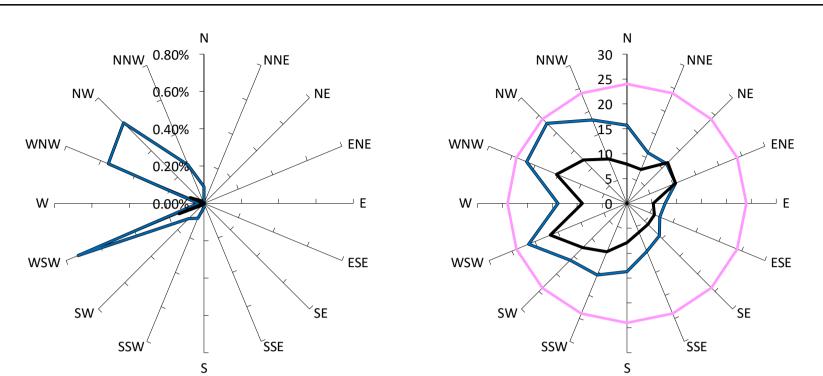
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Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	6.9	25



Annual probability of exceeding 8m/s (%)

Annual Maximum Gust (m/s)

Description	GEM Wind Speed (m/s)	Peak Gust m/s
—— Criterion: Wind Comfort Standard for Walking Criterion (8m/s). Safety Limit (24m/s).	8.0	24
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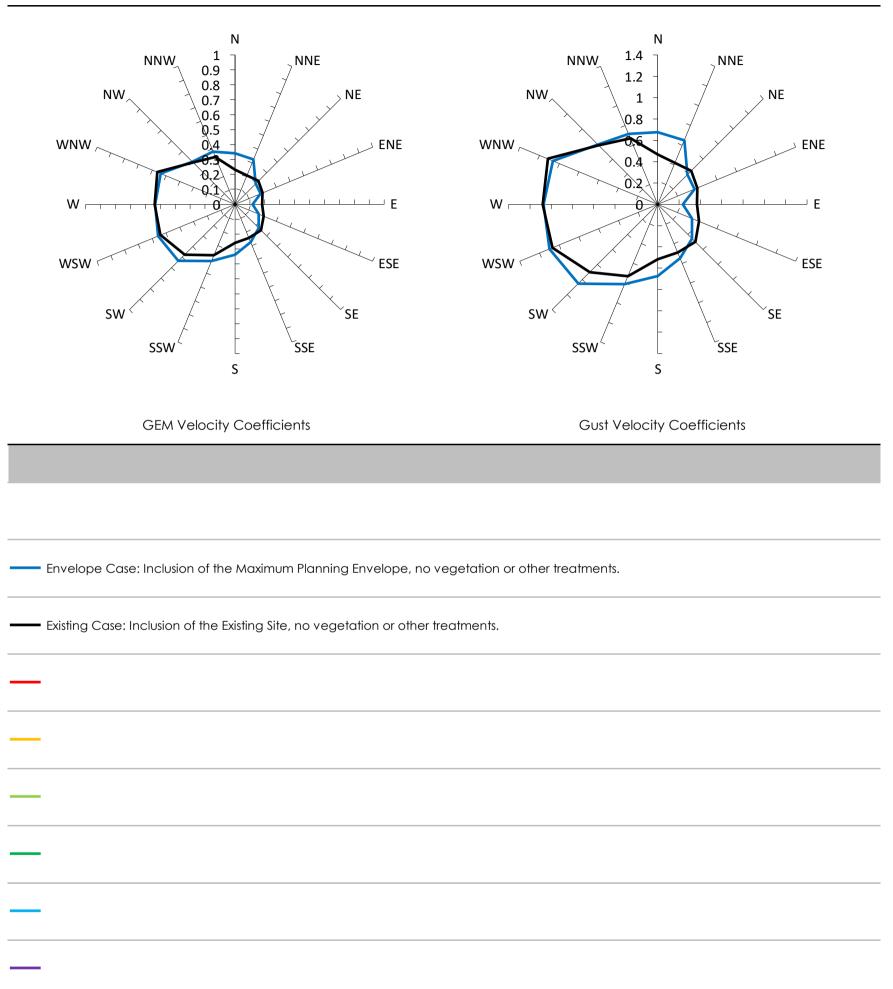


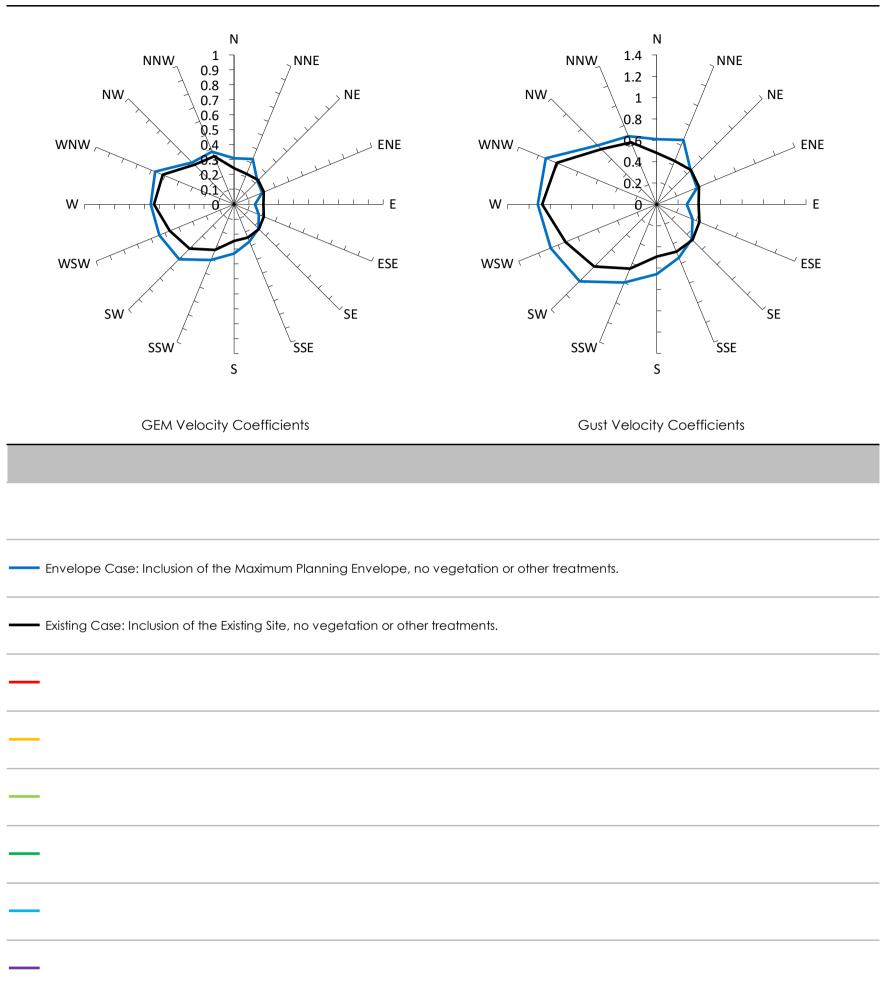
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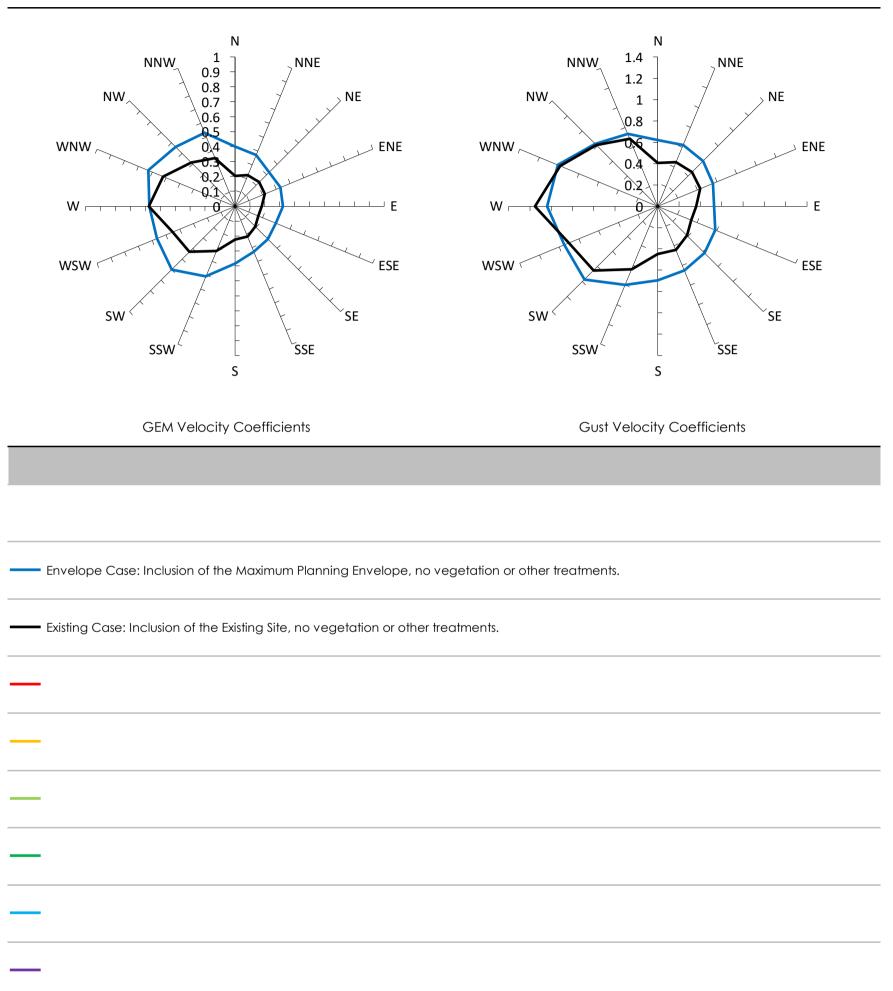
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Envelope Case: Inclusion of the Maximum Planning Envelope, no vegetation or other treatments.	6.8	23
Existing Case: Inclusion of the Existing Site, no vegetation or other treatments.	4.9	17

APPENDIX D DIRECTIONAL VELOCITY COEFFICIENT PLOTS





















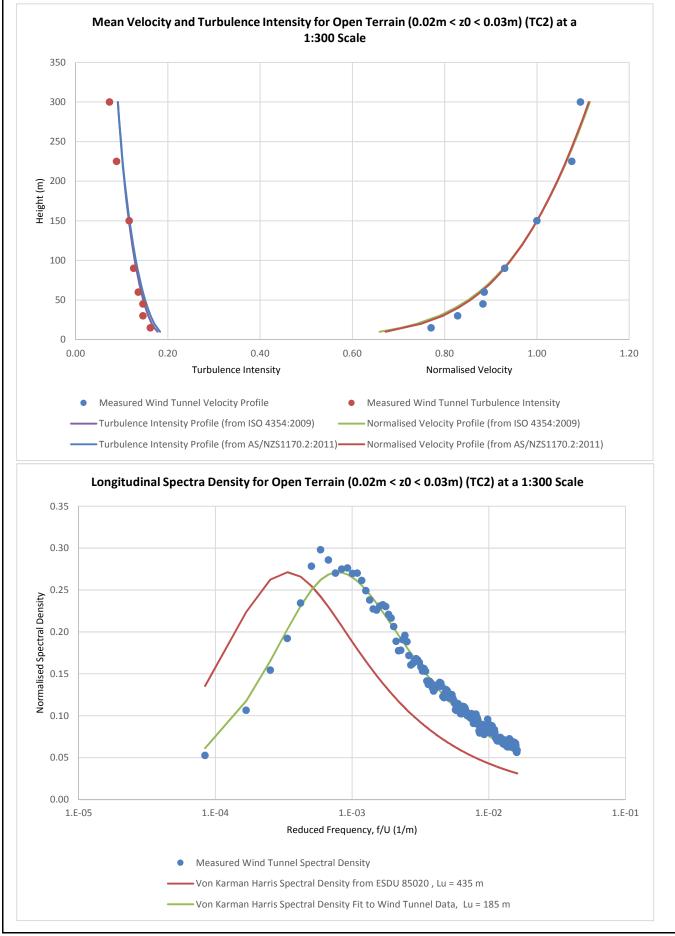


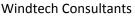


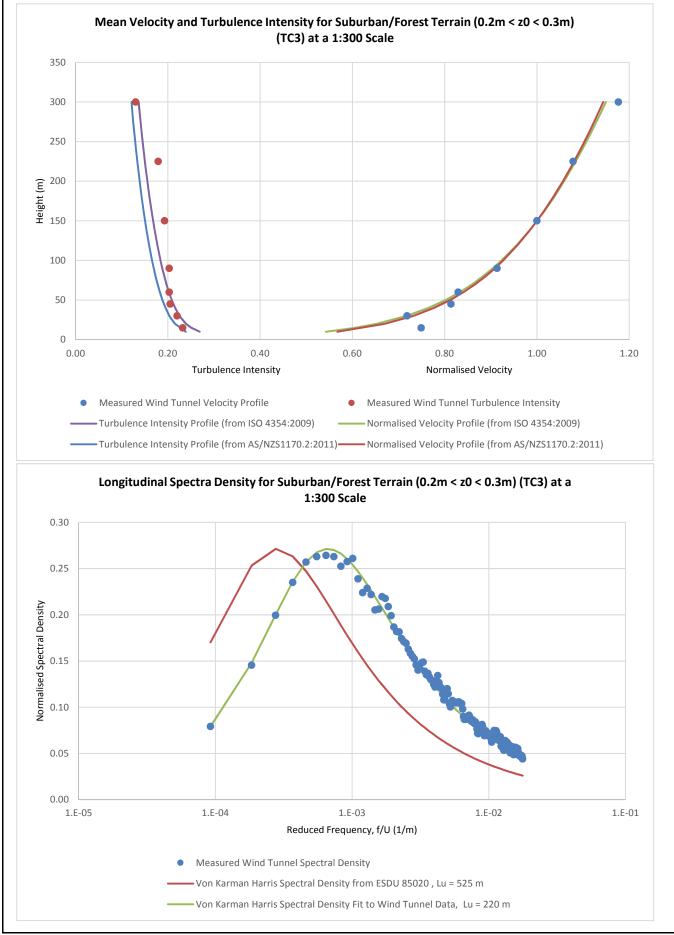




APPENDIX E VELOCITY AND TURBULENCE INTENSITY PROFILES







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