

# 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

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## **Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area**

Norwich covers approximately 39 square kilometres in the heart of Norfolk with a population of circa 132,000 people. The population of the Norwich 'Travel to Work Area' ie the area of Norwich in which most people both live and work is circa 376,500. Norwich is the fourth most densely populated local authority district in the eastern region with approximately 34 people per hectare.

The Norwich City Council (also referred to as 'the council') permits 33 'Part B' processes, including petrol stations, road stone coating plant, vehicle re-sprayers and a crematorium. The Environment Agency permits the larger 'Part A' processes such as Briar agrochemical company. Neither Part A or Part B processes are considered to contribute significantly to air quality in the city.

The major pollutant source in the city is road traffic. Source apportionment exercises identify oxides of nitrogen from road traffic to be the most significant source of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and, more specifically, buses and taxis to be the main contributor. Oxides of nitrogen are a by-product of incomplete combustion. An Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) covering an area around central Norwich was declared in 2012 for exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective (See Appendix E).

In 2015 the council produced an updated Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) that sets out measures to be taken in order to work towards achievement of the air quality objectives. The action plan can be accessed on the council website by following this link: https://www.norwich.gov.uk/downloads/file/3020/2015\_air\_quailty\_action\_plan.

Following on from this report, the council proposes to continue with automatic and passive NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring within the city area. However, in response to road changes now implemented in the city centre, which have been aimed at restricting general traffic from travelling through the city centre, 13 NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube monitoring positions have been removed and 9 new locations added in order to assess any resultant impacts of the changes and to re-site at locations of relevant exposure. As these re-locations have only been implemented this year the results will not been seen until 2019. As further road changes are implemented, reassessment of the monitoring positions will continue.

A detailed assessment is not required for any pollutants and the council will progress to the next Annual Status Report in 2019. In 2020 a review of the 2015 Action Plan will be required. This will be interesting as most if not all of the major road changes will have been implemented. The results may not however be realised until a further year on in order to allow for the results of NO<sub>2</sub> levels to be fully processed following these road changes.

This report has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (TG16) and associated tools (as updated in 2016).

## **Air Quality in Norwich**

Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equality issues, because areas with poor air quality are also often the less affluent areas<sup>1,2</sup>.

The annual health cost to society of the impacts of particulate matter alone in the UK is estimated to be around  $\pm 16$  billion<sup>3</sup>.

Norwich City Council has monitored air quality in the city since 1998. This report considers all new monitoring data acquired during 2017 and assesses the data against the Air Quality Strategy objectives. It also considers any changes that may have an impact on air quality.

The council have carried out all past rounds of review and assessment and in doing so have consolidated the previous four smaller AQMAs into a single central AQMA. The extent of the central AQMA is shown in Figure 2.1 and on the Defra website

https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/aqma/details?aqma\_id=951.

The AQMA was declared in 2012 for exceedances of the annual mean  $NO_2$  objective. All other pollutants of concern have been screened out over time, though particulates are still measured using the automatic analyser. This is important, especially given

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Environmental equity, air quality, socioeconomic status and respiratory health, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defra. Abatement cost guidance for valuing changes in air quality, May 2013

the recent requirement for local authorities to contribute to reducing emissions and/or concentrations of  $PM_{2.5}$  (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less). Measures to reduce  $NO_2$  resulting from road traffic will also have a positive benefit on reducing  $PM_{2.5}$  levels.

A considerable amount of monitoring is carried out within the AQMA using passive diffusion tubes and an automatic analyser. The city also benefits from having a Government-owned AURN urban background station in its area (though not in the AQMA). Data from this station is used within the report.

Overall, NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations within the central AQMA are falling. In 2012, ten of the diffusion tube monitoring locations exceeded the annual mean objective of 40mg/m<sup>3</sup>. This steadily reduced to six in 2015 despite an additional site being added in 2013 on Chapel Field North. In 2016 the number of locations increased to seven sites exceeding the annual mean objective but 3 of these only by 1mg/m<sup>3</sup>. In 2017 the number of sites dropped back down to 6. The site that exceeded in 2016 but fell below the objective level in 2017 is Chapel Field North which has shown a fairly consistent decline in NO<sub>2</sub> levels since the introduction of the new road system in 2014. There are not considered to be any new major sources of pollution. Hence there are still challenges to reduce pollution levels in Norwich but, taken as a whole, the levels are promising as they are still on a slow downward trend.

## **Actions to Improve Air Quality**

Air pollution has risen up the corporate agenda at Norwich City Council since the first round of Review & Assessment. For example, the Transport Planning Officer now has to consider air quality issues for all new developments and Norfolk County Council has incorporated a local air quality strategy into its Local Transport Plan to deal with air quality issues and to try and reduce pollution associated with traffic in all future plans.

The 2015 the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) identified the strengths of the previous action plan and the strategies that had the greatest impact on improving air quality and built on this by concentrating on these strategies in particular. As a result, the AQAP focussed principally on road infrastructure changes designed to further pedestrianise and divert general traffic away from the congested city centre. The

purpose of the road changes are also to improve traffic flow by introducing more one way systems, optimising traffic flow at junctions and reduce vehicle queueing.

For example, works are now complete in the Westlegate area of Norwich and also the adjoining Ber Street, Golden Ball Street, All Saints Green, Red Lion Street and St Stephen's areas. These changes, drawn up by Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council include the creation of more pedestrian areas and the removal of traffic lights and kerbside barriers at a number of junctions. On some of these streets this also includes the removal of private motorised vehicles giving access only to buses, coaches, taxis, delivery vehicles and bikes. These changes are designed to be another step forward in supporting the vitality of the city centre by reducing conflict between vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists while maintaining access for all modes of travel and contributing to improvement in air quality in the surrounding areas.

A further example of improvement in air quality resulting from the traffic changes in the city is the work done to implement new road layout and junction arrangements in the Chapel Field area of Norwich. This area is within the central AQMA. Revised traffic flow and direction in the surrounding roads aimed to improve bus access and reduce through-traffic in the city centre. Triplicate diffusion tube monitoring was carried out for a full year prior to the scheme commencing and has continued since. As a result of the changes, the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration has reduced from  $60.9\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2013 to  $37.1\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017 ie below the national air quality objective, thus improving air quality for residents fronting the road and those using the public gardens opposite. The traffic from Chapel Field North has now been fed onto Cleveland Road and Bethel Street. Diffusion tubes have therefore been added to both these roads but relevant exposure on these two roads is considerably further back and, in some places, absent so this road change is considered to be a significant benefit overall.

More information on major transport projects within Norwich can be found on the county council website here: <u>https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/major-projects-and-improvement-plans/norwich/city-centre-improvements</u>

Another key action having been taken by Norfolk County Council is the construction of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR) which was completed in April this year. The NDR provides a dual carriageway link from the national road network to Norwich International Airport and beyond, serving a large area of Broadland and North Norfolk including existing and planned business and housing areas.

It is predicted that the NDR will:

- Reduce traffic flows on the northern sections of the Outer Ring Road on key northern radial routes and on unsuitable residential and rural roads
- Reduce general traffic travelling through the city centre
- Reduce congestion by taking around 40,000 vehicles a day from congested and unsuitable roads, bringing relief to local communities and the city centre
- Significantly improve access for north Norwich and north and north east Norfolk, the wider road network and to Norwich International Airport
- Provide the transport infrastructure needed to allow planned and proposed growth
- Increase the opportunities for improving public transport and the provision for pedestrians and cyclists and hence promote these modes of travel.

It is not expected any benefits will be seen until there is another year or two diffusion tube data. More information on the NDR is available on the county council website here: <u>https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/major-projects-and-improvement-plans/norwich/northern-distributor-road</u>

A key proposal in the AQAP was to work with local bus companies to encourage updating of the fleet. In 2016, First Eastern Counties made a £1.8m investment in nine brand new double deck vehicles which service the city. The new buses are all Department for Transport 'low carbon certified' - a mark of fuel efficiency. Additionally, First Eastern Counties introduced 11 brand new single deck buses in October 2015 for the Norwich green line network at a value of £1.9m. All new vehicles are fitted with Euro 6 engines.

In 2016 through a Department for Transport (DfT) grant - Clean Technology Fund -24 buses that were previously Euro 3 or 4 standard have now been upgraded to close to Euro 6 through a program of retrofitting using Selective Catalytic Reduction Technology (SCRT). This program of upgrade is now largely complete.

The upgrading of bus fleets is a slow and costly process. There are however changes that can be implemented straight away which should have a beneficial effect on air quality and that is engine switch off when idling. As a result, the council applied to the Secretary of State for enforcement powers in order to enact the Road Traffic Regulations 2002 with the ultimate aim to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for engine switch off offences. These powers were acquired earlier this year and bus operators have been written to in order to forewarn of the impending enforcement which is expected to commence autumn 2018. However, it should be noted that the engine switch off legislation will relate to all vehicles operating within the AQMA and not just public transport vehicles.

The council works with partners within the Norfolk Environmental Protection Group's (NEPG) Air Quality sub-group to ensure regular two-way engagement with representatives of Public Health England and the Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council as well as ensuring consistency of approach throughout the county. The council also has direct dialogue with officers of Norfolk County Council Highways Department on any significant changes to road layout or traffic flow that may be proposed within the city.

In addition, a working group of representatives from Norwich City Council, Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council (Highways) was set up in the Spring of 2018 specifically to develop a multi-authority approach to tackling poor air quality from transport with the Greater Norwich Area. The aims of the group are to;

- To produce a positive change to air quality from transport.
- To develop better education of all road users to the effect of transport emissions on human health and the wider environment.
- Commit to working as a team to consider air quality as a cross boundary issue.
- Commit to working with stakeholders to develop and implement projects.
- Identify joint funding opportunities for delivering air quality projects.
- Collate data on air quality before, during and after projects.
- Evaluate the impact of air quality improvement projects and determine if they have been effective and appropriate to be adopted elsewhere.

• Share findings of projects with interested third parties.

Clearly benefits aimed at improving air quality in adjoining district councils have a positive impact for the city, especially when it comes to improvements in bus fleets as many of the buses serving the rural community also transit through Norwich.

It has been a long standing commitment in the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy (NATS) that the priority is to promote walking, cycling and the use of public transport to encourage modal shift and reduce the reliance on the private car. In support of this commitment in 2012 a cycle network for the greater Norwich area was adopted which included 5 radial and 2 orbital pedalway routes and number of neighbourhood cycle routes connecting those pedalway routes. Each of the 7 pedalways was colour coded. See City Schematic of Pedalways below.



Since being awarded Cycle City Ambition status in 2013, Norwich has seen a significant increase in cycling. In 2016 there were 43% more cyclists crossing the inner and outer ring roads than in 2013 (data from annual ring road count undertaken each autumn). Over the same 2013-2016 period cycling on The Avenues, a section

of the pink pedalway close to the University, almost doubled from 350,000 a year to nearly 700,000.

Currently there are 25 electric vehicle charging points within the Norwich City Council district boundary, 6 of which are owned by the council and are located in Rose Lane Car Park. In the next 12 months, the council are looking to upgrade some charging points to rapid charging, priority being given to University of East Anglia. The council will continue to encourage and, in some cases, make it a planning condition to install electric charging points for successful planning applications for the larger developments.

A good working relationship has been developed with the Environmental Science Department at University of East Anglia (UEA). This collaboration has facilitated research projects into reducing air pollution. For example, in November 2017, a project looking into the behavioural response of drivers to engine switch off signage was undertaken. The UEA provided the initiative and resource for the project, the County Council provided signage and highways approval, whilst the City Council helped facilitate the project and handled the logistics and communication. It is hoped further collaborations with the UEA and both authorities will nurture research projects into air pollution and provide a more holistic approach when applying for government funding.

## **Conclusions & Priorities**

The council proposes to continue with automatic and passive NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring within the city area. As completion of road changes are implemented, the council will review the locations of monitoring positions so as to assess any resulting impacts from these changes. No excursions of the NO<sub>2</sub> objective was measured outside of the central AQMA and monitoring shows the trend of declining pollution levels continues. The boundaries of the current AQMA will not be reconsidered until all proposed road changes are complete and sufficient monitoring data has been acquired to give full confidence to any changes.

Norwich is a compact city with a medieval street layout and trying to maintain the historic plan of the city whilst catering for modern society and transport is not always straight forward. However, this is a key factor to be considered as part of all future schemes.

Whilst the automatic monitoring station owned and run by the council is currently working satisfactorily, it is an ageing unit. There will come a time when it must be replaced and this consideration needs to be factored into the council budget. In addition, its location is not one of relevant exposure and hence as the council have now acquired over 10 years of data, the added benefit of this data is limited provided there continue to be no exceedances of the 1 hour mean.

The council will continue to support initiatives that contribute positively to improving air quality, such as;

encouraging car sharing in partnership with Liftshare;

encouraging schools to develop travel plans using the Modeshift Stars software;

encourage and enforce engine switch off;

support the Norfolk Car Club.

## Local Engagement & How to Get Involved

Air quality is a subject that has reached the interest and concern of more and more people year on year. If people would like to find out more about air quality and how they can contribute to improving it in their area, these links can provide further information:

- UK Air The Govt's Air Information Resource: https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/
- Norwich City Council's air quality reporting website: <u>https://www.norwich.gov.uk/downloads/download/1917/air\_quality\_monitoring</u> <u>reports\_and\_assessments</u>
- Norfolk Car Club 'Connecting Norfolk': <u>http://www.norfolkcarclub.com/</u>
- Norfolk Liftshare <a href="https://liftshare.com/uk/community/norfolk">https://liftshare.com/uk/community/norfolk</a>
- Modeshift Stars is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel https://modeshiftstars.org/

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## 1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Norwich during 2017. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

The LAQM process places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their area and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where an exceedance is considered likely the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives. This Annual Status Report (ASR) is an annual requirement showing the strategies employed by Norwich City Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

The statutory air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in England can be found in Table E.1 in Appendix E.

## 2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

## 2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are declared when there is an exceedance or likely exceedance of an air quality objective. After declaration, the authority must prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within 12-18 months setting out measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

A summary of AQMA's declared by Norwich City Council can be found in Table 2.1 and a map of the AQMA in Figure 2.1.

Further information related to declared or revoked AQMAs, including maps of AQMA boundaries, are available online at <u>https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/aqma/local-</u> authorities?la\_id=187

#### Figure 2.1 Map of the Central Norwich AQMA



## Table 2.1 – Declared Air Quality Management Area

AQMA Name	Date of Declara tion	Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives	City / Town	One Line Description	Difference of the second secon		ceedence nonitored/ lled tion at a relevant ure) Now	Action Plan
Central AQMA	Nov 2012	NO <sub>2</sub> annual mean	Norwich	An area encompassing the Centre of Norwich, broadly following the inner link road.	No	52 μg/m <sup>3</sup> (at 52 St Augustines Street)	53.6 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (at 52 St Augustin es Street)	2015 AQAP https://www. norwich.gov .uk/downloa ds/file/3020/ 2015_air_qu ailty_action plan

## 2.2 Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Norwich

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR concluded;

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance. The following comments are made:

- 1. The latest monitoring results highlight continued exceedances within the central Norwich AQMA. There were 7 sites recorded with results above objective levels, with three of these only marginal exceedances.
- 2. The future positions and designations of monitoring sites should be evaluated in terms of providing a combination of fixed monitoring sites representative of relevant exposure, and further sites that provide an understanding of the pollution concentrations that will assist in determining the sites of pollution hotspots.
- 3. It may assist future reporting if sites can be clearly separated into those that may be considered as representative of relevant exposure both with and without distance corrections, and those that are not. Final determination of the status of the AQMA in relation to current air quality objectives, should be based on results from sites representative of relevant exposure.
- 4. The separation of the continuous monitor to nearby diffusion tube of 60m cannot be considered as equivalent, pollution concentrations within central urban areas subject to stop-start traffic can vary significantly within a short distance. Now that the pollution concentrations are falling towards objective levels, future monitoring needs to concentrate on establishing any further hotspot locations, and verifying the continued status of the central AQMA.
- 5. It is evident that the Council have made significant strides in developing measures to address the source of exceedances by the number of traffic management measures that are being adopted. This is clearly delivering some significant benefits, and we note that these measures will require further assessment to determine what extent further measures may be required.
- 6. Measures within the plan should continue to focus on the hotspot areas (i.e. those exceeding the objective) within the central AQMA. Future ASR updates to the Action Plan should clearly indicate that this is the case, for example in St Stephen's Street and St. Augustine's Street.

In order to address points made, and now that a number of road changes have been completed, in January 2018 13 diffusion tube locations were removed and 9 new locations installed. The new locations represent;

- 1) locations of relevant exposure close to the previous tube where it was formally at a non-relevant exposure location, or
- 2) where new hotspots may be occurring as a result of the road changes, or
- 3) where new significant development is planned or approved.

The diffusion tubes that were removed are those where there have been a number of years of monitoring and NO<sub>2</sub> levels have been consistently below the objective level or where they are at sites of non-relevant exposure.

This program of reassessing monitoring locations will be ongoing and particularly whilst road changes continue to be implemented.

Distance corrections have been applied to Table B.1 where considered appropriate, for example, where a monitoring location is roadside and above the objective level but relevant exposure is set back from the road. Where the monitoring location is relevant to annual mean public exposure, the final column in Table B.1 has a dash.

Where relevant exposure is not considered to be applicable at a particular site, such as where the monitoring location is far enough away from the nearest relevant exposure such that other factors come in to play, N/A not applicable, has been entered in Table A.1 & A.2.

When considering only those locations that have NO<sub>2</sub> levels above the objective and applying the above principles to these locations, there are no sites that have been distance corrected.

The next Action Plan which is due in 2020 will address point no 6 and all future ASR's will respond to these changes.

Norwich City Council in combination with Norfolk County Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2017 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.2. The Table has been ordered in terms of perceived importance in terms of air quality and hence completed measures appear at the bottom of Table 2.2.

More detail on these measures can be found in the latest Action Plan by clicking on the following link:

https://www.norwich.gov.uk/downloads/file/3020/2015\_air\_quailty\_action\_plan.

Key completed measures are:

- Golden Ball Street and Farmers Avenue two-way traffic completed.
- Removal of general traffic except buses, taxis and bikes from Red Lion Street – completed.
- Full closure of Westlegate completed.
- Restricted access on All Saints Green Linked with work to deliver the implementation plan for the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy (NATS) completed.
- Northern Distributor Road completed.
- Cycle routes extended and more joined up within city to encourage cycling as well as improve road safety Pink pedalways totalling 12.2 km completed.
- Bus retrofit using SCRT technology. 24 buses that were previously Euro 3 or 4 standard upgraded to close to Euro 6 – substantially complete, with some snagging issues being dealt with.
- Work with taxi operators to achieve improved Euro standards. A policy has been implemented such that no vehicle will be re-licenced as a Hackney carriage after 15 years beyond its first registration – completed.

This policy is broadly in line with the current London model, and will ensure continued improvement in Hackney carriage Euro standards beyond Euro V.

 Enactment of The Road Traffic (Vehicles Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 – completed.

Bus operators have had a written warning of the imminent implementation of enforcement via the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices as an on the spot fine of £20. Enforcement itself is expected to begin in September 2018.

Norwich City Council expects the following measures to either be completed or be in the process of being implemented over the course of the next reporting year. They are expected to reduce congestion and potentially facilitate other city centre road layout changes.

- Ring road junction improvements Linked with work to deliver NATS. Survey work is now complete and data is being analysed which will determine required intervention measures.
- Review of traffic light optimisation this is an ongoing project.
- Signage installed to encourage engine switch-off. At a later date, it is also intended to look at the option of displaying waiting times at traffic lights and install signage to inform drivers of the AQMA in known congested areas.
- Cycle routes extended and more joined up within the city to encourage cycling as well as improve road safety – Blue & Yellow pedalways totally 31km scheduled for 2019.
- Successful bid for £1.7million of DfT Cycle Safety funding on two improvement schemes on Earlham Road and the green pedalway route to be implemented during 2019.
- Norfolk County Council are researching the ability to be able to monitor for air pollutants at bus stops where there are already electronic displays.

In November the University of East Anglia (UEA) commenced a trial assessing the behavioural approach of drivers to signage encouraging engine switch off. The signage was sited at traffic lights on Riverside Road where the objective level is exceeded. Riverside Road truncates at a busy and congested 4-way junction. Space is limited on Riverside Road due to it being sandwiched between the River Wensum and terrace housing. At the junction is Norwich train station and a bridge over the River Wensum.

The results showed that the proportion of drivers switching off their engines rose from 9.6% pre-intervention to 17% with signage. The results also identified the type of behavioural message that drivers most responded to although, due to the restricted time period over which the project was conducted, further analysis would be needed to make any confident conclusions. It is thought these results may feed into signage in areas outside of dedicated engine switch off enforcement zones but inside the

AQMA and will simply appeal to drivers to switch off engines when idling. It is also hoped that in the future useful information at traffic light junctions may aid this behavioural response by informing drivers of waiting time till light change.

Principle challenges and barriers to implementation that Norwich City Council anticipates facing are resourcing and funding issues and for this reason the installation of some measures have been slower than desired.

Whilst the measures stated above and in Table 2.2 will help to contribute towards compliance, Norwich City Council anticipates that further additional measures not yet prescribed will be required in subsequent years to achieve compliance and enable the revocation of the central AQMA in Norwich.

Measure No.	Measure	EU Category	EU Classification	Organisati ons Involved & funding Source	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Key Performance Indicator	Reduction in Pollutant /Emission from Measure	Progress to Date	Estimated/ Actual Completion Date	Comments/ Barriers to Implementation
1	Castle Meadow Low Emission Zone	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Low Emission Zone (LEZ)	Norwich City Council (NCC)	2004/05	2006/09	Reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in Castle Meadow – some reduction seen	Circa 10-15 μg/m³ NO₂	Erratic decline in NO <sub>2</sub> but probably would have been worse without LEZ.	2018	Ongoing review of LEZ and the requirement to further reduce bus emissions. We will work with the bus companies and aim to achieve Euro V compliance by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 and use best practical means to achieve as close as possible Euro VI compliance.
3	Review of traffic light times & synchronisation to optimise traffic flow for all new road layout schemes	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	NCC	2014/15	2016-	Reduced city centre congestion as well as wider network	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	Congestion should be minimised but this needs to be monitored and where applicable diffusion tube sites reviewed. In addition, the work on ring road junction improvements will aid this.
9	Ring road junction improvements	Traffic Management	UTC, congestion management, traffic reduction	NCC + Norfolk County Council (NorCC)	2016-	2018-	Reduced city centre congestion as well as wider network	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Surveys completed. In analysis and development of intervention phase.	Ongoing	Feasibility work on revised junction layouts to be undertaken as part of preparation of funding bids.

## Table 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure	EU Category	EU Classification	Organisati ons Involved & funding Source	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Key Performance Indicator	Reduction in Pollutant /Emission from Measure	Progress to Date	Estimated/ Actual Completion Date	Comments/ Barriers to Implementation
10	Signage to inform of AQMA in known congested areas. Signage to also encourage engine switch-off and display waiting time at traffic lights.	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	NCC + NorCC	2014/15	Ongoing – trial on Riverside Rd to be implemented late 2017	Reduction in NO₂ levels in AQMA	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	TBC	Signage educates road users and reinforces AQMA. Need to secure funding from County to implement traffic light signage. Engine Switch Off signage will be implemented Aug 2018 in areas where the need is greatest.
11	Education & information campaigns to encourage more responsible driving and the use of alternative modes	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Other	NCC + NorCC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Reduction in NO₂ levels in city centre and surrounds	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	Continuation of work to promote Transport for Norwich objectives utilising funding from DfT through Access fund.
12	School Travel Plans	Promoting Travel Alternatives	School Travel Plans	NorCC		Implemented but requires updating	Reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	County to request updated travel plans - prioritising schools inside AQMA. Travel Plan to focus on using buses, cycling and walking to school to ensure travel by private car is minimised. County to promote use of Modeshift Stars software with schools so they can generate and manage their own travel plans.

Measure No.	Measure	EU Category	EU Classification	Organisati ons Involved & funding Source	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Key Performance Indicator	Reduction in Pollutant /Emission from Measure	Progress to Date	Estimated/ Actual Completion Date	Comments/ Barriers to Implementation
13	Low NOx Buses	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Public Vehicle Procurement prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	NCC + NorCC	N/A-	N/A	Reduction in NO₂ levels in city centre and surrounds	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	24 buses retrofitted by June 2018	Ongoing	24 buses upgraded from Euro 3-4 to being close to Euro 6 through program of retrofitting utilising DfT grant.Aim is work in partnership with bus operators on funding opportunities relating to low NOx emission vehicles.
14	Engine switch-off enforcement	Public information	Other	NCC	2016	2018	Reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Complimentary to other measures; in particular Castle Meadow LEZ.	Agreement obtained. Transport operators contacted.	August 2018	Use of powers to enforce engine switch- off via issue of fixed penalty notices
15	CCAG programmes	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of cycling	NCC, NorCC & DfT	2013	2014-2019	Reduction in vehicle use in city centre. Increased no. people cycling	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	December 2019 for current available funding. £1.7million further DfT funding successfully bid on during 2018 for two cycle infrastructure improvements schemes due for completion 2019	Cycle routes extended and more joined up. Will encourage cycling as well as improved road safety. Successful funding application submitted to DfT Spring 2018 for 2 cycle schemes in west of city.

Measure No.	Measure	EU Category	EU Classification	Organisati ons Involved & funding Source	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Key Performance Indicator	Reduction in Pollutant /Emission from Measure	Progress to Date	Estimated/ Actual Completion Date	Comments/ Barriers to Implementation
16	Removal of private vehicle traffic from Tombland	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising road space away from cars, including access management, selective vehicle priority, bus priority.	NCC + NorCC	TBC	Long term	Reduced city centre congestion	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Not started	TBC	Long term goal. Awaiting detailed design.
17	Bus rapid transit	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Bus route improvements	NCC + NorCC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Reduced city centre congestion as well as wider network	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Ongoing	Ongoing	Bus rapid transit is an integral element of the existing Transport for Norwich strategy. The strategy is being reviewed 18/19 to identify the future role of bus rapid transit.
18	Rationalising and simplifying of traffic on Prince of Wales Road	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising road space away from cars, including access management, selective vehicle priority.	NCC + NorCC	2016/17	Long term	Reduced city centre congestion	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Approval to construct given at June 2018 Highways Committee	2019	Works to start Nov 2018
19	Extension of Postwick Park and Ride site	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Bus based Park & Ride	NorCC	-	TBC	Reduced city centre congestion as well as wider network	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre	Project suspende d	TBC	Still capacity on existing site. Plan to be reactivated when additional capacity required.

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20	UEA behavioural messages to encourage drivers to turn off idling engines	Public Information	Other	NCC + NorCC	-	2017	Proportion of drivers who switched off engine in presence of signage. Reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds.	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre & surrounds	Results showed that proportion of drivers switching off engines rose from 9.6% pre- interventio n to 17% with signage.	Ongoing	This research supports further use of signage to encourage drivers to switch off idling engines which will compliment enforcement approach being adopted.
2	Westlegate removal of straight- ahead traffic movement	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising road space away from cars including Access management, Selective vehicle priority, bus priority.	NCC + Norfolk County Council (NorCC)	2013	2014/15	Reduced city centre congestion – KPI met	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre	Works completed as per plan	Completed 2017	Part of city centre measures to reduce through traffic. Need to ensure traffic loading of nearby streets not adding to AQ issues which will be assessed and minimised by work on ring road junction improvements.
4	Construction of Northern Distributor Road (NDR)	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	NorCC	2005-	2015/18	Reduced city centre congestion as well as wider network	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Complete d	Completed 2018	Monitoring will show any generic decline in NO <sub>2</sub> levels once NDR is complete

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5	Restricted access on All Saints Green	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Reprioritising road space away from cars, including access management, selective vehicle priority, bus priority.	NCC NorCC	2015	2017	Improved bus transit to bus station and restore All Saints Green as an attractive traffic-free open space - KPI met	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Complete d	Completed 2017	Pedestrianisation of All Saints Green - no longer required as a bus route
6	Golden Ball Street & Farmers Avenue two-way	Traffic Management	UTC, congestion management, traffic reduction	NCC + NorCC	2015	2016	Reduced city centre congestion – KPI met	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Completed	Completed March 2016	Congestion should be minimised . NorCC to consider pollution monitoring at bus stops.
7	Removal of general traffic except buses, taxies and cyclists from Red Lion Street	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising road space away from cars, including access management, selective vehicle priority, bus priority.	NCC + NorCC	2015	2016	Reduced city centre congestion	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in NO <sub>2</sub> levels in city centre and surrounds	Completed	Completed March 2017	Congestion minimised but need to ensure traffic loading on nearby streets not adding to AQ issues. Hence where applicable diffusion tube sites will be reviewed and work on ring road junction improvements will aid this.

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8	Full closure of Westlegate	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising road space away from cars, including access management, selective vehicle priority, bus priority.	NCC + NorCC	2015	2016	Reduced city centre congestion – KPI met	Specific value not known but will contribute to overall reduction in $NO_2$ levels in city centre and surrounds	Completed	Completed March 2017	Congestion should be minimised. Need to ensure traffic loading of nearby streets not adding to AQ issues which will be assessed and minimised by work on ring road junction improvements.

## 2.3 PM<sub>2.5</sub> – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and or Concentrations

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG16 (Chapter 7), local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of  $PM_{2.5}$  (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less). There is clear evidence that  $PM_{2.5}$  has a significant impact on human health, including premature mortality, allergic reactions and cardiovascular diseases.

Norwich City Council is taking the following measures to address PM<sub>2.5</sub>:

- Real-time monitoring of PM<sub>2.5</sub> is carried out at the AURN station at Lakenfields in the Norwich suburbs. This is an urban background site fitted with an FDMS PM<sub>2.5</sub> TEOM analyser. Norwich City Council has also operated a PM<sub>2.5</sub> TEOM analyser at its mobile monitoring station for many years (currently roadside). We therefore hold a large amount of historic data for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and will use this to inform any trends in the ambient concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> across the city as a whole.
- The council is working with partners within the Norfolk Environmental Protection Group's (NEPG) Air Quality sub-group to ensure regular two-way engagement with representatives of Public Health England and the Director of Public Health at Norfolk County Council.
- The council has direct dialogue with officers of Norfolk County Council Highways Department as well as through the NEPG sub group, on any significant changes to road layout or traffic flow that may be proposed within the city. PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure will be considered alongside other pollutants as part of this dialogue.
- Measures described within Table 2.2 'Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality' will have a positive contribution towards reducing PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions and/or exposure.
- The minimisation of airbourne particulates will continue to be an important factor in all planning application considerations. Developers are encouraged to

be part of the Considerate Contractors Scheme and have a fully adhered to onsite Environmental Policy.

## 3 Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives and National Compliance

## 3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

This section sets out what monitoring has taken place and how it compares with objectives.

#### 3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

Norwich City Council undertook automatic (continuous) monitoring at one site, Castle Meadow, during 2017. Also within its district is an automatic continuous monitoring site (Lakenfields) run by DEFRA which forms part of the AURN (Automatic Urban & Rural Network). Table A.1 in Appendix A shows the details of the sites. National monitoring results are available at Defra's website: https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/.

A map showing the location of the monitoring sites is provided in Appendix D. Further details on how the monitors are calibrated and how the data has been adjusted are included in Appendix C.

#### 3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Norwich City Council undertook non- automatic (passive) monitoring of  $NO_2$  at 27 sites during 2017. Table A.2 in Appendix A shows the details of the sites.

A map showing the location of the monitoring sites is provided in Appendix D. Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) and bias adjustment for the diffusion tubes are included in Appendix C.

## 3.2 Individual Pollutants

The air quality monitoring results presented in this section are, where relevant, adjusted for bias "annualisation" and distance correction. Further details on adjustments are provided in Appendix C.

#### 3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Table A.3 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$ .

For diffusion tubes, the full 2017 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B.

Table A.4 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored NO<sub>2</sub> hourly mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of  $200\mu g/m^3$  not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year.

The annual mean concentration at the Castle Meadow automatic monitoring site was recorded as  $51\mu g/m^3$  for 2017 which exceeds the annual mean objective by  $11\mu g/m^3$  but is encouragingly >4  $\mu g/m^3$  below the last 2 years levels despite the fact that the traffic using Castle Meadow has not significantly changed and probably has increased. This monitoring site is within the central AQMA.

It must be noted that the Castle Meadow automatic analyser site is not representative of relevent exposure for the annual mean for  $NO_2$ . The closest residence is sufficiently far enough away that the  $NO_2$  levels would not only be well below the objective level but other factors would come into play which would make any corrections for distance not applicable. Figure 3.1 illustrates the Defra  $NO_2$  Fall Off with Distance Correction (<u>https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/tools-monitoring-data/no2-falloff.html</u>) for a roadside mean annual  $NO_2$  level of 51 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The purpose of this graph is to illustrate how rapidly levels diminish with distance.

The Castle Meadow automatic analyser site can however be considered relevant exposure for the 1 hour mean as pedestrians may be expected to spend one hour or more at this location. The NO<sub>2</sub> levels at the site of the Castle Meadow automatic analyser did not breach the 1 hour objective as the measured levels only exceeded the 1 hour allowance of  $200\mu g/m^3$  once throughout 2017 whilst the objective allows for 18 exceedences in the year. On that one exceedence the level was 247  $\mu g/m^3$ . It is anticipated that with the move towards cleaner buses and then the introduction of engine switch off enforcement, Castle Meadow NO<sub>2</sub> levels are expected to continue

to decrease.



Figure 3.1 Example of NO<sub>2</sub> Fall Off With Distance

The Norwich Lakenfields urban background automatic monitoring site measured an annual mean concentration of  $13 \ \mu g/m^3$ . Hence there is no exceedence of either the annual mean or the 1-hour mean. Figure A.2 shows that the NO<sub>2</sub> levels of the urban background site Norwich Lakenfields closely matches those of rural background sites such as Wicken Fen and St Osyth. In addition the underlying background trend can still be seen in the Castle Meadow data.

Table A.3 in Appendix A shows the diffusion tube results for 2017, corrected for bias using a national bias adjustment factor of 0.97 using Gradko Labs for analysis and the 50% TEA in Acetone method.

The national bias spreadsheet is shown in Appendix C and is available online here:

https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-bias.html

The precision and accuracy spreadsheet used to calculate the local bias correction is also shown in Appendix C.

Using the national bias correction, a total of 6 diffusion tube sites exceeded the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  during 2017. All the sites which have exceeded the objective are the same as the previous year with the exception of Chapel Field North which has shown a fairly consistent reduction in NO<sub>2</sub> levels since the road change and now falls fairly significantly below the objective level. Unfortunately 5 of the sites that did exceed the objective did so by a greater amount than the previous year, Riverside Road being the exception. It has been observed that the road changes and associated road works have inevitably created congestion over and above what would be considered typical. This would produce a short term elevation in NO<sub>2</sub> levels and it is believed these higher levels may be what we are seeing. Long term the road changes should have a beneficial effect on air quality.

Riverside Road has shown a consistent decline in NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean for the last 5 years, being 52  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2013 and 44  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017. It would be interesting to think the decline in 2017 was enhanced by the UEA engine switch off trial.

The diffusion tube sites exceeding the objective level were:

- DT3 (St Stephens Street) 46.4µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- DT9 (13 St Augustines Street) 41.5µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- DT11 (52 St Augustines Street) 53.6µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- DT13 (Castle Meadow) 48.5µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- DT14 (Castle Meadow 2) 45.4µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- DT26 (3 Riverside Road) 44.2µg/m<sup>3</sup>

All of the above diffusion tube sites are within the existing Norwich Central AQMA, though the tubes at St Stephens Street, 13 St Augustines Street, Castle Meadow and Castle Meadow 2 are currently not situated at locations representative of relevant exposure for the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean. Hence only 2 monitoring sites representing relevant exposure, 3 Riverside Road & 52 St Augustines Street, exceed the NO<sub>2</sub> objective. Box 1.1 of the LAQM Technical Guidance (16) presents "Examples of Where the Air Quality Objectives Should Apply".

The Castle Meadow diffusion tube (DT13) indicated an annual mean of 48.5µg/m<sup>3</sup>. This location has been monitored for many years using a single diffusion tube and is located approximately 60m along the road from our mobile automatic analyser. This year there was a fairly close agreement between the results from the diffusion tube and the automatic analyser. This is however expected to be more a factor of coincidence as it is acknowledged that pollution can vary quite considerably along this road, not unexpected for a busy urban environment frequented almost solely by buses. The automatic analyser is sited immediately adjacent to a bus stop which itself is close to a set of traffic lights and hence queueing traffic is quite typical, especially at peak times. This scenario would support the view that particularly high levels of pollution can be quite localised. It is however the keen intention of Norfolk County Council to continue to encourage bus operators to replace older, polluting vehicles for buses using cleaner technology and especially for buses using the Castle Meadow Low Emission Zone.

The Chapel Field North site was a new triplicate site for 2013. It recorded an indicated annual mean of  $60.9\mu g/m^3$  in that year. The road was closed to general traffic between July and November 2014 for carriageway improvements as part of a major change of road layout/traffic flow in central Norwich. Since the road change there has been a consistent decrease in NO<sub>2</sub> levels so that in 2017 the level dropped below the objective level to  $37\mu g/m^3$ . The whole area will continue to be monitored in order to identify if the road changes have created congestion elsewhere but it must be noted that the new road layout moves traffic further away from sites of relevant exposure.

The St Augustines Street site at no 52 has been monitored for many years. Concentration levels have remained relatively static over the last few years with an annual mean at around  $50\mu g/m^3$ . This diffusion tube location represents a worst case scenario being located on the building façade approximately 1m from the kerbside within a canyon street. When considering the other monitoring locations along St Augustines, ie nos. 13, 32 & 65, only no. 13 shows a small exceedence of 41  $\mu g/m^3$  but this is not a site of relevant exposure. Diffusion tube locations along this road have been reviewed. St Stephens Street is a bus and taxi only road and the DT site is located close to a bus stop and not at a site of relevant exposure. The location has therefore been moved a short distance away to a more relevant location as a residential development is currently underway along this road.

#### 3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)

Table A.5 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored  $PM_{10}$  annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$ .

Table A.6 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored  $PM_{10}$  daily mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of  $50\mu g/m^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year.

The annual mean concentration of  $PM_{10}$  at the Castle Meadow automatic monitoring site was recorded as  $23\mu g/m^3$  which is below the annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$ . There were 4 exceedances of the 24-hour mean of  $50\mu g/m^3$  (35 allowed), and the maximum daily mean recorded was  $65\mu g/m^3$  (92% data capture). Since the station does not incorporate an FDMS device, the data was corrected using the Volatile Correction Method (VCM). This is discussed further in Appendix C.

For the Norwich Lakenfields monitoring site, there were 5 exceedances of the 24hour mean, the maximum being 346  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>. The annual mean concentration was 16 $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> (95% data capture).

#### 3.2.3 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

Table A.7 in Appendix A presents the ratified and adjusted monitored  $PM_{2.5}$  annual mean concentrations for the Lakenfields site for the past 5 years. Additionally, data from the Castle Meadow site is shown for comparison. It should be noted however, that the  $PM_{2.5}$  TEOM analyser at Castle Meadow is not fitted with an FDMS device. The analyser is therefore not considered to be equivalent to the reference measurement method. As such it is not detecting some of the peaks which are used for real-time public dissemination. However, there is a long history of  $PM_{2.5}$  measurements in Norwich and the TEOM measurements can be used to track any reduction of the  $PM_{2.5}$  annual mean.

Figure 3.2 below shows the annual mean concentrations at both sites plus additional comparison has been made with the AURN station at Sandy in Bedford which is a roadside site and operates an FDMS analyser. The Castle Meadow TEOM is missing some of the monthly peaks but the average is not dissimilar when comparing all 3 sites. The figure also demonstrates that both Norwich sites already comfortably meet the annual average EU limit value of  $25\mu g/m^3$  which is to be met by 2020.

It must however be noted that this is not in regulatory standards for local authorities.

There has been an overall steady reduction in the annual average at Lakenfields since 2010, which is in line with the EU target value of 15% reduction at background urban locations between 2010 and 2020.

It is considered that in seeking to reduce the concentration levels of other pollutants, namely  $NO_2$  from road traffic, a beneficial impact on  $PM_{2.5}$  concentrations will also be evident. Our historic monitoring data will be of considerable assistance in assessing such impacts.



Figure 3.2 – Annual Mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in Norwich

## **Appendix A: Monitoring Results**

#### Table A.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Inlet Height (m)
CM1	Castle Meadow	Urban Roadsi de	62320 2	30861 5	PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Y	Chemiluminescent (Ambirak); TEOM	N/A	1	2.5
CM2	Lakenfie Ids	Urban Backgr ound	62363 7	30694 0	O <sub>3</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Ν	Chemiluminescent (Thermo); FDMS	20	N/A	2.5

(1) Om if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on the façade of a residential property).

(2) N/A if not applicable

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollu tants Moni tored	In AQMA ?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube collocated with a Continuous Analyser?	Height (m)
DT1	256 King Street	Roadside	623863.04	307678.60	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	3.5	Ν	1.5
DT2	Queens Rd Travelodge	Roadside	622917.08	307974.49	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	5	Ν	2.5
DT3	St Stephens (mid)	Kerbside	622879.16	308089.96	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	2	Ν	2.5
DT4	Lakenfields	Urban Background	623681.24	307015.82	NO <sub>2</sub>	Ν	20	1.5	Y	2.5
DT5	Chalk Hill Road	Roadside	623906.97	308596.92	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	7	Ν	2.5
DT6	130 Magdalen Street	Roadside	623160.89	309550.43	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	4	Ν	2.5
DT7	Reads Flour Mill	Kerbside	623796.25	307772.13	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	1	Ν	2.5
DT9	13 St Augustines St	Kerbside	622905.81	309496.11	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	1	Ν	2.5
DT10	32 St Augustines St	Kerbside	622865.96	309529.93	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	2	Ν	2.5
DT11	52 St Augustines St	Kerbside	622825.87	309573.17	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	1	Ν	2.5

#### Table A.2 – Details of Non-Automatic NO2 Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollu tants Moni tored	In AQMA ?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube collocated with a Continuous Analyser?	Height (m)
DT12	65 St Augustines St	Kerbside	622813.72	309609.96	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	1	Ν	2.5
DT13	Castle Meadow	Roadside	623141.06	308606.69	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	2.5	Ν	2.5
DT14	Castle Meadow 2	Roadside	623250.50	308590.12	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	1.5	Ν	2.5
DT16	Zipfel House	Roadside	623185.69	309649.68	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	3	Ν	2.5
DT17	68 Bull Close Road	Roadside	623305.49	309543.95	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	4	Ν	1.5
DT18	Upper King Street	Kerbside	623337.40	308632.52	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	1.5	Ν	2.5
DT19	Cattlemarket Street	Roadside	623320.58	308430.88	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	2	Ν	2.5
DT20	Exchange St	Kerbside	623007.27	308716.34	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	N/A	1	Ν	2.5
DT21	Rotary House King Street	Roadside	623879.53	307658.91	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	3	2	Ν	1.5
DT22	Carrow Bridge House	Roadside	623900.96	307709.56	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	5	Ν	1.5
DT23	62 Magpie Road	Roadside	622970.72	309652.02	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	2	Ν	1.5

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollu tants Moni tored	In AQMA ?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube collocated with a Continuous Analyser?	Height (m)
DT24	26 Bull Close Road	Roadside	623228.63	309625.14	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	5.5	Ν	1.5
DT25	24 Bargate Court	Roadside	623422.42	309388.23	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	4	Ν	2.5
DT26	3 Riverside Road	Roadside	623870.26	308515.77	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	3	Ν	2.5
DT28	71 Dukes Court	Roadside	622431.35	308663.05	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	4	Ν	2.5
DT29	4 Chapel Field North	Kerbside	622532.23	308490.36	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	1	Ν	2.5
DT30	Finkelgate	Kerbside	623442	307722	NO <sub>2</sub>	Y	0	5.5	Ν	1.5

(1) Om if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on/adjacent to the façade of a residential property).

N/A not applicable because Relevant Exposure too distant to be relevant.

(2) N/A if not applicable.

#### Table A.3 – Annual Mean NO2 Monitoring Results 2012 to 2017

Site		Monitoring Turo	Location	Valid Data Capture for	Valid Data	NO₂ An	nual Mear	n Concent	ration (µg/	′m³) <sup>(3)</sup>
ID	Site Type		Location	Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	2017 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CM1	Urban Roadside	Automatic	Castle Meadow	95.7	95.7	<u>64</u>	<u>66</u>	55	56	51
CM2	Urban Background	Automatic	Lakenfields	99	99	15	14	12.0	14.2	13
DT1	Roadside	Diffusion tube	256 King Street	100	100	39.7	41.5	36.2	37.7	36.3
DT2	Roadside	Diffusion tube	Queens Rd Travelodge	92	100	38.8	33.6	30.9	33.2	29.7
DT3	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	St Stephens (mid)	92	100	55.4	59.6	42.9	41.1	46.4
DT4	Urban Background	Diffusion tube	Lakenfields	97	100	13.2	12.5	11.8	12.9	13.9
DT5	Roadside	Diffusion tube	Chalk Hill Road	100	100	32.9	32.9	29.2	29.9	31.3
DT6	Roadside	Diffusion tube	130 Magdalen Street	100	100	32.7	30.9	28.4	29.6	31.2
DT7	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	Reads Flour Mill	100	100	23.5	23.2	21.2	21.6	23.9
DT9	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	13 St Augustines St	92	100	45.1	41.9	37.6	40.2	41.5
DT10	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	32 St Augustines St	100	100	42.8	39.4	37.5	35.7	38.9
DT11	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	52 St Augustines St	100	100	51.2	48.6	53.5	50.7	53.6
DT12	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	65 St Augustines St	92	100	33.2	31.9	31.4	30.8	34.7

#### Valid Data $NO_2$ Annual Mean Concentration ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>) (3) Valid Data Site **Capture for** Capture 2017 (%) <sup>(2)</sup> Site Type **Monitoring Type** Location Monitoring Period (%)<sup>(1)</sup> ID 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 DT13 Roadside **Diffusion tube** 83 100 63.5 56.3 56.4 45.9 48.5 Castle Meadow 45.4 DT14 Roadside **Diffusion tube** 92 100 52.4 50.5 48.1 41.1 Castle Meadow 2 Roadside 92 34.8 39.9 DT16 Diffusion tube 100 40.9 39 38.6 Zipfel House **DT17** Roadside **Diffusion tube** 100 100 29.8 29 26.9 26.9 29.1 68 Bull Close Road **DT18** 92 Kerbside **Diffusion tube** 100 32.2 28.8 36.9 Upper King Street 35.6 33.1 Roadside **Diffusion tube** 100 37.9 37.7 **DT19** 100 46.7 46 39.1 **Cattlemarket Street DT20** Kerbside **Diffusion tube** 100 100 30.3 31.6 23.5 Exchange St 31 27.5 Rotary House King Street **DT21** Roadside **Diffusion tube** 100 100 36.7 34.3 32.9 32.5 36.6 Roadside **DT22 Diffusion tube** 100 100 27.2 24.7 21.6 23.3 25.3 Carrow Bridge House DT23 Roadside **Diffusion tube** 100 33.1 32.1 29.6 62 Magpie Road 100 29.6 29.4 DT24 Roadside Diffusion tube 100 29.9 26 Bull Close Road 100 32.2 31.5 30.0 30.2 DT25 Roadside **Diffusion tube** 100 100 37.2 35.1 34.2 35.0 32.7 24 Bargate Court 44.2 DT26 Roadside 95 100 52.4 51.2 47.2 46.7 Diffusion tube 3 Riverside Road

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Site ID	Sito Typo	Monitoring Type	Location	Valid Data Capture for	Valid Data	NO <sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentration (μg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>(3)</sup>						
ID	Site Type		Location	Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	2017 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
DT28	Roadside	Diffusion tube	71 Dukes Court	100	100	28.1	25.8	23.8	25.3	25.9		
DT29	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	4 Chapel Field North	97	100	<u>60.9</u>	38.1	43.0	45.8	37.1		
DT30	Kerbside	Diffusion tube	Finkelgate	100	67					24.5		

Notes: Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  are shown in **bold**.

NO<sub>2</sub> annual means exceeding 60µg/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

(1) data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

(3) Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been "annualised" as per Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 Technical Guidance

LÁQM.TG16 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

Figure A.1 – NO<sub>2</sub> trends 2011 to 2017



#### Figure A.2 – NO<sub>2</sub> Monthly Averages Jan 2016 to Dec 2017



#### Table A.4 – 1-Hour Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results

Site		Monitoring	Valid Data Capture for	Valid Data	I	NO₂ 1-Hour	Means > 20	00µg/m <sup>3 (3)</sup>	
ID	Site Type	Туре	Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Capture 2017 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CM1	Urban Roadside	Automatic	95.7	95.7	72	57	6	4	1
CM2	Urban Background	Automatic	99	99	0	0	0(55)	0	0

Notes: Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean objective  $(200\mu g/m^3 \text{ not to be exceeded more than 18 times/year)}$  are shown in **bold**.

(1) data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

(3) If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 99.8<sup>th</sup> percentile of 1-hour means is provided in brackets.

#### Table A.5 – Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Results

Site ID		Valid Data Capture	Valid Data	PM <sub>1</sub>	o Annual Me	ean Concer	ntration (µg/ı	n <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>(3)</sup>
	Site Type	Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	(%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CM1	Urban Roadside	92.2	92.2	25	21	21	20	23
CM2	Urban Background	95	95	15	16	15	16	16

Notes: Exceedances of the  $PM_{10}$  annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  are shown in **bold**.

(1) data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

(3) All means have been "annualised" as per Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 in Technical Guidance LAQM.TG16, valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

#### Table A.6 – 24-Hour Mean PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Results

Site ID	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%)	Valid Data		PM <sub>10</sub> 24-Ho	our Means >	• 50µg/m <sup>3 (3)</sup>	
Site ib	Site Type		(2)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CM1	Urban Roadside	92.2	92.2	15	9	6	4	4
CM2	Urban Background	95	95	3	0	5	1(27)	5

Notes: Exceedances of the  $PM_{10}$  24-hour mean objective (50µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 35 times/year) are shown in **bold**.

(1) data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

(3) If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 90.4<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hour means is provided in brackets.

#### Table A.7 – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring Results

		Valid Data Capture	Valid Data	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Annual Me	an Concer	ntration (µg	/m³) <sup>(3)</sup>
Sile ID	Site Type	Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	(%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CM1	Urban Roadside	94.3	94.3	11	12	9	11	15
CM2	Urban Background	96	96	13	12	12	11	12

(1) Data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) Data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

(3) All means have been "annualised" as per Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 in Technical Guidance LAQM.TG16, valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

## **Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2017**

#### Table B.1 – NO2 Monthly Diffusion Tube Results - 2017

								NO <sub>2</sub>	Mean	Conce	ntratic	ons (µg	/m³)		
														Annual Mean	
Site ID	Jan	Feb	Mar (3)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Raw Data	Bias Adjusted (0.97) and annualised <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure
DT1	49.34	44.69		30.77	32.07	31.09	32.42	35.51	36.74	31.26	37.12	38.71	36.34	36.34	-
DT2	39.09	29.77		27.86		27.41	25.82	27.38	23.89	26.61	37.01	32.59	30.66	29.74	-
DT3	48.33	53.90		36.59	47.30	48.12	42.78	47.70	48.17		43.87	47.54	47.87	46.43	-
DT4	22.01	16.21		10.14	19.98	8.29	8.12	9.21	10.23	12.67	17.99	16.99	13.8	13.92	-
DT5	36.27	30.59		25.74	25.33	42.66	24.64	33.37	30.26	30.71	31.54	32.95	32.25	31.28	-
DT6	40.49	30.17		27.21	23.94	39.94	22.82	28.39	28.56	29.22	24.63	47.74	30.76	29.87	-
DT7	38.22	25.44		16.65	16.34	39.73	15.21	19.39	19.62	20.74	26.04	25.43	24.63	23.89	-
DT9	58.02	43.06		37.70	40.45	38.88	37.17	44.01		35.44	40.87	39.28	42.77	41.49	-
DT10	43.17	42.36		35.82	34.79	36.28	36.44	40.25	40.55	38.65	40.72	39.09	40.12	38.92	-

								NO <sub>2</sub>	Mean	Conce	ntratio	ons (µg	ı/m³)		
														Annual Mean	
Site ID	Jan	Feb	Mar (3)	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Raw Data	Bias Adjusted (0.97) and annualised <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure
DT11	62.49	53.58		48.51	48.14	30.76	48.14	60.17	56.86	54.17	70.90	56.04	55.27	53.61	-
DT12	40.36	37.91			28.33	27.15	30.46	34.16	35.28	32.87	38.50	42.02	35.78	34.7	-
DT13	48.53	46.41		42.09	51.35	33.60	43.45			77.02	48.31	46.04	50.03	48.53	-
DT14	45.45	43.67		41.23	39.97	48.02	39.18	45.76	58.34		46.39	45.64	46.77	45.36	-
DT16	53.02	44.19		37.04		27.35	34.54	39.75	35.78	38.96	43.42	45.65	37.53	39.97	-
DT17	37.92	30.90		22.76	22.39	32.19	21.09	35.14	25.64	28.37	32.30	30.90	29.95	29.05	-
DT18	38.75	37.72		29.84		55.13	25.90	32.23	28.86	36.17	41.10	43.15	38.03	36.89	-
DT19	41.76	42.45		28.53	39.09	36.03	35.23	39.54	44.98	34.25	34.58	38.50	38.89	37.72	-
DT20	35.93	29.97		19.56	13.95	19.82	18.52	21.85	23.96	21.65	27.22	25.78	24.2	23.47	-
DT21	41.80	39.28		29.25	30.59	16.19	30.59	32.68	29.74	36.05	35.05	35.81	33.46	32.46	-
DT22	31.61	26.55		20.48	20.60	31.71	17.57	19.14	19.81	20.34	37.68	32.30	26.03	25.25	-

		NO <sub>2</sub> Mean Concentrations (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )															
Site ID											Nov	Dec	Annual Mean				
	Jan	Feb	Mar (3)	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			Raw Data	Bias Adjusted (0.97) and annualised <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure (2)		
DT23	39.82	24.81		24.96	27.14	24.52	28.38	32.08	32.44	31.03	31.62	28.93	30.53	29.61	-		
DT24	40.33	31.45		26.75	22.76	26.40	24.45	28.20	25.79	30.59	36.78	35.15	29.88	29.88	-		
DT25	42.19	31.45		31.39	31.03	24.27	30.65	35.13	22.53	33.37	39.63	37.51	33.66	32.65	-		
DT26	53.26	49.81		39.12	42.95	42.30	42.93	45.96	46.87	39.50	39.07	42.14	43.99	44.21	-		
DT28	41.25	39.43		19.49	19.24	8.47	19.80	22.18	23.07	38.78	29.66	23.86	26.73	25.93	-		
DT29	47.99	33.65		35.09	19.18	33.19	38.92	42.86	40.45	38.67	40.66	38.00	37.15	37.14	-		
DT30					26.37	19.07	19.46	21.80	22.33	25.73	33.64	28.42	24.6	24.54	-		

Notes: Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  are shown in **bold**.

NO<sub>2</sub> annual means exceeding 60µg/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

(1) See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment and annualisation.

(2) Distance corrected to nearest relevant public exposure (If N/A because either no relevant exposure or measurement <40µg/m<sup>3</sup>).

(3) In March, diffusion tubes were changed after 50 days as opposed to 30. This data has been recorded as April's data and no levels for March but there was still 100% data capture for this period.

## Appendix C: Supporting Technical Information / Air Quality Monitoring Data QA/QC

#### National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

Supplier/ Analyst: Gradko Preparation Method: 50% TEA in Acetone National Bias Adjustment Factor (from spreadsheet v03/18): **0.97** 

#### Factor from Local Co-location Studies (Local Bias Adjustment Factor)

Norwich Lakenfields urban background AURN site (based on 11 periods of data) Bias Factor A: **1.05** (0.94-1.2) Bias B: -5% (-17% - 7%) Diffusion Tubes Mean: 14µg/m<sup>3</sup> Automatic Mean: 14µg/m<sup>3</sup> Data Capture for periods used: 99% Adjusted Tubes Mean: 14 (13-16) µg/m<sup>3</sup>

A copy of the precision and accuracy spreadsheet used to calculate the local bias correction is shown below:

CI	Checking Precision and Accuracy of Triplicate Tubes														
			usion Tu	bes Mea	surements	Auton					atic Method Data Quality Check				
			<b>T</b> 1 4		<b>T</b> 1 0			Coefficient				Data	Tubes	Automatic	
은	Start Date	End Date	Tube 1	Tube 2	Tube 3	Triplicate	Standard	of Variation	95% CI		Period	Capture	Precision	Monitor	
Pe	dd/mm/yyyy	dd/mm/yyyy	µgm∼	µgm∼	µgm <sup>-</sup> °	Mean	Deviation	(CV)	of mean		Mean	(% DC)	Check	Data	
1	09/01/2017	24/01/2017	23.2	22.0	23.0	23	0.7	3	1.6		28.3	99.7	Good	Good	
2	24/01/2017	12/03/2017	18.3	15.9	15.9	17	1.4	8	3.5		18	97.1	Good	Good	
3	13/03/2017	02/05/2017	10.0	11.2	10.2	10	0.6	6	1.5		12	98.6	Good	Good	
4	02/05/2017	05/06/2017	43.2	9.1	9.4	21	19.6	95	48.7		10.3	99.5	Poor Precisior	Good	
5	05/06/2017	07/07/2017	8.4	8.7	0.7	6	4.5	76	11.2		9	99.1	Poor Precisior	Good	
6	07/07/2017	02/08/2017	7.9	8.3	8.9	8	0.5	6	1.3		7	99.7	Good	Good	
7	02/08/2017	01/09/2017	8.8	9.9	9.7	9	0.6	6	1.4		8	95.4	Good	Good	
8	01/09/2017	02/10/2017	11.3	10.4	9.9	11	0.7	7	1.8		11	99.7	Good	Good	
9	02/10/2017	01/11/2017	13.6	12.7	13.0	13	0.4	3	1.1		13	99.7	Good	Good	
10	01/11/2017	05/12/2017	20.2	17.8	17.6	19	1.4	8	3.6		19	99.8	Good	Good	
11	05/12/2017	03/01/2018	1.1	17.7	17.3	12	9.5	79	23.6		17.3	99.7	Poor Precisior	Good	
12															
13													Hoor	L-ood	
lt is	necessary to	have results	for at lea	st two tu	bes in ord	ler to calcul	ate the preci	ision of the me	easuremen	ts	Overa	l survey>	Foor	Owenell	
Sit	Site Name/ ID:						Precision 8 out of 11 periods have a CV smaller than 20% [Check average CV & DL from Accuracy calculation						je CV & DC		
	A	(as side	0.5%	G.J	internell		A	(as side	0.5%		internel)	1	from Accuracy	calculations)	
	Accuracy	(with	95% COI	ndence	nterval)										
	without pe	riods with C	v larger	than 20	%		Disp coloulated using 11 periods of data								
	Blas calcula	ated using 8	periods	ordata			Bias calculated using 11 periods of data						T		
	В	ias factor A	1.0	5 (0.94 -	1.2)		Bias factor A 1.03 (0.82 - 1.38)								
		Bias B	-5%	(-1/% -	(%)		Bias B -2% (-28% - 23%)						0% Without Dite 20% With all dista		
	Diffusion T	ubes Mean:	14	µgm <sup>-3</sup>			Diffusion Tubes Mean: 13 µgm <sup>-3</sup>						5		
	Mean CV (Precision): 6						Mean CV (Precision): 27 caution					9 - 20 / A			
	Automatic Mean: 14 ugm <sup>-3</sup>						Automatic Mean: 14 ugm <sup>-3</sup>					ă <sub>-50%</sub>			
	Data Capture for periods used: 99%						Data Capture for periods used: 99%								
Adjusted Tubes Mean: 14 (13 - 16) µgm <sup>-3</sup>							Adjusted Tubes Mean: 14 (11 - 19) µgm <sup>-3</sup> Jaume Targa, for A						a, for AEA		
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#### **Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use**

With regard to the selection of a bias adjustment factor for diffusion tubes, Technical Guidance (TG16) and the LAQM Support website advocate the use of a locally derived bias adjustment factor where available and relevant to the diffusion tube sites in question. Data from the co-location site at Lakenfields was therefore used to contribute to the national study and also to derive a local bias correction factor to be considered and applied if appropriate.

This year it has been decided to use the national bias correction as opposed to the locally derived one as 3 out of the 11 tube changes show poor precision, as indicated in the AEA Checking Precision & Accuracy of Triplicate Tubes table.

It was decided to use a correction derived from the national database of 22 surveys which does also include Norwich Lakenfields data. The nationally derived bias adjustment factor of 0.97 has therefore been applied.

The Spreadsheet of National Bias Adjustment Factors (v.03/18) is shown below.

National Diffusion Tube	e Bias Adju	stment	Fac	tor Spreadsheet			Spreadsh	ieet Ver	sion Numb	er: 03/18
Follow the steps below in the correct order to show the results of relevant co-location studies										et will be
Data only apply to tubes exposed monthly and are not suitable for correcting individual short-term monitoring periods										nd of June
Whenever presenting adjusted data, you should state the adjustment factor used and the version of the spreadsheet 2018										
This spreadhseet will be updated every few	months: the factors	may therefore	be su	bject to change. This should not disc	ourage their	immediate us	e.			
The LAQM Heipdesk is operated on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations by Bureau Vertas, in conjunction with contract partners AECOM and the National Physical Laboratory. SpreadSheet mainfained by the National I									al Laborato	ry. Original
Step 1: Step 2: Step 3: Step 4:										
Step 1	Select a Preparation	Select a Vear				and the second second			n ann an an ann	2007 N. 2014 (1977)
Select the Laboratory that Analyses Your Tubes from the Drop-Down List	Method from the Drop-Down List	from the Drop Down List	cauti	here there is only one study for a cho on. Where there is more than one stu	at the fe	t factor sho bot of the fi	nal column.			
If a laboratory is not chosen, we have no data for this laboratory.	U s properation mutiled in net chose, we have so data for this method at the laboratory.	Payese is not store, we tere as dete	If you	w have your own co-location study then see footnote <sup>1</sup> . If uncertain what to do then contact the Local Air Quality Manageme Heipdesk at LAQMHeipdesk@uk.bureauvertias.com or 0800 0327953						
Analysed By	Method Terrete servet of an and a serve	Year Teaching Teaching (All)	Site Type	Local Authority	Length of Study (months)	Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (ug/m <sup>5</sup> )	Bias (B)	Tube Precision	Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm)
Grades	50% TEA in according	2017	UB	Newich City Council	- 11	13	14	-4.6%	C.	1.05
Gadko	50% TEA in acetone	2017	R	REVIN	12	39	39	24%	G	0.98
Gradko	50% TEA n acelone	2017	8	BBWM	12	35	34	11%	6	0.99
Gradka	50% TEA in apetione	2017	UB	Beading Borough Council	12	20	29	-31.4%	G	146
Gradko	50% TEA in acetone	2017	SU	Redoar and Cleveland Borough Council	11	15	11	28.4%	P	0.78
ESGDident	50% TEA in acetone	2017	B	Slough Borough Council	12	45	35	26 4%	G	0.79
ESEIDidopt	50% TEA in acetone	2017	LIB	Slough Borough Council	12	32	25	28.5%	6	0.78
ESG Didoot	50% TEA in acetone	2017	UB	Slough Borough Council	n	39	33	19.2%	G	0.84
Gradko	20% TEA in viater	2017	R	South Gloucestershire Council	12	25	23	10.3%	G	0.91
Staffordshire Scientific Services	50% TEA in acetone	2017	R	Stockpart MBC	9	49	44	11.5%	G	0.90
Staffordshire Scientific Services	50% TEA in acetone	2017	R	Stockport MBC	12	29	20	41.0%	G	0.71
ESG Didoot	50% TEA in acetone	2017	B	Tunbridge Wells	12	56	40	38.2%	G	0.72
Gradko	50% TEA in acetone	2017	R	Worthing Borough Council	12	42	38	9.0%	G	0.92
West Yorkshire Analytical Services	50% TEA in acetone	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	107	79	36.4%	G	0.73
Edinburgh Scientific Services	50% TEA in acetone	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	91	79	15.4%	G	0.87
Gradiko	20% TEA in viater	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	101	79	28.6%	G	0.78
Glasgov Scientific Services	20% TEA in vater	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	77	79	-2.2%	G	1.02
Gradko	50% TEA in acetone	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	83	79	6.0%	G	0.94
Aberdeen Scientific Services	20% TEA in viater	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	96	79	22.1%	G	0.82
Staffordshire Scientific Services	20% TEA in viater	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	89	79	13.1%	G	0.88
Tayside Scientific Services	20% TEA in visiter	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	103	79	31.2%	G	0.76
Somerset County Council	20% TEA in water	2017	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	97	79	23.8%	G	0.81
Aberdeen Scientific Services	20% TEA in vater	2017		Overall Factor" (7 studies)					Use	0.78
Edinburgh Scientific Services	50% TEA in acetone	2017	1	Overall Factor' (2 studies)				81 - I	Use	0.89
ESG Didoot	20% TEA in water	2017	1	Overall Factor <sup>2</sup> (2 studies)					Use	0.71
ESG Didoot	50% TEA in acetone	2017		Overall Factor <sup>®</sup> (27 studies)				S	Use	0.77
ESG Glasgow	20% TEA in vater	2017		Overall Factor <sup>2</sup> (1 study)				di 👘	Use	0.80
ESG Glasgow	50% TEA in acetone	2017		Overall Factor <sup>2</sup> (1 study)					Use	0.78
Glasgov Scientific Services	20% TEA in vater	2017		Overall Factor <sup>1</sup> (6 studies)				8	Use	0.91
Gradko	20% TEA in vater	2017		Overall Factor <sup>®</sup> (34 studies)					Jse	0.89
Gradko	50% TEA in acetone	2017		Overall Factor <sup>®</sup> (22 studies)					Use	0.97
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#### **PM Monitoring Adjustment**

The Volatile Correction Method (VCM) allows corrections to be made to TEOM measurements for the loss of volatile components of particulate matter that occur due to the high sampling temperatures employed by these instruments. The resulting corrected measurements have been demonstrated as equivalent to the gravimetric reference equivalent.

The VCM works by using the volatile particulate matter measurements provided by nearby FDMS instruments (within 130 km) to assess the loss of PM<sub>10</sub> from the TEOM; this value is then added back onto the TEOM measurements.

The VCM model was applied to the Castle Meadow TEOM data to calculate the Indicative Gravimetric Equivalent PM<sub>10</sub> for the annual mean and 24-hour mean readings.

The Norwich Lakenfields site incorporates an FDMS device on the  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  TEOMs.

#### **QA/QC** of Automatic Monitoring

In order to satisfy the requirements outlined in LAQM (TG16), the following QA/QC procedures were implemented:

- 2-weekly calibrations of the analysers at Castle Meadow roadside station and 4-weekly calibrations at Lakenfields urban background station;
- Annual audits;
- 6-monthly servicing of the monitoring sites; and
- Data ratification.

Calibration of the analysers was carried out using certified compressed gas standards (ISO17025). This ensured that the calibration gas was traceable to national and international standards. In addition to the calibration, sample filters were changed for both gaseous and TEOM analysers and any faults were identified, thus minimising data loss.

Audits of the monitoring sites were carried out by Ricardo and consisted of a number of performance checks to identify any faults with the equipment. The calibration cylinders were also checked against another gas standard in order to confirm the gas concentration. Any identified faults were forwarded on to the service unit for repair.

The final stage of the QA/QC process was to ratify the data. During ratification, all calibration, audit and service data are collated and the data is appropriately scaled. Any suspect data identified are deleted, thereby ensuring that the data sets are of a high quality. The Castle Meadow data was ratified by Air Quality Data Management (AQDM) and Lakenfields by Bureau Veritas.

#### **QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring**

The diffusion tubes are supplied and analysed by Gradko International utilising a 50% Triethanolamine (TEA) in Acetone preparation method. Gradko participate in the

Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP) and AIR PT scheme for NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube analysis (scoring 100% in each round of testing since 2012) and also the Annual Field Inter-Comparison Exercise. The lab follows the procedures set out by the Harmonisation Practical Guidance.

More information and results of the WASP testing is available on the following link: <u>http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/diffusion-tubes/qa-qc-framework.html</u>



## **Appendix D: Map of Monitoring Locations**

## Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

#### Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective <sup>4</sup>							
Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as						
Nitrogen Dioxide	200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean						
(NO <sub>2</sub> )	40 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean						
Particulate Matter	50 μg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean						
(PM <sub>10</sub> )	40 μg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean						
	350 μg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean						
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	125 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean						
	266 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The units are in micrograms of pollutant per cubic metre of air ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>).

## **Glossary of Terms**

Abbreviation	Description
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the local authority intends to achieve air quality limit values'
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area – An area where air pollutant concentrations exceed / are likely to exceed the relevant air quality objectives. AQMAs are declared for specific pollutants and objectives
ASR	Air quality Annual Status Report
AURN	Automatic Urban & Rural Network
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England
EU	European Union
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
PM <sub>10</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm (micrometres or microns) or less
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 $\mu$ m or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulphur Dioxide
TEA	Triethanolamine: the reagent used in diffusion tubes as an absorbent for ambient $NO_2$
TEOM	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance

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