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Foreword from the Director of Health and Care – Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) is committed to working with partners to ensure that Staffordshire will be a place where improved health and wellbeing is experienced by all. Poor air quality has a negative impact on public health, with potentially serious consequences for individuals, families and communities. Identifying problem areas and ensuring that actions are taken to improve air quality forms an important element in protecting the health and wellbeing of Staffordshire residents. Improving air quality is often a complex issue, presenting a multi-agency challenge – so it is essential that all agencies work together effectively to deliver improvements where they are needed.

As Director of Health and Care across Staffordshire I endorse this Annual Status Report which sets out the position in all the Local Authorities across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

At the end of 2020 our successful Staffordshire wide Air Aware Programme, a joint project led by Staffordshire County Council on behalf of all 8 Districts, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and funded by DEFRA, drew to a close. Building on this success Staffordshire County Council successfully bid for an additional £300k to develop and expand the Air Aware programme and deliver focused interventions in 3 Districts. The programme will be delivered between March 2020 and December 2022 and will focus on reducing levels of NO and PM, which will be monitored and evaluated through a network of air quality sensors.

In addition to the Air Aware programme, Staffordshire County Council is midway through trialling a number of innovative solutions to improve air quality in the county as part of our ADEPT Live Lab SIMULATE programme. SIMULATE is a £1.97 million challenge programme, delivered in partnership with AMEY, Keele University, Catapult Connected Places and is part of the ADEPT Smart Places Research Programme, designed to accelerate innovative solutions in Air Quality and Intelligent Mobility within local authorities. Trials include the installation of two living green walls and deployment of a number of Intelligent Transport Systems, all of which are being monitored and evaluated by a network of air quality sensors to understand their impact on air quality, and in particular levels of PM. The results of which will inform future activity and opportunities to scale up the most effective solutions to help combat poor air quality.

In addition, Officers from Newcastle Borough Council, Stoke City Council and Staffordshire County Council are jointly working under Ministerial Direction to improve transport related air pollution in North Staffordshire.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Health & Care

Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

Air Quality in Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

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, the elderly, and those with existing heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues because areas with poor air quality are also often less affluent areas (1) (2).

The mortality burden of air pollution within the UK is equivalent to 28,000 to 36,000 deaths at typical ages (3), with a total estimated healthcare cost to the NHS and social care of £157 million in 2017 (4).

The main pollutant of concern in the Borough is nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) is one of a group of highly reactive gases known as oxides of nitrogen or nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Nitrogen Oxides are released into the atmosphere when fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, and petroleum) are used in power stations, area heating and vehicle engines. NO_x emissions from burning fossil fuels are mainly released as nitric oxide (NO), although some sources can release a substantial amount of NO_x as NO₂. Reactions in the atmosphere can subsequently turn NO into NO₂.

Breathing air with high concentrations of NO₂ can irritate and inflame the airways and lungs, with those suffering with respiratory diseases such as asthma being particularly affected.

Road transport is the largest source of NO₂ emissions in the UK and is the major contributor to concentrations within the Borough. Strict European standards require

1 Public Health England. Air Quality: A Briefing for Directors of Public Health, 2017

2 Defra. Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

3 Defra. Air quality appraisal: damage cost guidance, July 2020

4 Public Health England. Estimation of costs to the NHS and social care due to the health impacts of air pollution: summary report, May 2018

emissions from vehicles to improve over time. This is achieved by improvements in engine design and fitting three way catalysts to road vehicles. The role that road transport plays in air quality is greater within urban areas.

The Borough of Newcastle under Lyme is located in North Staffordshire, with the town of Newcastle being the major urban area, together with the smaller town of Kidsgrove. Covering an area of 21,096 hectares (81 square miles) the Borough has a population of 129,600. The Borough is in a strategic location between roads running north from London to Carlisle, and west to Chester. Two major trunk roads pass through the Borough, along with a number of major roads which converge on the two main towns of Newcastle, and Kidsgrove;

- The M6, which is currently one of the most heavily trafficked and congested roads in the country
- The A500, a major road linking Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent with junctions 15 and 16 of the M6. These motorway junctions are adjacent to the Borough's boundary and so contribute to traffic congestion in the area.
- A34, A52, A525, A523 and A53 pass through Newcastle
- A50, A5011 and A34 pass through Kidsgrove

A high proportion of traffic travels into/through the four Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) within the Borough which have been declared for Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), these are;

- AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove
- AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre
- AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill
- AQMA 4: Little Madeley

Road traffic is the most significant source of pollution to the Borough; however, other sources include industrial and domestic emissions. Certain industries (Permitted Processes) are regulated by the Borough Council in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (5). Currently there are 43 Part B

⁵ [The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

processes and 3 Part A2 processes within the Borough. The Environmental Permits for processes regulated by the Borough Council can be found on the Public Register 6.

The Environment Agency is responsible for the regulation of Part A processes, also under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. One of the Part A process within the borough is a landfill. Over the past 12 months, intensive work has been carried out by the Borough in conjunction with the Environment Agency, UK Health Security Agency, and Staffordshire County Council Public Health, to investigate complaints concerning gaseous emissions from this landfill, situated approximately 1.3 Kilometres outside of AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre.

Complaints relating to odours from the site have been received from properties across the Borough. Although methane is the primary component of landfill gas, a number of other compounds, including nitric oxides are associated with the breakdown of waste substances. The Environmental Permits for processes regulated by the Environment Agency can be found on the Public Register (7).

Actions to Improve Air Quality

Whilst air quality has improved significantly in recent decades, and will continue to improve due to national policy decisions, there are some areas where local action is needed to improve air quality further.

The 2019 Clean Air Strategy (8) sets out the case for action, with goals even more ambitious than EU requirements to reduce exposure to harmful pollutants. The Road to Zero (9) sets out the approach to reduce exhaust emissions from road transport through a number of mechanisms; this is extremely important given that the majority of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are designated due to elevated concentrations heavily influenced by transport emissions.

6 <https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/protection/environmental-permit>


7 [Public registers \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

8 Defra. Clean Air Strategy, 2019


9 DfT. The Road to Zero: Next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering our Industrial Strategy, July 2018

Pollutant concentrations in all areas were lower than in previous years, due to some extent to the Government's enforced travel restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Vehicle miles travelled on Great Britain's road decreased by 21.3% in 2020 compared to the previous year (10). The reduction in traffic movement had a dramatic impact on the NO₂ concentrations for this period and is shown in lower than previous monitored concentrations across the Borough. Therefore, monitoring data should be treated with caution, as it may not be representative of concentrations when traffic return to more normal numbers.



Local actions to improve air quality

PROJECT	ACTION	OUTCOME/ IMPACT
 <p>Ministerial Direction number 1. Mandating compliance with the EU's NO₂ annual mean limit value (which applies to the majority of areas which are publicly accessible) in the shortest possible time for the A53 from Basford Bank to Victoria Street</p>	<p>An options appraisal to achieve compliance with the EU's NO₂ annual mean limit value (which applies to the majority of areas which are publicly accessible) in the shortest possible time, has identified that a traffic management scheme involving bus gate restrictions at peak times of the day would achieve compliance in the shortest possible time when compared to a benchmark Clean Air Zone. This together with measures in the neighbouring city of Stoke on Trent form the basis of the North Staffordshire Local Air Quality Plan</p>	<p>A full business case is to be prepared for submission to the DEFRA minister by Summer 2022. Subject to acceptance, it is anticipated that the bus gate and associated measures will be in place early in 2023.</p> <p>For up-to-date information on progress with the associated North Staffordshire Local Air Quality Plan</p> <p>Click here</p>

¹⁰ [Road Traffic Estimates in Great Britain: 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

PROJECT	ACTION	OUTCOME/ IMPACT
<p>Ministerial Direction number 2. Mandating compliance with the EU’s NO₂ annual mean limit value (which applies to the majority of areas which are publicly accessible) in the shortest possible time for the A53 from Basford Bank to Victoria Street– by a bus retrofit scheme requiring the upgrade of buses to Euro IV emissions standard by winter 2020 (NULBC lead)</p> 	<p>Works have been completed to 23 buses with CVRAS accredited exhaust abatement technology and replacement of hydraulic fans with electrical systems</p>	<p>Modelling shows that this will result in a reduction of 1µg/m³ of NO₂ along the A53 and wider route. Monitoring to continue for 5 years to evaluate impact. Emissions likely to be greater impacted by Covid-19 related restrictions and reductions on private vehicle use due to working from home.</p> <p>Click here</p>

PROJECT	ACTION	OUTCOME/ IMPACT
 <p>Low / zero emission taxi infrastructure charging scheme</p>	<p>In progress. Sites being evaluated for suitability for installation of rapid charging infrastructure for both public and taxi / P.H.V. use</p>	<p>A contractor has been appointed to undertake the installation and operation of a network of EV charging infrastructure under a ten year concession. Planned installation and operation by spring 2022. Drivers will also be able to access sites in the Stafford Borough and Stoke-on-Trent City Council areas under this joint project.</p> <p>There will be engagement with the taxi and P.H.V. trade to promote EV's during the life of the concession.</p> <p>For further information Click here</p>
 <p>Air Aware' initiative</p>	<p>In progress. This project is being delivered by Staffordshire County Council with the support of District Council's</p>	<p>Developments and further information can be found at</p> <p>For further information Click here</p>
 <p>ADEPT -Simulate Live Labs' Air Labs Sensors around Newcastle Town Centre Ring Road</p>	<p>Sensors are to be trialled for 12 months around the 'Belong' Care Home on Lower Street, which historically has been the site of the highest exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective.</p>	<p>Sensor data is providing a detailed picture on traffic flows and meteorological conditions influence vehicle emissions around the ring road at relatively little cost. The scheme is set to run until Autumn 2021</p>

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	Sensors will also be installed around the ring road.	For further information Click here
 <p>ADEPT -Simulate Live Labs’ Active Green Wall on boundary of playground at Hassell Street County Primary</p>	A living Green Wall with Active Airflow is to be installed along the perimeter of the early year’s playground. Emissions either side will be measured to evaluate effectiveness	<p>The early evidence from the Live Lab programme suggests that using plants in locations such as buildings and public spaces adjacent to main roads, train stations and construction sites, has the potential to make a noticeable difference to the quality of air.</p> <p>For further information Click here</p>
 <p>DFT supported Electric scooter trial for hire at various sites</p>	Installed and in use, although COVID-19 pandemic has impacted upon uptake by members of the public	<p>Trial hire scheme in selected areas of the Borough involving 110 e-scooters provided by Zwings Scooters, initially set to run from September 2020 to Summer 2021.</p> <p>For further information Click here</p>
<p>HS2</p> <p>Continued Engagement with HS2 Ltd and contractors re design, build and operation of HS2 Phase 2a</p>	Borough Council Environmental Health staff continue to engage with HS2 Ltd and its contractors to ensure that the environmental health related effects of the scheme (air quality, noise, land contamination, light) as it passes through the Borough	HS2 have committed to best practice in the management of environmental health effects and is committed to not causing any exceedances of Air Quality Standards. The Council will continue to actively engage with HS2 during all phases leading to

PROJECT	ACTION	OUTCOME/ IMPACT
	are fully considered and assessed	the operation of the railway within the Borough.

Conclusions and Priorities

Monitoring data for 2020 shows that all annual mean concentrations were below the annual mean objective. However, this is due in part to reduced traffic numbers during Covid-19 travel restrictions. Monitoring will continue in all areas of the Borough to assess whether concentrations remain below the objective, once traffic numbers return to normal.

In addition to working to bring concentrations below the annual objective in all areas of the Borough, we will continue to assess planning applications to ensure that future developments and changes to the road networks across the Borough do not lead to an increase in the NO₂ concentration above the annual mean objective of 40µg/m³,

Conclusion Summary

	CONCLUSIONS	SUMMARY
1	No exceedances within or outside of existing AQMAs	There were no exceedances in 2020, but this should be treated with caution. Traffic emissions were significantly reduced due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, leading to lower monitored concentrations.
2	Significant trends	<p>AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove – no clear trend. Five years of results less than 10% of the UK objective not yet achieved. Monitoring will continue.</p> <p>AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre – no clear trend. Five years of results less than 10% of the UK objective not yet achieved. Monitoring will continue.</p>

		<p>AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill - no clear trend. Five years of results less than 10% of the UK objective not yet achieved. Monitoring will continue.</p> <p>AQMA 4: Little Madeley – downward trend. All monitoring below the objective for 5 consecutive years (2015-2019). AQMA can be revoked.</p>
3	Revoking of AQMA 4: Little Madeley	Monitoring data for the five years 2015 to 2019, shows concentrations below 36 µg/m ³ (10% of the objective). A downward trend is shown during that period. Therefore, AQMA 4: Little Madeley can be revoked.
4	Review AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	NO ₂ concentrations within this AQMA for years 2016 to 2019 have been below 36µg/m ³ at five of the six long-term monitoring sites. We propose to keep this AQMA in operation to assess the effects of the Etruria Valley Link Road and the impacts of the measures introduced to bring about compliance with the NO ₂ annual mean limit value on the A53 in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
6	Exceedances of air quality objectives outside any existing AQMAs, which have led to the amendment or designation of a new AQMA	None identified in 2020.
7	New developments which may impact upon air quality	None identified in 2020

8	Air Quality Action Plan update	Will require updating following the revocation of AQMA 4: Little Madeley
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Local Engagement and How to get Involved

If residents and businesses reduce the amount of fuel and chemicals used, it will improve air quality. The following ways can help:

Commute

- Visit [Air Aware Staffordshire](#) which includes;
 - Bulletins for inspiration and information on ways and initiatives to reduce pollution from travelling,
 - Leaving the car at home one day a week. Further information can be found at www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/
 - Turning off car engines when vehicle is idle
 - Consider car sharing your journey further guidance can be found at <https://liftshare.com/uk>
 - Using a low/ zero carbon vehicle
 - Servicing vehicles
 - Working from home
 - Using public transport Travel planning APP's are available for most smart phones. Further details can be found at <https://www.travelsmartapp.com/>
 - Consider an electric vehicle



School Run

- Walking or cycling to school is not only good for health but it will save on fuel costs and help reduce local air pollution. Further guidance can be found within Travel into School



<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Schooltransport/Active-school-travel/Travelling-into-School.aspx>

- Take turns with friends, neighbours or family to drive or walk the children to school. Check whether your school has a travel plan.

Workplace energy, transport and infrastructure



Bespoke workplace travelling plans to support employees and employers to use more environmentally sustainable methods of travel into work and use of vehicles for work. For further information visit

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Business/Workplace-health/Active-travel-and-air-quality-in-the-workplace.aspx>

Grants may be available to support your business in becoming more energy efficient and towards the purchase of cleaner vehicles and support with charging



infrastructure. Further information can be found from the following and also your energy supplier;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-low-emission-vehicles>



<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>



<https://sben.co.uk/>

Around The Home

- Use water-based or low solvent paints, glues, varnishes and wood preservatives, look for brands with a low VOC content.
- Make sure your home is well ventilated especially during DIY or cleaning.
- Have your central heating system checked regularly to avoid risking exposure to toxic carbon monoxide. Make sure you use a Gas Safe Registered engineer.



- Keep wood stoves and fireplaces well maintained, and make sure that wood burners are exempted for use in smoke control areas. Visit <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/library/burnbetter/> for advice.
- ✓ Ready to use wood bought from a [Woodsure](#) Certified Supplier, will offer the following benefits:



- Dry, Ready to Burn wood/logs & briquettes make any appliance more efficient. Look for the Woodsure logo.
- Burning dry wood instead of wet wood is part of the solution to reducing the impact on our environment.
- Burning wet wood increases emissions and has a greater impact on air quality.
- Any appliance and chimney system will suffer from smoke produced from wet wood, which increases maintenance and repair requirements, making it harder for chimney sweeps to keep systems in safe, effective condition.
- Burning waste and treated wood (e.g. old furniture) can emit harmful



- ✓ Be energy efficient- make sure your house is well insulated and use energy efficient appliances. Your energy supplier may offer grants to insulate your home. Staffordshire County Council currently offers targeted grants. To make you home warmer and more energy efficient <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Warmer-Homes/Staffordshire-Warmer-Homes.aspx>
- ✓ Purchase "Green Power" for the electricity in your home. (Contact your energy supplier or Staffordshire Warmer Homes)
- ✓ Avoid using bonfires to dispose of waste and never burn household waste, especially plastics, rubber and treated timber. See our webpages for advice on [recycling, household rubbish and garden waste](#).



✓ Before organising days out, check the DEFRA air pollution forecast

Home > Pollution forecast provided by the Met Office

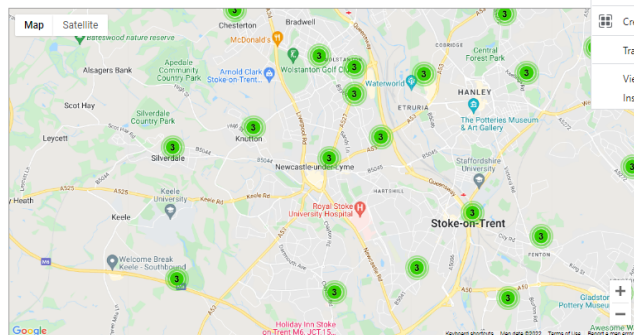
Pollution forecast near st51bl

Issued at Today (1st March 2022). Provided by the Met Office.

Enter your location or postcode:

st51bl

Today 1st Mar Wed 2nd Mar Thu 3rd Mar Fri 4th Mar Sat 5th Mar



The nearest locations to your postcode region are shown below and highlighted on the map.

- What do the forecasts mean?
- How are the forecasts produced?
- Health advice associated with air pollution

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- Inspect

For general information and air quality forecasts, Defra provide information at the following website: <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk>. Forecasting uses a user-friendly index band to quickly demonstrate general short term air levels in a localised area, and supplements this with advice for 'at risk individuals' and the general public.



Newcastle-under- Lyme Borough Council's air quality reports and action plan documents are accessible from the following link <https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/airquality>

For enquires or suggestions on how to improve air quality please feel free to contact us:

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1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Newcastle under Lyme Borough during 2020. 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 areas, 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 Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

The statutory air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in England are presented in Table E.1.

2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

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 should prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within 12 months setting out measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of compliance with the objectives.

A summary of AQMAs declared by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council can be found in Table 2.1. The table presents a description of the four AQMAs that are currently designated within the Newcastle under Lyme Borough. Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs provides maps of AQMAs and also the air quality monitoring locations in relation to the AQMAs. The air quality objectives pertinent to the current AQMA designations are as follows:

- NO₂ annual mean;

We propose to revoke AQMA 4: Little Madeley (see monitoring/additional section).

Table 2.1 – Declared Air Quality Management Areas

AQMA Name	Date of Declaration	Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives	One Line Description	Is air quality in the AQMA influenced by roads controlled by Highways England?	Level of Exceedance: Declaration	Level of Exceedance: Current Year	Name and Date of AQAP Publication	Web Link to AQAP
AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	Jan-15	NO ₂ Annual Mean	Exceedance of the NO ₂ annual mean objective along Liverpool Road A50, Kidsgrove.	NO	48	30.2	Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan 2019 – 2024	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environment/air
AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	Jan-15	NO ₂ Annual Mean	Exceedance of the NO ₂ annual mean objective. Covers Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre including the ring road A53, King Street, George Street and London Road to the boundary with the City of Stoke on Trent AQMA	YES	58.8	34.5	Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan 2019 – 2024	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environment/air
AQMA 3: Maybank-	Jan-15	NO ₂ Annual Mean	Covers the principal routes between Maybank,	YES	46.5	24.6	Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environment/air

AQMA Name	Date of Declaration	Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives	One Line Description	Is air quality in the AQMA influenced by roads controlled by Highways England?	Level of Exceedance: Declaration	Level of Exceedance: Current Year	Name and Date of AQAP Publication	Web Link to AQAP
Wolstanton-Porthill			Wolstanton and Porthill. Declared due to exceedances of the NO ₂ annual mean in Maybank High Street and in the Porthill area				Action Plan 2019 – 2024	
AQMA 4: Little Madeley Check all refs to AQMAs	Jan-15	NO2 Annual Mean	Declared around two properties at Little Madeley due to an exceedance of the NO ₂ annual mean arising from the M6 motorway.	YES	52.1	18.4	Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan 2019 – 2024	www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environment/air

- Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council confirm the information on UK-Air regarding their AQMA(s) is up to date
- Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council confirm that all current AQAPs have been submitted to Defra

Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Newcastle under Lyme Borough

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR concluded

DEFRA APPRAISAL COMMENT	NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENT
Report accepted	Noted
The Council have included new measures in 2020 which is welcomed. This demonstrates that the Council are continuing to review their measures and add additional measures when required.	Noted ¹¹
The Council have provided an update on progress made on their AQAP measures. They have discussed which key measures they anticipate completing within the reporting year and what barriers to implementation they anticipate facing in the coming year. The Council anticipate funding to be the main barrier to implementation. The Council are encouraged to continue providing updates to their measure so that progress can be easily tracked.	Noted
An extensive list of measures on how the Council plan to tackle PM _{2.5} has been included and is welcomed. The Council have presented NO ₂ trends with respects to AQMA. This is useful as it allows the reader to easily understand spatial trends in NO ₂ within the AQMAs. However, it would also be beneficial for the Council to	Noted. A discussion on NO ₂ trends outside of the AQMAs will be included.

<p>include a discussion on NO₂ trends outside of the AQMAs in future reports.</p>	
<p>There are inconsistencies in the concentrations provided for DT104. Table B.1 states that the concentration at this site is 58.8 µg/m³ whilst in Tables 1.1, Table A.2 and in-text discussion states that the concentration is 54.5 µg/m³. Can the Council rectify this issue before the publication of the ASR and ensure more care is taken in future ASRs.</p>	<p>Noted. Efforts will be made to avoid inconsistency in future reports.</p>
<p>It appears as though the incorrect concentration for the Kidsgrove AQMA has been included in Table 1.1. The table states the AQMA as having a maximum concentration of 47.2 µg/m³ at a site of relevant exposure. This appears to be the non-distance corrected value. In-text discussions and other tables (such as in Table B.1) in the report state at the concentration is in fact 38.2 µg/m³ once distance correction is applied. Can the Council please ensure that only distance corrected values are included in Table 1.1.</p>	<p>Noted. Only distance corrected values will be included in Table 1.1</p>
<p>No discussion has been provided on the status of the AQMAs. As such Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill AQMA and Madeley AQMA have shown compliance with the NO₂ annual mean since 2013. It is suggested that the Council may wish to consider the potential revocation of these AQMAs.</p>	<p>Noted. AQMA 4: Little Madeley is to be revoked following 5 years of compliance with the NO₂ annual mean objective.</p> <p>Monitoring of AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill will be undertaken with a view to revoke this AQMA if concentrations remain below the objective once traffic</p>

	numbers return to normal.
The report still refers to Nitrogen Dioxide as NO ₂ which is incorrect – the Council should ensure that all uses of NO ₂ are replaced by NO ₂ .	Noted.

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, along with partners has taken forward a number of direct measures during the current reporting year of 2021 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.2. Thirty measures are included within Table 2.2, together with the progress made by the Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council or Highways England during the reporting year of 2021. Barriers restricting the implementation of the measure are also presented within Table 2.2.

More detail on these measures can be found in their respective Action Plans.¹²

Key completed measures are:

MEASURE	SUMMARY
Review of AQMAs has identified compliance with NO ₂ annual mean objective limits at AQMA 4: Little Madeley	Evidence for revocation of this AQMA is based on the measured annual mean nitrogen dioxide concentrations having been below the annual mean objective for the years 2015 to 2019. We will be consulting on revocation of this AQMA in 2022.
Upgrade of buses to Euro VI standard by winter 2020	Works have been completed. It is hoped that this will result in a reduction of 1µg/m ³ of NO ₂ along the A53 and wider route

¹² The Air Quality Action plan for the Borough can be found at www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/environment/air

Electric Vehicles	The Borough Council has taken delivery of three electric vans for use by the Borough Council's Pest Control and Dog Warden Team.
'Simulate Live Labs'	Market identified solutions are being trialled for 12 months around the 'Belong' Care Home on Lower Street, which has been the site of the highest exceedances of the NO ₂ annual mean objective over previous years. The Borough Council is awaiting feedback from the 'Air Labs' team about the project.
Electric scooters for hire at sites across the Borough	Installed and in use, although COVID-19 pandemic has impacted upon uptake by members of the public

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council expects the following measures to be completed over the course of the next reporting year:

MEASURE	SUMMARY
Low emission taxi infrastructure scheme	In progress. This tender is being led by Stoke on Trent City Council on behalf of Stafford BC and Newcastle under Lyme BC.
Network of rapid charging infrastructure to be established by 2021/2	A contractor has been approved, site investigation for locations have been completed
Scheme to Reduce congestion on Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	A revised scheme to reduce congestion on Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove is to be implemented by the County Council. This will see optimisation of traffic light signals at the junction of Liverpool Road / The Avenue and also a partial ban on turns out of Heathcote Street onto Liverpool Road

LSTF funding of cycling walking and bus links between Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke.	A new footpath and cycling link is to be installed as part of HE junction improvement works between the A500 at Wolstanton and Porthill
Borough Wide Air Quality Strategy	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme.
Inclusion of air quality related planning policies in new joint local plan	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme.
Develop policies to promote EV charging infrastructure in the Development Planning Process	Paused pending outcome of consultation on changes to building regulations concerning EV infrastructure for new and upgraded developments
Develop policies to support alternative vehicle fuelling technologies	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme. Work is still continuing on drafting policies.
Voluntary Quality Network Partnership with bus operators	A decline in bus passenger travel and withdrawal and reliability of bus services is of major concern. Outside of a VQNP with operators, there is engagement with operators on an informal basis to identify issues and to jointly address challenges.
Kidsgrove Railway Station Transport hub	This scheme has been delayed due to unforeseen ground conditions on site.
Review location of bus stops to facilitate traffic flow around Liverpool Road / The Avenue.	An objection has been received which has led to the proposal being reviewed prior to a formal decision being made on whether to proceed

Borough Wide Air Quality Strategy	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme.
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Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's priorities for the coming year are;

PROJECT NAME	SUMMARY
Revoke AQMA 4: Little Madeley	Currently proceeding with revocation of this AQMA
Review monitoring results for AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	NO ₂ concentrations have been at or below 36µg/m ³ at five of the six monitoring locations for the years 2016 to 2019. Concentrations for 2020 are lower than previous years due to reduced traffic emissions during travel restrictions. This AQMA will remain in place until monitoring confirms that all concentrations remain below 36µg/m ³ (10% of the objective) at all sites, following traffic number returning to normal.
Continue with current air quality monitoring.	To support LAQM process. No changes planned
Support uptake of ULEV	Continue with electric vehicle projects listed above.
Complete air quality developer guidance document.	As mentioned above.
Partnership working with Staffordshire County Council and other Staffordshire Authorities	Continue process that is delivering measures listed above.

The principal challenges and barriers to implementation that Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council anticipates facing are:

PROJECT NAME	POTENTIAL BARRIER
All projects	<p>Staffing.</p> <p>The continued impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on staff workloads coupled with an ongoing intensive investigation that Environmental Protection staff have been involved with, has greatly reduced staffing resource.</p>
Revoke AQMA 4: Little Madeley	Challenges of objections to revocation process for AQMA 4 Little Madeley.
Review monitoring results AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	<p>Possible implications of future developments in the area include completion of junction improvements along the A500 between Wolstanton and Porthill, a new link round from Grange Lane in Etruria (Etruria Valley Link Road) and plans to address NO₂ EU limit value exceedances on the A53 between Basford Bank and Victoria Street.</p> <p>(Current modelling predicts no exceedances of NO₂ annual mean objectives at relevant locations due these various schemes)</p>
Uptake of ULEVs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost & availability of electric vehicles. • Charging infrastructure availability. • Suitable vehicles for taxi purpose. • Perceptions of limited journey range and battery life. • Future environmental problems from sourcing battery materials reverse attitude / policies towards electric vehicles without alternatives available.

Progress on the following measures has been slower than expected due to:

PROJECT NAME	REASON FOR DELAY
Developer guidance document & developer contributions procedure	<p>Staffing.</p> <p>The continued impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on staff workloads coupled with an ongoing intensive investigation that Environmental Protection staff have been involved with, has greatly reduced staffing resource.</p>
Inclusion of air quality related planning policies in new joint local plan	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme.
Develop policies to promote EV charging infrastructure in the Development Planning Process	Paused pending outcome of consultation on changes to building regulations concerning EV infrastructure for new and upgraded developments.
Develop policies to support alternative vehicle fuelling technologies	Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme. Work is still continuing on drafting policies.
Voluntary Quality Network Partnership with bus operators	A decline in bus passenger travel and withdrawal and reliability of bus services is of major concern. Outside of a VQNP with operators, there is engagement with operators on an informal basis to identify issues and to jointly address challenges.
Kingsgrove Railway Station Transport hub	This scheme has been delayed to due to unforeseen ground conditions on site.
Review location of bus stops to facilitate traffic flow around Liverpool Road / The Avenue.	An objection has been received which has led to the proposal being reviewed prior to a formal decision being made on whether to proceed

<p>Borough Wide Air Quality Strategy</p>	<p>Delayed pending publication of the revised local development plan for Newcastle under Lyme.</p>
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Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council anticipates that the measures stated above and in Table 2.2 will achieve compliance in

- AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove
- AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill

Whilst the measures stated above and in Table 2.2 will help to contribute towards compliance, Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council anticipates that further additional measures not yet prescribed will be required in subsequent years to achieve compliance and enable the revocation of Newcastle Town Centre AQMA.

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Table 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Estimated / Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performance Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
Kidsgrove AQMA – Action Plan Measures															
K1	Kidsgrove Railway Station Transport hub including parking and improved bus/rail interchange with new bus facilities closer to the station, Real Time Passenger Information provided at Kidsgrove station and at the bus stops, disabled/cycle parking, drop off and taxi facilities, and safer pedestrian and cycle access routes to the station	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Public transport improvements-interchanges stations and services	2015	2025	Kidsgrove Town Deal Board & East Midlands Trains	Developers & highway infrastructure funding	NO	Partially Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Planning	Has potential to increase patronage / increase use of public transport and private car	Delivery of measure	Business Case and approval from DCLG required	Business case requires approval and funding to deliver project
K2	Traffic light optimisation to reduce congestion along Liverpool Road and prevention of right turn into Heathcote Street from A50	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	2016	2021	Staffordshire county Council	Staffordshire CC	NO	Funded	£50k - £100k	Completed	Reduced vehicle emissions	Delivery of measure	Completed	Community support / Funding. Scheme to be revised from original proposal to allow right turn.

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K3	Review location of bus stops to facilitate traffic flow around Liverpool Road / The Avenue	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	2018	2020	Staffordshire county Council	Staffordshire County Council	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Aborted	Reduced vehicle emissions	Delivery of measure	Postponed pending review of monitoring results	Community support Objection from a resident has caused the scheme to be withdrawn for time being. We will monitor the impact of the Heathcote Street scheme on air quality, before we decided whether we need to pursue delivery of this proposal
Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre – Air Quality Management Area – Air Quality Action Plan Measures															
N1	Ensure that effects of additional traffic generated by Ryecroft mixed retail / student development are properly understood	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2016	2019	Henry Davidson Developments / Planning Application to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	Permission granted with conditions requiring assessment and mitigation	NO	Not Funded	£100k - £500k	Aborted	No breach of AQO's	Monitoring	Cancelled	Scheme not taken forward. Alternative proposals being explored for Ryecroft Site as part of Newcastle under Lyme Town Deal
N2	Ensure that effects of emissions from plant associated with Ryecroft mixed retail / student development are properly understood	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2016	2019	Henry Davidson Developments / Planning Application to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	Permission granted with conditions requiring prior approval	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Aborted	No breach of AQO's	Emissions modelled and quantified	Cancelled	Scheme not taken forward. Alternative proposals being explored for Ryecroft Site as part of Newcastle under Lyme Town Deal

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N3	Wayfinding strategy Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre and outlying areas for walking and cycling	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of walking	2016		Lead by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council with support from Staffordshire County Council, Sustrans and Town Centre Business Improvement District	Future High Street Fund	NO	Funded	£50k - £100k	Planning	Not quantified	Delivery of strategy	Business Case and approval from DCLG required	Business case requires approval and funding to deliver project
N7	Ring-Road enhanced signage & subway improvements	Traffic Management	Other	2016	2021	Lead by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council with support from Staffordshire County Council, Sustrans and Town Centre Business Improvement District	Staffordshire CC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Completed	Reduced vehicle emissions	Delivery of strategy	Strategy and plans still under development. Improvements in air quality and congestion considered as a priority along with walking cycling and public transport connectivity.	Options identified for consultation / Funding possibly through FHSF.
N8	Car Park Variable Message Signing Street parking restrictions	Traffic Management	Other	2016	2022	Lead by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council with support from Staffordshire County Council, Sustrans and Town Centre Business Improvement District	Newcastle under Lyme B.C. & Staffordshire CC	NO	Not Funded	£50k - £100k	Aborted	Reduced vehicle emissions	VMS signs in place and street parking restrictions enforced	Cancelled	Other priorities identified for budget
N9	RTPI and subsidised bus travel / green travel plans sought for large-scale multi occupancy residential accommodation. Town centre expected to accommodate 3000 students for local universities	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	2016	2022	Staffordshire County Council with support via conditions on planning applications for inclusion in high occupancy student / keyworker accommodation	Staffordshire County Council through Section 106 contributions and Future High Street Fund	NO	Partially Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	Increased bus journeys from stops	Reduced vehicle emissions	A number of developments within the town centre are capitalising on proximity to public transport links, cycling infrastructure improvement on development and in network sought through planning. Travel planning sought via planning and monitored via county highways. Reduced rate bus passes for university students promoted.	Financial viability of development schemes to support required S106 / Resistance from developers.

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MD 1	Ministerial Direction to implement bus retrofit scheme for public bus service using A53 between Sandy Lane and A500/A53 Roundabout at latest by 2021 and in the soonest possible timeframe	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Other	2018	2020	NULBC / First PMT / JAQU	DEFRA grant (100%)	YES	Funded	£100k - £500k	Completed	EU N02 Annual mean exceedance non-compliance reduced by 1 year.	23 Buses retrofitted by end of 2020	Grant secured. Legal agreement entered into between operator and council	Traffic Regulation Condition is to be sought to require operator to utilise Euro IV or better moving forward
MD 2	Ministerial Directions served on NULBC and SOTCC requiring Further Evaluation of measures to achieve compliance with the Ambient Air Quality Directive requirements for Nitrogen Dioxide in the soonest possible timeframe	Traffic Management	Other	2019	2022	National Highways / Staffs County Council / Stoke on Trent City Council and Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Environmental Health	DEFRA grant (100%)	YES	Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Planning	EU N02 Annual mean achieved in shortest possible timescale	Compliance with EU NO ₂ limit value	Covid 19 has affected initial compliance date. Options appraisal undertaken and preferred option of bus gate and traffic management agreed for consultation agreed by JAQU	Preferred option of time restricted bus gate at peak hours and reduced turning across traffic is subject to public consultation.
Maybank, Wolstanton and Porthill Air Quality Management Area – Air Quality Action Plan Measures															
W1	Improvements to Wolstanton and Porthill Junctions on A500 to reduce congestion	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	2016	2021	National Highways	Highways Agency	NO	Funded	> £10 million	Completed	Reduction in congestion / improved journey times	Modelling of air quality impacts and monitoring	Completion by Summer 2020 delayed due to Covid 19	Funding identified by HE. Project flagged as high risk for air quality along A500 due to exceedance of EU action level

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W2	Short term routing strategy to mitigate impact of congestion associated with works to A500	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	2019	2021	National Highways / Staffs County Council / Stoke on Trent City Council and NULBC Environmental Health	Highways Agency	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Completed	Potential short term negative impact during build	Modelling of air quality impacts and monitoring	No negative impacts identified during build	Negative impacts not identified through monitoring or congestion impacts
W3	Evaluate the impact of the Etruria Valley Link Road in the May Bank, Porthill, Wolstanton area and provide appropriate mitigation	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements,	2010	2022	Lead by Stoke on Trent City Council with planning application to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council/ Staffordshire County Council involved	Stoke on Trent City Council scheme	NO	Partially Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	unclear	Modelling of air quality impacts and monitoring	Minor adverse impact but no exceedances identified in 2021	Potential negative effects on Maybank Porthill, Wolstanton AQMA. Potential to improve AQ in Stoke on Trent at Basford Bank where hourly mean NO2 is being exceeded. Scheme has the potential to add a positive contribution to mitigation measures in this area Monitoring will continue in both areas for at least 5 years post opening to evaluate success. AQMA to remain as a safeguard.
Little Madeley – Air Quality Management Area - Air Quality Action Plan Measures															
M1	Continue to monitor NO2 at relevant location in Little Madeley	Other	Other	2010	2023	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Environmental Health	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	As per reported results	Monitoring	Compliance demonstrated since 2016. AMQA revocation planned to be subject to consultation and revocation in 2022	Nil
M2	Engage with NH concerning proposals to introduce smart managed motorway / hard shoulder running in Madeley area between junctions 15 and 16 of the M6 motorway	Traffic Management	Other	2010	2032	Lead by National Highways	National Highways	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Has potential to reduce congestion and vehicle emissions	Project delivered	Not yet commenced	Scheme not yet identified. Sections either side of junctions 15 and 16 of the M6 are being smart managed with hard shoulder running. Local geography is an issue to identifying appropriate solutions

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Borough Wide Air Quality Action Plan – Complementary Measures for all locations including AQMA's															
BW 1	Borough Wide Air Quality Strategy	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2019	2023	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Environmental Health	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduction in emissions	Strategy in place	Funding secured, planning phase	Awaiting formal publication of Environment Act 2021 to include relevant criteria.
BW 2	Air Quality Planning Guidance	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2016	2023	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Environmental Health	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Postponed	Reduction in emissions	Strategy in place	Postponed	The Council has decided to develop its own Local Plan and the planning guidance will sit alongside this as a material document.
BW 3	Inclusion of air quality related policies in the joint Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent Local Plan	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2016	2020	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Environmental Health and Planning (Joint project with Stoke on Trent City Council)	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council & Stoke on Trent City Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Postponed	Reduction in emissions	Policies in JLP	postponed	The Council has decided to develop its own Local Plan and relevant policies are being identified. https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan
BW 4	Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Eco-Stars	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Fleet efficiency and recognition schemes	2015	2020	Staffordshire Local Authorities	Staffordshire LA's	YES	Funded	£500k - £1 million	Completed	Reduction in emissions	Reduced vehicle emissions	Scheme has come to an end in Staffordshire. Several local and national operators including LA's have been appraised under the initiative	Slow take up by operators across County
BW 5	Eco Stars award for Council Street-Scene and Waste fleet	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Fleet efficiency and recognition schemes	2015	2019	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Street Scene Division	Staffordshire LA's	Yes	Funded	£500k - £1 million	Completed	Reduced vehicle emissions	Fleet achieves 5* rating	Implementation on-going	4* Ecostars award with action plan to move to 5*
BW 6	Green Travel Plan for new Civic Hub development in Town Centre	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	2015	2017	Lead by Staffordshire County Council as building owner in conjunction with Borough Council, Police, Library Service, Social Services, Aspire Housing	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Completed	Reduced vehicle emissions	Completed	Completed 2019.	Now in monitoring phase https://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=OUTZZDBM01S00

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BW 7	Voluntary Quality Network Partnership with bus operators	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Other	2016	2019	Staffordshire County Council / Stoke on Trent City Council/ Local Bus Companies	Staffordshire County Council as Highways Authority	NO	Not Funded	£50k - £100k	Aborted	Reduced vehicle emissions /	Voluntary quality network operative across area	Aborted	Requires commitment from bus operators and councils. Decline in bus passenger numbers and services affects financial viability for improvements. Local operators use older fleet vehicles across area.
BW 8	Develop policies to promote EV charging infrastructure and support alternative vehicle fuelling technologies	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2019		Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council / Staffordshire County Council	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Aborted	Reduction in emissions	Planning Related EV policies in place	Policy drafted	Policy development in draft format. Proposed changes in Building Rags in respect of EV infrastructure has put policy on hold. Will require formal consultation if to be progressed.
BW 9	Support and participate in appropriate initiatives to encourage uptake of Zero and Low Emission Vehicle Technologies	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Public Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2016	2022	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, Staffordshire Districts and Staffordshire County Council	OLEV, National Highways & 3rd party funded	YES	Funded	£500k - £1 million	Planning	Reduction in emissions	Details of technologies and initiatives	Successful bid to OLEV LETIS	Procurement is being led by SoTCC. OLEV funding transferred. Tender issued March 2020. Requires formal approval by Staffordshire LA's. Strategy currently in development.
BW 10	Review the Borough Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to reduce tail pipe emissions from this sector	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Taxi emission incentives	2016	2019	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Completed	Reduction in emissions	Policies updated with conditions	Policy approved in spring 2019	Policy adopted 2019 to 2025. Policies to support air quality improvement and improvements to latest emission standards and reduction in licence vehicle age not taken forward. Vehicles can be no older than 7 years old at date of first licence with council and no upper limit on age, subject to six month testing from 10 years old. If fails a retest will no longer be licensed.

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BW 11	Transition the Council Vehicle fleet to Zero and Low Emission Vehicle Technologies	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Public Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2016	2030	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	NO	Partially Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Implementation	Reduction in emissions	Policies updated	EURO IV refuse fleet and recycling vehicles delivered March 2020. 3 EV vans for pest control and dog warden service have been delivered. EV chargers installed and operational for council fleet vehicles at Knutton Depot.	Requires budget for capital expenditure by council
HS2 Phase 2a route	Ensure that emissions associated with construction and operation including off network effects do not cause exceedances of objectives or limit values	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Public transport improvements-interchanges stations and services	2017	2032	HS2 and contractors / Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	HS2 and contractors	NO	Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Planning	Emissions do not breach objectives or limit values	Emissions do not breach objectives or limit values	Discussion to date have deified that HS2 and contractors have assessed air quality impacts and have Environmental Minimum Standards , Construction Plans and monitoring plans in place	Advance works to commence in 2021 with route construction anticipated to commence by 2026 and coming into operation by 2033

PM_{2.5} – 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.

Particulate matter, or PM, is the term used to describe particles found in the air, including dust, dirt and liquid droplets. PM comes from both natural and man-made sources, including traffic emissions and Saharan-Sahel dust. These particles can be suspended in the air for long periods of time, and can travel across large distances.

PM less than 10 micrometres in diameter (PM₁₀) pose a health concern because they can be inhaled into and accumulate in the respiratory system. PM less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter (PM_{2.5}) are referred to as "fine" particles and are believed to pose the greatest health risks, as they can lodge deeply into the lungs and also pass into the bloodstream.

PM_{2.5} is the pollutant which has the biggest impact on public health and on which the Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) D01 Fraction of mortality attributable to particulate air pollution (2019), Public Health Outcomes Framework indicator (13) is based.

13 Public Health England. Public Health Outcomes Framework 1th June

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework/data#page/3/gid/1000043/pat/6/par/E12000005/ati/102/are/E10000028/iid/30101/age/230/sex/4/cid/4/tbm/1/page-options/car-do-0 ine-yo-1:2019:-1:-1 ine-ct-2 ine-pt-0>

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The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) undertook a review in February 2016 (14) where they found that long term exposure to air pollution impairs lung function growth in children, and that outdoor exposure is linked to lung cancer in adults. Within Staffordshire it is estimated that 5.1% of all deaths can be attributed to exposure to PM_{2.5}, compared to 5.1% across England (25,120 deaths annually) (15.) Overall, the estimated cost to individuals and society is more than £20 billion annually for the UK.

2.1.1 Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) Levels in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

A number of the Staffordshire Authorities currently monitor locally for PM₁₀. Defra's Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) site, Stoke-on-Trent Centre has a dedicated PM_{2.5} monitor. Table 2.3.1 presents data on the local level of PM_{2.5} annual mean concentrations for the Staffordshire Authorities. Where the data is derived from PM₁₀ monitoring this has been adjusted by applying a correction factor of 0.7 to derive the PM_{2.5} component. The correction factor has been derived from the average of all ratios of PM_{2.5}/PM₁₀ for the years from 2010 to 2014 for forty sites within the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) where these pollutants are measured on an hourly basis and follows the guidance published in LAQM (TG16)¹⁶.

14 ['Every Breath we Take: The Lifelong Impact of Air Pollution; Report of a working Party, February 2016, ISBN 978-1-86016-567-2],

15 Public Health England. Public Health Outcomes Framework 1st June https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework/data#page/3/gid/1000043/pat/6/par/E12000005/ati/102/are/E10000028/iid/30101/age/230/sex/4/cid/4/tbm/1/page-options/car-do-0_ine-yo-1:2019:-1:-1_ine-ct-2_ine-pt-0 © Crown copyright 2021

16 <https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/air-quality/featured/uk-regions-exc-london-technical-guidance/>

Table 2.3. 1 Annual Mean PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} results of monitoring by Staffordshire Authorities 2016 to 2020

Authority	Site Type	Monitor Location	OS Grid Ref		Year				
					2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Newcastle under Lyme	Roadside	Queen`s Gardens	E385057	PM ₁₀	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
			N346137	PM _{2.5}	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Cannock Chase	Roadside	Cannock A5190	E401392	PM ₁₀	-	14	18	16	(6)
			N309954	PM _{2.5}	-	9.8	12.6	11.2	(6)
Stoke on Trent	Roadside	Basford	E386288	PM ₁₀	-	23	23	23	17
			N346802	PM _{2.5}	-	16 ⁽¹⁾	16 ⁽¹⁾	16 ⁽¹⁾	12 ⁽¹⁾
	Roadside	A50 Roadside Meir	E392548	PM ₁₀	20 ⁽²⁾	18	19	20	(3)
			N342572	PM _{2.5}	14 ⁽²⁾	13 ⁽¹⁾	13 ⁽¹⁾	14 ⁽¹⁾	(3)
	Urban Background	Stoke on Trent Central	E388351	PM _{2.5}	12	9	9	9	7
			N347895						
East Staffordshire	Roadside	Derby Tum	E424671	PM ₁₀	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
			N324019	PM _{2.5}	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)

Notes:

(1) PM_{2.5} results are derived from PM₁₀ monitored results corrected with a 0.7 correction factor in accordance with TG16 – Annex B: Derivation of PM_{2.5} to PM₁₀ Ratio. All other results are directly monitored.

(2) Valid data capture for 2015 was 59%. The site was commissioned on 22 May 2015.

(3) Middleport monitor was decommissioned at the end 2015

(4) East Staffordshire`s monitors were decommissioned 2016

(5) Newcastle under Lyme monitors were decommissioned 2016

(6) Cannock Chase no longer monitor PM₁₀ nor PM_{2.5}

As can be seen from the results, concentrations of PM_{2.5} within the Staffordshire Authorities are below the 2020 EU limit value of 25µg/m³.

2.1.2 PM_{2.5} and Mortality in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent

Although the levels of PM_{2.5} within the County of Staffordshire and the City of Stoke on Trent are below the 2020 EU Limit value, the impact on adult mortality directly attributable to PM_{2.5} is nonetheless still an important public health issue within Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. This is revealed in data obtained from Public Health England used to inform Public Health Outcomes Framework indicator D01, as shown in Table 2.3.2.

The percentage estimated number of deaths attributable to PM_{2.5} in adults over 30 has been translated into the estimated number of attributable deaths for each local authority area within Staffordshire, and are shown in Table 2.3.3. The data presented to 2019 is the latest data available at time of publication of this report. Approximately 5.1% of deaths within the County can be attributed to PM_{2.5}.

Table 2.3. 2 Estimated average number of deaths by Local authority area attributable to PM_{2.5} within Staffordshire for adults over 30 (2019)

District/County	Percentage
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4.9%
Stafford	4.9%
East Staffordshire	5.3%
South Staffordshire	5.1%
Lichfield	5.2%
Staffordshire Moorlands	4.8%
Cannock Chase	5.2%
Tamworth	5.6%
Stoke on Trent	4.7%
Staffordshire County	5.1%
England	5.1%

Table 2.3. 3 Public Health Outcomes Framework Indicator D.01- Fraction of annual all cause adult mortality attributable to anthropogenic (human made) particulate air pollution (measured as fine particulate matter, PM_{2.5}) for Staffordshire Authorities 2015 to 2019⁵.

District/ County	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	Deaths - all causes persons	%*	Estimated attributable deaths	Deaths - all causes persons 30+	%*	Estimated attributable deaths	Deaths - all causes persons 30+	%*	Estimated attributable deaths	Deaths - all causes persons	%*	Estimated attributable deaths	Deaths - all causes persons	%*	Estimated attributable deaths
Newcastle-under-Lyme	55	4.2	50	1291	4.7	60	1197	4.2	50	1334	4.2	60	1282	4.9	60
Stafford	60	4.7	60	1254	4.8	60	1267	4.3	50	1336	4.2	60	1315	4.9	60
East Staffordshire	55	4.8	50	1065	5.6	60	1098	5.0	50	1093	4.6	50	1128	5.3	60
South Staffordshire	55	4.7	60	1128	5.1	60	1239	4.5	60	1211	4.6	60	1212	5.1	60
Lichfield	50	4.6	50	1044	5.5	60	1070	4.9	50	1087	4.6	50	1093	5.2	60
Staffordshire Moorlands	45	4	40	1110	4.6	50	1127	3.9	40	1108	3.8	40	1080	4.8	50
Cannock Chase	45	4.6	40	879	5.4	50	940	4.7	40	976	4.6	50	908	5.2	50
Tamworth	30	4.9	30	615	6	40	634	5.3	30	653	5.1	30	678	5.6	40
Stoke on Trent	2479	4.9	110	2454	5.0	120	2490	4.4	110	2746	4.4	120	2490	5.2	130
Staffordshire County	390	4.5	390	8386	5.2	430	8572	4.5	390	8792	4.4	390	8692	5.1	440

2.1.3 Actions being taken within the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme to reduce PM_{2.5}

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council are taking the measures detailed within Table 2.3.4 to address PM_{2.5}.

Table 2.3. 4 Actions being taken within Newcastle-under-Lyme to reduce PM_{2.5}

Measures category	Measure Classification	Effect on reducing NO _x and PM ₁₀ emissions (low, medium, high)	Reduces PM _{2.5} emissions	Existing Measure	Measure in Newcastle under Lyme
Traffic Management	Urban Traffic Control systems, Congestion management, traffic reduction	low	✓	✓	UTC in areas of AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove and AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre
Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	low	✓	✓	www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Transport/Air-quality/Businesses.aspx
	Encourage / Facilitate home-working	low	✓	✓	Agile working policy adopted by Council
	School Travel Plans	low	✓	✓	Funded School Travel Plans for school expansions: 14 Newcastle Borough,
	Promotion of cycling	low	✓	✓	The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is currently under development by SCC
	Promotion of walking	low	✓	✓	
	Staffordshire Share a Lift Scheme		✓	✓	A new provider is currently being sought for the Staffordshire Lift Scheme
Transport Planning & Infrastructure	Local Transport Plans and District Strategies	high	✓	✓	The transport strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme can be found HERE
	Public transport improvements- interchanges stations and services	low	✓	✓	Kidsgrove Station interchange plans
	Cycle network	low	✓	✓	SCC currently looking to implement improved mapping software for future developments
	Bus route improvements	high	✓	✓	RTPI routes 3 & 4 Newcastle Town Centre. Improved future bus services to Chatterley Valley
Policy Guidance and Development Control	Planning applications to require assessment of exposure / emissions for development requiring air quality impact assessment	high	✓	✓	Local Validation list draws attention to requirements
	Planning Policies		✓	✓	Local plan under development to include policies which will benefit air quality
	STOR Sites (Short Term Operating Reserve) Energy Generation. Regulation via planning / permitting regime	high	✓	✓	1 STOR site regulated for emissions via Environmental Permit – Norkier Power Holditch
	Route Management Plans/ Strategic routing strategy for HGV's	high	✓	✓	The Local Transport Strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme can be found HERE
Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Promoting low emission public transport	high	✓	✓	Planned promotion of retrofitted buses on routes 3 / 4 and 4a in preference to private car
	Vehicle retrofitting programmes	medium	✓	✓	£370,000 DEFRA grant to retrofit 23 buses running on routes 3/ 4 and 4a to latest EURO IV. Completed November 2020

2.1.4 PM_{2.5} in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent - Next steps

As PM_{2.5} is an issue requiring collaboration between the District, County and City authorities within Staffordshire, the following actions are proposed in addition to those

outlined in the action plan. Progress on these and the action plan will be detailed in the next ASR. This has been delayed due to the Covid Pandemic

- To agree a target for reducing Fraction of All-Cause Mortality from PM_{2.5} in each district, city and county authority by 2020 this was delayed due to disruption caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic
- To agree a target for reducing PM_{2.5} exposure (calculated from PM₁₀ exposure / background maps / local monitoring where available)
- To maintain compliance with the 2020 EU limit value of 25µg/m³
- To include Public Health Outcome Framework Indicator D01 in the Staffordshire and District Authority and City Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2019/2020 onwards and to report progress to the relevant Health and Wellbeing Boards. This has been delayed due to disruption caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic
- To continue to identify risks affecting PM_{2.5} which need to be addressed at a national level e.g.

A number of authorities within Staffordshire are receiving applications for STOR (Short Term Operating Reserve) sites to supplement power to the National Electricity Grid at times of peak demand. These sites typically operate during the autumn / winter months and can be high emitters of PM.

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

This section sets out the monitoring undertaken within 2020 by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and how it compares with the relevant air quality objectives. In addition, monitoring results are presented for a five-year period between 2016 and 2020 to allow monitoring trends to be identified and discussed.

Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council undertook automatic (continuous) monitoring at one site during 2020. Table A.1 in Appendix A shows the details of the automatic monitoring site.

NB. Local authorities do not have to report annually on the following pollutants: 1, 3 butadiene, benzene, carbon monoxide and lead, unless local circumstances indicate there is a problem. The [Air Quality Data Management](#) page presents automatic monitoring results for Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council.

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

3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council undertook non- automatic (i.e. passive) monitoring of NO₂ at 80 sites during 2020. Forty new triplicate sites (DT 107 to DT146) were set up at the beginning of the 2020 monitoring period to gain baseline data in preparation of possible effects of traffic increase on dispersion routes resulting from actions in the upcoming North Staffordshire Air Quality Action Plan. Single tubes were initially set up, but changed to triple sites from June 2020.

Table A.2 in Appendix A presents the details of the non-automatic sites.

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Appendix D. Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) for the diffusion tubes, including bias adjustments and any other adjustments applied (e.g. annualisation and/or distance correction), are included in Appendix C.

Individual Pollutants

The air quality monitoring results presented in this section are, where relevant, adjusted for bias, annualisation (where the annual mean data capture is below 75% and greater than 25%), and distance correction. Further details on adjustments are provided in Appendix C.

3.1.3 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

Table A.3 and Table A.4 in Appendix A compare the ratified and adjusted monitored NO₂ annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m³. Note that the concentration data presented represents the concentration at the location of the monitoring site, following the application of bias adjustment and annualisation, as required (i.e. the values are exclusive of any consideration to fall-off with distance adjustment).

For diffusion tubes, the full 2020 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. Note that the concentration data presented in Table B.1 includes distance corrected values, only where relevant. Since no concentrations were greater than 36 µg/m³ (within 10% of the objective), distance correction was not carried out.

Table A.5 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored NO₂ hourly mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 200µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year.

The results from the monitoring campaign for 2020 shows that concentrations of NO₂ at all locations were significantly lower than in previous years. There were no exceedances of the annual mean or the hourly mean air quality objective in the borough at any site within or outside of the four AQMAs. The significant reduction in concentrations is in part due to the 'lockdown' restrictions enforced upon the Country by the UK Government during the

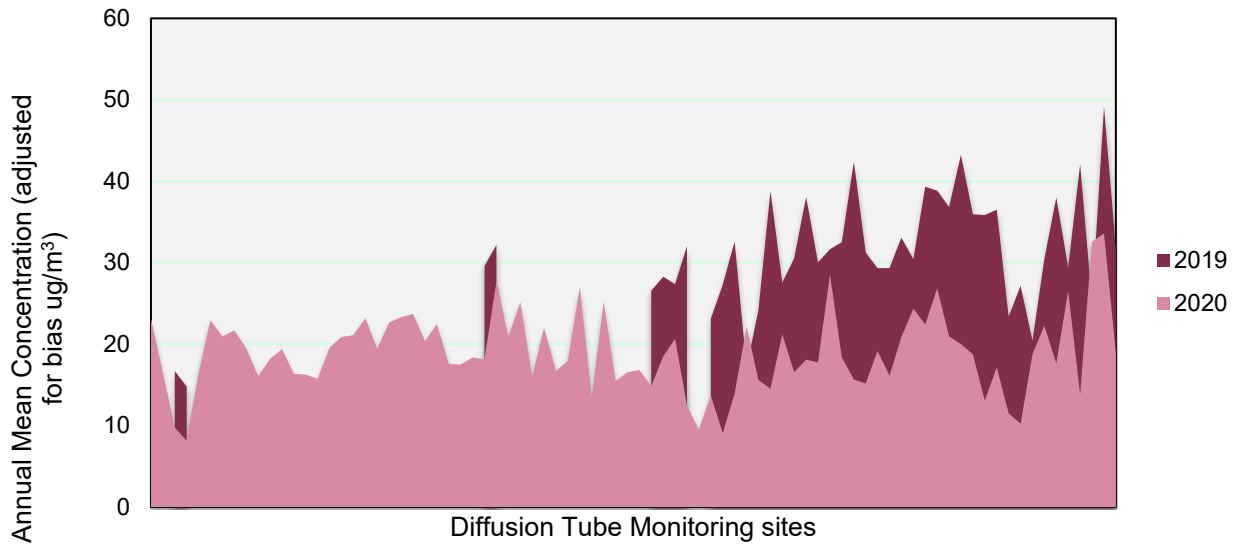
2020 Covid-19 pandemic, which severely restricted people's movement and imposed a "stay at home" restriction.

Vehicle movements across the UK decreased by 77% in May 2020 (17) compared with pre-pandemic figures. This reduction in traffic movement had a dramatic impact on the NO₂ concentrations for this period, with diffusion tubes across the Borough showing a 43% decrease on the previous year, as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, all concentrations should be treated with caution, as lower concentrations may not be sustained once traffic numbers return to more normal values.

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17 <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/transport-use-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>

Figure 1 Annual Mean NO₂ concentration 2019 and 2020



3.1.4 Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

PM₁₀ monitoring is not undertaken in the Borough.

3.1.5 Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

PM_{2.5} monitoring is not undertaken in the Borough.

3.1.6 Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)

SO₂ monitoring is not undertaken in the Borough

Appendix A: Monitoring Results

Table A.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Inlet Height (m)
CM1	Newcastle under Lyme Queen's Gardens	Roadside	385054	346134	NO2	YES	Chemiluminescent	2	3	2

Notes:

- (1) 0m 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

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

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DTK1	K1	Kerbside	385051	345726	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	22.0	3.0	No	2.5
DTK2	K2	Urban Centre	385469	346362	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	3.0	No	2.0
DTUB1	UB1	Kerbside	384739	348326	NO ₂	NO	7.0	2.0	No	2.5
DTUB2	UB2	Kerbside	383916	345059	NO ₂	NO	23.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT3	3	Rural	378116	345488	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 4: Little Madeley	0.2	128.0	No	-2.0
DT6	6	Suburban	384014	354429	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	0.2	4.0	No	3.0
DT9	9	Suburban	385519	349055	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	0.2	6.0	No	3.0
DT11	11	Suburban	385112	345636	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.3	3.0	No	3.0
DT24	24	Roadside	385574	347530	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	0.2	3.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT28	28	Rural	377994	350105	NO ₂	NO	0.3	45.0	No	6.0
DT34	34	Urban Centre	385059	345840	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	1.0	4.0	No	3.0
DT39	39	Suburban	383560	354739	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	0.2	2.0	No	3.0
DT40	40	Suburban	385128	348811	NO ₂	YES -AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	0.2	20.0	No	5.0
DT46	46	Urban Centre	385073	345685	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	4.0	No	3.0
DT47	47	Urban Centre	385023	345678	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.3	5.0	No	3.0
DT49	49	Urban Centre	385595	349129	NO ₂	YES -AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	0.3	6.0	No	3.0
DT64	64	Urban Centre	383950	354445	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	0.2	10.0	No	10.0
DT72	72	Roadside	384981	345750	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-	0.2	3.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
						under-Lyme Town Centre				
DT73	73	Roadside	385070	345738	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	4.0	No	3.0
DT74	74	Roadside	385132	345640	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	4.0	No	3.0
DT76	76	Roadside	385226	346156	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	3.0
DT84	84	Roadside	385548	346400	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	3.0
DT85	85	Urban Centre	385575	346413	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	5.0	No	3.0
DT86	86	Urban Centre	385075	345910	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	5.0	No	2.0
DT87	87	Urban Centre	385105	346225	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	5.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT88	88	Urban Centre	384709	345881	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	5.0	No	2.0
DT89a, DT89b, DT90c	91	Roadside	385054	346134	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	1.0	5.0	Yes	1.0
DT92	92	Urban Centre	383890	354461	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	1.0	5.0	No	1.0
DT93	93	Urban Centre	384056	354393	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	0.2	2.0	No	3.0
DT95	95	Urban Centre	385171	345539	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	4.0	No	3.0
DT96	96	Roadside	385131	345601	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	4.0
DT97	97	Roadside	384795	345796	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	3.0	No	4.0
DT98	98	Roadside	385327	346148	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-	0.2	2.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
						under-Lyme Town Centre				
DT100	100	Roadside	384689	346284	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT101	101	Roadside	384806	345842	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT102	102	Roadside	384609	346007	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT103	103	Roadside	385682	347909	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT104	104	Roadside	385213	346270	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT105	105	Roadside	383991	354418	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	0.2	2.0	No	2.0
DT106	94	Urban Centre	384030	354416	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	3.0	1.0	No	2.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT107a, DT107b, DT107c	N1c	Roadside	384454	346245	NO ₂	NO	4.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT108a, DT108b, DT108c	N2c	Roadside	384961	345346	NO ₂	NO	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT109a, DT109b, DT109c	N3c	Roadside	385190	343318	NO ₂	NO	10.0	3.0	No	4.0
DT110a, DT110b, DT110c	N4c	Roadside	385110	342314	NO ₂	NO	49.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT111a, DT111b, DT111c	N5c	Roadside	383882	349558	NO ₂	NO	25.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT112a, DT112b, DT112c	N6c	Roadside	382286	341956	NO ₂	NO	120.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT113a, DT113b, DT113c	N7c	Roadside	383052	343666	NO ₂	NO	107.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT114a, DT114b, DT114c	N8c	Roadside	383953	344832	NO ₂	NO	5.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT115a, DT115b, DT115c	N9c	Roadside	383545	345195	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT116a, DT116b, DT116c	N10c	Roadside	383157	345431	NO ₂	NO	40.0	2.0	No	4.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT117a, DT117b, DT117c	N11c	Roadside	383199	352740	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT118a, DT118b, DT118c	N12c	Roadside	382934	353388	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT119a, DT119b, DT119c	N13c	Roadside	382600	354062	NO ₂	NO	15.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT120a, DT120b, DT120c	N14c	Roadside	382707	354305	NO ₂	NO	2.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT121a, DT121b, DT121c	N15c	Roadside	382736	354385	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT122a, DT122b, DT122c	N16c	Roadside	384261	354207	NO ₂	NO	10.0	3.0	No	4.0
DT123a, DT123b, DT123c	N17c	Roadside	384638	354133	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT124a, DT124b, DT124c	N18c	Roadside	385019	353832	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT125a, DT125b, DT125c	N19c	Roadside	385387	348389	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT126a, DT126b, DT126c	N20c	Roadside	385556	348224	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 3: Maybank-	20.0	2.0	No	4.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
						Wolstanton-Porthill				
DT127a, DT127b, DT127c	N21c	Roadside	385416	347424	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT128a, DT128b, DT128c	N22c	Roadside	385512	347373	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT129a, DT129b, DT129c	N23c	Roadside	384968	346228	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	30.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT130a, DT130b, DT130c	N24c	Roadside	385098	346395	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT131a, DT131b, DT131c	N25c	Roadside	385463	346374	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT132a, DT132b, DT132c	N26c	Roadside	385612	346436	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT133a, DT133b, DT133c	N27c	Roadside	385926	346580	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT134a, DT134b, DT134c	N28c	Roadside	386009	346600	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	7.0	2.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT135a, DT135b, DT135c	N29c	Roadside	385518	346128	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT136a, DT136b, DT136c	N30c	Roadside	385078	345687	NO ₂	YES - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre	4.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT137a, DT137b, DT137c	N31c	Roadside	382795	346011	NO ₂	NO	0.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT138a, DT138b, DT138c	N32c	Roadside	383113	346592	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT139a, DT139b, DT139c	N33c	Roadside	383302	346727	NO ₂	NO	20.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT140a, DT140b, DT140c	N34c	Roadside	383930	347273	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT141a, DT141b, DT141c	N35c	Roadside	384337	347534	NO ₂	NO	5.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT142a, DT142b, DT142c	N36c	Roadside	384207	347915	NO ₂	NO	50.0	2.0	No	3.0
DT143a, DT143b, DT143c	N37c	Roadside	384021	348925	NO ₂	NO	10.0	2.0	No	3.0

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) (1)	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) (2)	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT144a, DT144b, DT144c	N38c	Roadside	383764	349912	NO ₂	NO	0.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT145a, DT145b, DT145c	N39c	Roadside	383670	350326	NO ₂	NO	0.0	2.0	No	4.0
DT146a, DT146b, DT146c	N40c	Roadside	383587	350790	NO ₂	NO	80.0	2.0	No	3.0

Notes:

(1) 0m 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.

Table A.3 – Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results: Automatic Monitoring (µg/m³)

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CM1	385046	346147	Roadside	100	83.2	37.5	23.1	23	25.6	18

Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.

Reported concentrations are those at the location of the monitoring site (annualised, as required), i.e. prior to any fall-off with distance correction

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as µg/m³.

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG16 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

Concentrations are those at the location of monitoring and not those following any fall-off with distance adjustment.

(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%).

Table A.4 – Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results: Non-Automatic Monitoring (µg/m³)

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DTK1	385051	345726	Kerbside	100	100.0	44.6	41.7	37.2	47.4	27.4
DTK2	385469	346362	Urban Centre	100	90.4	32.7	29.7	26.0	28.9	20.1
DTUB1	384739	348326	Kerbside	100	100.0	19.7	19.0	17.7	17.9	12.3
DTUB2	383916	345059	Kerbside	100	90.4	17.4	15.5	15.3	15.0	9.9
DT3	378116	345488	Rural	100	100.0	31.9	30.7	24.8	27.3	18.4
DT6	384014	354429	Suburban	100	100.0	41.8	37.7	37.1	38.6	27.3
DT9	385519	349055	Suburban	100	100.0	36.0	33.4	29.3	33.2	24.6
DT11	385112	345636	Suburban	100	92.0	41.5	39.5	35.1	56.5	25.7
DT24	385574	347530	Roadside	100	100.0	37.7	35.3	30.4	34.8	22.9
DT28	377994	350105	Rural	100	92.3	30.8	29.9	25.2	25.9	18.1
DT34	385059	345840	Urban Centre	100	100.0	35.0	32.1	29.2	33.7	21.2
DT39	383560	354739	Suburban	100	100.0	37.4	33.4	31.7	34.9	23.6
DT40	385128	348811	Suburban	100	100.0	31.8	28.3	25.2	26.5	19.4
DT46	385073	345685	Urban Centre	100	100.0	31.1	30.1	27.3	28.3	18.6
DT47	385023	345678	Urban Centre	100	100.0	31.1	25.8	24.7	28.0	19.2
DT49	385595	349129	Urban Centre	100	100.0	32.6	31.5	27.2	31.9	21.9
DT64	383950	354445	Urban Centre	100	100.0	37.9	35.9	32.7	36.7	24.5
DT72	384981	345750	Roadside	100	100.0	30.4	30.4	26.9	36.7	24.3
DT73	385070	345738	Roadside	100	59.9	33.6	32.0	29.3	32.6	27.7
DT74	385132	345640	Roadside	100	57.4	33.0	33.0	31.9	35.7	22.6
DT76	385226	346156	Roadside	100	100.0	34.6	36.5	33.1	37.7	27.1
DT84	385548	346400	Roadside	100	100.0	38.3	35.1	33.6	37.1	27.0
DT85	385575	346413	Urban Centre	100	100.0	45.3	40.0	38.8	44.2	27.9
DT86	385075	345910	Urban Centre	100	92.3	30.4	29.7	27.9	28.6	21.3
DT87	385105	346225	Urban Centre	100	100.0	39.3	37.9	34.9	39.4	25.6
DT88	384709	345881	Urban Centre	100	90.1	31.2	29.9	28.2	30.8	20.8

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DT89a, DT89b, DT90c	385054	346134	Roadside	100	100.0	31.9	30.2	29.8	30.1	20.9
DT92	383890	354461	Urban Centre	100	100.0	33.9	33.5	31.9	33.3	22.5
DT93	384056	354393	Urban Centre	100	92.3	33.4	30.4	28.2	31.5	21.7
DT95	385171	345539	Urban Centre	100	100.0	34.8	32.1	31.8	47.2	24.6
DT96	385131	345601	Roadside	100	100.0	33.7	34.3	28.5	33.2	28.9
DT97	384795	345796	Roadside	100	100.0	40.2	39.8	35.8	39.5	19.7
DT98	385327	346148	Roadside	100	92.3	29.5	28.6	27.6	29.8	24.3
DT100	384689	346284	Roadside	100	80.5	39.0	37.7	36.5	38.8	20.1
DT101	384806	345842	Roadside	100	100.0	32.0	30.0	27.9	30.4	21.6
DT102	384609	346007	Roadside	100	100.0	38.8	33.0	32.8	32.9	31.4
DT103	385682	347909	Roadside	100	75.3	43.5	60.4	44.1	44.8	17.1
DT104	385213	346270	Roadside	100	100.0	27.9	24.1	25.1	23.1	34.5
DT105	383991	354418	Roadside	100	100.0	37.6	38.2	37.9	58.8	18.7
DT106	384030	354416	Urban Centre	100	67.3		27.2	26.0	29.7	30.2
DT107a, DT107b, DT107c	384454	346245	Roadside	100	100.0					19.7
DT108a, DT108b, DT108c	384961	345346	Roadside	100	100.0					19.5
DT109a, DT109b, DT109c	385190	343318	Roadside	100	100.0					17.5
DT110a, DT110b, DT110c	385110	342314	Roadside	100	100.0					21.1

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DT111a, DT111b, DT111c	383882	349558	Roadside	100	75.3					24.0
DT112a, DT112b, DT112c	382286	341956	Roadside	100	100.0					14.8
DT113a, DT113b, DT113c	383052	343666	Roadside	100	90.1					13.5
DT114a, DT114b, DT114c	383953	344832	Roadside	100	100.0					16.1
DT115a, DT115b, DT115c	383545	345195	Roadside	100	100.0					11.1
DT116a, DT116b, DT116c	383157	345431	Roadside	100	100.0					16.4
DT117a, DT117b, DT117c	383199	352740	Roadside	100	100.0					25.1
DT118a, DT118b, DT118c	382934	353388	Roadside	100	100.0					18.5
DT119a, DT119b, DT119c	382600	354062	Roadside	100	84.6					18.0

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DT120a, DT120b, DT120c	382707	354305	Roadside	100	100.0					24.2
DT121a, DT121b, DT121c	382736	354385	Roadside	100	100.0					20.4
DT122a, DT122b, DT122c	384261	354207	Roadside	100	100.0					20.8
DT123a, DT123b, DT123c	384638	354133	Roadside	100	100.0					20.5
DT124a, DT124b, DT124c	385019	353832	Roadside	100	75.3					32.3
DT125a, DT125b, DT125c	385387	348389	Roadside	100	100.0					20.5
DT126a, DT126b, DT126c	385556	348224	Roadside	100	100.0					18.3
DT127a, DT127b, DT127c	385416	347424	Roadside	100	90.1					17.7
DT128a, DT128b, DT128c	385512	347373	Roadside	100	90.1					22.7

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DT129a, DT129b, DT129c	384968	346228	Roadside	100	92.3					19.8
DT130a, DT130b, DT130c	385098	346395	Roadside	100	100.0					24.9
DT131a, DT131b, DT131c	385463	346374	Roadside	100	75.3					28.9
DT132a, DT132b, DT132c	385612	346436	Roadside	100	100.0					25.2
DT133a, DT133b, DT133c	385926	346580	Roadside	100	75.3					31.9
DT134a, DT134b, DT134c	386009	346600	Roadside	100	100.0					24.0
DT135a, DT135b, DT135c	385518	346128	Roadside	100	92.3					22.8
DT136a, DT136b, DT136c	385078	345687	Roadside	100	92.3					22.2
DT137a, DT137b, DT137c	382795	346011	Roadside	100	100.0					15.8

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) (1)	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) (2)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DT138a, DT138b, DT138c	383113	346592	Roadside	100	100.0					19.5
DT139a, DT139b, DT139c	383302	346727	Roadside	100	100.0					13.7
DT140a, DT140b, DT140c	383930	347273	Roadside	100	100.0					21.9
DT141a, DT141b, DT141c	384337	347534	Roadside	100	100.0					26.1
DT142a, DT142b, DT142c	384207	347915	Roadside	100	100.0					20.8
DT143a, DT143b, DT143c	384021	348925	Roadside	100	100.0					30.7
DT144a, DT144b, DT144c	383764	349912	Roadside	100	92.6					16.7
DT145a, DT145b, DT145c	383670	350326	Roadside	100	75.3					38.0
DT146a, DT146b, DT146c	383587	350790	Roadside	100	100.0					21.9

Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG16.

- Diffusion tube data has been bias adjusted.
- Reported concentrations are those at the location of the monitoring site (bias adjusted and annualised, as required), i.e. prior to any fall-off with distance correction.

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Exceedances of the NO_2 annual mean objective of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ are shown in **bold**.

NO_2 annual means exceeding $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO_2 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG16 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

Concentrations are those at the location of monitoring and not those following any fall-off with distance adjustment.

(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%).

Figure A. 1 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 1 – AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

Monitoring in AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove shows no clear trend. There was no exceedance of the annual mean objective in 2020. It should be noted that in the Annual Status Report 2020 (2019 monitoring results) DT94 had been moved from the building façade to a lamppost closer to the road, because vegetation was inhibiting air flow around the tube. However, the tube had not been given a new identification number. This has been corrected for this report which shows 2019 and 2020 data for the relocated tube numbered DT106. The distance corrected concentration at DT106 in 2019 was 38.2µg/m³ and therefore the objective was not exceeded at the nearest residential property.

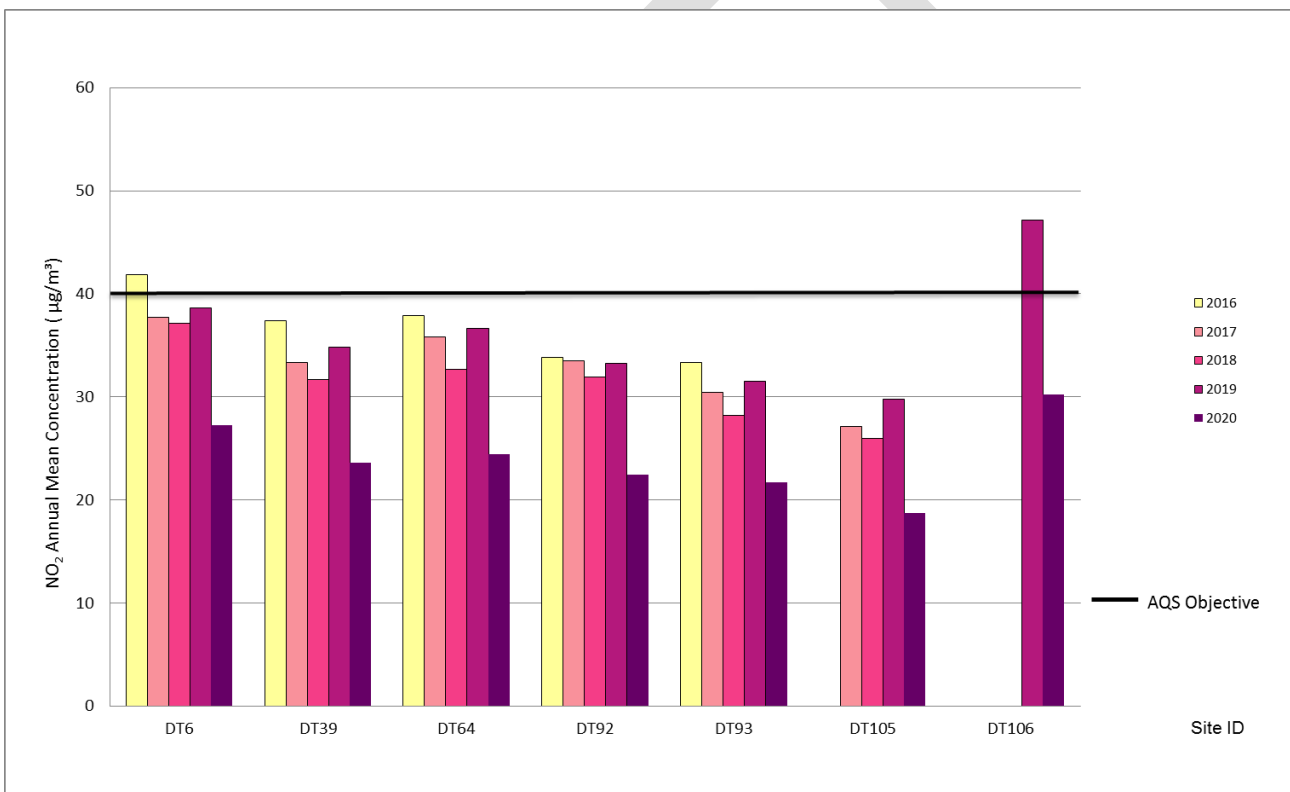


Figure A. 2 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 2

Figure A.2 shows results for five new monitoring sites along the A34 between the A500 and A50 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove. No trend data is available, as the sites were set up in 2020 to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan being developed in response to the Ministerial Direction issued jointly to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council and Stoke on Trent City Council to achieve compliance with the EU limit value of 40µg/m³ for NO₂ in the shortest possible time. New sites were set up to monitor concentrations of NO₂ on possible dispersion routes resulting from proposed measures in the plan. All concentrations were significantly below the annual objective.

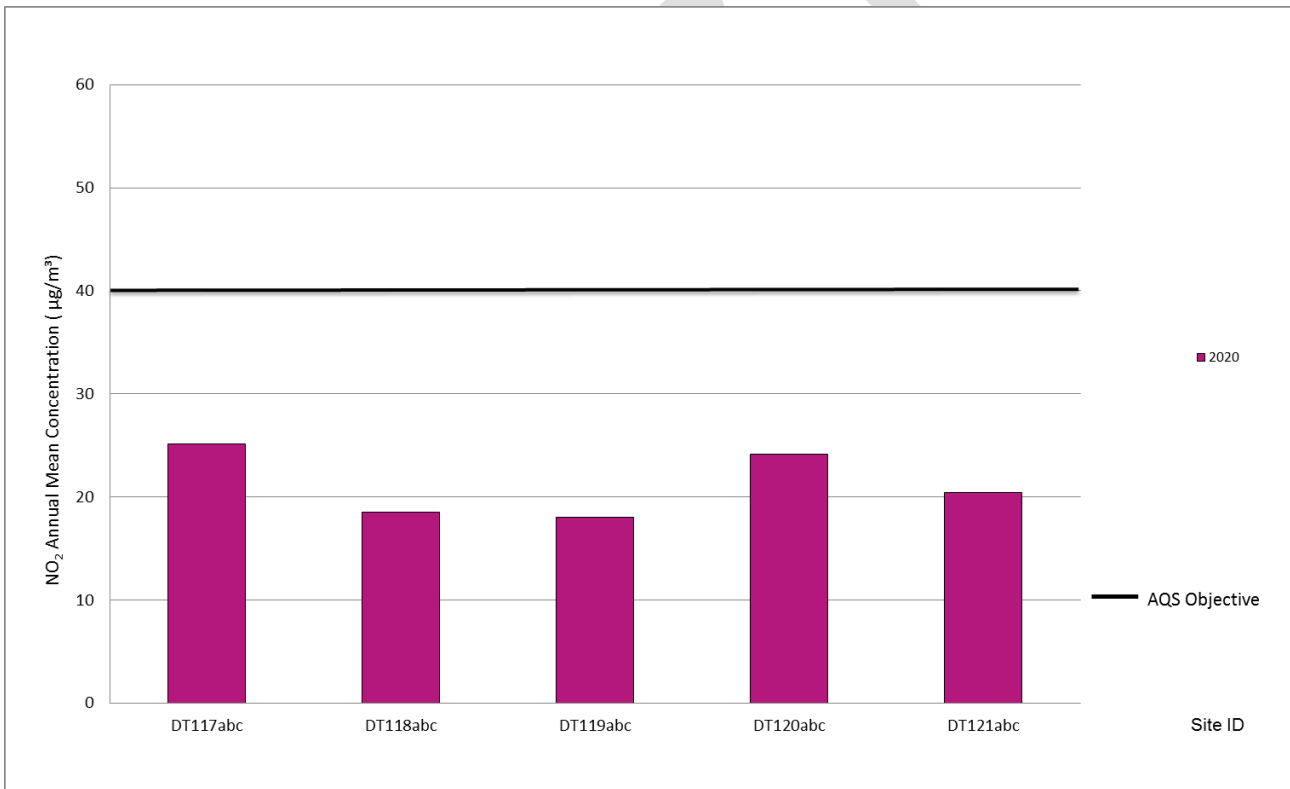


Figure A. 3 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 3

Figure A.3 shows results for three new monitoring sites along the A50 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove to the east of AQMA 1. No trend data is available, as the sites were set up in 2020 to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan. All concentrations were significantly below the annual objective.

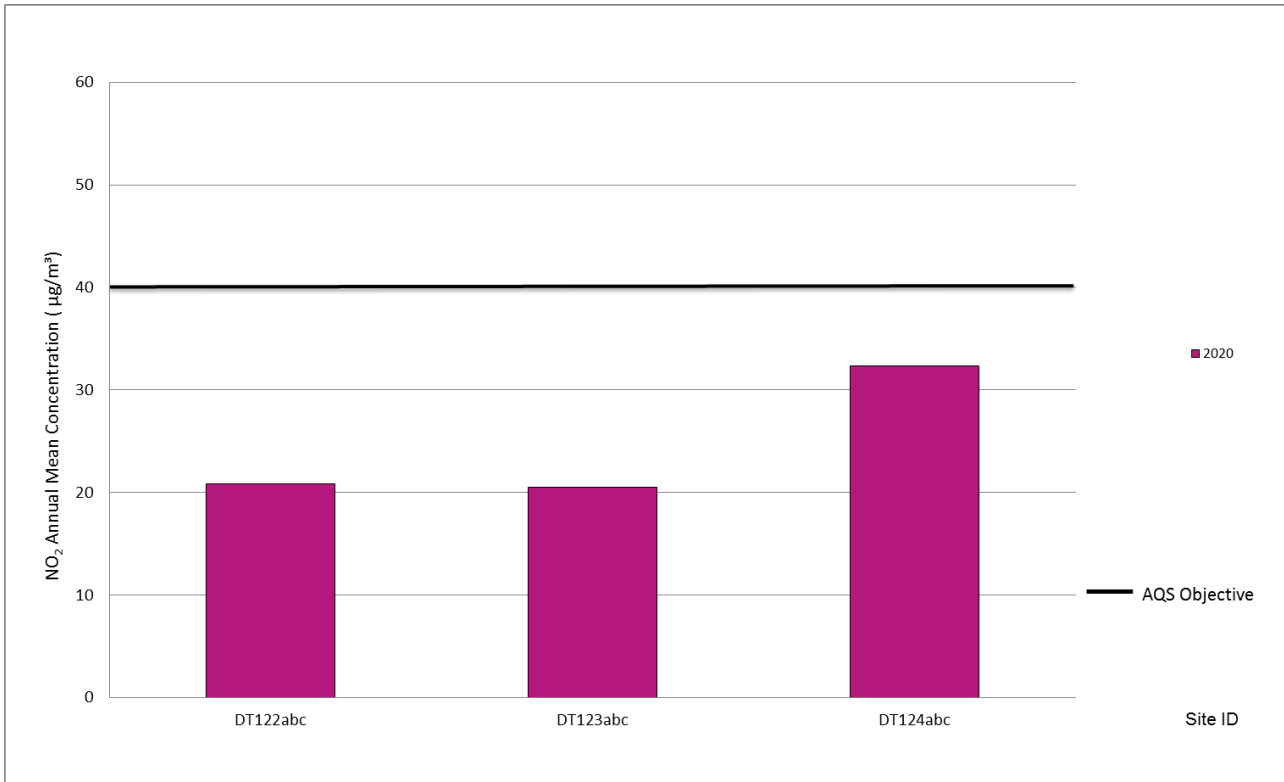


Figure A. 4 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 4

Figure A.4 shows concentrations for one tube at Limbrick Farm located adjacent to the M6 motorway. Monitoring shows downward trend in concentrations at this location and no exceedance of the annual objective.

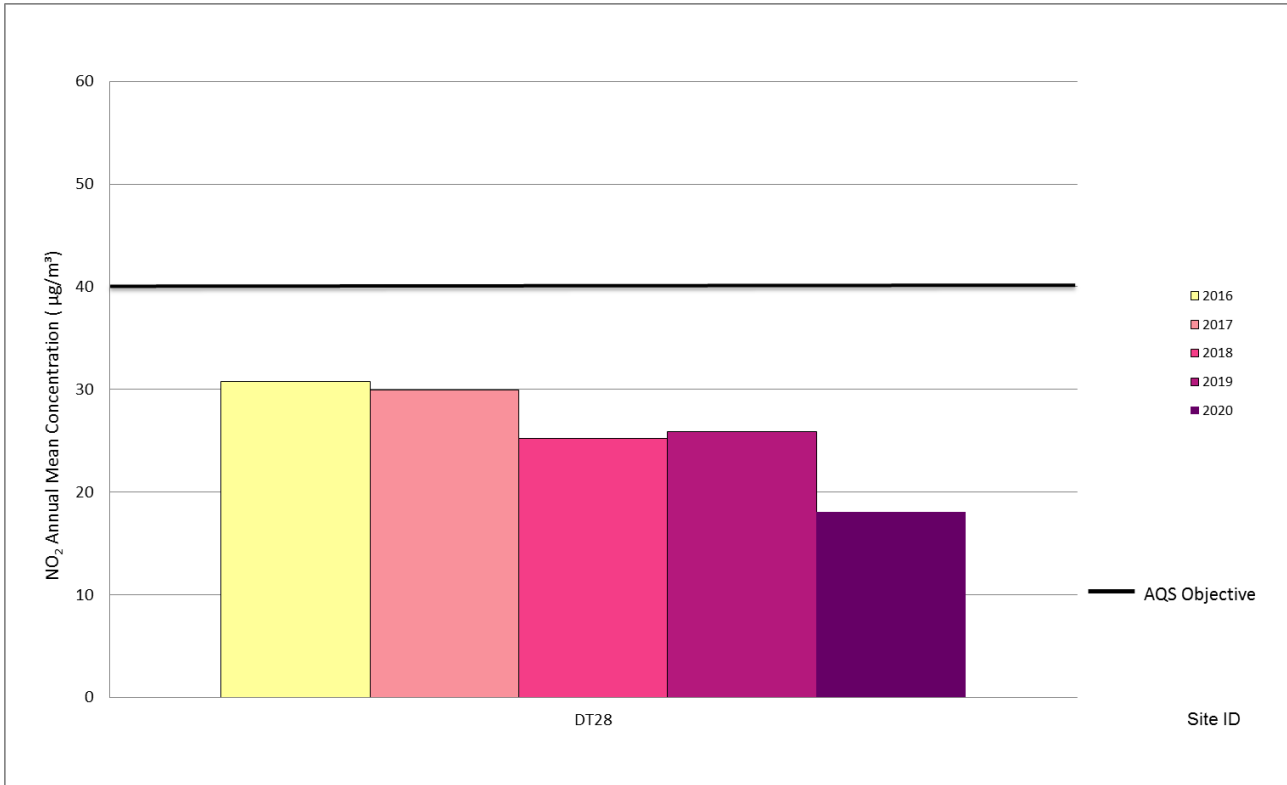


Figure A. 5 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 5

Figure A.5 shows results for five new monitoring sites along the A34 between Newcastle Town Centre and the A500. No trend data is available, as the sites were set up in 2020 to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan. Four of the five sites show concentrations significantly below the EU annual limit value. DT145 is within 10% of the annual limit value.

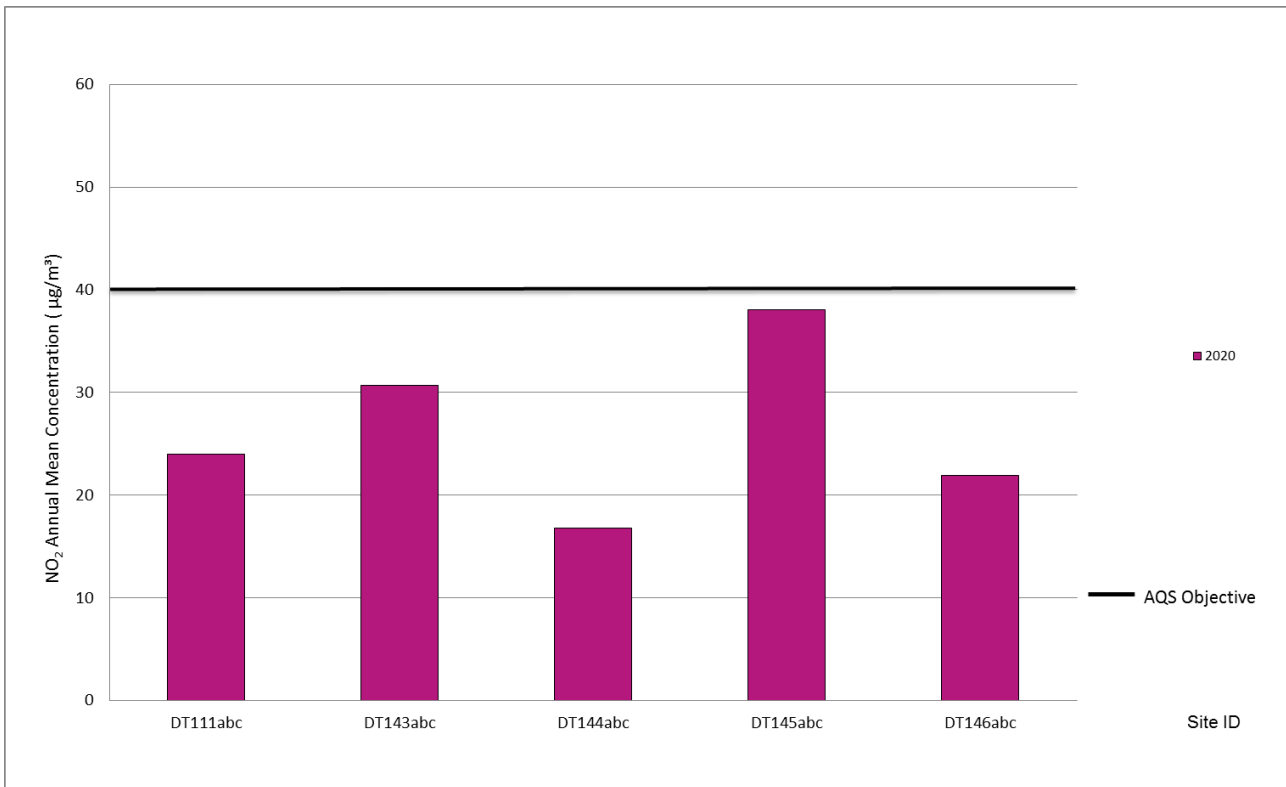


Figure A. 6 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 6 - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill

Figure A.6 shows concentrations within AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill. Six of the sites (DTUB1, DT9, dt24, DT40, DT49 and DT103) are existing sites, while three are new sites (DT125, DT126 and DT128), again set up in 2020 to monitor the likely effects on concentrations of NO₂ of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan and the possible impacts of the [Etruria Valley Link Road](#) being constructed in neighbouring Stoke on Trent. There is no clear trend shown in this area. All results for 2020 are significantly below the annual objective / EU annual mean limit value.

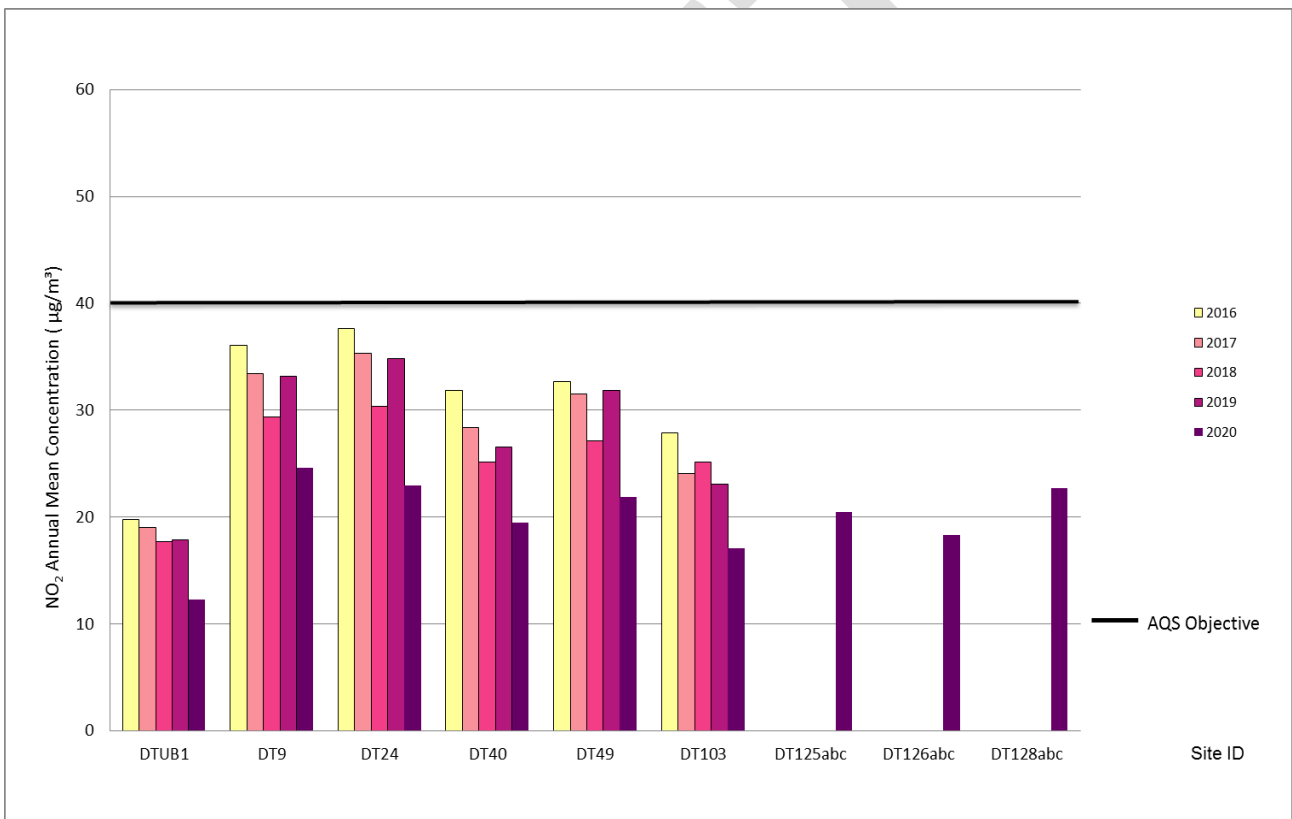


Figure A. 7 Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 7

Figure A.7 shows concentrations at one site on the A34 between B5369 and the B5368 and five sites on the B5368 between the A34 and A525 Keele Road. No trend data is available, as the sites were set up in 2020 to monitor to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan. All concentrations are significantly below the EU annual mean limit value.

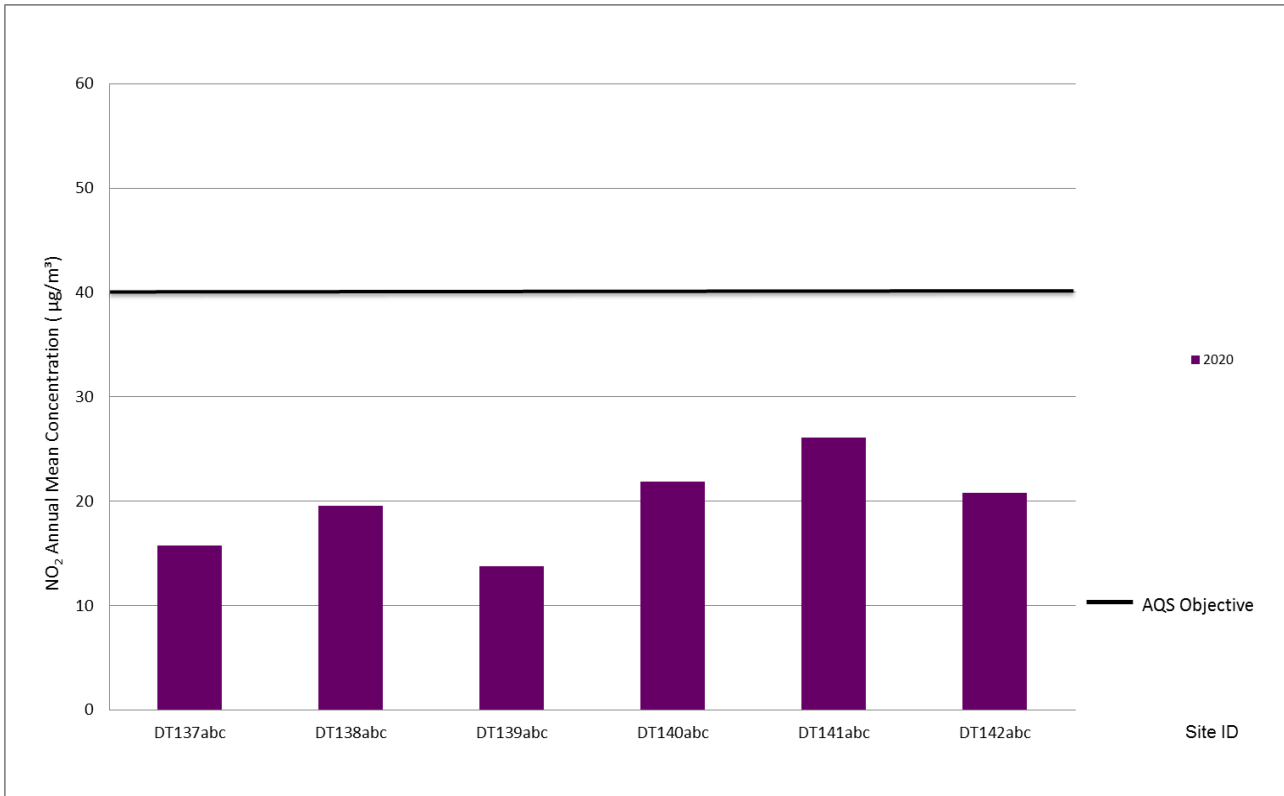


Figure A. 8 Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 8 - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre

Figure A.8 shows concentrations at 25 long-term monitoring sites and 13 new sites in this area. All but three sites DT107, DT108 and DT130 are located within AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre. There is no clear trend in concentrations in this area. All concentrations for 2020 were below the annual mean objective / EU annual mean limit value.

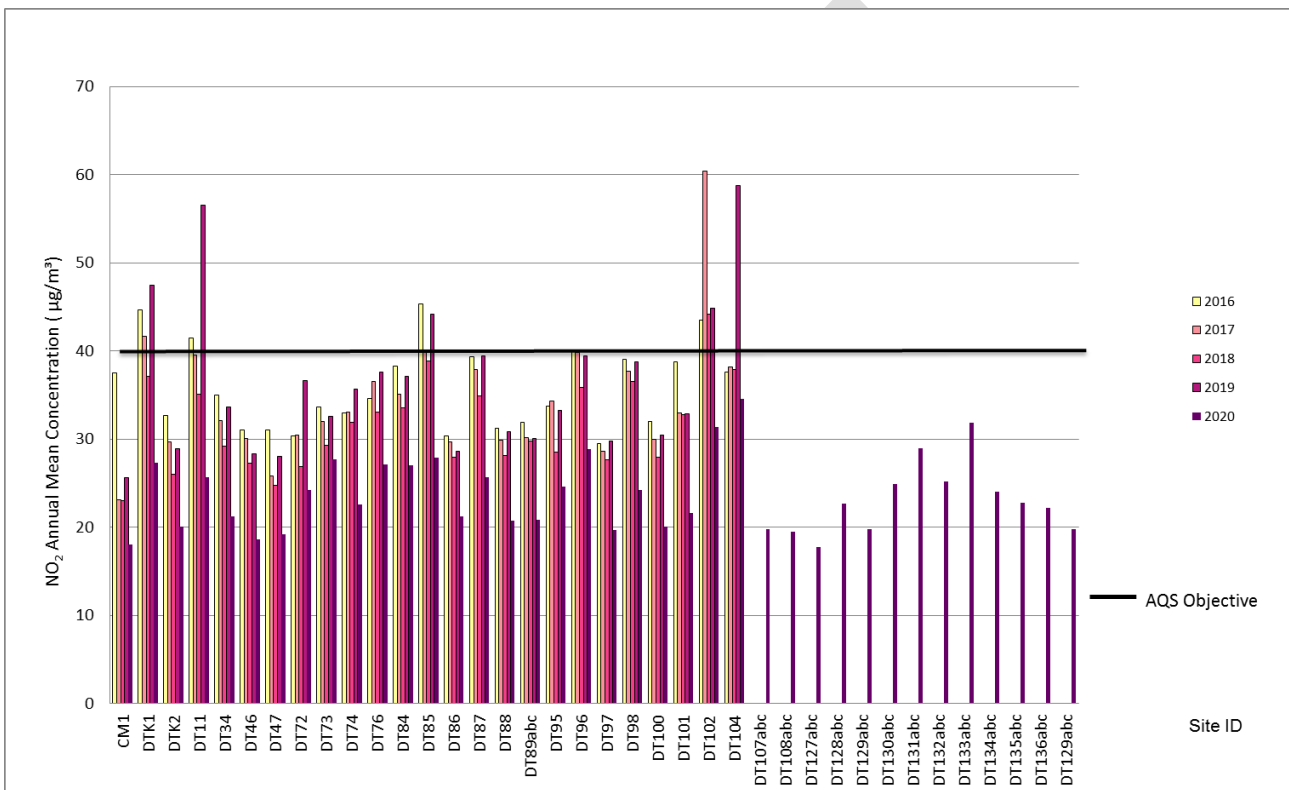


Figure A. 9 Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 9 - AQMA 4: Little Madeley

Figure A.9 shows concentrations for one tube DT 3 located on a residential property adjacent to the M6 motorway. Monitoring shows downward trend in concentrations at this location and no exceedance of the annual objective for years 2015 to 2019, therefore AQMA 4: Little Madeley can be revoked.

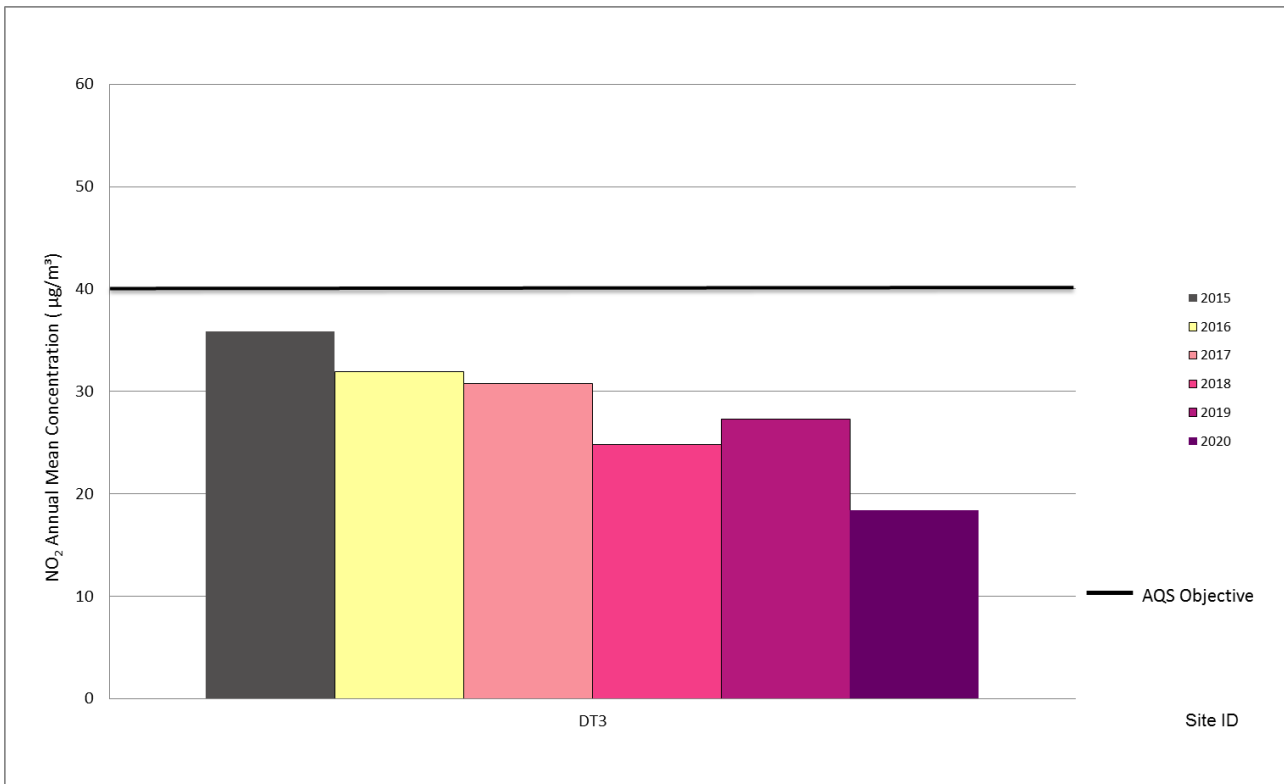


Figure A. 10 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 10

Figure A.10 shows concentrations at the long term background site DTUB2 located at Sneyd Crescent; plus two tubes on Gallowstree Lane and one on Sneyd Avenue. The background site shows a downward trend in concentration. All results are significantly below the annual objective. Sites DT144, DT115 and DT116 were set up in 2020 to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan. All concentrations are significantly below the annual mean objective / EU annual mean limit value.

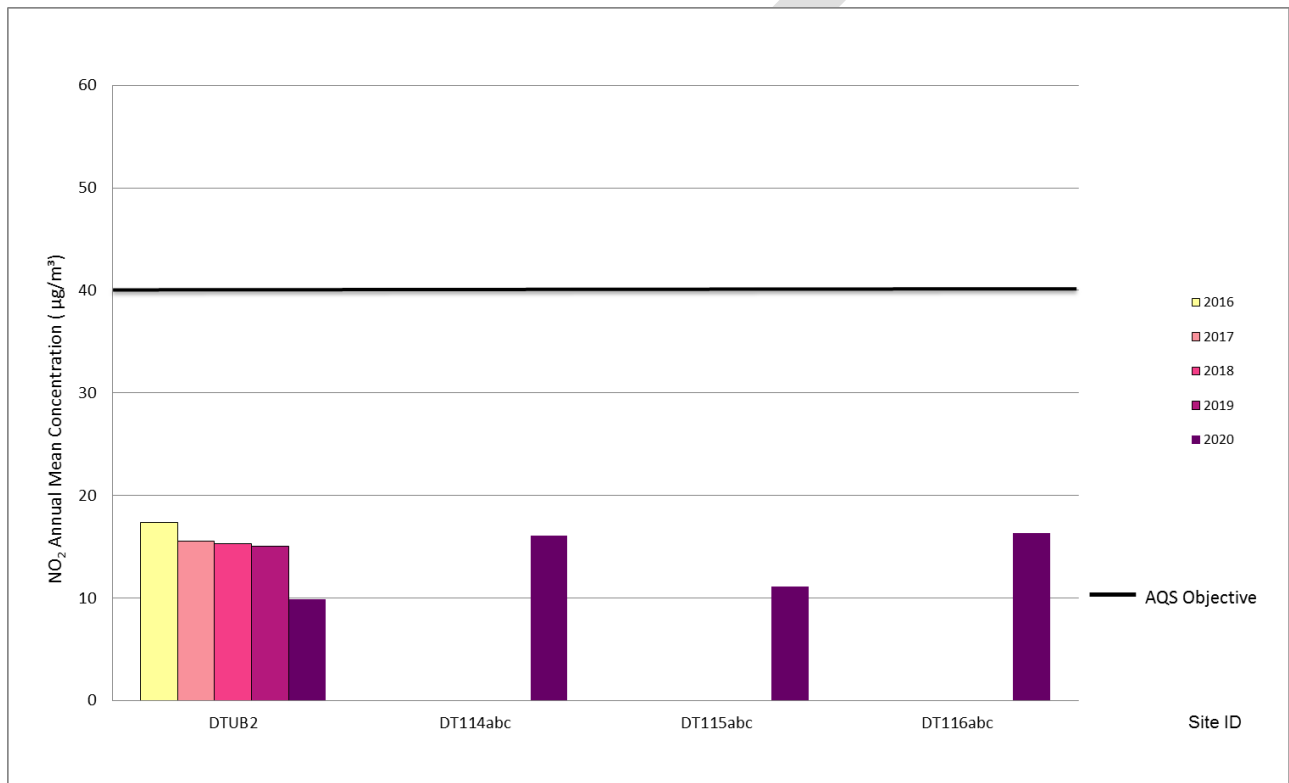


Figure A. 11 - Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Area 11

Figure A.1 shows concentrations at two sites on the A53 between A5182 Trentham Road and Seabridge Lane; and two sites on the A519 Clayton Road between the A500 and Clayton Lane. The sites were set up in 2020 to monitor to monitor the likely effects on concentration of the North Staffordshire Air Quality Plan. All concentrations are significantly below the annual objective.

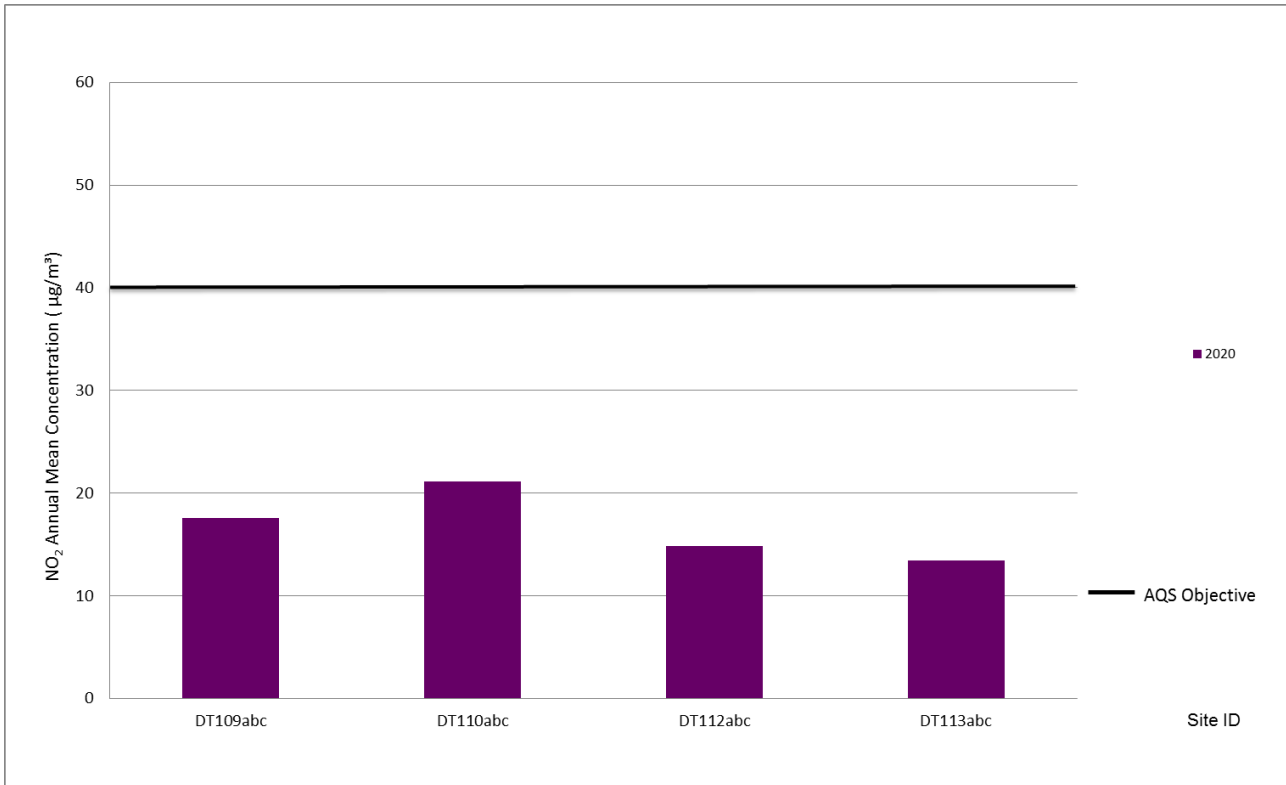


Table A.5 – 1-Hour Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m³

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CM1	385046	346147	Urban Centre	100	83.2	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

Results are presented as the number of 1-hour periods where concentrations greater than 200µg/m³ have been recorded.

Exceedances of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective (200µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times/year) are shown in **bold**.

If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 99.8th percentile of 1-hour means is provided in brackets.

(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%).

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Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2020

Table B.1 – NO₂ 2020 Diffusion Tube Results (µg/m³)

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted (0.85)	Annual Mean: Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure	Comment
DTK1	385051	345726	43.4	36.7	17.3			28.4	29.4	36.1	37.3	37.0	40.4	43.9	32.2	27.4		
DTK2	385469	346362	31.4	25.5	15.3			22.5	16.2		27.9	25.1	31.2	33.6	23.7	20.1		
DTUB1	384739	348326	18.6	16.8	9.0			11.0	10.1	13.7	14.6	15.4	23.6	21.6	14.4	12.3		
DTUB2	383916	345059	15.9	13.0	8.3			8.9	8.2		11.7	13.9	18.4	13.0	11.6	9.9		
DT3	378116	345488	30.6	32.9	14.0			18.4	19.6	19.7	22.5	23.2	24.9	26.2	21.6	18.4		
DT6	384014	354429	38.9	32.9	22.2			34.5	26.0	37.8	36.6	33.4	35.9	40.6	32.1	27.3		
DT9	385519	349055	34.9	35.1	21.6			28.3	23.3	30.9	31.0	28.8	37.6	32.8	28.9	24.6		
DT11	385112	345636	38.5	35.3	18.8				24.3	29.4	34.9	35.1	40.6	37.3	30.2	25.7		
DT24	385574	347530	40.3	31.1	17.0			22.6	22.7	25.5	31.5	31.4	34.5	33.2	27.0	22.9		
DT28	377994	350105	29.6	27.8	15.5			17.6	21.9	19.7	23.6	24.1		23.4	21.2	18.1		
DT34	385059	345840	32.7	27.7	16.0			23.5	19.9	30.5	29.9	27.2	33.1	26.6	24.9	21.2		
DT39	383560	354739	30.9	25.6	18.8			27.3	20.2	32.4	34.1	33.5	32.2	37.1	27.7	23.6		
DT40	385128	348811	28.8	26.8	16.2			21.8	16.4	22.6	25.5	25.4	35.9	23.3	22.9	19.4		
DT46	385073	345685	33.3	31.0	14.2			17.6	19.4	19.8	24.5	21.6	30.0	24.8	21.9	18.6		
DT47	385023	345678	24.8	21.6	17.7			23.1	14.6	26.7	25.2	24.3	28.9	27.5	22.6	19.2		
DT49	385595	349129	35.2	33.1	17.2			24.3	24.6	26.3	29.4	30.9	28.6	25.5	25.8	21.9		
DT64	383950	354445	38.6	34.9	19.3			28.9	24.4	31.2	32.5	26.3	31.5	38.9	28.8	24.5		
DT72	384981	345750	36.7	35.8	17.9			27.7	24.0	31.3	33.5	31.7	37.8	30.6	28.5	24.3		
DT73	385070	345738						30.1	25.3	33.6	35.5	35.6	34.5	39.6	33.7	27.7		
DT74	385132	345640	30.6	24.9					22.1	29.3	29.5		37.4	34.8	30.0	22.6		
DT76	385226	346156	43.0	34.8	18.8			32.1	23.0	37.1	35.9	34.9	33.2	48.9	31.9	27.1		
DT84	385548	346400	39.3	32.9	19.0			30.5	23.1	32.4	57.9	37.6	43.6	29.4	31.8	27.0		
DT85	385575	346413	39.3	34.1	22.9			34.2	30.3	40.4	43.2	28.4	36.4	39.3	32.8	27.9		
DT86	385075	345910		58.3	15.9			18.0	20.5	20.9	24.1	24.2	36.2	28.0	25.0	21.3		
DT87	385105	346225	38.7	34.6	19.4			29.4	27.9	36.0	37.0	33.9	27.2	37.4	30.2	25.6		
DT88	384709	345881	22.5	31.9	17.1			22.2	23.3	25.5	28.2		32.6	31.3	24.5	20.8		
DT89a	385054	346134	30.9	29.1	16.4			23.6	17.1	28.9	29.0	27.4	28.3	33.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT89a, DT89b and DT90c - Annual data provided for DT90c only
DT89b	385054	346134	31.4	28.7	15.1			23.7	17.0	29.1	27.0	27.4	34.0	26.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT89a, DT89b and DT90c - Annual data provided for DT90c only
DT90c	385054	346134	31.8	25.6	15.4			24.9	16.8	30.6	26.1	21.6	32.5	35.2	24.5	20.9		Triplicate Site with DT89a, DT89b and DT90c - Annual data provided for DT90c only
DT92	383890	354461	34.5	25.8	18.0			25.2	18.7	30.3	27.5	29.5	36.5	33.3	26.4	22.5		
DT93	384056	354393	29.2	22.9	16.8			28.2		29.3	29.9	29.4	30.6	29.4	25.5	21.7		
DT95	385171	345539	37.0	33.1	18.1			22.6	40.5	25.5	29.8	32.6	35.3	36.8	28.9	24.6		
DT96	385131	345601	41.7	36.2	14.7			25.1	86.6	30.5	32.9	34.4	41.8	38.1	33.9	28.9		
DT97	384795	345796	27.4	25.5	14.5			20.6	16.7	24.6	25.1	26.1	39.8	27.9	23.1	19.7		
DT98	385327	346148	43.2	44.1	14.3			28.8	25.9	33.1	35.6	23.4		38.3	28.6	24.3		

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DT100	384689	346284	29.6	30.1	15.7			19.5	19.6	23.0	25.8		32.9		22.6	20.1		
DT101	384806	345842	29.8	26.4	13.8			27.2	19.7	29.5	29.7	30.9	33.0	35.3	25.4	21.6		
DT102	384609	346007	44.1	42.5	23.2			32.1	33.4	36.9	40.5	53.8	43.0	43.6	36.9	31.4		
DT103	385682	347909	23.0	19.7				19.2	11.0	22.5	19.3	14.0	26.8	25.4	20.1	17.1		
DT104	385213	346270	41.8	37.3	18.5			27.7	31.5	46.5	33.9	51.0	53.9	95.2	40.6	34.5		
DT105	383991	354418	28.0	24.6	14.1			20.5	16.8	22.3	23.4	25.3	31.1	28.8	22.0	18.7		
DT106	384030	354416	40.4	34.3					31.5	44.9	41.8	40.9	39.6	41.7	39.7	30.2		
DT107a	384454	346245	27.5	25.5	14.8			21.9	16.9	25.6	27.2	26.5	32.2	27.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT107a, DT107b and DT107c - Annual data provided for DT107c only
DT107b	384454	346245						22.5	17.0	26.7	27.8	28.8	26.7	30.1	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT107a, DT107b and DT107c - Annual data provided for DT107c only
DT107c	384454	346245						22.2	16.3	26.2	27.1			32.3	23.2	19.7		Triplicate Site with DT107a, DT107b and DT107c - Annual data provided for DT107c only
DT108a	384961	345346	30.9	29.5	14.7			20.1	19.7	23.3	23.6	27.0	27.4	28.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT108a, DT108b and DT108c - Annual data provided for DT108c only
DT108b	384961	345346						20.0	22.0	22.8	23.6	25.2	27.9	24.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT108a, DT108b and DT108c - Annual data provided for DT108c only
DT108c	384961	345346						20.5	19.6	21.9	24.5	27.8	30.3	31.1	22.9	19.5		Triplicate Site with DT108a, DT108b and DT108c - Annual data provided for DT108c only
DT109a	385190	343318	31.6	25.6	12.9			17.4	15.0	18.7	20.7	23.2	20.9	27.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT109a, DT109b and DT109c - Annual data provided for DT109c only
DT109b	385190	343318						15.9	14.7	20.7	24.5	24.2	26.8	28.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT109a, DT109b and DT109c - Annual data provided for DT109c only
DT109c	385190	343318						17.4	14.5	20.1	21.3	22.6	29.1	29.2	20.6	17.5		Triplicate Site with DT109a, DT109b and DT109c - Annual data provided for DT109c only
DT110a	385110	342314	30.3	29.9	16.5			23.9	21.9	28.0	28.4	27.4	29.5	24.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT110a, DT110b and DT110c - Annual data provided for DT110c only
DT110b	385110	342314						24.1	24.0	27.0	29.8	31.0	29.6	24.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT110a, DT110b and DT110c - Annual data provided for DT110c only
DT110c	385110	342314						24.8	22.9	27.9	28.3	29.7	31.1	25.9	24.8	21.1		Triplicate Site with DT110a, DT110b and DT110c - Annual data provided for DT110c only
DT111a	383882	349558	28.8	40.9					22.0	19.7	26.5	25.4	28.5	32.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT111a, DT111b and DT111c - Annual data provided for DT111c only
DT111b	383882	349558						23.5	21.5	23.7	26.1	30.2	35.9	30.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT111a, DT111b and DT111c - Annual data provided for DT111c only
DT111c	383882	349558							19.0		24.1	29.2	34.1	33.2	28.2	24.0		Triplicate Site with DT111a, DT111b and DT111c - Annual data provided for DT111c only

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DT112a	382286	341956	24.3	19.5	12.8			15.9	11.4	19.0	18.8	17.8	26.2	21.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT112a, DT112b and DT112c - Annual data provided for DT112c only
DT112b	382286	341956						17.0	11.4	19.8	17.7	17.3	23.8	21.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT112a, DT112b and DT112c - Annual data provided for DT112c only
DT112c	382286	341956						14.6	11.1		17.9	18.8	18.2	20.7	17.4	14.8		Triplicate Site with DT112a, DT112b and DT112c - Annual data provided for DT112c only
DT113a	383052	343666	22.9	2.5	11.9			17.3	14.0	7.5	22.3		23.9	23.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT113a, DT113b and DT113c - Annual data provided for DT113c only
DT113b	383052	343666						17.9	14.2	20.6	20.8		22.9	24.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT113a, DT113b and DT113c - Annual data provided for DT113c only
DT113c	383052	343666						18.8	13.8	13.6	21.6		23.7	17.7	15.8	13.5		Triplicate Site with DT113a, DT113b and DT113c - Annual data provided for DT113c only
DT114a	383953	344832	27.5	24.3	11.4			17.2	13.0	17.5	18.2	22.3	26.3	34.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT114a, DT114b and DT114c - Annual data provided for DT114c only
DT114b	383953	344832						16.8	13.0	17.7	18.1	28.5	23.3	14.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT114a, DT114b and DT114c - Annual data provided for DT114c only
DT114c	383953	344832						16.5	12.6	17.7	18.7	23.3	25.2	25.0	18.9	16.1		Triplicate Site with DT114a, DT114b and DT114c - Annual data provided for DT114c only
DT115a	383545	345195	16.0	14.0	9.5			11.3	8.8	13.4	14.4	14.9	16.3	18.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT115a, DT115b and DT115c - Annual data provided for DT115c only
DT115b	383545	345195						11.2	9.5	14.0	12.5	14.0	17.5	19.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT115a, DT115b and DT115c - Annual data provided for DT115c only
DT115c	383545	345195						12.7	9.4	13.4	14.9	13.4	17.2	16.7	13.1	11.1		Triplicate Site with DT115a, DT115b and DT115c - Annual data provided for DT115c only
DT116a	383157	345431	26.8	23.1	12.5			17.4	13.8	19.0	20.7	24.0	23.4	24.1	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT116a, DT116b and DT116c - Annual data provided for DT116c only
DT116b	383157	345431						18.1	14.6	19.0	18.3	23.6	24.6	23.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT116a, DT116b and DT116c - Annual data provided for DT116c only
DT116c	383157	345431						18.0	14.9	19.6	20.6	22.0		24.6	19.2	16.4		Triplicate Site with DT116a, DT116b and DT116c - Annual data provided for DT116c only
DT117a	383199	352740	42.5	38.4	15.7			28.3	26.5	32.8	34.6	36.8	35.2	32.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT117a, DT117b and DT117c - Annual data provided for DT117c only
DT117b	383199	352740						27.6	28.5	31.5	32.9	33.5	36.1	36.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT117a, DT117b and DT117c - Annual data provided for DT117c only

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DT117c	383199	352740						28.3	26.2	31.9	32.7	35.1	36.1	34.0	29.5	25.1		Triplicate Site with DT117a, DT117b and DT117c - Annual data provided for DT117c only
DT118a	382934	353388	28.1	24.3	14.3			21.8	15.6	25.5	23.3	24.4	28.6	26.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT118a, DT118b and DT118c - Annual data provided for DT118c only
DT118b	382934	353388						21.3	15.9	24.6	22.8	26.4	26.8	27.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT118a, DT118b and DT118c - Annual data provided for DT118c only
DT118c	382934	353388						22.5	15.8	23.9	22.5	23.8	28.8	26.9	21.8	18.5		Triplicate Site with DT118a, DT118b and DT118c - Annual data provided for DT118c only
DT119a	382600	354062			14.8			20.9	12.9	24.3	23.8	24.1	29.5	27.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only
DT119b	382600	354062						24.4	13.9	26.2	24.7	24.8	29.3	22.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only
DT119c	382600	354062						23.3	13.0	26.4	22.6	24.4	24.2		20.9	18.0		Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only
DT120a	382707	354305	34.0	37.1	13.6			28.3	28.4	34.0	34.9	36.9	31.0	35.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT120a, DT120b and DT120c - Annual data provided for DT120c only
DT120b	382707	354305						26.8	26.3	32.4	33.2	36.8	41.2	35.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT120a, DT120b and DT120c - Annual data provided for DT120c only
DT120c	382707	354305							28.3	31.2	34.1	34.2	36.0	33.0	28.4	24.2		Triplicate Site with DT120a, DT120b and DT120c - Annual data provided for DT120c only
DT121a	382736	354385	29.3	25.8	18.1			19.8	18.7	22.8	24.3	26.6	29.4	26.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT121a, DT121b and DT121c - Annual data provided for DT121c only
DT121b	382736	354385						18.7	19.3	23.7	25.2	26.1	30.4	27.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT121a, DT121b and DT121c - Annual data provided for DT121c only
DT121c	382736	354385						19.2	18.9	22.8	24.3	25.8	31.0	49.3	24.0	20.4		Triplicate Site with DT121a, DT121b and DT121c - Annual data provided for DT121c only
DT122a	384261	354207	32.1	29.0	19.3			26.8	17.0	27.2	27.6	25.5	27.8	29.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT122a, DT122b and DT122c - Annual data provided for DT122c only
DT122b	384261	354207						25.9	17.0	26.8	26.6	25.2	28.1	21.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT122a, DT122b and DT122c - Annual data provided for DT122c only
DT122c	384261	354207						24.1	17.6	25.6	26.5	26.6	27.8	24.4	24.5	20.8		Triplicate Site with DT122a, DT122b and DT122c - Annual data provided for DT122c only
DT123a	384638	354133	38.2	31.0	15.1			22.2	19.9	23.2	25.1	25.1	25.1	24.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT123a, DT123b and DT123c - Annual data provided for DT123c only

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DT123b	384638	354133						21.0	20.6	23.3	24.8	25.9	31.3	35.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT123a, DT123b and DT123c - Annual data provided for DT123c only
DT123c	384638	354133						21.7	20.3			26.8	27.8	34.1	24.1	20.5		Triplicate Site with DT123a, DT123b and DT123c - Annual data provided for DT123c only
DT124a	385019	353832	53.3	44.9				31.0	33.4	34.8	37.4	38.4	33.6	42.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT124a, DT124b and DT124c - Annual data provided for DT124c only
DT124b	385019	353832						29.8	30.0	34.7	39.9	40.9	32.0	36.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT124a, DT124b and DT124c - Annual data provided for DT124c only
DT124c	385019	353832						32.2	29.7	34.2	37.9	39.6	29.8	35.4	38.0	32.3		Triplicate Site with DT124a, DT124b and DT124c - Annual data provided for DT124c only
DT125a	385387	348389	34.9	34.3	15.4			22.4	22.4	22.1	27.4	28.0	27.9	26.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT125a, DT125b and DT125c - Annual data provided for DT125c only
DT125b	385387	348389						21.6	22.9	23.3	26.9	27.4	23.3	31.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT125a, DT125b and DT125c - Annual data provided for DT125c only
DT125c	385387	348389						22.3	22.4	22.9	26.2	24.7	32.7	19.3	24.1	20.5		Triplicate Site with DT125a, DT125b and DT125c - Annual data provided for DT125c only
DT126a	385556	348224	29.6	28.1	13.3			19.7	17.7	21.3	22.0	24.4	30.6	26.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT126a, DT126b and DT126c - Annual data provided for DT126c only
DT126b	385556	348224						19.0	17.7	21.0	20.9	24.8	32.1	22.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT126a, DT126b and DT126c - Annual data provided for DT126c only
DT126c	385556	348224						19.2	17.0	21.6	23.3	23.9	25.9	31.6	21.6	18.3		Triplicate Site with DT126a, DT126b and DT126c - Annual data provided for DT126c only
DT127a	385416	347424	27.9	24.5	14.5			20.9	15.9	23.4	24.2		24.8	27.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT127a, DT127b and DT127c - Annual data provided for DT127c only
DT127b	385416	347424						18.8	15.4	23.8	23.7		28.4	27.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT127a, DT127b and DT127c - Annual data provided for DT127c only
DT127c	385416	347424						20.4	15.7	22.7	25.9		26.3	16.6	20.9	17.7		Triplicate Site with DT127a, DT127b and DT127c - Annual data provided for DT127c only
DT128a	385512	347373	33.9	30.2	18.9			28.0	17.1	31.0	29.5		32.6	32.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT128a, DT128b and DT128c - Annual data provided for DT128c only
DT128b	385512	347373							16.9	33.2	29.8		31.6	31.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT128a, DT128b and DT128c - Annual data provided for DT128c only
DT128c	385512	347373							17.1	30.6			36.8	33.6	26.7	22.7		Triplicate Site with DT128a, DT128b and DT128c - Annual data provided for DT128c only

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DT129a	384968	346228	31.3	I/S	15.3			20.9	16.2	25.8	27.3	25.9	30.1	30.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT129a, DT129b and DT129c - Annual data provided for DT129c only
DT129b	384968	346228						20.6	16.8	25.5	27.3	26.4	32.2	30.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT129a, DT129b and DT129c - Annual data provided for DT129c only
DT129c	384968	346228						21.2	16.0	25.1	27.5	25.8	32.4		23.3	19.8		Triplicate Site with DT129a, DT129b and DT129c - Annual data provided for DT129c only
DT130a	385098	346395	37.5	33.7	20.4			27.2	19.0	33.5	31.1	31.7	36.8	39.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT130a, DT130b and DT130c - Annual data provided for DT130c only
DT130b	385098	346395						26.4	20.6	33.5	31.3	30.4	39.1	35.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT130a, DT130b and DT130c - Annual data provided for DT130c only
DT130c	385098	346395						27.7	21.2	32.9	30.2	31.7	37.3	37.1	29.3	24.9		Triplicate Site with DT130a, DT130b and DT130c - Annual data provided for DT130c only
DT131a	385463	346374	40.4	38.0				26.0	25.3	30.2	35.5	34.2	36.2	36.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT131a, DT131b and DT131c - Annual data provided for DT131c only
DT131b	385463	346374						27.0	25.7	31.5	37.2	36.5	38.8	34.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT131a, DT131b and DT131c - Annual data provided for DT131c only
DT131c	385463	346374						26.2	25.1	30.9	36.4		38.7	36.8	34.0	28.9		Triplicate Site with DT131a, DT131b and DT131c - Annual data provided for DT131c only
DT132a	385612	346436	40.8	39.1	18.4			26.7	28.2	28.3	36.7	38.9	37.4	33.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT132a, DT132b and DT132c - Annual data provided for DT132c only
DT132b	385612	346436						25.3	27.8	28.1	37.9	36.7	35.3	27.1	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT132a, DT132b and DT132c - Annual data provided for DT132c only
DT132c	385612	346436						25.7	30.3	26.4		32.3	35.6	29.9	29.6	25.2		Triplicate Site with DT132a, DT132b and DT132c - Annual data provided for DT132c only
DT133a	385926	346580	47.0	44.6				30.7	22.8	36.6	37.6	38.2	43.5	38.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT133a, DT133b and DT133c - Annual data provided for DT133c only
DT133b	385926	346580						28.4	22.9	35.6	36.6	37.6	57.0	39.1	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT133a, DT133b and DT133c - Annual data provided for DT133c only
DT133c	385926	346580						30.9	20.7	35.0	37.0	34.7	37.4	38.8	37.5	31.9		Triplicate Site with DT133a, DT133b and DT133c - Annual data provided for DT133c only
DT134a	386009	346600	37.6	37.1	18.1			26.2	21.6	28.9	32.6	32.9	35.8	32.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT134a, DT134b and DT134c - Annual data provided for DT134c only
DT134b	386009	346600						25.9	22.5	29.8	32.5	30.1	36.4	32.1	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT134a, DT134b and DT134c - Annual data provided for DT134c only

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DT134c	386009	346600						26.2	23.1	28.0	34.3	33.0	33.6	33.1	28.3	24.0		Triplicate Site with DT134a, DT134b and DT134c - Annual data provided for DT134c only
DT135a	385518	346128	I/S	36.7	17.3			23.1	23.5	27.9	33.1	31.1	35.1	34.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT135a, DT135b and DT135c - Annual data provided for DT135c only
DT135b	385518	346128						23.4	22.4	28.4	34.9	35.5	35.3	31.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT135a, DT135b and DT135c - Annual data provided for DT135c only
DT135c	385518	346128						23.0	25.5	28.4	33.0	31.3	33.2	23.1	26.8	22.8		Triplicate Site with DT135a, DT135b and DT135c - Annual data provided for DT135c only
DT136a	385078	345687	40.7		16.9			20.6	23.7	26.5	29.9	31.1	35.1	33.7	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT136a, DT136b and DT136c - Annual data provided for DT136c only
DT136b	385078	345687						20.0	22.5	25.3	29.9	33.1	32.9	29.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT136a, DT136b and DT136c - Annual data provided for DT136c only
DT136c	385078	345687						21.4	22.6	26.7	30.6	33.3	34.9	22.9	26.1	22.2		Triplicate Site with DT136a, DT136b and DT136c - Annual data provided for DT136c only
DT137a	382795	346011	20.0	19.9	13.6			20.1	13.0	19.9	19.6	20.1	26.2	20.5	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT137a, DT137b and DT137c - Annual data provided for DT137c only
DT137b	382795	346011						20.8	12.6	20.6	19.7	20.7	25.7	23.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT137a, DT137b and DT137c - Annual data provided for DT137c only
DT137c	382795	346011						20.5	11.8	20.1	20.4	20.7	20.4	25.9	18.6	15.8		Triplicate Site with DT137a, DT137b and DT137c - Annual data provided for DT137c only
DT138a	383113	346592	36.6	33.0	14.6			19.8	16.1	22.5	21.4	25.8	29.6	27.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT138a, DT138b and DT138c - Annual data provided for DT138c only
DT138b	383113	346592						19.8	16.4	21.5	23.5	23.8	27.5	28.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT138a, DT138b and DT138c - Annual data provided for DT138c only
DT138c	383113	346592						21.4		22.7	22.4	25.0	27.4	27.8	23.0	19.5		Triplicate Site with DT138a, DT138b and DT138c - Annual data provided for DT138c only
DT139a	383302	346727	22.5	23.3	10.9			13.3	9.2	13.1	16.0	17.3	22.9	21.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT139a, DT139b and DT139c - Annual data provided for DT139c only
DT139b	383302	346727						13.4	10.5	14.8	14.8	17.7	23.2	22.2	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT139a, DT139b and DT139c - Annual data provided for DT139c only
DT139c	383302	346727						12.8	9.8	15.0	14.7	16.9	23.8	22.9	16.2	13.7		Triplicate Site with DT139a, DT139b and DT139c - Annual data provided for DT139c only
DT140a	383930	347273	32.9	31.8	18.4			25.0	20.5	27.4	30.2	27.6	31.9	30.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT140a, DT140b and DT140c - Annual data provided for DT140c only

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DT140b	383930	347273						23.7	19.5	27.6	28.0	24.4	33.0	28.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT140a, DT140b and DT140c - Annual data provided for DT140c only
DT140c	383930	347273						25.7	19.6	28.3	27.6	25.1	32.5	30.7	25.7	21.9		Triplicate Site with DT140a, DT140b and DT140c - Annual data provided for DT140c only
DT141a	384337	347534	38.6	37.7	21.5			29.1	22.1	29.7	36.4	35.1	39.0	36.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT141a, DT141b and DT141c - Annual data provided for DT141c only
DT141b	384337	347534						29.2	27.2	29.1	34.4	31.2	40.2	36.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT141a, DT141b and DT141c - Annual data provided for DT141c only
DT141c	384337	347534						30.9	23.5	31.9	34.9	30.8	35.6	38.0	30.7	26.1		Triplicate Site with DT141a, DT141b and DT141c - Annual data provided for DT141c only
DT142a	384207	347915	30.7	32.2	16.8			23.4	19.1	25.8	26.6	27.6	33.7	31.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT142a, DT142b and DT142c - Annual data provided for DT142c only
DT142b	384207	347915						22.9	18.4	25.3	26.0	26.1	32.1	30.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT142a, DT142b and DT142c - Annual data provided for DT142c only
DT142c	384207	347915						23.1	18.1	15.7	26.6	25.3	32.2	I/S	24.5	20.8		Triplicate Site with DT142a, DT142b and DT142c - Annual data provided for DT142c only
DT143a	384021	348925	43.9	38.7	24.1			39.1	32.1	39.7	45.1	38.9	40.9	39.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT143a, DT143b and DT143c - Annual data provided for DT143c only
DT143b	384021	348925						38.6	33.3	41.4	43.8	41.9	44.9	39.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT143a, DT143b and DT143c - Annual data provided for DT143c only
DT143c	384021	348925						39.6	31.2	41.6	44.1	43.1	35.7	37.8	36.1	30.7		Triplicate Site with DT143a, DT143b and DT143c - Annual data provided for DT143c only
DT144a	383764	349912	20.9	20.3	14.1			23.7	12.7	24.9		21.6	26.5	24.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT144a, DT144b and DT144c - Annual data provided for DT144c only
DT144b	383764	349912						24.4	13.2	25.4		21.9	25.6	24.8	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT144a, DT144b and DT144c - Annual data provided for DT144c only
DT144c	383764	349912						22.8	12.9			17.7	20.5	26.3	19.7	16.7		Triplicate Site with DT144a, DT144b and DT144c - Annual data provided for DT144c only
DT145a	383670	350326	49.3	42.0				45.0	38.7	46.2	49.4	46.7	45.1	34.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT145a, DT145b and DT145c - Annual data provided for DT145c only
DT145b	383670	350326						48.8	39.8	47.0	50.5	45.2	46.2	38.0	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT145a, DT145b and DT145c - Annual data provided for DT145c only
DT145c	383670	350326						50.8	37.7	44.1	50.2	50.2	42.2	39.9	44.7	38.0		Triplicate Site with DT145a, DT145b and DT145c - Annual data provided for DT145c only

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DT146a	383587	350790	35.8	29.7	15.9			23.8	23.7	26.8	30.6	29.9	31.4	30.4	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT146a, DT146b and DT146c - Annual data provided for DT146c only
DT146b	383587	350790						24.6	26.2	28.1	29.2	29.0	31.1	29.9	-	-		Triplicate Site with DT146a, DT146b and DT146c - Annual data provided for DT146c only
DT146c	383587	350790						24.2	25.3	26.4	31.3	27.9	28.6	29.9	25.8	21.9		Triplicate Site with DT146a, DT146b and DT146c - Annual data provided for DT146c only

- All erroneous data has been removed from the NO₂ diffusion tube dataset presented in Table B.1.
- Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG16.
- Local bias adjustment factor used.
- National bias adjustment factor used.
- Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure in the final column.
- Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council confirm that all 2020 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System

Notes:

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

NO₂ annual means exceeding 60µg/m³, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment and annualisation.

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

New or Changed Sources Identified Within Newcastle under Lyme Borough During 2020

Intensive work has been carried out by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council in conjunction with the Environment Agency, UK Health Security Agency, Staffordshire County Council Public Health and other bodies, to look into complaints concerning gaseous emissions from a landfill situated approximately 1.3 Kilometres outside of AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre, regulated by the Environment Agency in accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (18)

The Committee on Climate Change, has called for a ban on all biodegradable waste sent to landfill by 2025, if the UK is to reach 'net zero emissions' by 2050. It is hoped that through improvements in the management of the site in conjunction with the ban on biodegradable waste by 2025, levels of gaseous emissions, including nitric oxides, will decrease from this site.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has not identified any additional new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2020.

Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council During 2020

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2020.

18 [The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

Staffordshire Scientific Services Laboratory supplied and analysed diffused tubes for Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council using the 20% TEA in water preparation method. The laboratory is UKAS accredited to ISO/IEC 17025:2017 (19) and participates in the AIR-PT scheme run by LGC (20) and the Field Intercomparison Scheme run by NPL (21). Monitoring has been completed in accordance with the 2020 Diffusion Tube Calendar (22), with the exception of March to May dates.

Collection and deployment of diffusion tubes was disrupted by travel restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Diffusion tubes that were put out at the beginning of March were not collected and analysed until the beginning of June. In accordance with LAQM TG(16) guidance regarding tubes that are left out for significantly longer or shorter periods than the four and five weeks recommended, advice was sought from Staffordshire Scientific Services Laboratory on the likely stability and reliability of diffusion tube results for this period. The laboratory confirmed that TEA is stable for up to four months and was, therefore, within the acceptable shelf-life. The results also confirmed that the samples did not need to be diluted and therefore it was very unlikely that the tubes had not become saturated. It was decided to include the results for that period. The subsequent valid data capture for the whole monitoring period was 100%.

19 https://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00002/0719Testing-Multiple.pdf

20 <https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/diffusion-tubes/qa-qc-framework.html>

21

https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/documents/Tube_Precision_2020_version_06_21%20Final%20F%20ULL%20FINAL.pdf

22 <https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/2020laqmcalendar1.pdf>

Diffusion Tube Annualisation

Annualisation was carried out at sites DT73, DT74, DT100, DT106 and DT109 as data capture less than 75% but greater than 25%. The process was completed using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool version 1.2.

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

The diffusion tube data presented within the 2021 ASR have been corrected for bias using an adjustment factor. Bias represents the overall tendency of the diffusion tubes to under or over-read relative to the reference chemiluminescence analyser. LAQM.TG16 provides guidance with regard to the application of a bias adjustment factor to correct diffusion tube monitoring. Triplicate co-location studies can be used to determine a local bias factor based on the comparison of diffusion tube results with data taken from NO_x/NO₂ continuous analysers. Alternatively, the national database of diffusion tube co-location surveys provides bias factors for the relevant laboratory and preparation method.

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council applied a national bias adjustment factor of 0.85 to the 2020 diffusion tube monitoring data. The factor was taken from version 09/21 and resulted from 15 studies. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council over the past five years is presented in Table C.1.

A local bias adjustment factor was calculated using triplicate diffusion tube site DT89 co-located with CM1. The calculation was completed using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool version 1.2. The local bias adjustment factor was not used, as the Data Quality Check on the calculation spreadsheet resulted in "Poor Overall Data Capture".

Table C.1 – Bias Adjustment Factor

Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2020	National	09/21	0.85
2019	National	03/20	0.93
2018	National	03/18	0.93
2017	National	03/18	0.89

2016	National	03/17 v2	0.94
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NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, local authorities should ensure that monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO₂ concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure should be estimated using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool/NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, non-automatic annual mean NO₂ concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table B.1.

No diffusion tube NO₂ monitoring locations within Newcastle under Lyme Borough required distance correction during 2020, as all results were less than 36µg/m³ (within 10% of the objective).

QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring

Local Site Operator (LSO) duties for the nitrogen dioxide analyser is carried out fortnightly by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council personnel in accordance with Defra Local Authority Technical Guidance (LAQM (TG16) (23).

Service of the monitor was completed every 6-months.

Data management was carried out by Air Quality Data Management (AQDM) (24) in accordance with Defra Local Authority Technical Guidance (LAQM (TG16). Monitored data was continually screened algorithmically and manually for anomalies at the data collection stage. Several techniques are designed to discover spurious and unusual measurements within a very large dataset. Anomalies may be due to equipment failure, human error, power failures, interference or other disturbances. Additional manual investigation was used when spurious results were identified.

23 [UK Regions \(exc. London\) Technical Guidance | LAQM \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

24 [Air Quality Data Management \(aqdm.co.uk\)](#)

Raw data from the gaseous instruments were scaled into concentrations using the latest values derived from the manual and automatic calibrations, to correct for instrument drift. Both the zero baseline (background) and sensitivity may change over time. The data was rescaled using regular calibration data obtained by introducing certified gas into the monitor and comparing the output to the certified gas value.

The 2020 data was ratified.

Live and historical data for CM1 is available online at [Air Quality in the United Kingdom \(ukairquality.net\)](https://ukairquality.net)

Automatic Monitoring Annualisation

The automatic monitor located within Newcastle under Lyme Borough recorded data capture of greater than 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data.

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, local authorities should ensure that monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO₂ concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure should be estimated using the NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, non-automatic annual mean NO₂ concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table B.1.

The automatic NO₂ monitor within Newcastle under Lyme Borough did not require distance correction during 2020.

Table C.2 – Annualisation Summary (concentrations presented in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

Site ID	Annualisation Factor Crewe Coppenhall	Annualisation Factor Glazebury	Annualisation Factor Stoke-on-Trent Centre	Annualisation Factor Telford Hollinswood	Average Annualisation Factor	Raw Data Annual Mean	Annualised Annual Mean	Comments
DT73	0.9360	0.9972	0.9696	0.9674	0.9676	33.7	32.6	
DT74	0.8904	0.8880	0.8589	0.9172	0.8886	30.0	26.6	
DT100	1.0458	1.0248	1.0587	1.0529	1.0456	22.6	23.6	
DT106	0.8961	0.9047	0.8602	0.9263	0.8968	39.7	35.6	
DT119a	0.9660	1.0267	1.0642	0.9975	1.0136	-	-	Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only
DT119b	0.9660	1.0267	1.0642	0.9975	1.0136	-	-	Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only
DT119c	0.9660	1.0267	1.0642	0.9975	1.0136	20.9	21.2	Triplicate Site with DT119a, DT119b and DT119c - Annual data provided for DT119c only

Table C.3 – Local Bias Adjustment Calculation

	Local Bias Adjustment Input 1	Local Bias Adjustment Input 2	Local Bias Adjustment Input 3	Local Bias Adjustment Input 4	Local Bias Adjustment Input 5
Periods used to calculate bias	7				
Bias Factor A	0.69 (0.57 - 0.87)				
Bias Factor B	45% (15% - 75%)				
Diffusion Tube Mean ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	27.1				
Mean CV (Precision)	6.5%				
Automatic Mean ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	18.7				
Data Capture	100%				
Adjusted Tube Mean ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	19 (15 - 24)				

Notes:

A single local bias adjustment factor has been used to calculate the local bias adjustment factor. However, the national bias adjustment factor was used to adjust the 2020 diffusion tube results.

Table C.4 – NO₂ Fall off With Distance Calculations (concentrations presented in µg/m³)

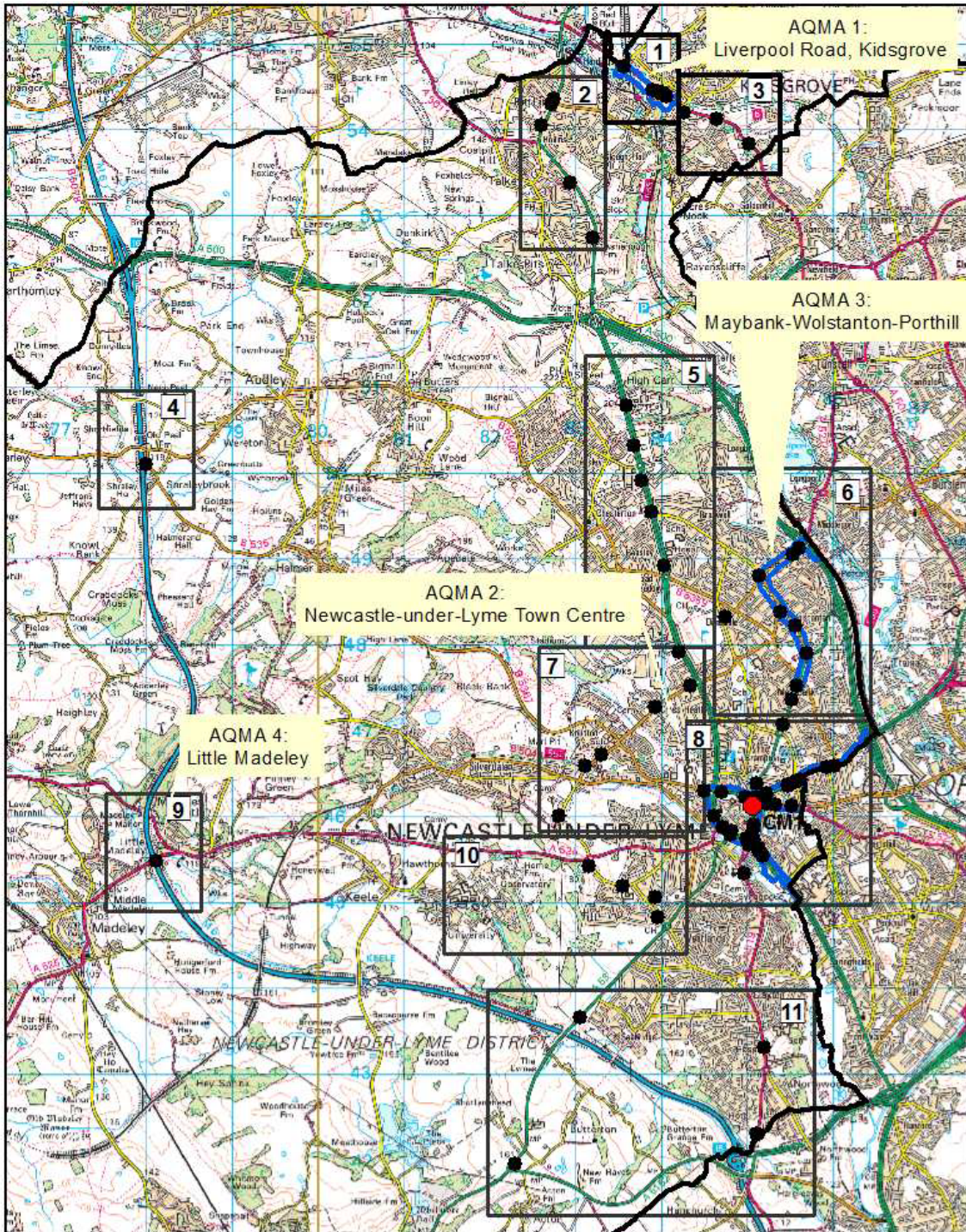
Distance correction was not required at any site.

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Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs

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Figure D 1 – Map of AQMAs plus Automatic and Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

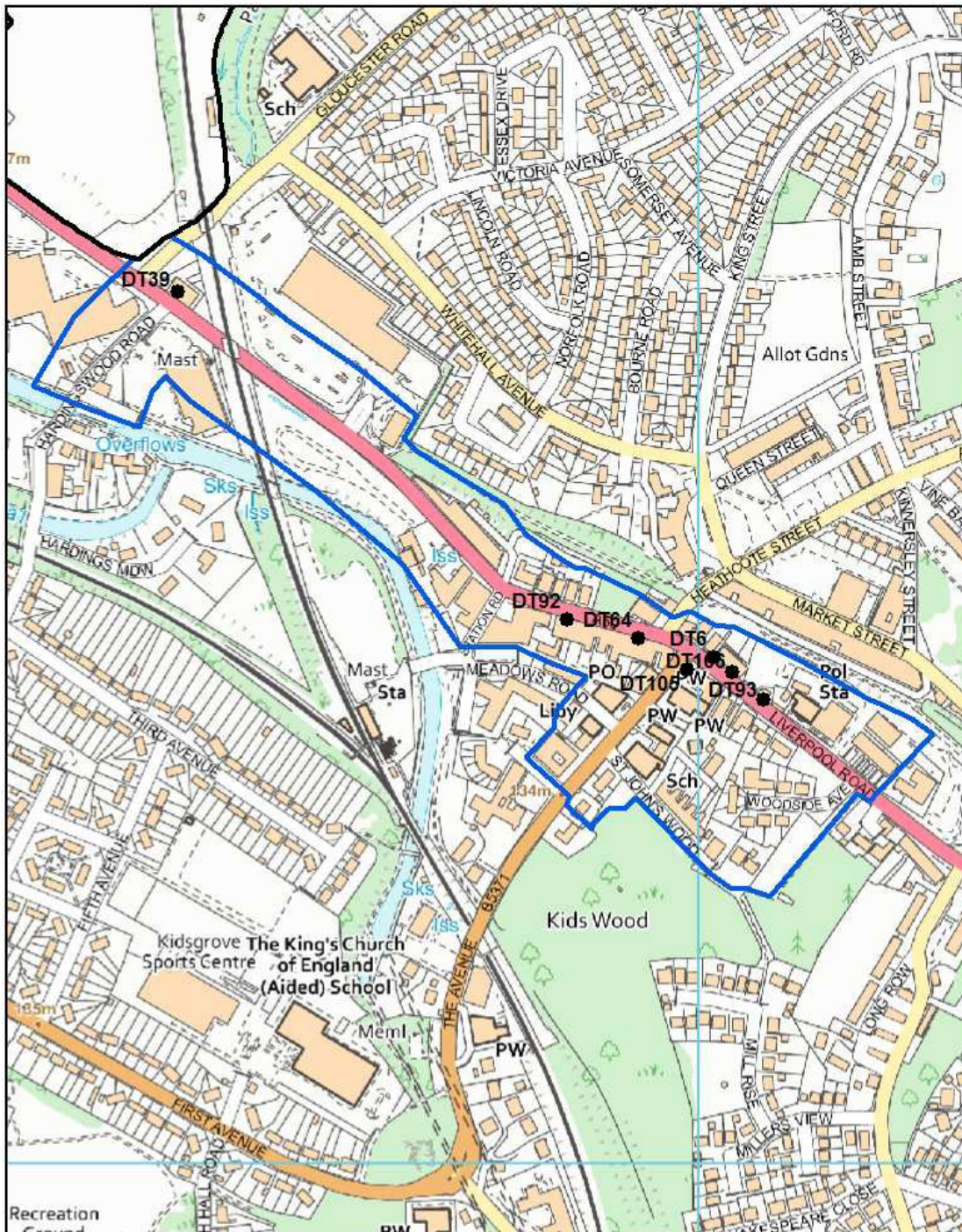


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 AQMA Boundary

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Figure D 2 – Map of monitoring Area 1 – AQMA 1: Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove



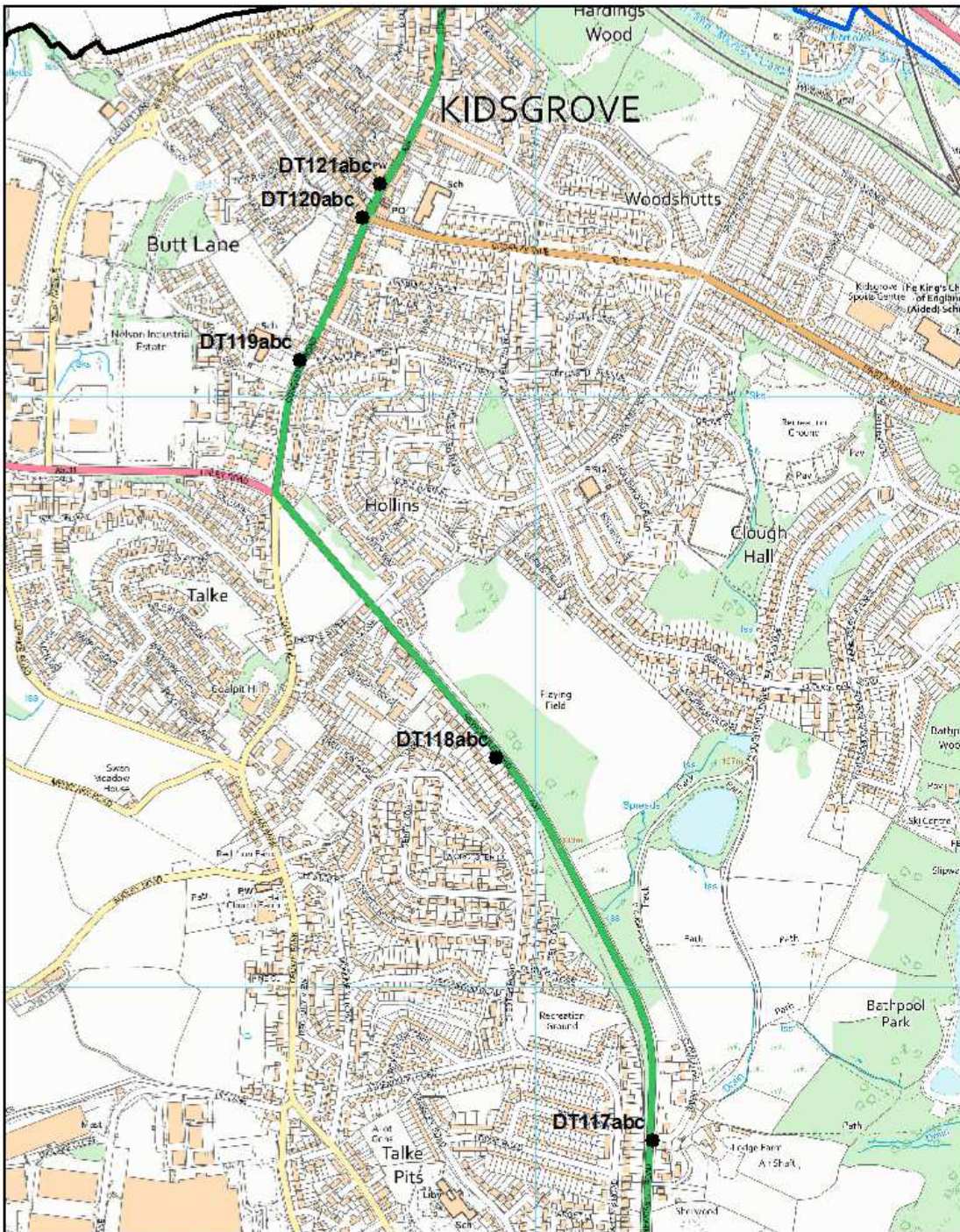
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Figure D 3 – Map of monitoring Area 2



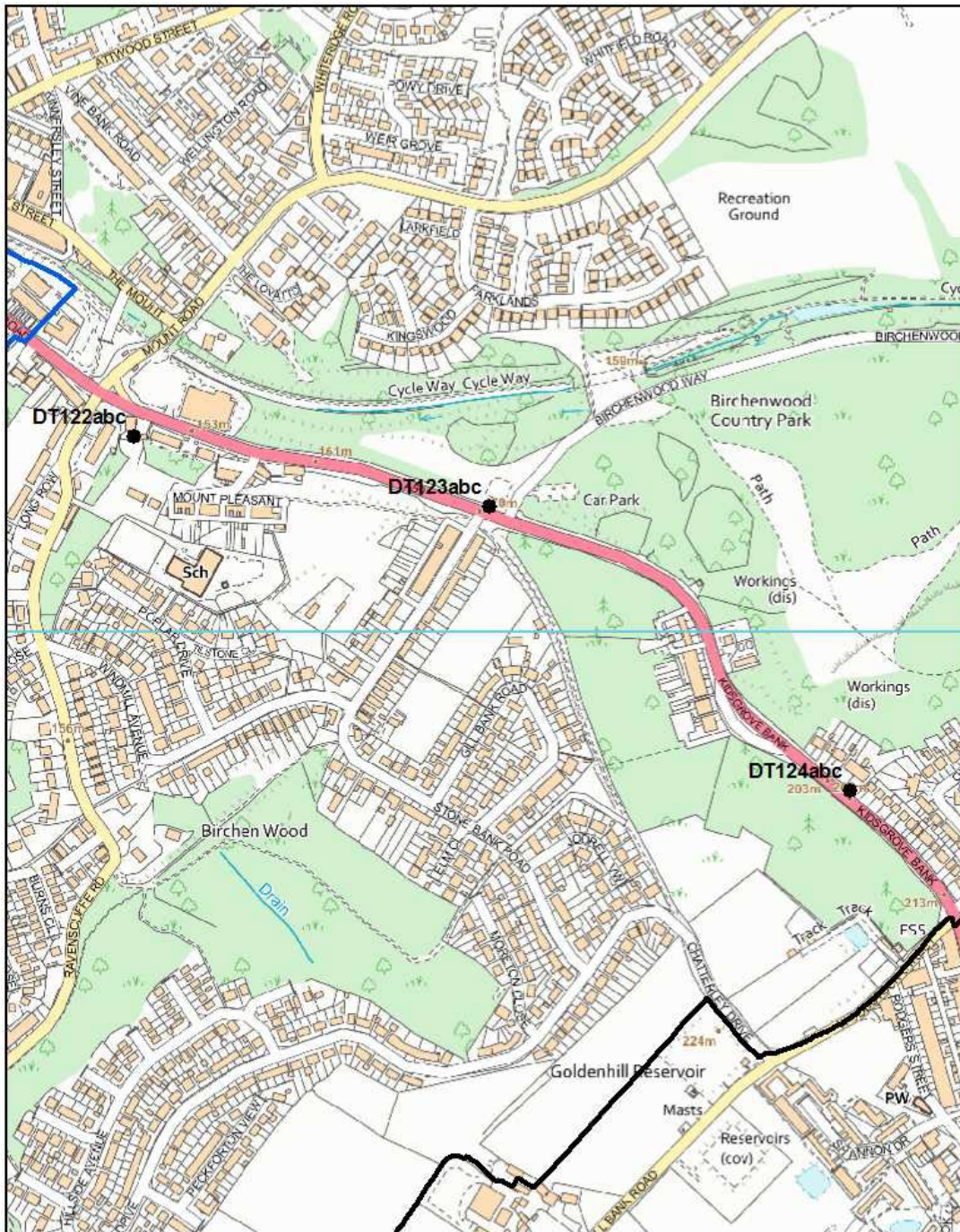
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Figure D 4 - Map of monitoring Area 3



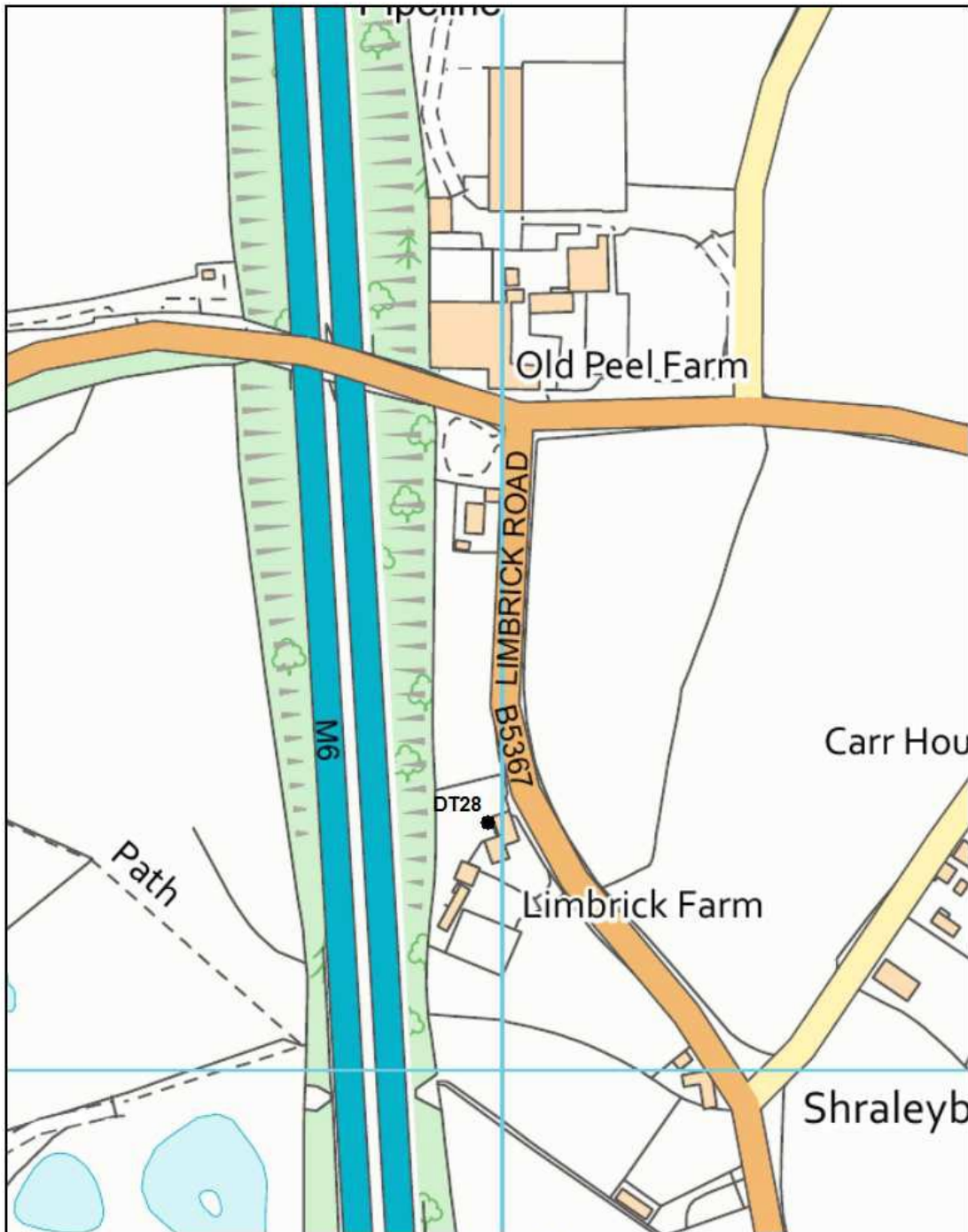
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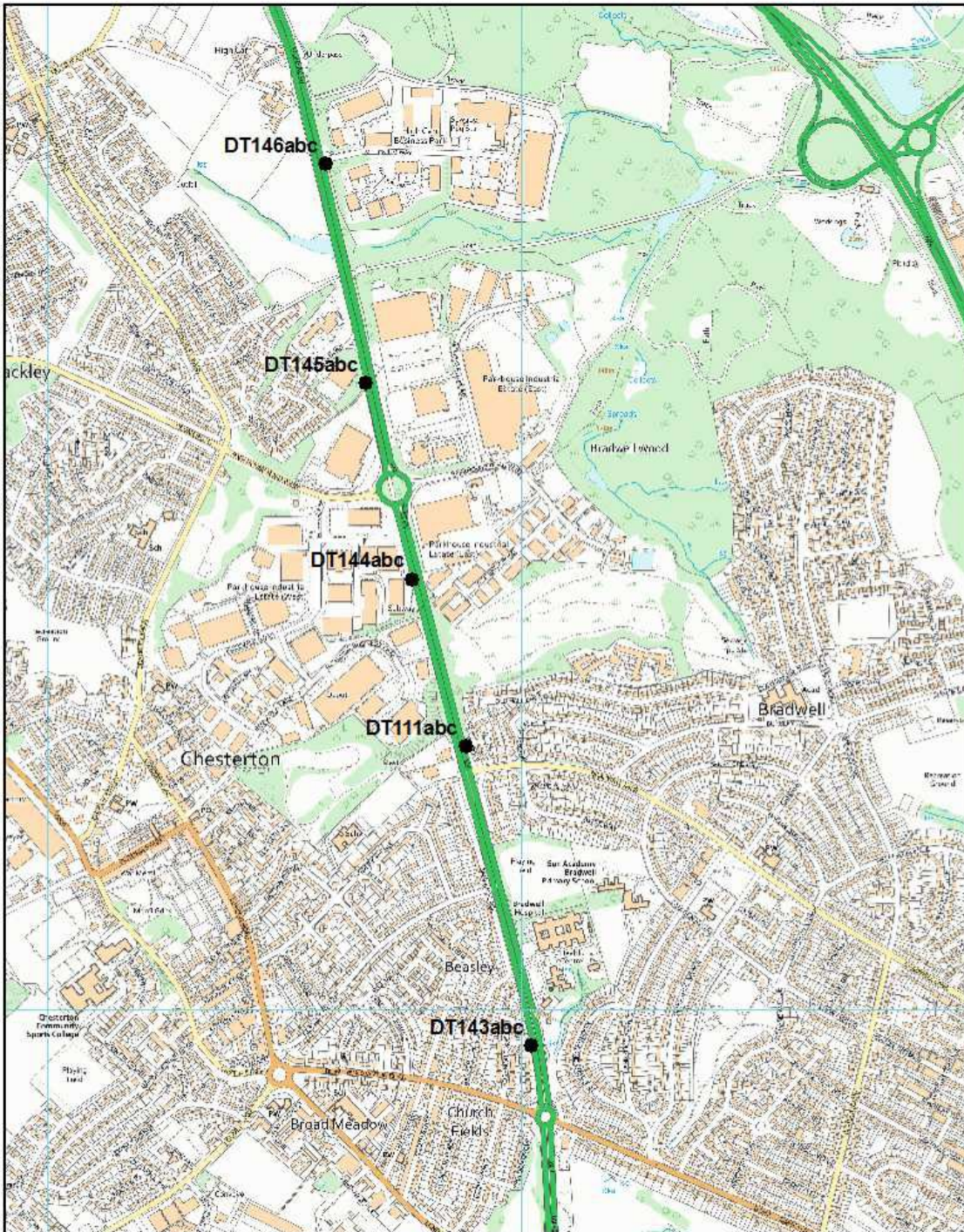
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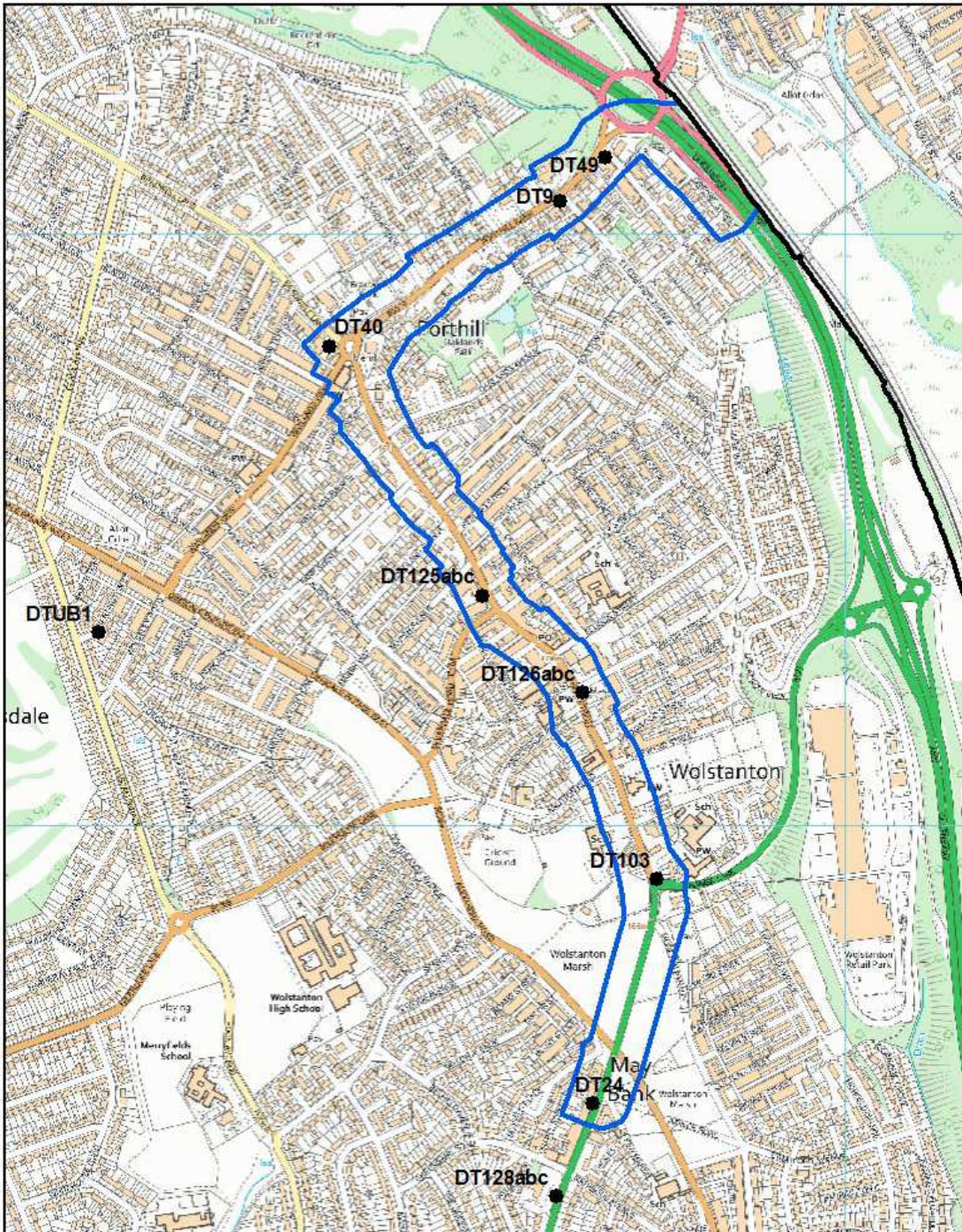
Figure D 6 - Map of monitoring Area 5



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Figure D 7 - Map of monitoring Area 6 - AQMA 3: Maybank-Wolstanton-Porthill



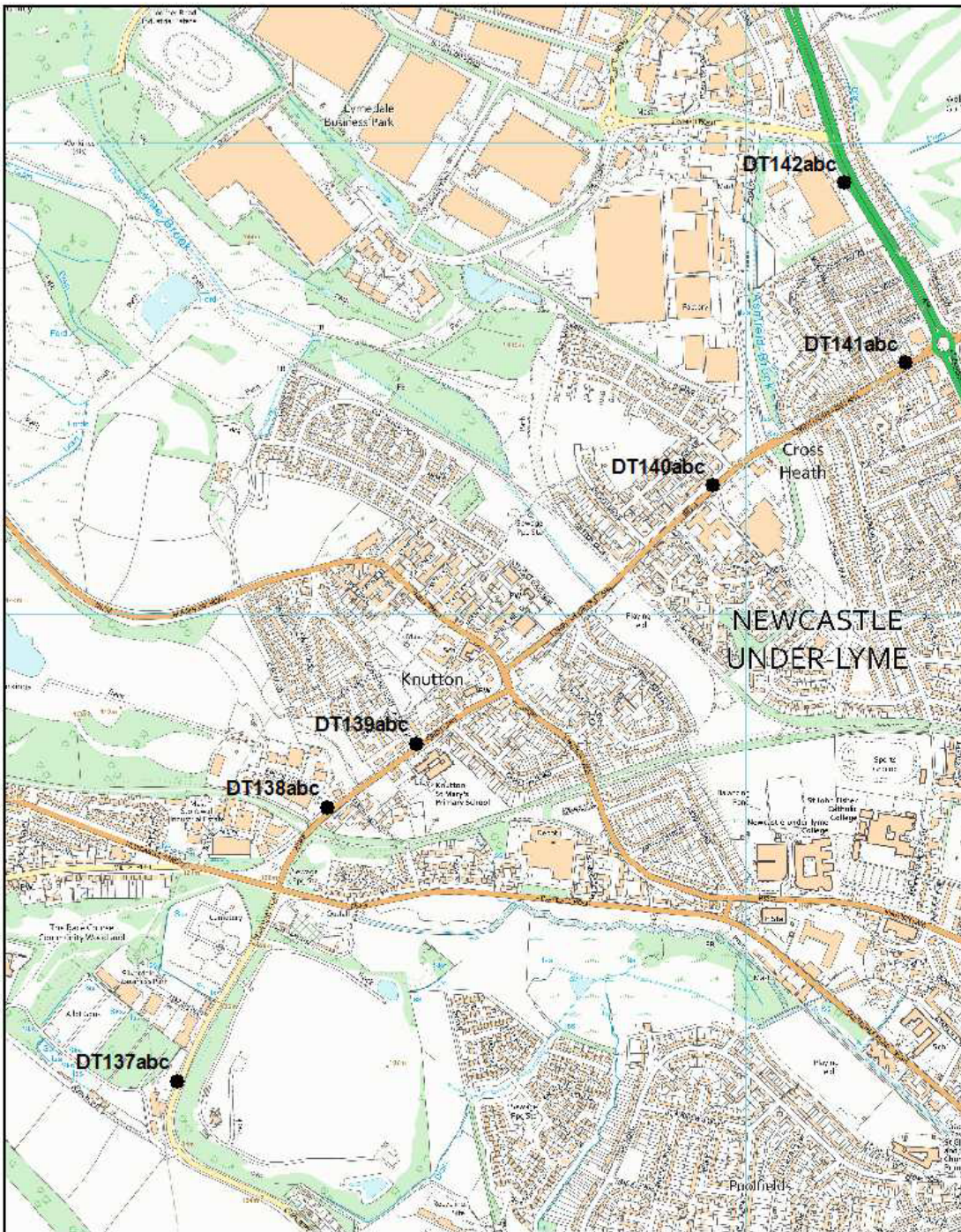
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Figure D 8 - Map of monitoring Area 7



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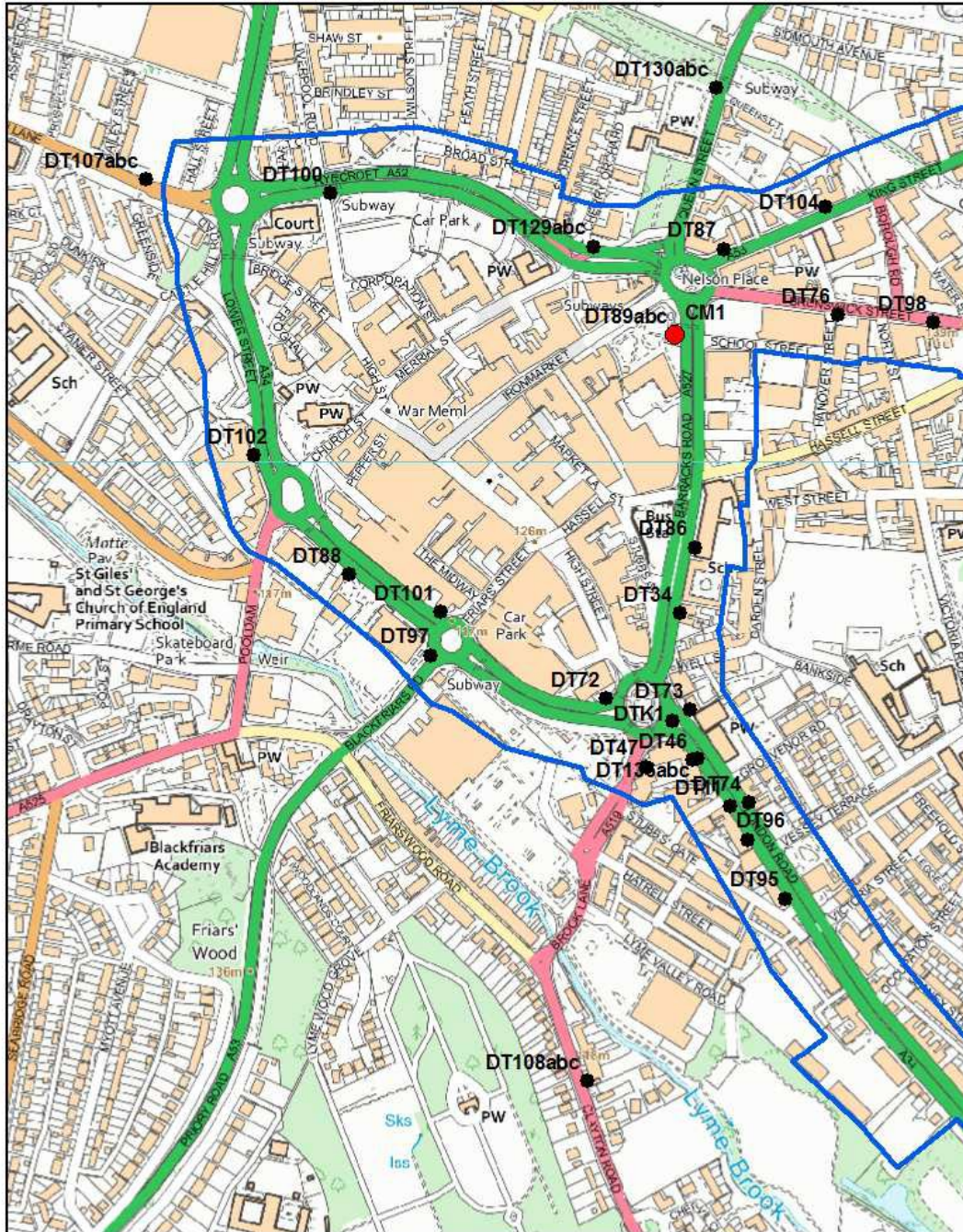
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Figure D 9 Map of monitoring Area 8 - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre (west)



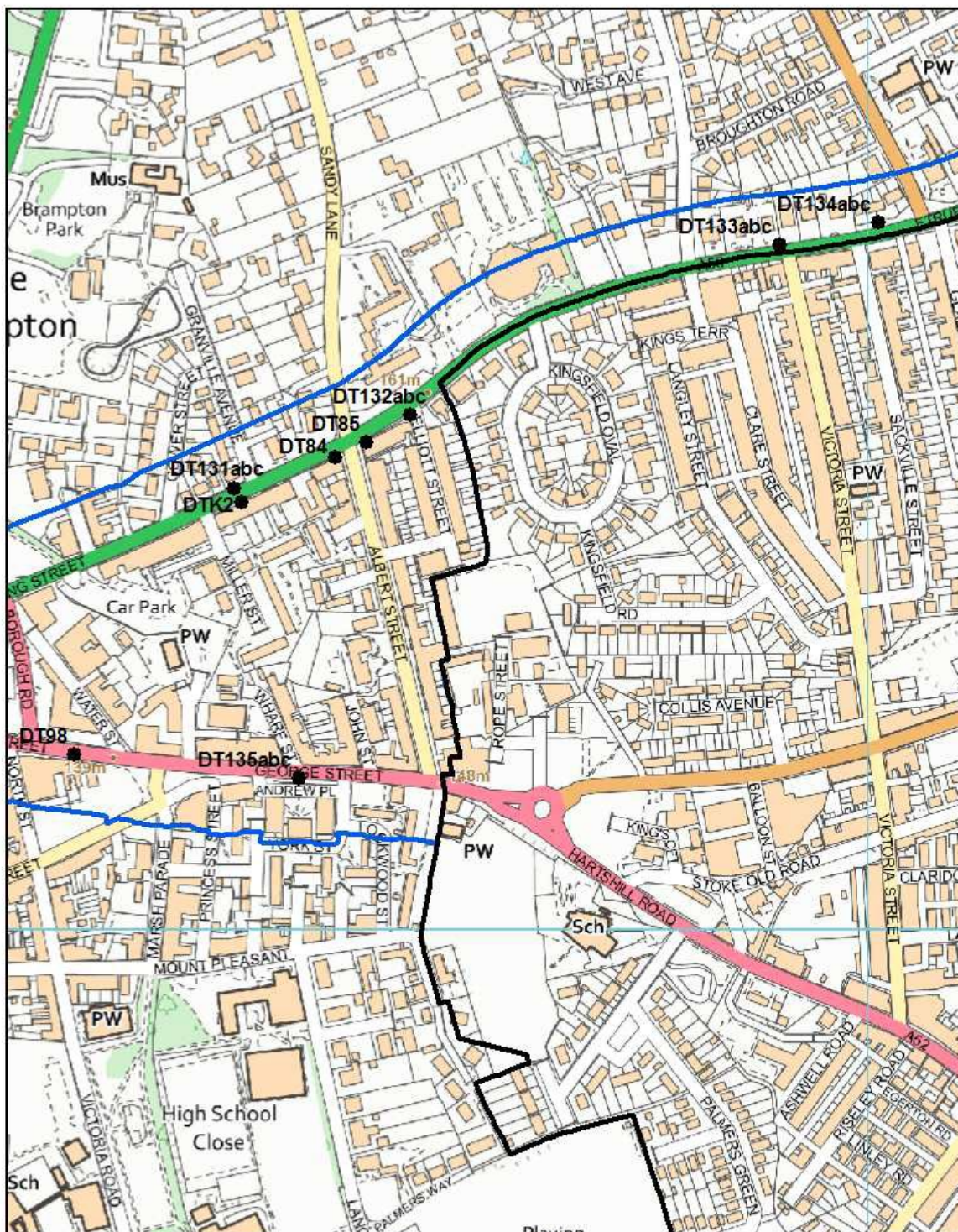
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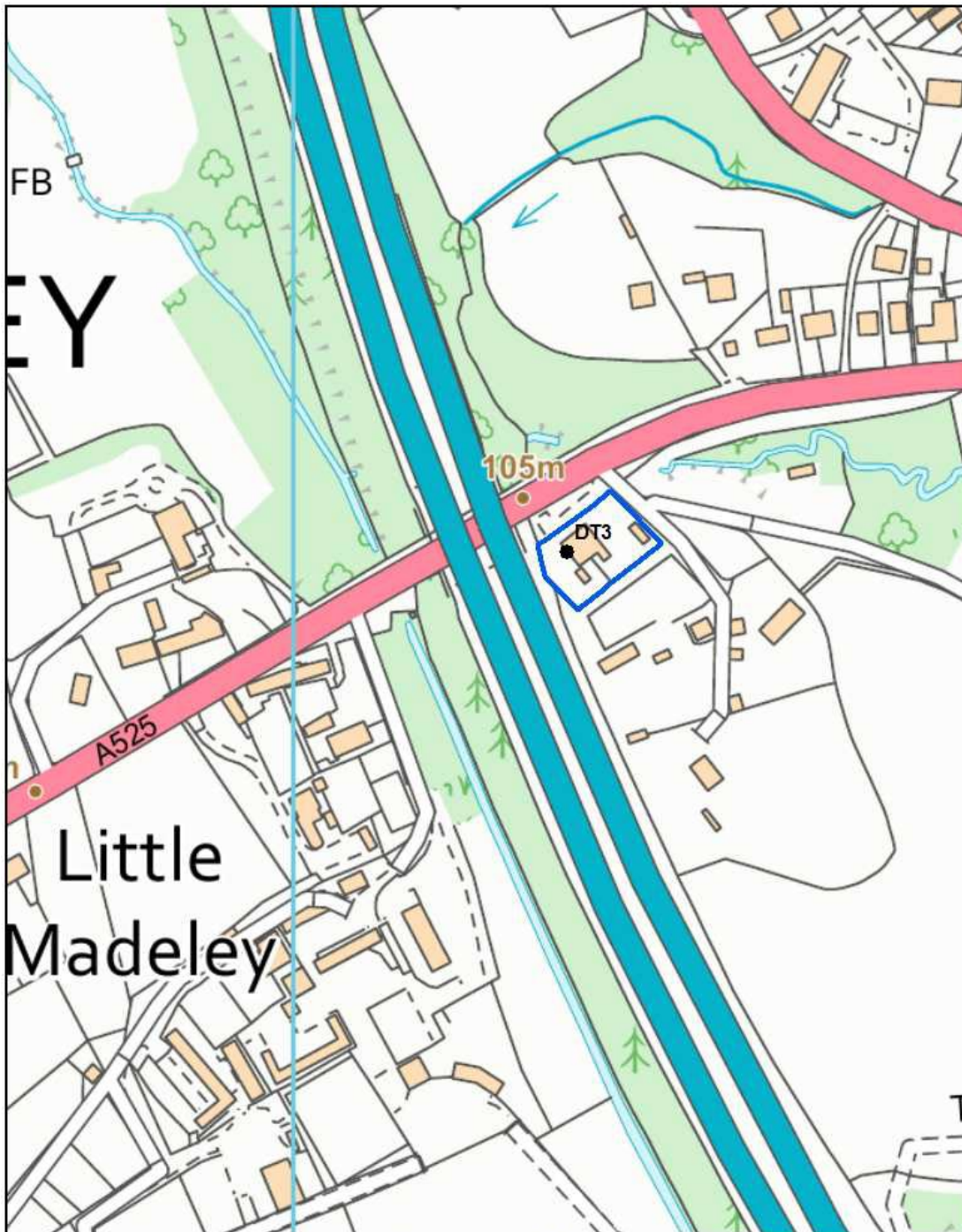
Figure D 10 - Map of monitoring Area 8 - AQMA 2: Newcastle-under-Lyme Town



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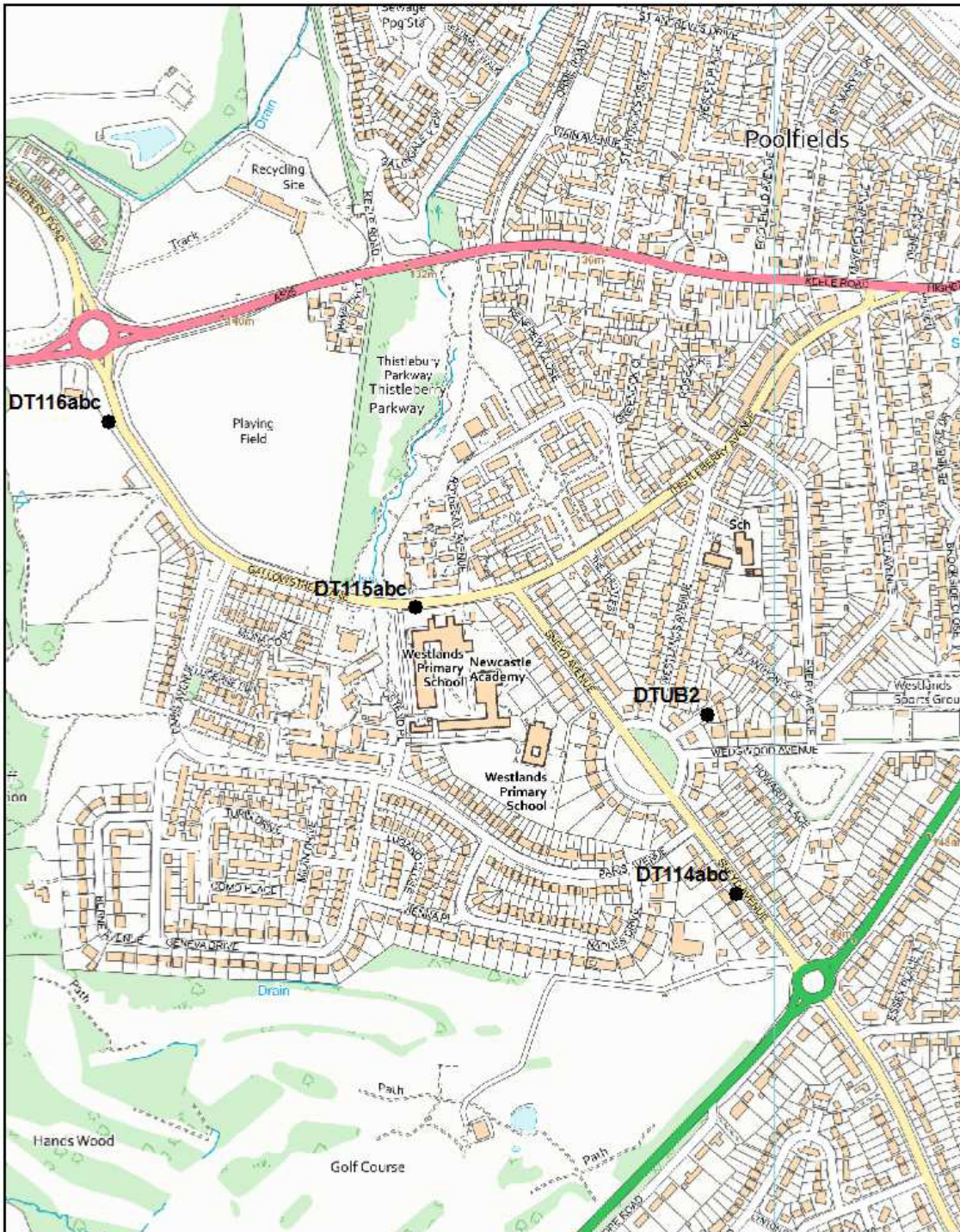
Figure D 11 - Map of monitoring Area 9 - AQMA 4: Little Madeley



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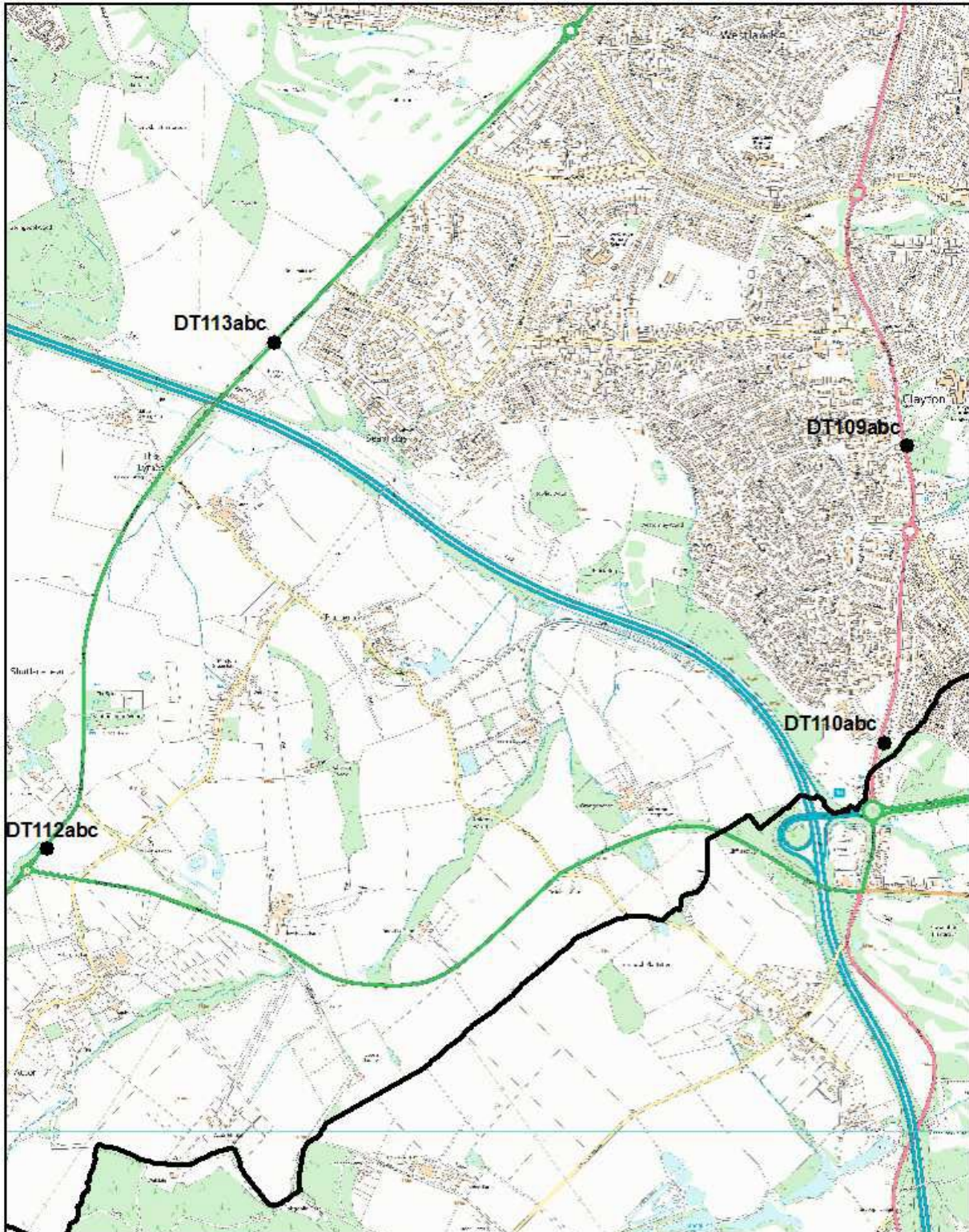


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Figure D 13 - Map of monitoring Area 11



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Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England

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

Appendix F: Impact of COVID-19 upon LAQM

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on society. Inevitably, COVID-19 has also had an impact on the environment, with implications to air quality at local, regional and national scales.

COVID-19 has presented various challenges for Local Authorities with respect to undertaking their statutory LAQM duties in the 2021 reporting year. Recognising this, Defra provided various advice updates throughout 2020 to English authorities, particularly concerning the potential disruption to air quality monitoring programmes, implementation of Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) and LAQM statutory reporting requirements. Defra has also issued supplementary guidance for LAQM reporting in 2021 to assist local authorities in preparing their 2021 ASR. Where applicable, this advice has been followed.

Despite the challenges that the pandemic has given rise to, the events of 2020 have also provided Local Authorities with an opportunity to quantify the air quality impacts associated with wide-scale and extreme intervention, most notably in relation to emissions of air pollutants arising from road traffic. The vast majority (>95%) of AQMAs declared within the UK are related to road traffic emissions, where attainment of the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is considered unlikely. On 23rd March 2020, the UK Government released official guidance advising all members of public to stay at home, with work-related travel only permitted when absolutely necessary. During this initial national lockdown (and to a lesser extent other national and regional lockdowns that followed), marked reductions in vehicle traffic were observed; Department for Transport (DfT) data (25) suggests reductions in vehicle traffic of up to 70% were experienced across the UK by mid-May, relative to pre COVID-19 levels.

This reduction in travel in turn gave rise to a change of air pollutant emissions associated with road traffic, i.e. nitrous oxides (NO_x), and exhaust and non-exhaust particulates (PM).

25 Prime Minister's Office, COVID-19 briefing on the 31st of May 2020

The Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG) (26) has estimated that during the initial lockdown period in 2020, within urbanised areas of the UK reductions in NO₂ annual mean concentrations were between 20 and 30% relative to pre-pandemic levels, which represents an absolute reduction of between 10 to 20µg/m³ if expressed relative to annual mean averages. During this period, changes in PM_{2.5} concentrations were less marked than those of NO₂. PM_{2.5} concentrations are affected by both local sources and the transport of pollution from wider regions, often from well beyond the UK. Through analysis of AURN monitoring data for 2018-2020, AQEG have detailed that PM_{2.5} concentrations during the initial lockdown period are of the order 2 to 5µg/m³ lower relative to those that would be expected under business-as-usual conditions.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, the challenge is to understand how these air quality improvements can benefit the long-term health of the population.

Impacts of COVID-19 on Air Quality within Newcastle under

Reduced measured NO₂ levels

A reduction in NO₂ concentration of 34% was seen at automatic monitoring site CM1 within AQMA 1 between May and June; and of 31% between July and September 2020. This equated to a 30% reduction in annual mean concentration relative to 2019.

At diffusion tube sites, a reduction of 43% was seen when comparing 2020 data with the previous year. It is believed that levels fell dramatically due to significant reductions in road traffic, mainly cars, brought about by the Government instructions to “Work from home” and the associated national lockdown restrictions which occurred during 2020. It remains to be seen what post pandemic recovery levels will be locally, however the temporary easing of restrictions in 2020 saw road traffic levels rise dramatically.

Increase in reports of garden bonfires

26 Air Quality Expert Group, Estimation of changes in air pollution emissions, concentrations and exposure during the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK, June 2020

The first round of lockdown restrictions coincided with a period of relatively good weather and restrictions on travel and the disposal of household and garden waste to civic amenity sites. There was a 200% increase in complaints to the Council about smoke from garden bonfires between 1st March 2020 and 30th May 2020 when compared to the same time the year before. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service also attended a greater number of complaints about garden bonfires during the same period.

Opportunities Presented by COVID-19 upon LAQM within Newcastle under Lyme Borough council.

Working from home

The majority of Council employees were encouraged to work from home during the lockdown and a number of colleagues were able to do this without any negative effects on services or productivity. In common with a number of other similar employers, this demonstrates that remote working has the potential to significantly reduce the need to travel into a workplace with consequent benefits for local air quality.

E-scooter trials

The Borough Council area has been selected for inclusion in the national DFT funded E-Scooter hire trials. The initiative runs from summer 2020 to Autumn 2021, with the success of the scheme due to be evaluated by DFT before deciding whether this form of transport ought to be supported moving forward as a potential alternative to hydrocarbon based short journeys.

Challenges and Constraints Imposed by COVID-19 upon LAQM within Newcastle under Lyme Borough council

Automatic monitoring data capture -This was over 75% for the 2020 calendar year. **NO IMPACT.**

Automatic Monitoring – QA/QC Regime. The AQ station was fully maintained and calibrated in accordance with established procedures. **NO IMPACT.**

Passive monitoring data capture 75% - During 2020, there was limited access to diffusion tube monitoring sites due to travel restrictions. Therefore diffusion tubes were not deployed for three months from March to May. Exposure was in line with the national monitoring calendar for all sites for all other months. **MEDIUM IMPACT.**

Passive Monitoring – Bias Adjustment Factor – The national bias adjustment was used for all sites with the exception of one where a local factor was used. The results for this single site were also annualised. **NO IMPACT**

Passive Monitoring – Adherence to Changeover Dates. With the exception of the period March to May 2020, changeover dates adhered to the national calendar. **SMALL IMPACT**

Passive Monitoring – Storage of Tubes. Diffusion tubes were handled and transported in accordance with established procedures. **NO IMPACT**

AQAP Measure Implementation - Owing to the reallocation of Council resources during 2020, the development and implementation of the AQAP has been delayed. **LARGE IMPACT**

AQAP – New AQAP Development – New measures have been included in the current AQAP. Progress on developing a new AQAP will be made once Covid related work ceases to have a significant impact on the Environmental Health Services and work of partners. **LARGE IMPACT**

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Table F 1 – Impact Matrix

Category	Impact Rating: None	Impact Rating: Small	Impact Rating: Medium	Impact Rating: Large
Automatic Monitoring – Data Capture (%)	More than 75% data capture	50 to 75% data capture	25 to 50% data capture	Less than 25% data capture
Automatic Monitoring – QA/QC Regime	Adherence to requirements as defined in LAQM.TG16	Routine calibrations taken place frequently but not to normal regime. Audits undertaken alongside service and maintenance programmes	Routine calibrations taken place infrequently and service and maintenance regimes adhered to. No audit achieved	Routine calibrations not undertaken within extended period (e.g. 3 to 4 months). Interruption to service and maintenance regime and no audit achieved
Passive Monitoring – Data Capture (%)	More than 75% data capture	50 to 75% data capture	25 to 50% data capture	Less than 25% data capture
Passive Monitoring – Bias Adjustment Factor	Bias adjustment undertaken as normal	<25% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment colocation studies (2020 vs 2019)	25-50% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment studies (2020 vs 2019)	>50% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment studies (2020 vs 2019) and/or applied bias adjustment factor studies not considered representative of local regime
Passive Monitoring – Adherence to Changeover Dates	Defra diffusion tube exposure calendar adhered to	Tubes left out for two exposure periods	Tubes left out for three exposure periods	Tubes left out for more than three exposure periods

Category	Impact Rating: None	Impact Rating: Small	Impact Rating: Medium	Impact Rating: Large
Passive Monitoring – Storage of Tubes	Tubes stored in accordance with laboratory guidance and analysed promptly.	Tubes stored for longer than normal but adhering to laboratory guidance	Tubes unable to be stored according to be laboratory guidance but analysed prior to expiry date	Tubes stored for so long that they were unable to be analysed prior to expiry date. Data unable to be used
AQAP – Measure Implementation	Unaffected	Short delay (<6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	Long delay (>6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	No progression in development of a new AQAP
AQAP – New AQAP Development	Unaffected	Short delay (<6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	Long delay (>6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	No progression in development of a new AQAP

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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	Annual Status Report
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 ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides
PM ₁₀	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm or less
PM _{2.5}	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide

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