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## Executive Summary

This latest Local Air Quality Management Progress Report for the 2012 calendar year demonstrates that with the exception of the nitrogen dioxide annual mean objective which is being exceeded at ten locations monitored by passive diffusion tubes, that air quality is continuing to meet the statutory air quality objectives prescribed in the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 and the Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

The nitrogen dioxide annual mean exceedance locations are situated in five geographic areas of the borough at Madeley, Newcastle-under-Lyme Town Centre, Kidsgrove, Madeley and Porthill. A combined Detailed Assessment with Further Assessment is currently underway in these areas and this is scheduled to be finalised and submitted to DEFRA in the autumn of 2013.

There are a further fifteen sites which are at risk of exceedance in future years, these are located in close proximity to the exceedance locations.

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# 1 Introduction

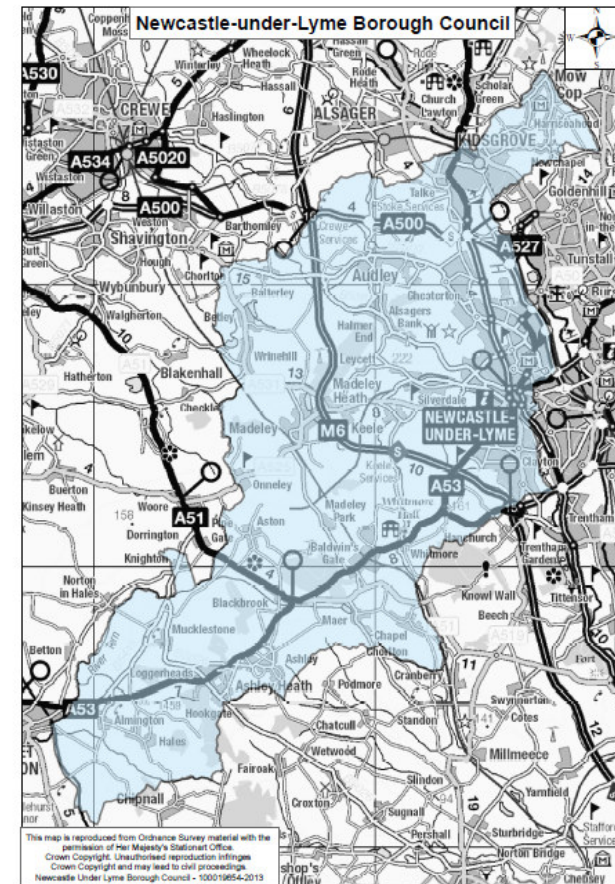
## 1.1 Description of Local Authority Area

The Borough is located in North Staffordshire and covers an area of 21,096 hectares (81 square miles), with a population of approximately 123,000. Newcastle's strategic location at the important junction between the roads running north from London to Carlisle and west to Chester has ensured that transport has played a major part in its growth. In addition to these historical routes, modern trunk roads also pass through the Borough. These include the M6, which is currently one of the most heavily trafficked and congested roads in the country along with the A500, which is a major route linking many areas of Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent with junctions 15 and 16 of the M6. Both of these junctions are adjacent to the Borough boundary and thus contribute to the traffic congestion in the area. A number of main roads converge on the two main towns in the Borough, notably Newcastle under Lyme and Kidsgrove. The A34, A52, A525, A527 and the A53 pass through Newcastle and the A50, A5011 and A34 pass through Kidsgrove.

Traffic on these roads is a significant source of air pollutants affecting the air quality of the Borough. The other sources are industry and domestic properties. Particular industries with the greatest potential to cause air pollution have been prescribed for air pollution control under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010<sup>1</sup>. Some processes are regulated by the Environment Agency (these are referred to as Part A1 processes) and others regulated by local authorities (these are referred to as Part A2 and Part B processes). Within the Borough there are two Part A1 processes, three Part A2 processes and forty-six Part B processes currently.

<sup>1</sup> As amended by S.I. 2012 No 630. Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2012

Figure 1 Newcastle Borough Council area



## 1.2 Purpose of Progress Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 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

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not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where exceedences are considered likely, the local authority must then 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.

Progress Reports are required in the intervening years between the three-yearly Updating and Screening Assessment reports. Their purpose is to maintain continuity in the Local Air Quality Management process.

They are not intended to be as detailed as Updating and Screening Assessment Reports, or to require as much effort. However, if the Progress Report identifies the risk of exceedence of an Air Quality Objective, the Local Authority (LA) should undertake a Detailed Assessment immediately, and not wait until the next round of Review and Assessment.

**1.3 Air Quality Objectives**

The air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in England are set out in the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 (SI 928), The Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (SI 3043), and are shown in Table 1.1. This table shows the objectives in units of microgram's per cubic metre  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (milligram's per cubic metre,  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  for carbon monoxide) with the number of exceedences in each year that are permitted (where applicable).

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**Table 1 Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the purpose of LAQM in England**

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		Date to be achieved by
	Concentration	Measured as	
Benzene	16.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
	5.00 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3-Butadiene	2.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon monoxide	10 $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$	Running 8-hour mean	31.12.2003
Lead	0.50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2004
	0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2008
Nitrogen dioxide	200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> ) (gravimetric)	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide	350 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
	125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	266 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005

## 1.4 Summary of Previous Review and Assessments

The Council completes air quality reports on a regular basis as part of its statutory duties for managing local air quality under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995. Details of the completed air quality reports and a summary of their findings are given in Table 2.

**Table 2 Summary of findings of previous air quality reports for Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council 1999 to 2012**

Air Quality Reports	Description
<a href="#">2012 Update and Screening Assessment(PDF4.31MB)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's Appraisal Report for 2012 Update and Screening Assessment</a> (PDF 84.5KB)	This report has identified exceedances of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective at Madeley (M6 motorway) Kidsgrove (A50 – Liverpool Road) Newcastle Town Centre (A34 Northbound - London Road); Newcastle Town Centre (A53 – King Street) Therefore, detailed assessments are required in these locations to inform the minimum extent of the required Air Quality Management Areas.
<a href="#">2011 Progress Report (PDF 5.4MB)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's Appraisal of the 2011 Report Progress</a> (PDF68KB)	The report has identified exceedances of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective in four areas of the Borough in Newcastle town centre, Kidsgrove, Madeley, Porthill. Therefore, detailed assessments are required in these locations to inform the minimum extent of the required Air Quality Management Areas.
<a href="#">2010 Detailed Assessment (PDF 11.53 MB)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's appraisal of the 2010 Detailed Assessment</a> (PDF 24 Kb)	The assessment concluded that Air Quality Management Areas should be declared in Kidsgrove and Newcastle.
<a href="#">2010 Progress Report (PDF 3012 Kb)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's appraisal of the 2010 Progress Report</a> (PDF 27Kb)	The report concluded that monitoring had identified a risk of exceeding the Nitrogen Dioxide annual mean objective at Kidsgrove and Newcastle. Therefore Detailed Assessments were required at these locations.
<a href="#">2009 Updating and Screening Assessment (PDF 6.4mb)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's appraisal of the 2009 Updating</a>	The assessment concluded that monitoring had identified a risk of exceeding the Nitrogen Dioxide annual mean objective at Madeley, Kidsgrove,

<a href="#">and Screening Assessment (PDF 28Kb)</a>	Newcastle and Shralebrook. Modelling predicted a risk of exceeding the Nitrogen Dioxide annual mean objective at the Church Street/ Wolstanton Link Road Junction. Therefore detailed assessments were required at these locations.
<a href="#">2007 Progress Report (PDF 2.47Mb)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's appraisal of the 2007 Progress Report (PDF 20Kb)</a> <a href="#">2007 Detailed Assessment (PDF 2.97mb)</a> <a href="#">DEFRA's appraisal of the 2007 Detailed Assessment (PDF 18Kb)</a>	The report concluded that there were no exceedances of the air quality objectives. The assessment concluded that no Air Quality Management Area should be declared.
<a href="#">2006 Updating and Screening Assessment (PDF 685Kb)</a>	The assessment identified a risk of exceeding the Nitrogen Dioxide annual mean objective at Madeley, Kidsgrove, Porthill Bank, Shralebrook, London Road and Barracks Road. Therefore Detailed Assessments were required at these locations.
<a href="#">2005 Progress Report (PDF 1.38Mb)</a> <a href="#">2004 Progress Report (PDF 1.38Mb)</a>	The report concluded that there were no exceedances of the air quality objectives. The report concluded that there were no exceedances of the air quality objectives.
<a href="#">2003 Updating and Screening Assessment (PDF 1.83Mb)</a> <a href="#">3rd Round Review and Assessment – April 2001 (PDF 2.51Mb)</a> <a href="#">2nd Round Review and Assessment – February 2001 (PDF 1.89Mb)</a>	The assessment concluded that no air quality objectives were exceeded at sensitive receptors and there was no need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment. The report concluded that no Air Quality Management Area should be declared.
<a href="#">1st Round Review and assessment – January 1999 (PDF 3.46Mb)</a>	The report concluded that it was necessary to proceed to Stage Three in order to assess the likelihood of exceedances of the Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Matter objectives. The report concluded that it was necessary to proceed to Stage Two to assess Nitrogen Dioxide, Particulate Matter, Sulphur Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide and Lead. Benzene and 1,3 Butadiene were expected to meet the air quality objectives.

**Updating and Screening Assessments** are required on a three yearly basis and review air quality as a whole to determine whether there is a risk of any air quality objectives being exceeded.

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**Progress Reports** are required annually unless an Updating and Screening Assessment is carried out. They are intended to maintain continuity in the local air quality management process and highlight new monitoring results and update on specific changes.

**Detailed Assessments** are required when a problem pollutant has been identified and there is a risk of exceeding an air quality objective. The reports provide an accurate assessment of the likelihood of the air quality objective being exceeded.

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## 2 New Monitoring Data

### 2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

#### 2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

The Borough Council currently has one automatic monitoring station located at Queen's Gardens, Newcastle-under-Lyme. Full details of this site are given in Table 3 whilst the location of this site is shown in Figure 2.

This site is equipped with an API M200e NOx Analyser which is used to measure Nitrogen Dioxide, and a Met One BAM 50.5 PM10 analyser. Both instruments were fully operational throughout 2011.

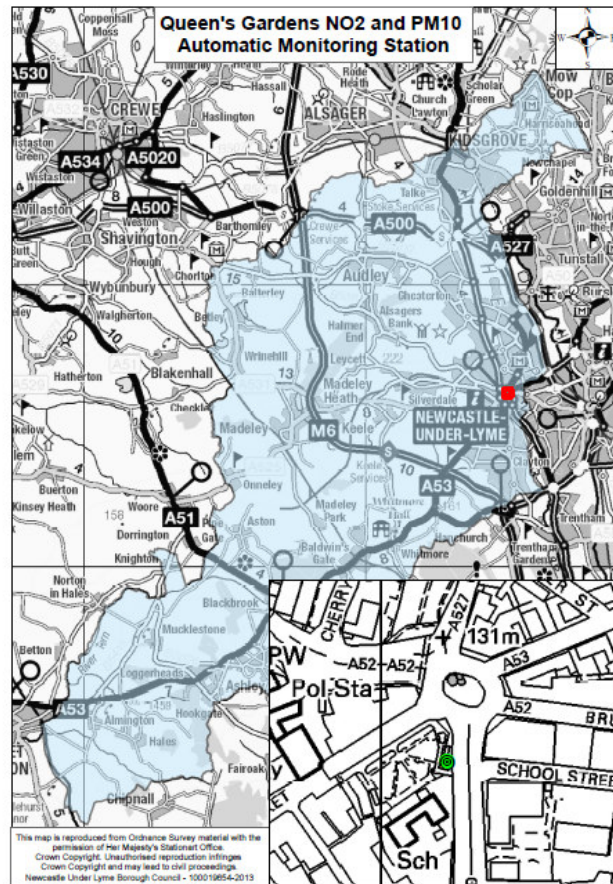
**Table 3 Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	OS Grid Reference	Inlet Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
CM1	Queens Gardens	Roadside	385046 346147	2.0	PM <sub>10</sub>	N	Beta Attenuation	Y (2M)	3	y
					NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Chemiluminescence	Y(2M)	3	y

#### 2.1.2. Automatic monitoring sites – quality assurance and quality control procedures

Details of the QA/QC procedures for this site are given in Appendix 1.

Figure 2 Location of automatic monitoring station



**2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites**

During 2012, the Borough Council operated a Nitrogen Dioxide diffusion tube network consisting of 51 sites principally located near to major highways or traffic congested areas. Sites have been chosen based on local knowledge and are in the main representative of relevant worst case exposure.

Figure 3 shows the monitoring locations across the Borough whilst Table 4 gives the

details of these sites.

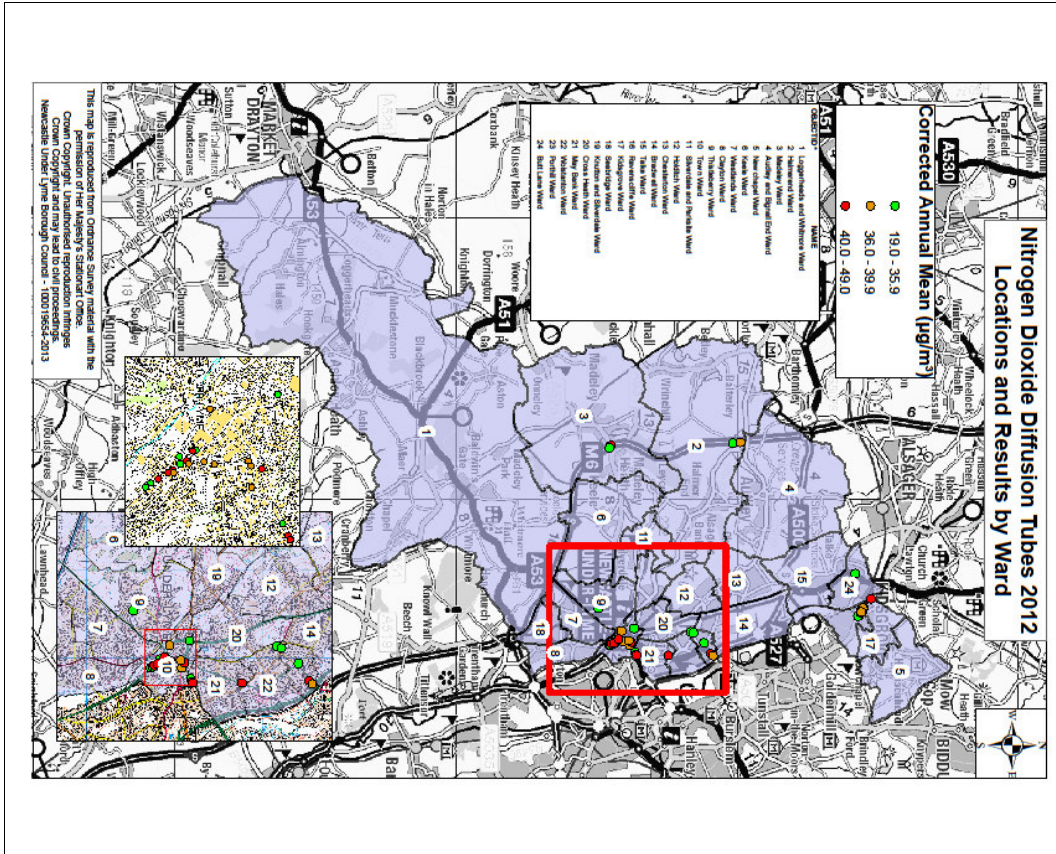
During 2012, the supply and analysis of the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes was undertaken by Gradko International Ltd. Officers from the Council are responsible for deploying and retrieving diffusion tubes with handling procedures following relevant guidance detailed in LAQM.TG(09). Diffusion tubes are typically exposed for either 4 or 5 whole weeks in accordance with the calendar published by DEFRA.

**2.1.3 QA / QC Procedures for Diffusion Tubes**

Details of the QA/QC procedures for the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes used in 2012 are given in Appendix 2.



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 Figure 3 Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites



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Table 4 Details of Non- Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA ?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
DTK 1	A34 Holy Trinity	Kerbside	385051	345726	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (22)	3	Y
DTK 2	76 King St, N/C	Urban Centre	385469	346362	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (0.2)	3	Y
DTU B1	Wolstanton (Haritngton St)	Kerbside	384739	348326	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (7)	2	Y
DTU B2	Westlands (4Sneyd Cr)	Kerbside	383916	345059	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (23)	2	Y
DT3	Madeley (Collingwood 3 Newcastle Rd)	Rural	378116	345488	-2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	128	Y
DT6	Kidsgrove (106 Liverpool Rd)	Suburban	384014	354429	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT9	32 Porthill Bank	Suburban	385519	349055	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	6	Y
DT11	34 London Road, N/C	Suburban	385112	345636	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	3	Y
DT15	218 Congleton Road	Suburban	382660	354191	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT24	26 High St, May Bank	Roadside	385574	347530	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y
DT28	Limbrick Cottage Shralebrook	Rural	377994	350105	6	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	45	Y
DT31	02 London Road	Suburban	385224	345453	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT32	139 Dims Parade West	Suburban	384773	348430	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y
DT33	9 Hart Court, N/C	Suburban	384611	346330	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	10	Y

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Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA ?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
DT34	15 Barracks Road	Urban Centre	385059	345840	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (1)	4	Y
DT39	4/6 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	Suburban	383560	354739	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT40	Banktop Court, Porthill	Suburban	385128	348811	5	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	20	Y
DT41	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	385086	346155	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (0.2)	4	Y
DT42	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	385086	346155	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (0.2)	4	Y
DT43	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	385086	346155	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (0.2)	4	Y
DT46	1 London Road (Trinity Court)	Urban Centre	385073	345685	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	5	Y
DT47	1 London Rd (Brook La)	Urban Centre	385023	345678	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	6	Y
DT49	2 Vale View, Porthill	Urban Centre	385595	349129	10	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	10	Y
DT50	London Road, Newcastle	Suburban	385199	345487	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	10	Y
DT52	Agricon House Madeley	Rural	378200	345452	-2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.3)	86	Y
DT53	2 Knowle Bank Road Audley	Rural	378028	349830	-6	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	64	Y
DT62	79 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Roadside	384030	354390	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	9	Y
DT63	9-11 The Avenue Kidsgrove	Roadside	383958	354403	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y

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DT64	Kidsgrove Carpets 57 - 59 Liverpool Road	Roadside	383950	354445	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y
DT72	134 High Street Newcastle	Roadside	384980	345787	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT73	21 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	385070	345738	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT74	39 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	385132	345640	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT76	11 Brunswick Street Newcastle	Roadside	385226	346156	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT77	68 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	383895	354475	4	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT78	140 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	384156	354333	2.5	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	17	Y
DT79	89 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	384176	354279	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT84	102 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	385548	346400	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	5	Y
DT85	106 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	385575	346413	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	5	Y
DT86	Hassell C.P. School Barracks Road N/C	Urban Centre	385075	345910	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	5	Y
DT87	Blue Chilli 1 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	385105	346225	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	5	Y
DT88	27 Lower Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	384709	345881	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	5	Y

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Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA ?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
DT89	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	385054	346134	1	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (1)	5	Y
DT90	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	385054	346134	1	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (1)	5	Y
DT91	Queens Gardens, Newcastle	Urban Centre	385054	346134	1	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (1)	5	Y
DT92	41/43 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	383890	354461	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT93	118 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	384056	354393	4	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y
DT94	116 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	384030	354416	4	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	4	Y
DT95	76 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	385171	345539	4	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	2	Y
DT96	52/54 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	385131	345601	3	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	Y (0.2)	3	Y
DT97	Blackfriars/ Lower Street	Roadside	384795	345796	2	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	N	N (0.2)	2	Y

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**2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with Air Quality Objectives**

During 2012, the Council undertook monitoring across the Borough to assess compliance with the objective standards for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter up to 10 microns in size (PM<sub>10</sub>). This section discusses the findings of this monitoring.

**2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Automatic Monitoring Data**

Automatic monitoring of nitrogen dioxide was undertaken throughout 2012 at Queens Gardens, Newcastle under Lyme.

The annual data for this site has been annualised using the methodology advised in Box 3.2 of (TG09) due to valid data capture of 67% for the calendar year. Details of the methodology followed are given in appendix A.

The results of this monitoring are presented in Table 5 for the annual mean objective and Table 6. There were no exceedances of either the annual mean or 1 hour objective in this location.

**Table 5 Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO<sub>2</sub>: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective**

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % <sup>a</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2012 % <sup>b</sup>	Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
					2009* <sup>c</sup>	2010* <sup>c</sup>	2011* <sup>c</sup>	2012 <sup>c</sup>
Queens Gardens	Roadside	N	85%	67	32.53	35.86	Data not available	31.92

In bold, exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean AQS objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>

<sup>a</sup> i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

<sup>b</sup> i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

<sup>c</sup> Means have been annualised for April to December be "annualised" as in Box 3.2 of TG(09) (<http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/technical-guidance/index.html?d=page=38>), if valid data capture is less than 75%

**Table 6 Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO<sub>2</sub>: Comparison with 1-hour Mean Objective**

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % <sup>a</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2012 % <sup>b</sup>	Number of Hourly Means > 200µg/m <sup>3</sup>			
					2009* <sup>c</sup>	2010* <sup>c</sup>	2011* <sup>c</sup>	2012 <sup>c</sup>
Queens Gardens	Roadside	N	85%	67%	0	0	-	0 (76.77)

In bold, exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> hourly mean AQS objective (200µg/m<sup>3</sup> – not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year)

<sup>a</sup> i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

<sup>b</sup> i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

<sup>c</sup> If the data capture for full calendar year is less than 90%, include the 99.8<sup>th</sup> percentile of hourly means in brackets

**2.2.2 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data**

The Nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube results for 2012 are shown in Table 7 with the full dataset for the year given in Appendix B Results across the whole of the Borough for compliance against the annual mean objective are shown in Figure 4. Detailed maps showing the results at local level are shown in Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7 and Figure 8.

All results have been bias corrected by a factor of 0.97 for the Gradko Laboratory. The bias correction factor was obtained from the National Bias Adjustment Factors page of the Defra website.<sup>2</sup> A copy of the bias correction study is included in Appendix A.

With the exception of sites K1, K2, UB1 and UB2 which are diffusion tube sites forming part of the national diffusion tube network, all sites are considered to be representative of relevant exposure and accordingly it has not been necessary to undertake any distance correction of the measured results.

As all sites have yielded greater than nine months worth of data, it has not been necessary to annualise any of the results.

There are ten locations which are representative of relevant exposure and which have yielded results at or above the annual mean objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and these are highlighted in red. These locations are:-

- Kidsgrove (A50 Liverpool Road)
  - Site 6 – 106 Liverpool Road
  - Site 39 - 4/6 Liverpool Road
- Site 64 Kidsgrove Carpets, 57-59 Liverpool Road
- Newcastle Town Centre
  - Site 84 – 102 King Street
  - Site 85 – 106 King Street
  - Site 87 – 1 King Street

<sup>2</sup> <http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-base.html>

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- Site 95 – 76 London Road
- Site 96 – 52-54 London Road
- May Bank
  - Site 24 – 26 High Street, Maybank
- Porthill
  - Site 9 - Porthill Bank

There are a further 15 sites in three geographic locations which have yielded bias adjusted results which although below the annual mean objective are showing results within 10% of the annual mean objective (at or above  $36\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) and these locations may be at risk of exceeding the annual mean in future years. These sites are:-

- Madeley
  - Site 3 – Collingwood, 3 Newcastle Road
  - Site 28 - Shralely Brook – Limbrick Cottage
- Newcastle Town Centre
  - Site 34 15 Barracks Road
  - Sites 41-43 Jubilee Baths, Brunswick Street
  - Site 76 - 11 Brunswick Street
  - Site 73 21 London Road
  - Site 74 – 39 London Road
  - Site 86 Hassall County Primary School, Barracks Road
  - Site 88 27 Lower Street,
  - Site 90-91 Queen's Gardens
  - Site 97 The Blackfriar Lower Street
- Kidsgrove
  - Site 39 – 4/6 Liverpool Road
  - Site 92 41/43 Liverpool Road
  - Site 93 118 Liverpool Road
  - Site 94 116 Liverpool Road

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There are no locations which have shown results in excess of  $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , accordingly this can be taken as a positive indication that the 1 hourly objective standard of  $200\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  is not being breached.

**Figure 4 Map of Borough showing nitrogen dioxide diffusion annual mean results for 2012**

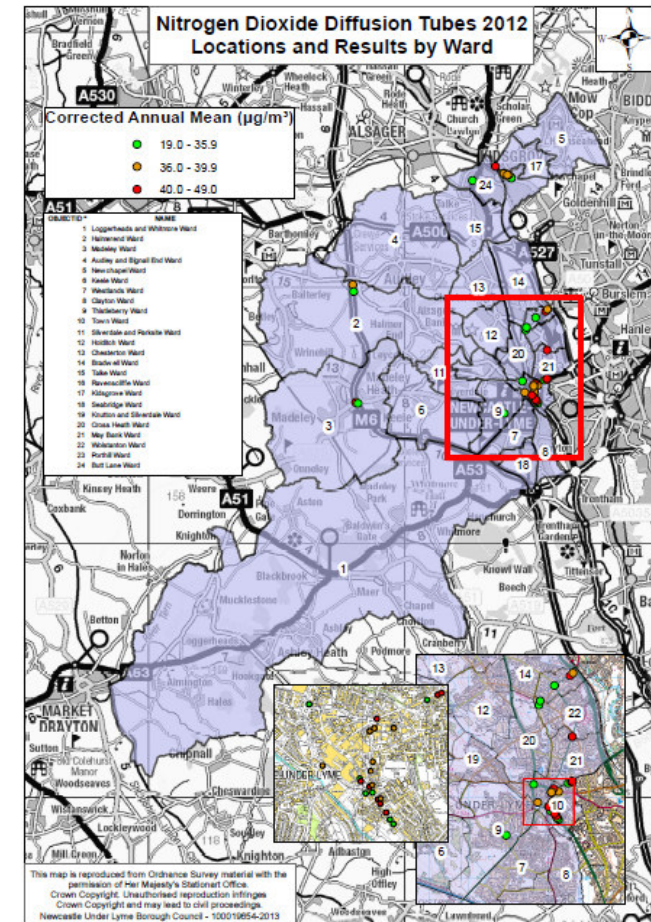


Table 7 Results of NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tubes 2012

Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Triplicate or Co-located Tube	Full Calendar Year Data Capture 2012 (Number of Months or %) <sup>a</sup>	2012 Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) - Bias Adjustment factor = 0.97 <sup>b</sup>
DTK1	A34 Holy Trinity	Kerbside	N	N	12	47.1
DTK2	76 King St, N/C	Urban Centre	N	N	12	34.2
DTUB1	Wolstanton (Haritngton St)	Kerbside	N	N	11	23.7
DTUB2	Westlands ( 4Sneyd Cr)	Kerbside	N	N	12	18.6
DT3	Madeley (Collingwood 3 Newcastle Rd)	Rural	N	N	10	39.6
DT6	Kidsgrove (106 Liverpool Rd)	Suburban	N	N	12	45.3
DT9	32 Porthill Bank	Suburban	N	N	11	40.4
DT11	34 London Road, N/C	Suburban	N	N	12	44.7
DT15	218 Congleton Road	Suburban	N	N	12	32.2
DT24	26 High St, May Bank	Roadside	N	N	12	40.9
DT28	Limbrick Cottage Shralebrook	Rural	N	N	12	36.8
DT31	102 London Road	Suburban	N	N	12	33.8
DT32	139 Dims Parade West	Suburban	N	N	12	32.3
DT33	9 Hart Court, N/C	Suburban	N	N	12	33.6
DT34	15 Barracks Road	Urban Centre	N	N	12	38.7
DT39	4/6 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	Suburban	N	N	12	39.9
DT40	Banktop Court, Porthill	Suburban	N	N	12	33.8
DT41	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	38.9
DT42	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	38.4
DT43	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	37.6
DT46	1 London Road (Trinity Court)	Urban Centre	N	N	12	35.3
DT47	1 London Rd (Brook La)	Urban Centre	N	N	12	34.4
DT49	2 Vale View, Porthill	Urban Centre	N	N	11	35.6
DT50	84 London Road, Newcastle	Suburban	N	N	12	30.2
DT52	Agricon House Madeley	Rural	N	N	12	31.1
DT53	2 Knowle Bank Road Audley	Rural	N	N	11	34
DT62	79 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Roadside	N	N	12	30.1

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Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Triplicate or Co-located Tube	Full Calendar Year Data Capture 2012 (Number of Months or %) <sup>a</sup>	2012 Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) - Bias Adjustment factor = 0.97 <sup>b</sup>
DT63	9-11 The Avenue Kidsgrove	Roadside	N	N	12	31.9
DT64	Kidsgrove Carpets 57 - 59 Liverpool Road	Roadside	N	N	12	41.1
DT72	134 High Street Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	11	34.4
DT73	21 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	12	37.6
DT74	39 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	12	38.8
DT76	11 Brunswick Street Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	12	37
DT77	68 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	12	28.4
DT78	140 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	12	24.3
DT79	89 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	11	33.5
DT84	102 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	43.9
DT85	106 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	49.1
DT86	Hassell C.P. School Barracks Road N/C	Urban Centre	N	N	12	37
DT87	Blue Chilli 1 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	43.4
DT88	27 Lower Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	11	37.7
DT89	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	34.9
DT90	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	37
DT91	Queens Gardens, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	N	12	36.6
DT92	41/43 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	12	39
DT93	118 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	12	37.8
DT94	116 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N	N	12	39.2
DT95	76 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	12	40.8
DT96	52/54 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N	N	12	44.9
DT97	Blackfriars/ Lower Street	Roadside	N	N	12	39.6

In **RED**, exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean AQS objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Underlined, annual mean > 60µg/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> hourly mean AQS objective

Table 8 Results of NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tubes (2007 to 2012)

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Local Air Quality Management Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Annual Mean Results by year and location 2007 to 2012 (red = exceedance of annual mean objective of 40µg <sup>3</sup> , orange= at risk or within 10% of annual mean objective, green= compliant)									
Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
				(Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.88)	(Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.98)	(Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.81)	(Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.85)	(Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.88)	Bias Adjustment Factor =0.97
DTK1	A34 Holy Trinity	Kerbside	N	43	43.3	44.1	48.6	44.8	47.1
DTK2	76 King St, N/C	Urban Centre	N	28.7	31.8	31	42.8	37.8	34.2
DTUB1	Wolstanton (Haritngton St)	Kerbside	N	20	21	19.8	24.7	21.1	23.7
DTUB2	Westlands ( 4Sneyd Cr)	Kerbside	N	17.7	17.5	18.3	21.1	18.7	18.6
DT3	Madeley (Collingwood 3 Newcastle Rd)	Rural	N	37.7	40.5	38.2	40	40.3	39.6
DT6	Kidsgrove (106 Liverpool Rd)	Suburban	N	37.5	42.5	42.2	46	43.4	45.3
DT9	32 Porthill Bank	Suburban	N	35.8	37.8	36	41.1	39.3	40.4
DT11	34 London Road, N/C	Suburban	N	39.9	42	40.4	47.9	42.4	44.7
DT15	218 Congleton Road	Suburban	N	27.8	28.4	29.5	34.3	31.4	32.2
DT24	26 High St, May Bank	Roadside	N	34.3	37	36.9	39.3	38.8	40.9
DT28	Limbrick Cottage Shralebrook	Rural	N	38	41.2	36.5	39.5	37.6	36.8
DT31	102 London Road	Suburban	N	32.2	31.2	32.4	36.7	32.1	33.8
DT32	139 Dims Parade West	Suburban	N	27.4	29.7	30.8	33.9	31.3	32.3
DT33	9 Hart Court, N/C	Suburban	N	28.8	26.9	31.8	35.1	33.2	33.6
DT34	15 Barracks Road	Urban Centre	N	32.4	35	35.4	39.3	37.1	38.7
DT39	4/6 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	Suburban	N	33.7	37.3	36.3	44.1	39.8	39.9
DT40	Banktop Court, Porthill	Suburban	N	30.8	31.1	32.5	35.8	34.7	33.8

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DT41	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	32.2	35.9	35.7	40.9	39	38.9
DT42	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	32.9	36.9	36.9	40.1	39.5	38.4
DT43	Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N	33.1	35.6	35.8	40.7	38.6	37.6
DT46	1 London Road (Trinity Court)	Urban Centre	N	31.4	39.5	31.6	36.2	33.4	35.3
DT47	1 London Rd (Brook La)	Urban Centre	N	33.8	35.9	34.3	37.6	32.3	34.4
DT49	2 Vale View, Porthill	Urban Centre	N	30.2	31.3	32.8	37.8	34.9	35.6
DT50	84 London Road, Newcastle	Suburban	N	29.3	32.1	28.9	32.9	30.2	30.2
DT52	Agricon House Madeley	Rural	N	27.2	32.5	31.2	32.2	32.9	31.1
DT53	2 Knowle Bank Road Audley	Rural	N	32.4	35	32.5	33.4	34.8	34
DT62	79 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Roadside	N		38.1	27.9	30.7	29.6	30.1
DT63	911 The Avenue Kidsgrove	Roadside	N		40	28.8	33.2	30.5	31.9
DT64	Kidsgrove Carpets 57 59 Liverpool Road	Roadside	N		48.4	38.9	41.6	40.1	41.1
DT72	134 High Street Newcastle	Roadside	N			32.1	35.8	34.1	34.4
DT73	21 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N			33.1	41.2	36.1	37.6
DT74	39 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N			35.2	43	37.6	38.8
DT76	11 Brunswick Street Newcastle	Roadside	N			37.4	42.2	37	37
DT77	68 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N			26.9	31.4	28.8	28.4
DT78	140 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N			21.9	25.2	22.5	24.3
DT79	89 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N			30.4	35.6	33.5	33.5
DT84	102 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				46.8	41.2	43.9
DT85	106 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				54.9	52.1	49.1
DT86	Hassell C.P. School Barracks Road N/C	Urban Centre	N				43.3	33.6	37
DT87	Blue Chilli 1 King Street Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				52.2	42	43.4
DT88	27 Lower Street Newcastle	Urban	N				44.8	33.6	37.7

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		Centre							
<b>DT89</b>	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				<b>43.8</b>	34.2	34.9
<b>DT90</b>	Queens Gardens Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				<b>42.5</b>	34.4	37
<b>DT91</b>	Queens Gardens, Newcastle	Urban Centre	N				<b>44.7</b>	34.2	36.6
<b>DT92</b>	41/43 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N					35.8	39
<b>DT93</b>	118 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N					35.2	37.8
<b>DT94</b>	116 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	Urban Centre	N					36.3	39.2
<b>DT95</b>	76 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N					37.1	40.8
<b>DT96</b>	52/54 London Road Newcastle	Roadside	N					40.5	44.9
<b>DT97</b>	Blackfriars/ Lower Street	Roadside	N					35.2	39.6

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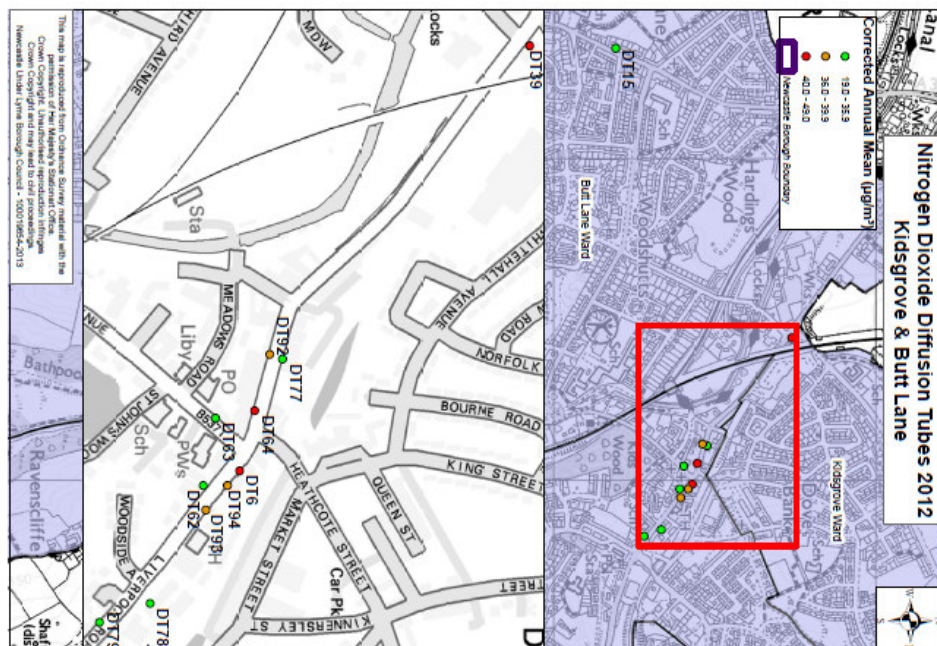


Figure 5 Map of Kidsgrove and Butt Lane showing NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube results for 2012



Figure 6 Map of Shralebrook and Madeley showing NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube results for 2012

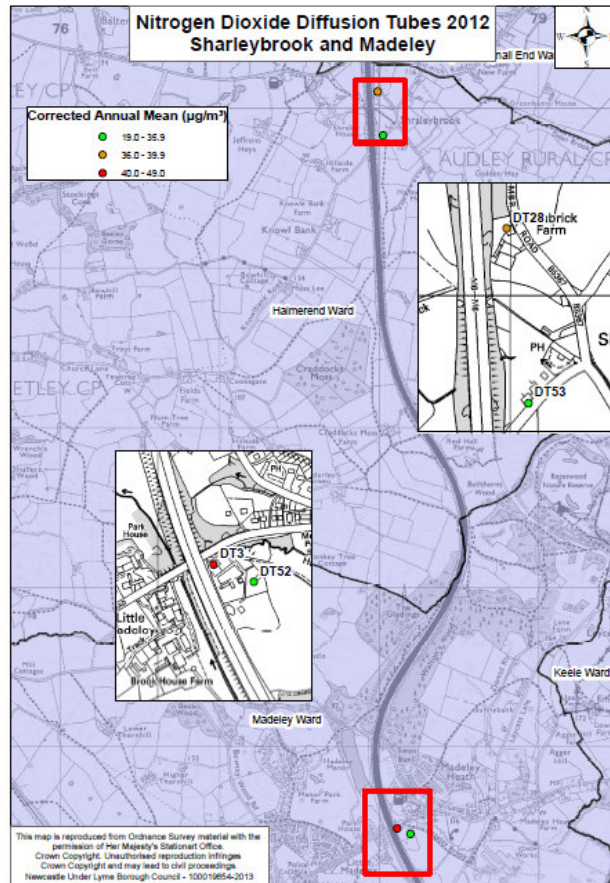


Figure 7 Map of Newcastle Town Centre showing NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube results for 2012

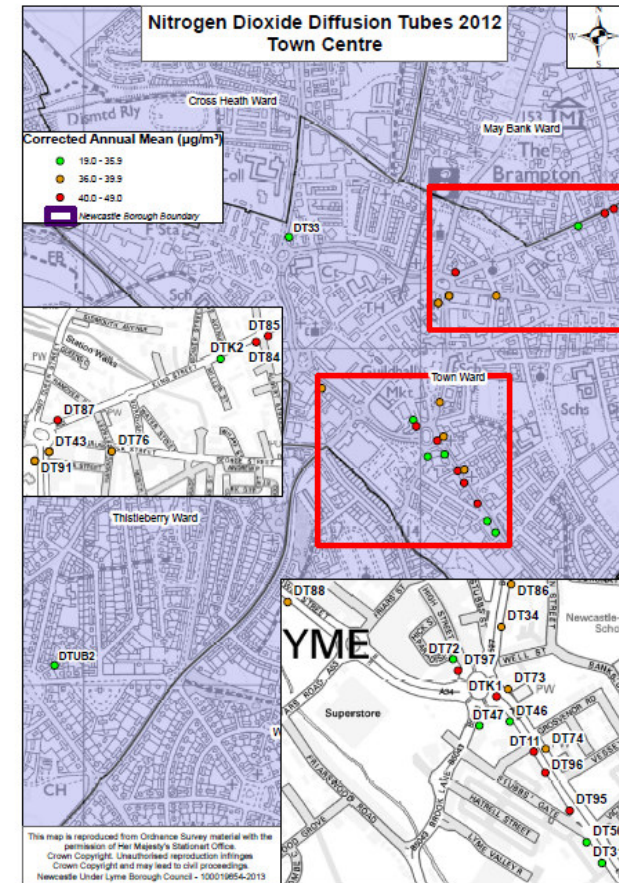
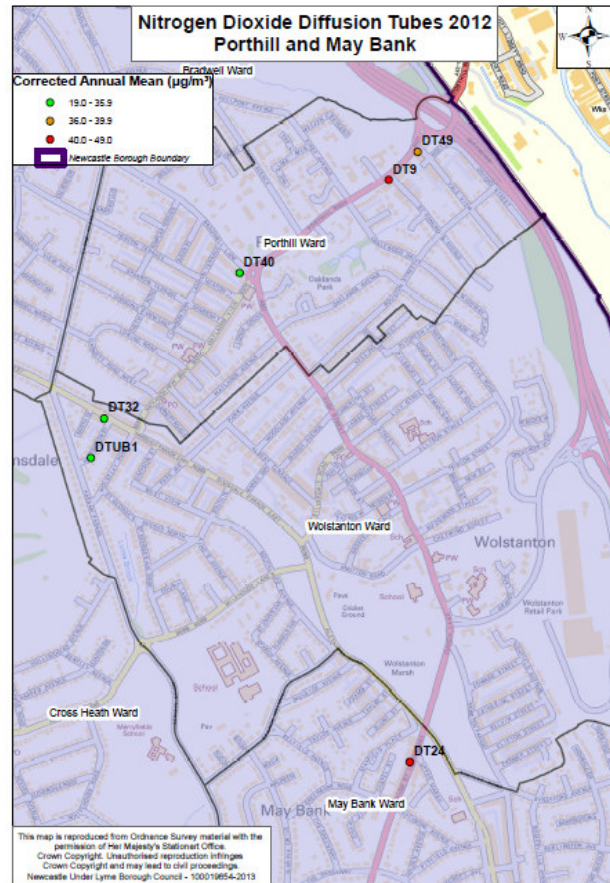


Figure 8 Map of Porthill and Maybank showing NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube results for 2012



### 2.3 Trends in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> exposure

The results obtained for 2012 have been compared with previous year's results as far back as 2007 and these are reproduced in Table 8. For sites which have been monitored since at least 2008, trends have been plotted and these are shown in Figures 9 to 34 together with appropriate comments.

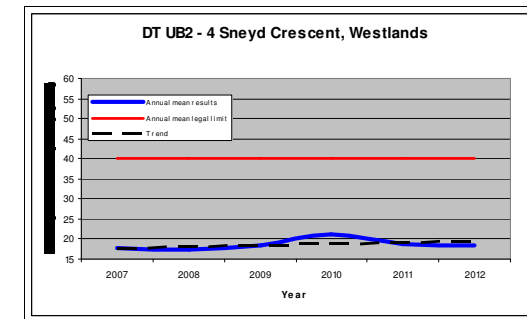


Figure 9 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at urban background site DT UB2 4 Sneyd Crescent, Westlands

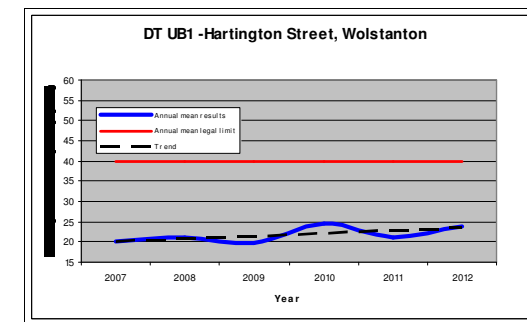


Figure 10 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at urban background site DTUB1, Hartington Street, Wolstanton

Long term trends in urban background concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub>, represented here by Figure 9 and Figure 10, show a slight increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

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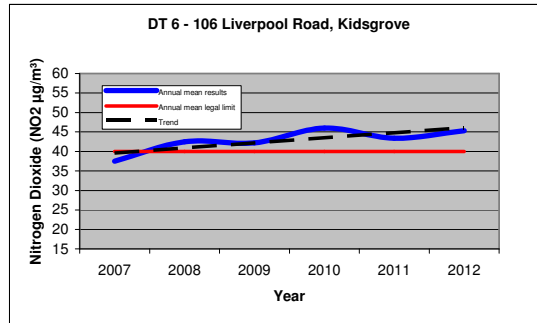


Figure 11 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT6, 106 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

Diffusion tube site 6, (Figure 11), is representative of relevant exposure, being located on the façade of a dwelling. This site is also adjacent to a traffic lighted junction and is located on the A50 Liverpool Road which is a heavily trafficked main road in this area. The annual mean level of nitrogen dioxide exposure in this location is exhibiting an upward trend, with exceedances of the relevant objective in each of the last five years.

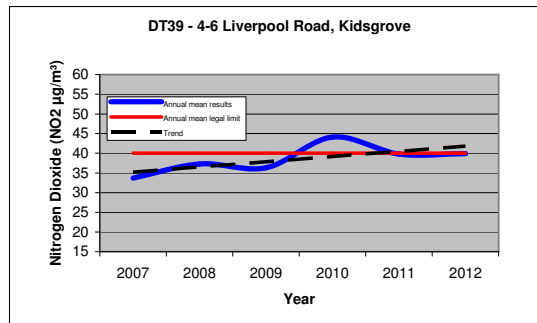


Figure 12 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT39, 4-6 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

Diffusion tube site 39 (Figure 12) is representative of relevant exposure, being located on the façade of a dwelling backside of the pavement edge. This site is located on the A50 Liverpool Road which is a heavily trafficked main road in this area. The annual mean level of nitrogen dioxide exposure in this location is exhibiting a gradual upward trend, with an exceedance of the relevant objective in 2010 and a slight reduction below the annual mean objective in 2011 and 2012

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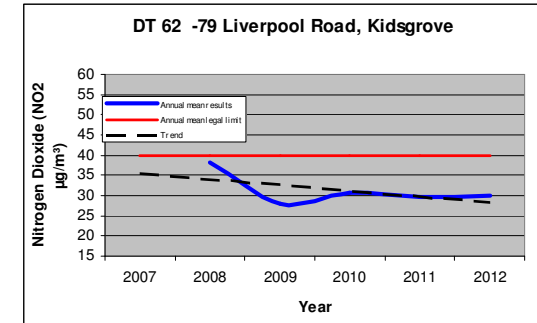


Figure 13 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT62, 79 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

Diffusion tube site 62 (Figure 13) is representative of relevant exposure, being located on the façade of a dwelling which is located on an incline. This site is located on the A50 Liverpool Road which is a heavily trafficked main road in this area. The annual mean level of nitrogen dioxide exposure in this location is exhibiting a gradual downward trend, with no exceedances of the relevant objective having been observed in the last five years.

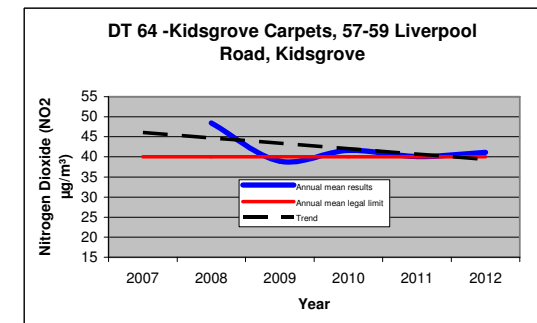
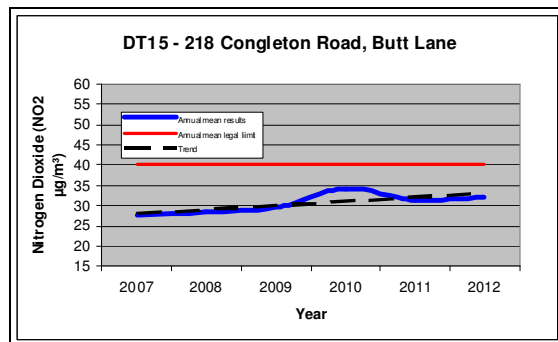


Figure 14 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT64, 57-59 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove

Diffusion tube site 64 (Figure 14) is representative of relevant exposure, being located on the façade of a dwelling which is located on an incline. This site is located on the A50 Liverpool Road, which is a heavily trafficked main road in this area and in close proximity to a signalised traffic junction. The annual mean level of nitrogen dioxide exposure in this location is exhibiting a gradual downward trend,

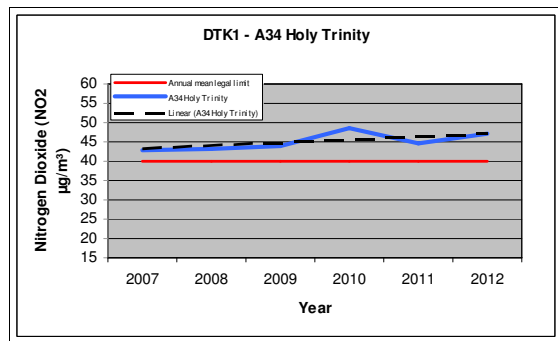
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with exceedances of the relevant objective having been observed in four of the last five years.



**Figure 15 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT15, 218 Congleton Road, Butt Lane**

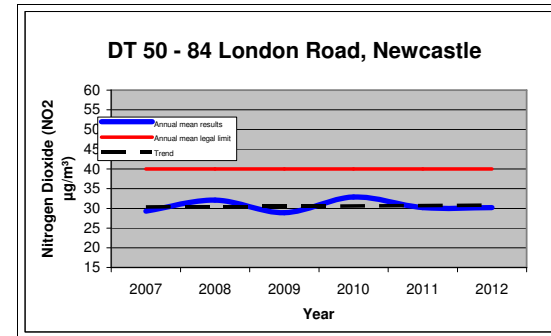
Diffusion tube site 15 (Figure 15) is representative of relevant exposure and is representative of potential worst case exposure in Congleton Road, being sited on a gradient and in close proximity to a traffic lighted junction and slow moving traffic. This site is exhibiting a gradual upward trend in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.



**Figure 16 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DTK1, A34 Holy Trinity**

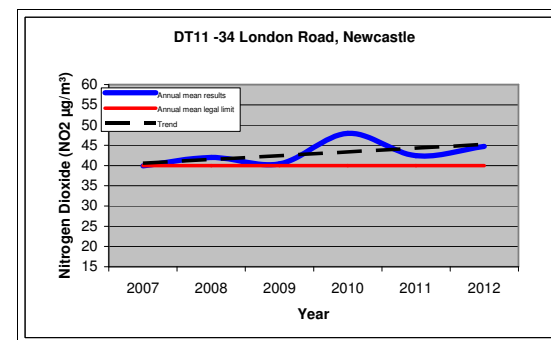
Diffusion tube site K1 (Figure 16) is not representative of relevant exposure being sited on a lamppost adjacent to the A34 dual carriageway. This site does however form part of the national NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube monitoring network. This site is exhibiting a moderate upward trend in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

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**Figure 17 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT50, 84 London Road, Newcastle**

Diffusion tube site 50 (Figure 17) is representative of relevant exposure being sited on the façade of a terraced property which sits on the backside of the footway adjacent to the A34. This is one of the major routes into the Borough and is heavily used by HGV's throughout the day. Traffic outside this property tends to be free flowing. This site is exhibiting a neutral trend in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.



**Figure 18 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT11, 34 London Road, Newcastle**

Diffusion tube site 11 (Figure 18) is representative of relevant exposure being sited on the façade of a house in a row of terraced properties which site on the footway adjacent to the A34. This is one of the major routes into the Borough and is heavily used by HGV's throughout the day. This site has exceeded the annual mean objective in five of the past six years and is showing a gradual upward trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

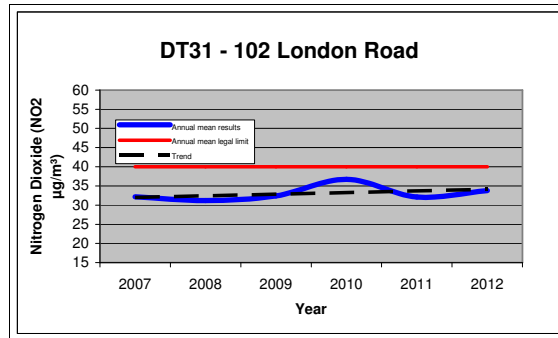


Figure 19 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT11, 34 London Road, Newcastle

Diffusion tube site 31 (Figure 19) is representative of relevant exposure being sited on the façade of a house in a row of terraced properties which site on the footway adjacent to the A34. This is one of the major routes into the Borough and is heavily used by HGV's throughout the day. This site is exhibiting a slight upward trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

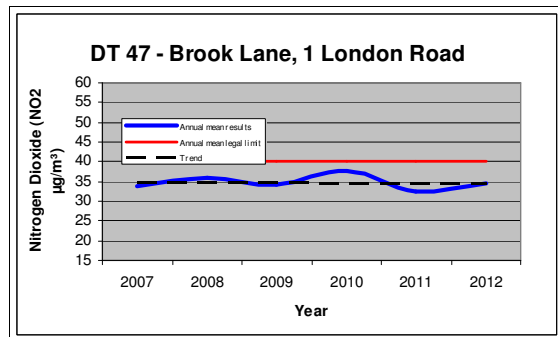


Figure 20 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT47, 1 London Road, Newcastle

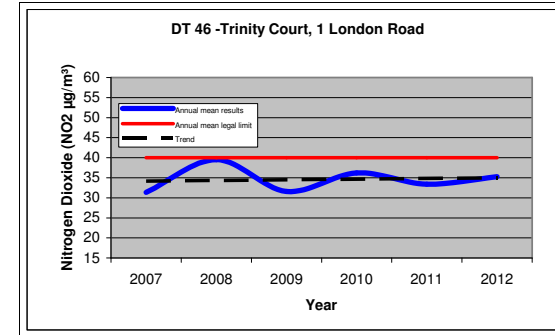


Figure 21 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT47, 1 London Road, Newcastle

Diffusion tube sites 46 and 47 (Figure 20 and 21) are representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a block of flats which sit on a footway adjacent to a major roundabout on the A34 and town centre ring road. This forms one of the major routes into the town centre. Traffic around this location tends to flow freely. There is a neutral trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure in this location.

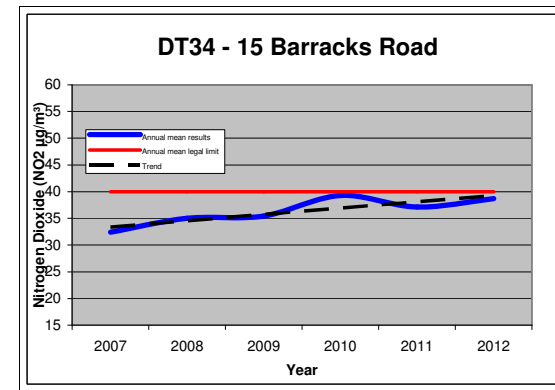


Figure 22 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT34, 15 Barracks Road, Newcastle

Diffusion tube site 34 (Figure 22) is representative of relevant exposure being sited on the façade of a terraced property which sits on the footway adjacent to the town centre ring road. At peak times there is quite often slow moving and queuing traffic in this location. This site is exhibiting a gradual upward trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure and there is a risk of breaching the annual mean objective in future years.

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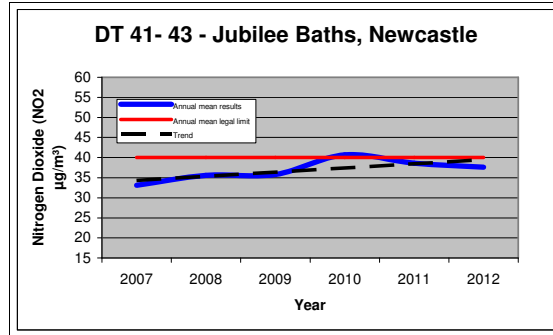


Figure 23 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT41-43, 15 Jubilee Baths, Newcastle

Diffusion tube site 2 41-43 (Figure 22) is not currently representative of relevant exposure being located on the site of the former Jubilee Pool. This site sits adjacent to the town centre ring road and the Nelson Place Roundabout which is an important junction for traffic entering and leaving the Borough and travelling around the town centre. This site is currently up for sale with proposal for residential use being considered. At peak times there is quite often slow moving and queuing traffic in this location. This site is exhibiting a gradual upward trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure and there is a risk of breaching the annual mean objective in future years.

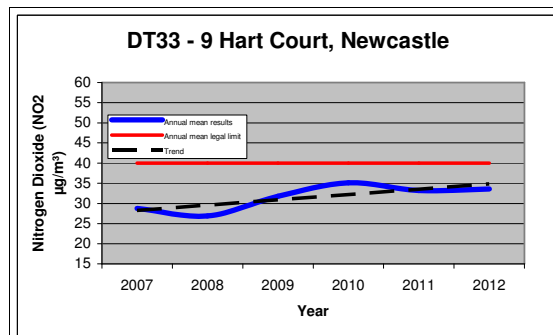


Figure 24 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site DT33- 9 Hart Court, Newcastle

Diffusion tube site 33 (Figure 24) site is representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a flat in proximity to one of the major roundabouts on the town centre ring road. At peak times there is quite often queuing traffic on the

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roundabout and the adjoining roads. There is an increasing trend in trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure at this site.

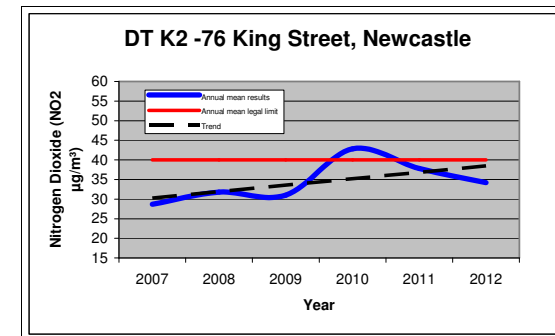


Figure 25 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site K2- 76 King Street, Newcastle

Diffusion tube site K2 (Figure 25) site is representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a house located on the A53 which is forms one of the major routes between Newcastle and Stoke on Trent. At peak times there is quite often queuing traffic on the road. This site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

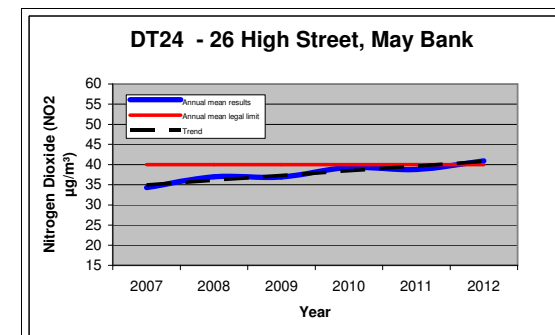
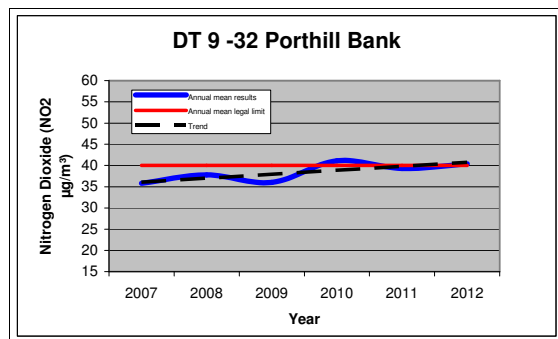


Figure 26 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 24- 26 High Street May Bank

Diffusion tube site 24 (Figure 26) is representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a house located adjacent to a zebra crossing and a traffic lighted junction. At peak times there is quite often queuing traffic on the road. This

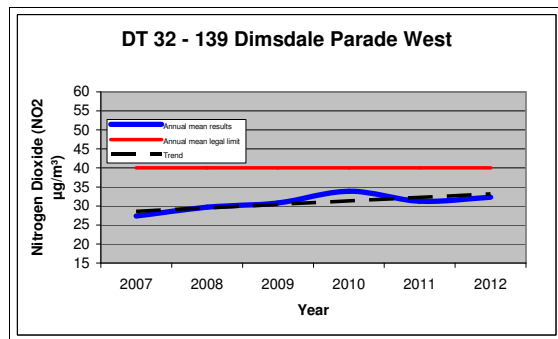
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site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure and exceeded the annual mean objective in 2012.



**Figure 27 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 9 - 32 Porthill Bank**

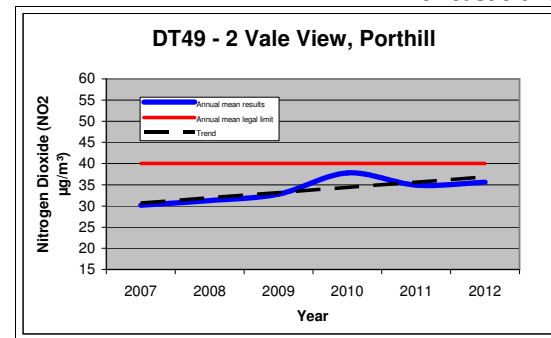
Diffusion tube site 9 (Figure 26) is representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a house located on an incline adjacent to one of the main routes between this area of Newcastle and Stoke on Trent. At peak times there is quite often queuing traffic on the road. This site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure and exceeded the annual mean objective in 2010 and 2012.



**Figure 28 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 32 – 139 Dimsdale Parade West**

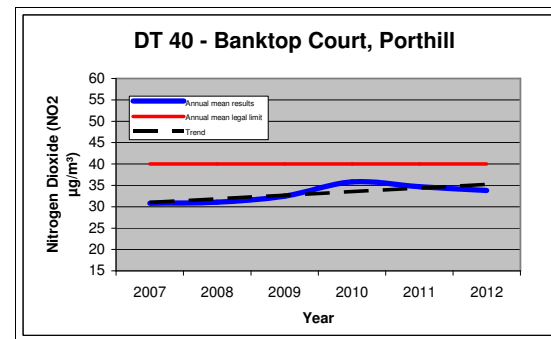
Diffusion tube site 32 (Figure 28) is representative of relevant exposure being located on the façade of a terraced dwelling. This site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

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**Figure 29 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 49 – 2 Vale View, Porthill**

Diffusion tube site 49 (Figure 29) is representative of relevant exposure and is situated on the façade of a terraced property which sits on the footway adjacent to one of the principal routes between this area of Newcastle and Stoke on Trent. The property is in close proximity to a roundabout and is situated on an incline. This site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.



**Figure 30 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 40 – Banktop Court, Porthill**

Diffusion site 40 (Figure 30) is representative of relevant exposure and is situated on the façade of a block of flats in close proximity to a roundabout which forms one of the principal routes between this part of the Borough and Stoke-on-Trent. This site is exhibiting an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> exposure.

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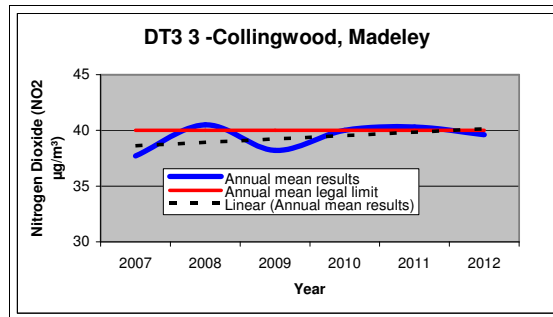


Figure 31 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 3 – Collingwood, Madeley

Diffusion tube site 3 (Figure 31) represents exposure at a single dwelling adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the M6 motorway between junctions 15 and 16. This site is exhibiting an upward trend in nitrogen dioxide exposure and has exceeded the annual mean objective in three of the last five years.

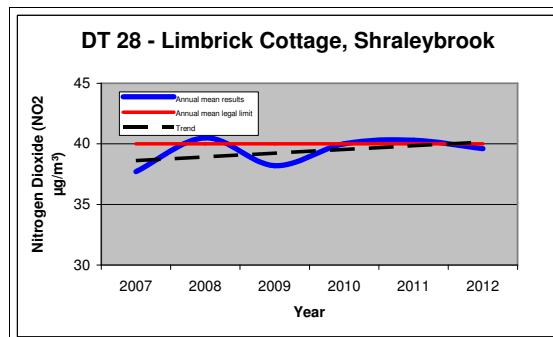


Figure 32 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 28 – Limbrick Cottage, Shralebrook

Diffusion tube site 28 (Figure 32) represents exposure at a single dwelling adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the M6 motorway between junctions 15 and 16. This site is exhibiting an upward trend in nitrogen dioxide exposure and has exceeded the annual mean objective in three of the last five years.

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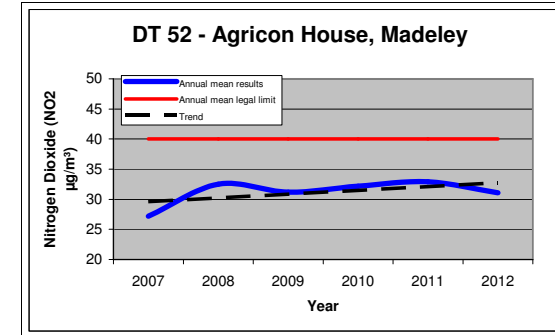


Figure 33 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 52 – Agricon House, Shrale Brook

Diffusion tube site 52 (Figure 33) represents exposure at a single dwelling adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the M6 motorway between junctions 15 and 16. This site is exhibiting a moderate upward trend in nitrogen dioxide exposure.

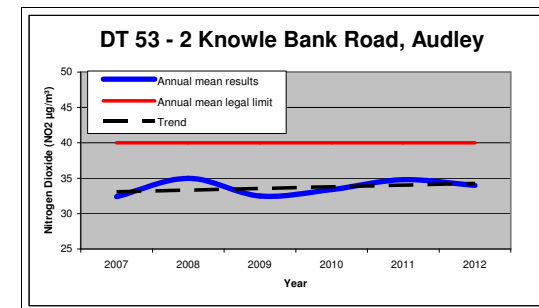


Figure 34 Long term annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> trends at site 53 – 2 Knowle Bank Road, Audley

Diffusion tube site 53 (Figure 34) represents exposure at a single dwelling in close proximity to the southbound carriageway of the M6 motorway between junctions 15 and 16. This site is exhibiting a moderate upward trend in nitrogen dioxide exposure.



2.3.1 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)

Table 2.7 Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub>: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % <sup>a</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2012 % <sup>b</sup>	Confirm Gravimetric Equivalent (Y or N/A)	Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
						2009* <sup>c</sup>	2010* <sup>c</sup>	2011* <sup>c</sup>	2012 <sup>c</sup>
Queens Gardens	Roadside	N	88.8	67	Y		26.25	-	14.19

In bold, exceedence of the PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean AQS objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>

<sup>a</sup> i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

<sup>b</sup> i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

<sup>c</sup> Means should be "annualised" as in Box 3.2 of TG(09) (<http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/technical-guidance/index.html?d=page=38>), if valid data capture is less than 75%

Table 2.8 Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub>: Comparison with 24-hour Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % <sup>a</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2012 % <sup>b</sup>	Confirm Gravimetric Equivalent (Y or N/A)	Number of Daily Means > 50µg/m <sup>3</sup>			
						2009 <sup>c</sup>	2010 <sup>c</sup>	2011 <sup>c</sup>	2012 <sup>c</sup>
Queens Gardens	Roadside	N	88.8	67	Y		13	-	3 (28.1)

In bold, exceedence of the PM<sub>10</sub> daily mean AQS objective (50µg/m<sup>3</sup> – not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year)

<sup>a</sup> i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

<sup>b</sup> i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

<sup>c</sup> if data capture for full calendar year is less than 90%, include the 90.4<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hour means in brackets

2.3.2 Summary of Compliance with AQS Objectives

There are no exceedences of the relevant objectives for PM<sub>10</sub> identified.

There are no exceedences of the relevant hourly mean objective for Nitrogen Dioxide. However, in respect of the annual mean objective there are ten exceedences/locations identified by diffusion tube monitoring which exceed the objective in relevant locations and there are a further fifteen locations which are at risk of exceeding in future years.

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council has measured concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide above the annual mean objective at ten relevant locations.

A combined Detailed Assessment and Further Assessment study is currently underway in the following areas identified in this report, and this is scheduled for completion in Autumn 2013.

- Kidsgrove (A50 Liverpool Road)
  - Site 6 – 106 Liverpool Road
  - Site 39 - 4/6 Liverpool Road
  - Site 64 Kidsgrove Carpets, 57-59 Liverpool Road
- Newcastle Town Centre
  - Site 84 – 102 King Street
  - Site 85 – 106 King Street
  - Site 87 – 1 King Street
  - Site 95 – 76 London Road
  - Site 96 – 52-54 London Road
- May Bank
  - Site 24 – 26 High Street, Maybank
- Porthill
  - Site 9 – Porthill Bank

Those sites which are showing an increasing trend in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and which

are potentially at risk of exceeding the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective in future years will continue to be monitored and assessed in future reports.

## 3 New Local Developments

### 3.1 Road Traffic Sources

There have been no newly identified road traffic sources since the last Updating and Screening Assessment.

### 3.2 Other Transport Sources

There are no airports in this or the neighbouring local authority areas. There are no areas where diesel or steam trains are regularly stationary for periods of 15 minutes or more, with potential for relevant exposure within 15m. There are no locations with a large number of movements of diesel locomotives, and potential long-term relevant exposure within 30m. There are no ports for shipping in the local authority area.

### 3.3 Industrial Sources

There has been one gas fired power station which recommenced operations in April 2012. This site which is operated by Loucetios Energy and is located at Holditch Road, Newcastle under Lyme has a net rated input of 24MW and is fired by natural gas.

The installation is made up of 3 Wartsila 25SG gas reciprocating engines and as part of the National Grid STOR the engines are kept in a state of readiness and can be called at times when the local electricity grid is under its most stress. The exact number of annual running hours depends on how often they are called upon to prevent power outages in the local area. In 2012/13 financial year they generated for 80 hours, in 2013/14 it is estimated they will generate between 150-300 hours as the national grids generation capacity is reduced due to the large combustion plant directive (LCPD). In general it is unlikely that the power station would run more than 300 hours annually. Emissions from this plant will be assessed and reported in the next USA.

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There are no further new or significantly changed installations in the local authority area. There are no major fuel depots storing petrol in the local authority area. There are no new petrol stations in the local authority area. There are no poultry farms in the borough or in the neighbouring local authority areas.

### 3.4 Commercial and Domestic Sources

The local authority has not identified any new biomass combustion plant – individual installations, areas where biomass combustion sources may be relevant or areas where domestic fuel burning may be relevant.

Given that there is an increasing trend towards domestic solid fuel use as a result of increasing gas and electricity prices, the Council will undertake a further survey of domestic solid fuel use in the areas of highest demand (Silverdale, Bignall End and Kidsgrove) to inform the findings of the next USA.

In the meantime, as the whole of the urban area of the Borough is covered by Smoke Control Areas, an ongoing campaign of education of householders and solid fuel distributors is underway. This is supplemented by appropriate advice and enforcement action under the Clean Air Act 1993 in respect of non exempt appliances and unauthorised fuels and the Building Act 1984 in respect of chimney heights.

### 3.5 New Developments with Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

The local authority has not identified any new developments with fugitive or uncontrolled sources which are likely to impact on local air quality.

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified local developments which may have an impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

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Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council confirms that all the following have been considered:

- **Road traffic sources**
- **Other transport sources**
- **Commercial and domestic sources**
- **New developments with fugitive or uncontrolled sources.**

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council has identified the following new Industrial Source which may impact on air quality in the Local Authority area.

- Loucetios Energy 24Mw net rated input gas fired power station at Holditch Industrial Estate Chesterton (Grid Ref 383785:348207)

This will be taken into consideration in the next Updating and Screening Assessment.

### 3.6 Local Air Quality Strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme

The Borough Council does not currently have an air quality strategy (AQS). It is recognised that the adoption of an air quality strategy will be of valuable assistance to the Council in helping to maintain and improve air quality across the whole Borough. It is anticipated that the strategy will link to current and future council and regional polices which have the potential to impact on air quality. It is anticipated that the AQS consultation process will follow current best practice in this area and will lead to the production of a document which will help guide the Borough Council and its partners for a five to ten year period following its publication. It is expected that the AQS will include appropriate outcome focussed indicators against which performance against the AQS can be quantified.

Progress on developing the air quality strategy will be reported in the next progress report due in 2014.

## 4 Planning Applications

All planning applications, including EIA scoping and screening opinions received in 2012 were assessed for impacts on air quality. Those applications which involved a consideration of air quality are detailed in Table 9.

There were no planning applications which were recommended for refusal on air quality grounds. Where appropriate, conditions were recommended and these principally related to construction air quality control measures.

Officers also enter into pre-application discussions with developers and attend a monthly development team with planning colleagues. Where appropriate this helps to ensure that air quality is raised at an early stage in the development process and helps in ensuring that applications are accompanied by appropriate air quality assessments.

Table 9 Planning applications determined in 2012 for which air quality was considered

Address	Application Number & Planning Authority	Description of Development	Findings of assessment	Divisional recommendation related to air quality	Planning Authority Decision
Land at West Avenue Kidsgrove Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 1TW	11/00645/OUT <sup>3</sup> Newcastle under Lyme BC	Residential development of 176 dwellings, area of community woodland, public open space and formation of new accesses	Neutral significance for NO <sub>2</sub> and PM <sub>10</sub>  Standard mitigation measures and best practice for construction in line with London Best Practice Guidance for the Control of Dust and Emissions from Construction and Demolition	Construction environmental management plan for prior approval sought by condition	Refused on non air quality grounds
Howle Close Chesterton Newcastle-under-Lyme	N.11/17/2014 W Staffordshire County Council	Proposed skip hire and recycle	No assessment with application	Objection Detailed air quality assessment required for PM <sub>10</sub> and PM <sub>2.5</sub> at receptor locations in Apedale Road for development and operational phase	Application withdrawn
Holditch House Holditch Road Chesterton SJ.835 484	N.12/03/2018 Staffordshire County Council	Application by Hampton's Property LLP to construct a waste and metals recycling facility (erection of a mixed waste recycling and	EIA concluded  Development phase best practice measures for construction in line with London Best Practice Guidance for the Control of Dust and Emissions from Construction and Demolition	EIA assessment reviewed in respect of construction / operation and traffic related air quality.  Conditions sought to protect / monitor air quality during redevelopment and operation of site. To include <u>Development Phase</u>	Permitted by the WPA subject to signing of S106 agreements

<sup>3</sup> <http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=map&keyVal=LVS2FZBM02600>

		sorting building with engineering and repair workshop, ancillary office and welfare blocks, metal processing, vehicle and skip storage, earthworks, perimeter landscaping and acoustic barriers).	Neutral significance for NO <sub>2</sub> and PM <sub>10</sub> from traffic  Neutral significance for PM <sub>10</sub> from site once active	Construction Management Plan to include control of fugitive emissions and wheel wash facilities be submitted and approved  <u>Operational Phase</u> Offsite monitoring of PM <sub>10</sub> and PM <sub>2.5</sub> at local school for period of 2 years once fully operational to be secured by S106 agreement	
Ibstock Building Products Ltd Chesterton Factory Apedale Road, Newcastle Staffordshire ST5 6BH	12/00128/FUL Newcastle under Lyme BC	Replacement of existing stack with new exhaust stack and scrubber units	None submitted	Approve  A2 installation subject to LAIPPC  Application for permit accompanied by chimney height calculation and permit to be issued with appropriate emission limits to reflect chimney height	Permission granted
Hollywood Lane Silverdale Tileries, Pepper Street, Keele	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	EIA Screening Opinion Consultation for Housing development of approximately 100 houses at land off Pepper Street (site of	Not required for EIA screening opinion	Development requires EIA as remediation of burning spoil heap has potential to lead to exceedances of internationally agreed environmental standards (Para.40 of the Circular) (PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , CO, SO <sub>2</sub> ) in respect of air quality for the short term objectives for a	LPA considered not EIA development  (Application for permission will be captured by local validation requirements in respect of air quality)

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		Audley Timbers and former Silverdale Tileries) and remediation of burning coal spoil heap. Hollywood Lane Silverdale Tileries, Pepper Street, Keele		number of key pollutants detailed in schedule 2 and 3 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010	
Land at Keele Road, Newcastle under Lyme	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	Screening opinion for Housing development adjacent to Lafarge Walleys Quarry Landfill - Non hazardous landfill in operation until 2042	Not required for EIA screening opinion	<p>Considered to be schedule 2 development as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 and the associated statutory guidance Circular 2/199 Environmental Impact Assessments</p> <p>Development requires EIA due to proximity to operational landfill is likely to lead to exceedances of internationally agreed environmental standards (Para.40 of the Circular) (PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>) in respect of air quality objectives for a number of key pollutants detailed in schedule 2 and 3 of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010</p>	<p>LPA considered not EIA development</p> <p>(Application for permission will be captured by local validation requirements in respect of air quality)</p>

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Great Oak, Bignall End, Stoke on Trent	SCO.55/2013 M Staffordshire County Council	<p>EIA Scoping Opinion</p> <p>Extraction of 450,000 tonnes of coal over 15 month period and restoration of site Great Oak / Monument Opencast, Bignall End</p>		<p>Background monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> requested for 6 months with details of monitoring and reporting protocol for duration of activity.</p> <p>Details of nuisance dust monitoring and reporting protocol requested in accordance with NPPF Technical Guidance.</p> <p>Advice given on LAPPC requirements in accordance Process Guidance Note 3/05(12)</p> <p>Statutory guidance for coal, coke, coal product and petroleum coke</p>	<p>Scoping opinion issued by MPA which incorporates comments from Environmental Health</p>

## 5 Air Quality Planning Policies

### 5.1 Current planning policies operating in the Borough

As well as the policies contained within the National Policy Framework (March 2012) which apply to all development applications since April 2012 which replaced PPS23 and the National Planning Policy Framework Technical Guidance which contains guidance tailored towards mineral extraction operations. There are a number of planning policies in operation within the Borough and County which are concerned with minimising poor air quality. These policies are summarised in Table 10:

The Borough Council is due to embark on the preparation of a Local Development Framework (LDF). The Planning Policy Development Team has been fully informed of the issues surrounding air quality in the Borough and as a result, the Environmental Health Division will be formally consulted on the LDF.

### 5.2 Local list validation and air quality

Different types and scale of application requires different levels of information and supporting documentation to be submitted in support of the application. The required information for a valid application to be submitted falls into two categories;

- The 'national list' – national mandatory information
- The 'local list' – additional information required by local planning authorities necessary to make a decision on the application.

The purpose of the validation arrangements is to:

- provide a guide to the information that may be required at the outset;
- enable the local planning authority to provide applicants with certainty as to the information required;
- enable the local planning authority to have all the necessary information to determine the application and to draft the planning permission and all conditions;

- minimise the need for further submission of additional information in order to allow local planning authorities a reasonable opportunity to determine applications within the target period; and
- ensure consistency in the approach taken by different local planning authorities in registering and validating applications whilst recognising the need for variation appropriate to local circumstances.

The current air quality section of the validation list is detailed in Table 11. The local validation list is due to be reviewed and updated by October 2013 to ensure that it remains in place. Any changes in respect of air quality will be reported in the next progress report.

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**Table 10 Current air quality planning policies relevant to Newcastle under Lyme**  
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Document	Policy Title	Relevant extract from policy
The Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan <sup>4</sup>	D1 - Sustainable Forms of Development	D1 Sustainable forms and patterns of new development will be sought which:  (d) create communities where there is a balanced mix of land uses which will reduce the need to travel, the distance travelled and the adverse effects of transportation;  (i) have regard to the location and effects of existing nearby land uses with the potential to generate pollution which could have an unacceptably detrimental effect on the proposed development.
	D2 The Design and Environmental Quality of Development	D2 Development should generally conserve and, where possible, improve the quality of life and the environment and should:  (c) minimise pollution of land, water and air, waste generation, nuisance from noise, and pollution by artificial sources of light;
	MW6 - Minerals	Mineral and/or waste development proposals will be assessed in terms of their social, environmental and economic effects in relation to the ability to safeguard, enhance and sustain environmental resources and amenity. The applicant will need to demonstrate that the proposal does not have an unacceptable adverse impact, either on its own or in conjunction with other developments, upon people, transportation systems or the environment.
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy 2010 – 2026 <sup>5</sup>	Policy 4.2 Protection of Environmental Quality	The development of waste management facilities will be supported provided that the proposals would not give rise to materially harmful impacts, except where the material planning benefits of the proposals outweigh the material planning objections.
		Where proposals have an unavoidable adverse effect on these natural and cultural assets, impacts should be minimised by design and layout. Residual impacts should be mitigated or compensated for, either on or off site. In determining the impact of the proposed development, consideration will be given to the effect of the proposals on the following:  xiii. Protection of air, soil and water and reduction of flood risk

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Resources/Documents/s/st/StructurePlanExplanatoryMemorandum7802savedpolicie.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy/thedevelopmentplan/wastelocalplan/Staffordshire-and-Stoke-on-Trent-Joint-Waste-Local-Plan-\(2010-to-2026\)-\(adopted-March-2013\).pdf](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy/thedevelopmentplan/wastelocalplan/Staffordshire-and-Stoke-on-Trent-Joint-Waste-Local-Plan-(2010-to-2026)-(adopted-March-2013).pdf)

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The Newcastle under- Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy 2006 to 2026 <sup>6</sup>	SP3 Spatial Principles of Movement and Access	<p>2. Maximising the accessibility of new residential, employment, retail, development, health and education centres, green open space, leisure and sport facilities as well as strategic transport interchanges, such as railway stations, by walking, cycling and public transport.</p> <p>4. Promoting travel awareness and encouraging the production of Green Travel Plans and the latest information and communication technologies.</p> <p>6. Progressive development of Park and Ride facilities</p> <p>7. Encouraging the use of waterways as lines of communication and enhancing and safeguarding rail travel.</p> <p>8. Addressing the environmental impacts of travel including congestion, air quality and noise pollution.</p> <p>9. Secure developer contributions towards the delivery of schemes that support the key objectives of the Staffordshire and North Staffordshire Local Transport Plans.</p>
	ASP5 – Newcastle and Kidsgrove Urban Neighbourhoods Area Spatial Policy	<p>9. In accordance with the North Staffs Local Transport Plan actions will be taken to improve accessibility, road safety, and to promote sustainable modes of travel.</p>
Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Urban Design Guidance <sup>7</sup>	ASP6 – Rural Area Spatial Policy	<p>In accordance with the Staffordshire Local Transport Plan a positive approach will be taken towards practical measures to improve accessibility by public transport. Such measures could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidised bus services</li> <li>• Community transport schemes</li> <li>• Developing practical transport solutions to assist members of the community in special need to access employment opportunities</li> </ul>
	3.6.4 The place - Environment Pollution	<p>The nature and form of any development should also be influenced by any bad-neighbour uses or environmental problems located close to the site, including certain types of industrial uses, major roads or railways, etc. The analysis should identify and map any potential issues, including any potential sources of:</p> <p>a. Air pollution;</p>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning\\_content.asp?id= SXF3D3-A7809BD5&cat=1363](https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning_content.asp?id= SXF3D3-A7809BD5&cat=1363)

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/Documents/Regeneration%20and%20Planning/5217%20Stoke%20Interactive%20web%202010-12-10.pdf>



Table 11 Current Planning Application Validation requirements related to air quality

INFORMATION ITEM	POLICY DRIVER	TYPES OF APPLICATIONS AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION(S) THAT REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION
2. Air Quality Assessment	National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012). To view click <a href="#">here</a>	<p>All planning applications which involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposals that will generate or increase traffic congestion, where 'congestion' manifests itself as an increase in periods with stop start driving;</li> <li>Proposals that will give rise to a significant change in either traffic volumes typically a change in annual average daily traffic (AADT) or peak traffic flows of greater than ±5% or ±10%, depending on local circumstances (a change of ±5% will be appropriate for traffic flows within an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), or in vehicle speed (typically of more than ±10 kph), or both, usually on a road with more than 10,000 AADT (5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> narrow and congested);</li> <li>Proposals that would significantly alter the traffic composition on local roads, for instance, increase the proportion of HGVs by say 10% or more, due to the development of a bus station or an HGV park (professional judgement will be required, taking account of the total change as well as the percentage change);</li> <li>Proposals that include significant new car parking, which may be taken to be more than 100 spaces outside an AQMA or 50 spaces inside an AQMA.</li> </ul> <p>Account should also be taken of car park turnover, i.e. the difference between short-term and long-term parking, which will affect the traffic flows into and out of the car park. This should also include proposals for new coach or lorry parks. These criteria are designed to trigger the requirement for the assessment of traffic on the local roads. It may also be appropriate to assess the emissions from within the car park itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developments located in, or which may affect, sensitive areas (e.g. ecological sites) or areas of poor air quality (including AQMAs), where either direct emissions to air occur, or where any of the preceding criteria are met;</li> <li>Introduction of new exposure close to existing sources of air pollutants, including road traffic, industrial operations, agricultural operations etc.;</li> <li>Proposals that include biomass boilers or CHP plant (there is no established criterion for the size of plant that might require assessment. Reference should be made to the Environmental Protection UK's guidance on biomass);</li> <li>Proposals that could give rise to potential impacts during construction on nearby residents;</li> <li>Large, long-term construction sites that would have a significant impact on Annual Average Daily Traffic, in particular generate large numbers of HGV movements over a period of a year or more.</li> </ul>

## 6 Local Transport Plans and Strategies

### 6.1 Staffordshire Local Transport Plan 2011 & Newcastle under Lyme Borough Integrated Transport Strategy 2011-2026

Staffordshire County Council is the Highways Authority for Newcastle under Lyme and they have responsibility for developing Local Transport Plans.

The County Council have published a County based Local Transport Plan<sup>8</sup> supplemented by district strategies. The district strategy for Newcastle under Lyme<sup>9</sup> has identified potential AQMA's in Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre and Kidsgrove Town Centre as Key Strategic Issues with measures including the installation of smart traffic control systems which are intended to reduce congestion and smooth out traffic flow having been identified. Further strategic aims include reducing reliance on cars by improving, walking, cycling and the bus infrastructure across the Borough.

### 6.2 Newcastle-under-Lyme (urban) Transport and Development Strategy (NTADS) 2008/2009 - 2012/2013

Staffordshire County Council, in partnership with the Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority, has developed an urban transport and development strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme to:

- Promote accessibility to urban centres by all modes
- Improve safety for all users of the transport network
- Improve the efficiency of the highway network to reduce congestion and air quality problems
- Support regeneration of urban centres

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/transportplanning/localtransportplan/staffordshirelocaltransportplan2011-strategyplan.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/transportplanning/localtransportplan/draftnewcastleboroughtransportstrategy2011.pdf>

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All of the Urban Area Transport Strategies are funded by the LTP capital programme and Developer Contributions.

The overall aim of NTADS for 2008/09 to 2012/13 is to help;

- Reduce congestion, accessibility and safety problems currently experienced within the Newcastle Urban Area;
- Reduce pressures that new developments are placing on local transport infrastructure;
- Increase the opportunities to travel by sustainable modes of transport;
- Support the regeneration of the area

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## 7 Climate Change Strategies

In May 2011, the Borough Council published the second edition of its Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Strategy 2011 - 2016<sup>10</sup>.

The objectives of this strategy are to:

- deliver energy cost reductions to the Council through an energy efficiency programme.
- reduce CO2 levels from the Council's buildings and operations by 30% from its 2009/10 baseline by April 2015.
- increase the resilience of the Council's buildings and operations to the impacts of climate change.
- raise public awareness of climate change and communicate to the community (including businesses) how individuals can reduce their own carbon footprint and save money.
- reduce carbon dioxide emissions from domestic dwellings and commercial premises by promoting energy efficiency.
- use planning and building control powers to ensure energy efficiency and climate change adaptation measures are included within the development of land and buildings.

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/documents/housing/microsoft%20word%20-%20newcastle%20under%20lyme%20energy%20efficiency%20and%20climate%20change%20strategy%20may%2011.v2.pdf>

## 8 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

### 8.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

#### 8.1.1 Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Mean Objective

Nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube monitoring undertaken in 2012 has identified ten sites which exceeded the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective. These are

- Kidsgrove (A50 Liverpool Road)
  - Site 6 – 106 Liverpool Road
  - Site 39 - 4/6 Liverpool Road
  - Site 64 Kidsgrove Carpets, 57-59 Liverpool Road
- Newcastle Town Centre
  - Site 84 – 102 King Street
  - Site 85 – 106 King Street
  - Site 87 – 1 King Street
  - Site 95 – 76 London Road
  - Site 96 – 52-54 London Road
- May Bank
  - Site 24 – 26 High Street, Maybank
- Porthill
  - Site 29 – Porthill Bank

It will be necessary to undertake a Detailed Assessment of Nitrogen Dioxide exposure in these areas.

Trends in annual mean levels of nitrogen dioxide at the majority of sites monitored since at least 2007 have also shown a general increase in nitrogen dioxide exposure at relevant locations whilst background sites are showing a slight decrease.

#### 8.1.2 Nitrogen Dioxide short term objective

There have been no exceedences of the short term objective identified in the Borough.

#### 8.1.3 PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean objective

Analysis of the results of real time continuous monitoring has shown that this objective is not currently being exceeded and there is little risk of exceedance in future years.

#### 8.1.4 PM<sub>10</sub> short term objective

Analysis of the results of real time continuous monitoring has shown that this objective is not currently being exceeded and there is little risk of exceedance in future years

### 8.2 Conclusions relating to New Local Developments

This report has identified the need to consider emissions from the Loucetios Power station in the next USA due in 2015. No additional new local developments have been identified as being of concern or requiring a Detailed Assessment.

### 8.3 Other Conclusions

The Local Planning Validation list will be reviewed in summer 2013 prior to formal adoption by the Borough Councils planning committee in autumn 2013. The requirements in respect of air quality will be updated as part of this exercise to reflect current guidance and best practice.

Work is also underway on the development of an air quality strategy for Newcastle under Lyme as well as air quality guidance for developers

## 8.4 Proposed Actions

Monitoring undertaken during 2012 has identified the need to undertake a Detailed and Further Assessment for exceedances of the Nitrogen Dioxide annual mean objective in and around the following areas of the Borough.

- Kidsgrove Town Centre
- Newcastle under Lyme Town Centre
- Sharley Brook
- Porthill
- Maybank

This work is currently underway and is due to be reported in autumn 2013. Work will then commence on the consultation with relevant stakeholders and declaration of AQMA's in the affected areas.

The Council will continue to monitor those sites which have either exceeded or are at risk of exceeding the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective. No new locations for monitoring have been identified based on the findings of this report.

The Council will continue to maintain and operate an automatic air quality monitoring station at Queen's Gardens to monitor levels of nitrogen dioxide and PM<sub>10</sub>.

The Council also hopes to develop an air quality strategy and guidance for developers on air quality in 2013/14 and progress on this work will be reported in the 2014 Progress Report.

The Council will also submit its next Progress Report in April 2014.

## 9 References

"Local Air Quality Management – Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(09)", Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, London, 2009.

# Appendix A: QA/QC Data

## Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

Up until the end of 2011 all diffusion tubes used were 50% TEA in water, supplied and analysed by Staffordshire Scientific Services

From January 2012, we changed supplier to Gradko Laboratories 20% TEA in water (supplied and analysed).

Results were bias adjusted for 2012 by utilising the bias adjustment from the National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factor Spreadsheet Version 07/13<sup>11</sup> (Figure A1) which yielded a bias adjustment factor of 0.97 for Gradko Laboratories 20% TEA in water.

**Figure A1 Bias adjustment factor spreadsheet version 07/13 for Gradko Laboratories**

National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factor Spreadsheet										Spreadsheet Version Number: 07/13	
Follow the steps below in the correct order to show the results of relevant co-location studies										This spreadsheet will be updated at the end of September 2013	
Data only apply to tubes exposed monthly and are not suitable for correcting individual short-term monitoring periods										Whenever presenting adjusted data, you should state the adjustment factor used and the version of the spreadsheet	
The spreadsheet will be updated every few months, the factors may therefore be subject to change. This should not discourage their immediate use.										If you have any queries, please contact the National Physical Laboratory	
The LAQM Hub/ask is operated on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations by Bureau Veritas, in conjunction with contract partners ACCOM										Spreadsheet maintained by the National Physical Laboratory. Original compiled by Air Quality Consultants Ltd.	
Step 1:		Step 2:		Step 3:		Step 4:					
Select the Laboratory that Analyzes Your Tubes from the List on the Right		Select the Method used from the List on the Right		Select the Year from the List on the Right		Where there is only one study for a chosen combination, you should use the adjustment factor shown with caution. Where there is more than one study, use the overall factor shown in blue at the foot of the final column.					
It is necessary to first choose the tube to use in the spreadsheet		If you have a specific method in mind, you can select it from the list on the right		If you have your own co-location study then see footnote 1. If uncertain what to do then contact the Local Air Quality Management Hub/ask at LAQM.hub/ask@uk.bureauveritas.com or 0800 0327263							
Analysed By	Method	Year	Site Type	Local Authority	Length of Study (months)	Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Dm) (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Bias (B)	Tube (P) (checklist)	Bias Adjustment Factor (B) (Dm/Dm)	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Wiltshire Council	11	38	42	-4.0%	G	1.04	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Wiltshire Council	11	38	38	0.0%	G	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	UD	Durley MDC	10	27	26	3.1%	G	0.97
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Durley MDC	11	43	42	2.0%	G	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Metropolitan Council	9	47	42	10.0%	G	0.89	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Chesterfield Waste & Cleanair	11	49	45	9.0%	G	1.11	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Chesterfield Council	11	34	34	0.0%	G	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Chesterfield Council	11	31	32	-3.0%	G	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Sheffield Council	11	36	37	-2.0%	G	1.03	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Sheffield Council	11	32	33	-2.0%	G	1.09	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Durley MDC	9	35	35	0.0%	G	1.09	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	London Borough Council	11	38	37	2.0%	G	0.97	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	UD	Southampton City Council	11	33	33	0.0%	G	1.09	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	34	34	0.0%	G	1.05	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	32	32	0.0%	G	1.13	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	32	32	0.0%	G	1.13	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	32	32	0.0%	G	0.89	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	32	32	0.0%	G	0.89	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	New Forest DC	10	33	29	11.0%	G	0.89	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	41	37	10.0%	G	0.91	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	33	44	-18.0%	G	0.94	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	9	38	39	-4.1%	G	1.04	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	44	44	0.0%	G	1.00	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	43	41	4.0%	G	0.95	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL	10	46	47	-1.0%	G	1.00	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	9	24	25	-2.0%	G	1.00	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	38	38	0.0%	G	0.95	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	33	33	0.0%	G	1.13	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	39	38	2.0%	G	0.83	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	46	42	11.0%	G	0.90	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	11	37	36	2.0%	G	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	9	32	34	-7.4%	G	1.06	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	34	34	0.0%	P	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	34	34	0.0%	P	0.98	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	34	34	0.0%	P	1.05	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	UD	Essex City Council	9	32	35	-9.0%	G	1.02	
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2012	R	Essex City Council	10	32	32	0.0%	G	0.97	

<sup>11</sup> <http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-bias.html>

## Factor from Local Co-location Studies (if available)

No co-location studies were carried out.

## Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use

There are no local correction factors therefore the national adjustment factors have been used. This is consistent with previous reports

## PM Monitoring Adjustment

PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring was completed using an un-heated MetOne1020 BAM monitor. To ensure gravimetric equivalence, data has been bias-adjusted by dividing by a factor of 1.2. This follows the advice given by DEFRA<sup>12</sup>.

## Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

### Nitrogen dioxide short Term to long term data adjustment for Queen's Gardens

Short to long term adjustment for the automatic nitrogen dioxide monitors at the Queen's Gardens site for April to December 2012 was carried out following the method in Box 3.2 of TG (09). The long term sites chosen for the calculation were Chesterfield, Coventry Memorial Park, and Warrington.

**Table A12 Nitrogen dioxide short Term to long term data adjustment for Queen's Gardens**

Long Term Site	Site Type	Annual Mean 2012 (Am)	Period Mean 2012 April to December 2012 (Pm)	Ratio
Chesterfield	Urban background	18.26	16.1	1.13
Coventry Memorial Park	Urban background	19.26	17.1	1.12
Warrington	Urban background	24.19	21.65	1.11
<b>Average (Ra)</b>				<b>1.12</b>

<sup>12</sup> [http://www.google.co.uk/url?q=http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/reports/cat05/0607131440\\_FAQ\\_PM\\_monitoring\\_v2PQ.doc&sa=U&ei=cMI-Uq67G-eU0AXYrGoBw&ved=0CBsQFIAA&usq=AFQjCjNHxxJkMhNP8oe7I5s3V7WVz\\_1YeMQ](http://www.google.co.uk/url?q=http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/reports/cat05/0607131440_FAQ_PM_monitoring_v2PQ.doc&sa=U&ei=cMI-Uq67G-eU0AXYrGoBw&ved=0CBsQFIAA&usq=AFQjCjNHxxJkMhNP8oe7I5s3V7WVz_1YeMQ)

**Table A13 Queen's Gardens NO<sub>2</sub> Automatic monitor data for 2012**

Month	% Data Capture	Monthly Average (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Jan - 2012	-	-
Feb - 2012	-	-
Mar - 2012	-	-
Apr - 2012	93.3	25.3
May - 2012	93.5	33.8
Jun - 2012	100	22.2
Jul - 2012	100	21.3
Aug - 2012	100	25.0
Sep - 2012	100	23.7
Oct -2012	77.4	33.9
Nov -2012	80	38.9
Dec - 2012	93.5	33.1
<b>Average</b>	<b>93.07</b>	<b>28.5</b>
<b>Adjustment factor</b>	<b>1.12</b>	
<b>Adjusted annual mean</b>	<b>31.92</b>	

**PM<sub>10</sub> Short to long term data adjustment for Queen's Gardens**

Data from the automatic particulate BAM monitor was corrected by dividing by 1.21, the factor specified in TG (09). As monitoring data was only available for April to December 2012, the data was also annualised following the procedure in Box 3.2 of TG (09). The long term sites chosen for the calculation were Chesterfield, Leamington Spa and Birmingham Tyburn.

**Table A14 Short to long term data adjustment for Queen's Gardens PM10 monitor**

Long term site	Site type	Annual Mean 2012 (Am)	Period mean 2012 – April to December 2012	Ratio
Chesterfield	Urban background	11.41	11.41	0
Leamington Spa	Urban background	16.15	14.26	1.13
Birmingham Tyburn	Urban background	18.64	16.03	1.16
			<b>Average (Ra)</b>	<b>0.76</b>

**Table A15 Queen's Gardens PM<sub>10</sub> Automatic monitor data for 2012**

Queens Gardens PM <sub>10</sub> BAM Scaled data	
Date	PM <sub>10</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>
01/04/12	23.9
02/04/12	19.2
03/04/12	13.4
04/04/12	13.2
05/04/12	23.3
06/04/12	18.9
07/04/12	15.3
08/04/12	12

09/04/12	6.6
10/04/12	8.6
11/04/12	11.7
12/04/12	16.2
13/04/12	25.4
14/04/12	18.9
15/04/12	13.5
16/04/12	18.3
17/04/12	12.8
18/04/12	13.8
19/04/12	17
20/04/12	15
21/04/12	11.2
22/04/12	10.5
23/04/12	19.6
24/04/12	19.5
25/04/12	14.2
26/04/12	14.5
27/04/12	15.1
28/04/12	15.1
29/04/12	11
30/04/12	16.6
01/05/12	24.4
02/05/12	28.1
03/05/12	24.8
04/05/12	22.8
05/05/12	16.8
06/05/12	16.4
07/05/12	18.7
08/05/12	10.7
09/05/12	18.1
10/05/12	Samp<
11/05/12	Samp<
12/05/12	14.1
13/05/12	12.2
14/05/12	12.2
15/05/12	10.7
16/05/12	14
17/05/12	24
18/05/12	30.1
19/05/12	19.3
20/05/12	26.3
21/05/12	31.1
22/05/12	27.4
23/05/12	24.2
24/05/12	41.3
25/05/12	43.4
26/05/12	23.9
27/05/12	67.5
28/05/12	63.4
29/05/12	26.7
30/05/12	26.5
31/05/12	18.1
01/06/12	32.7
02/06/12	27.5

03/06/12	8.8
04/06/12	16
05/06/12	23.4
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23/10/12	28.5
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08/12/12	16.8
09/12/12	12.9
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11/12/12	28.6
12/12/12	32.3
13/12/12	37.8
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15/12/12	InVld
16/12/12	InVld
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18/12/12	39.8
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28/12/12	Samp<
29/12/12	InVld
30/12/12	InVld
31/12/12	InVld
<b>Uncorrected annual mean</b>	<b>18.59</b>
<b>Annualised annual mean</b>	<b>14.19</b>
<b>Daily mean exceedances</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>&gt;50 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	
<b>90.4th percentile of daily means</b>	<b>28.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>



## QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring

### Calibration Checks

The Chemiluminescence nitrogen oxide analyser has fortnightly calibration checks and maintenance visits which followed documented procedures.

These procedures were drawn up in accordance with equipment manuals and the manufacturer's instructions. During the calibration checks, a two point calibration is carried out using a zero air scrubber and Nitric Oxide calibration gas, supplied by Air Liquide, to quantify the analyser 'zero' and 'span' response. The 'zero' response is the response of the analyser when the pollutant species being measured is not present in the sample air stream.

The 'span' response is the response of the analyser to a gas mixture of accurately known concentration. In addition to the fortnightly checks EnviroTechnology carried out six monthly reference calibrations.

### Equipment service and maintenance

The Council has an ongoing service and maintenance contract with Supporting U for the analysers. The contract provides the following cover:

- Routine six monthly service visits in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions
- Guaranteed breakdown call out response
- Written report showing work carried out and status of instrumentation
- All work and documentation is carried out in accordance with a BS ISO 9002 accredited system
- Dedicated telephone support in normal working hours

### Data processing

Data management and ratification is handled by Supporting U with regular data downloads during the day.

The raw data collected has to be converted to more useful pollutant concentrations and this conversion is achieved using the 'zero' and 'span' responses that are recorded during the fortnightly visits. The 'zero' response,  $V_z$ , is the response in measurement units of the analyser when the pollutant species being measured is not present in the sample air stream.

The 'span' response,  $V_s$ , is the response of the analyser to an accurately known concentration,  $c$ , in ppb (parts per billion) of the pollutant species. The instrument 'zero' and 'span' factors are then calculated using these data as follows:

$$\text{Instrument zero} = V_z$$

$$\text{Instrument span, } F = c/(V_s - V_z)$$

Ambient pollution data are then calculated by applying these factors to logged output signals as follows:

$$\text{Pollutant concentration (ppb)} = F(V_a - V_z)$$

Where  $V_a$  is the recorded signal from the analyser sampling ambient air. The fortnightly calibration factors applied to the raw data are then filed.

### Data validation and ratification

Once the calibration factors have been applied to the raw data, the data is screened, by visual examination to see if they contain any spurious and/or unusual measurements. Any suspicious data, such as large spikes or spurious high concentrations can be 'flagged' and investigated more fully.

This process is known as validation. Data validation is followed by data ratification, which is carried out at 3 – 6 month intervals. Steps in the ratification process include:

- Examination of calibration records to ensure correct application of calibration factors
- Examination of data for other pollutants and monitoring sites to highlight any anomalies
- Deletion of data shown i.e. spikes generated by the analyser
- Correction of any baseline drift as indicated by examination of daily calibration records
- Examination of any local scale changes to the site environment

When data verification has been completed then the data is ready for further statistical and critical examination for reporting purposes.

## QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

The use of diffusion tubes follows the guidance produced by AEA Energy & Environment, in their publication Diffusion Tubes for Ambient NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring: Practical Guidance for Laboratories and Users<sup>13</sup>

Diffusion tubes are supplied and analysed by Gradko Laboratories. They have confirmed that they employ the AEA Technology and Environment NO<sub>2</sub> QC solution to check the validity of their calibration curves derived from internal standards prepared from NIST certified nitrite standards.

Gradko's general statement on Defra Guidance Document that has been supplied to Local Authorities is as follows :

*'Our NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube procedures have been amended to follow the guidelines of the DEFRA Harmonisation document related to the preparation, extraction, analysis and calculation procedures for NO<sub>2</sub> passive diffusion tubes. These amendments are minimal because we already carried the out most of the procedures before the introduction of the Guidelines. Our internal analysis procedures are assessed by U.K.A.S. on an annual basis for compliance to ISO17025'*

<sup>13</sup> [http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/reports/cat05/0802141004\\_NO2\\_WG\\_PracticalGuidance\\_Issue1a.pdf](http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/reports/cat05/0802141004_NO2_WG_PracticalGuidance_Issue1a.pdf)



# Appendix B: NO2 Diffusion tube results 2012

## Figure B1 NO2 Diffusion tube monitoring results 2012

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Local Air Quality Management Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Monitoring Programme 2012 Calendar Year (50 sites)																						
Location	Analyzing Laboratory: Gracko												Uncorrected Mean (ppm)	Corrected Mean (Bias Adjustment Factor applied) (ppm)	Date	Distance tube to kerb (m)	Distance tube to receptor (m)	Release Exposure as according to AQM (TSP) Box 14	Site Type (Code)			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec										
K1-A34 Holy Trinity	52.8	81.4	57.4	45.8	37.3	33.1	35.6	32.0	40.38	50.56	51.94	64.09	46.6	47.1	385051	345726	3	3	22	N	Roadside	
K2-26 King St, N.C.	35.5	45.7	38.0	33.0	27.0	28.1	28.2	33.8	28.40	34.50	39.86	37.02	36.2	36.4	385458	346362	2	3	0.2	N	Urban Centre	
UB1-Walston (Hartington St)	26.8	42.2	29.7	15.2	19.6	NPS	15.0	17.3	18.57	24.51	27.69	25.59	26.4	27.7	384739	348328	3	2	7	N	Roadside	
UB2-Westlands (4 Sneyd CP)	22.8	33.2	26.9	15.8	12.6	10.98	12.1	12.9	14.28	20.97	22.94	25.50	19.2	18.6	383916	345059	3	2	23	N	Roadside	
3 Madley (Collingwood 2 Newcastle Rd)	48.4	52.7	48.4	NPS	NPS	39.3	34.5	32.8	39.21	32.69	42.98	49.17	48.8	39.6	378118	345488	-2	1	128	0.2	Y	Rural
6 Kidsgrove (106 Liverpool Rd)	63.6	69.5	49.8	42.0	33.7	37.5	37.2	44.8	36.12	46.75	47.69	51.89	46.7	45.3	384014	354429	3	4	0.2	Y	Suburban	
9-32 Porhill Bank	50.7	60.9	43.9	40.2	35.8	29.9	NPS	35.0	24.34	35.64	42.74	47.74	41.6	40.4	385519	349055	3	6	0.2	Y	Suburban	
11-24 London Road, N.C.	61.1	68.2	49.6	41.3	32.0	32.3	37.0	37.7	43.18	42.09	53.53	59.03	46.4	44.1	385112	345626	3	3	0.3	Y	Suburban	
15-218 Completion Road	45.0	59.0	36.5	32.1	22.3	25.6	23.4	25.2	32.8	30.75	34.96	38.86	33.2	32.2	382680	354191	3	4	0.2	Y	Suburban	
24-26 High St, May Bank	55.1	69.0	45.5	40.9	35.8	29.2	31.2	30.9	35.3	39.39	43.78	50.24	42.2	40.9	385574	347530	3	3	0.2	Y	Roadside	
28 Linnecks Cottage, Chislebrook	47.3	61.1	41.1	37.9	27.2	28.4	31.0	28.5	38.77	33.60	40.77	39.39	37.9	36.3	377894	350106	6	45	0.3	Y	Rural	
51-102 London Road	49.1	62.9	39.9	31.8	27.0	24.0	26.1	26.1	28.9	32.83	31.54	39.86	34.8	33.8	385224	345453	2	4	0.2	Y	Suburban	
32-139 Orms Parade West	43.6	55.1	36.5	29.0	26.6	25.5	24.8	26.6	31.2	33.75	35.48	31.95	33.3	32.3	384773	348430	2	3	0.2	Y	Suburban	
33-18 East Court, N.C.	47.9	51.8	38.1	31.6	26.6	25.5	27.4	26.0	29.4	33.62	36.75	41.16	34.7	33.6	384611	348330	3	10	0.3	Y	Suburban	
34-15 Barwick Road	49.7	60.0	46.3	38.4	35.9	28.3	30.6	29.0	33.0	38.79	42.96	45.99	39.9	38.7	385059	345840	3	4	1	Y	Urban Centre	
38-48 Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove	44.2	56.4	42.5	41.9	40.8	34.4	33.6	34.9	36.3	42.04	38.31	48.79	41.2	39.9	383560	354739	3	2	0.2	Y	Suburban	
40 Bankoy Court, Porhill	49.9	58.4	40.9	33.7	19.9	28.9	27.6	28.7	31.2	31.71	34.61	39.53	34.9	33.6	385128	348811	5	20	0.2	Y	Suburban	
41-Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	52.3	51.0	41.1	35.1	30.5	32.7	31.4	46.1	35.8	37.48	41.14	46.74	46.1	38.3	385088	348155	3	4	0.2	N	Urban Centre	
42-Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	45.0	51.7	44.2	25.0	28.1	22.9	23.0	23.3	22.7	41.86	40.86	45.87	28.8	28.4	385088	348155	3	4	0.2	N	Urban Centre	
43-Jubilee Baths, Newcastle	47.2	46.6	42.7	35.2	41.0	32.4	34.5	32.7	34.5	38.14	39.61	39.95	38.8	37.8	385088	348155	3	4	0.2	N	Urban Centre	
46-1 London Road (Trinity Court)	44.8	59.9	36.1	37.2	27.8	27.6	28.4	29.1	33.7	33.37	38.22	38.95	36.3	35.3	385073	345685	3	5	0.3	Y	Urban Centre	
47-1 London Rd (Brook Lx)	47.3	55.4	42.0	33.2	38.0	26.6	26.0	27.1	28.8	36.15	32.68	34.15	38.4	34.4	385023	345678	3	6	0.3	Y	Urban Centre	
48-2 Vale View, Porhill	43.1	55.5	43.6	36.6	28.3	NPS	28.9	29.3	28.0	32.12	39.61	39.32	36.7	35.6	385595	348129	10	10	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
50-84 London Road, Newcastle	42.7	51.1	35.1	28.4	22.7	24.8	22.3	24.4	22.0	30.85	32.53	35.89	31.2	30.2	385189	345487	2	10	0.2	Y	Suburban	
52- Opton House Madley	43.4	51.3	38.6	27.9	21.5	25.5	26.6	27.0	22.2	31.34	36.26	33.77	30.1	31.1	378202	345452	-2	6	0.3	Y	Rural	
53-2 Knowle Bank Road Audley	41.2	58.0	38.4	35.1	17.1	25.4	NPS	24.5	37.8	30.18	39.06	41.19	35.1	34.0	378028	348930	-6	64	0.2	Y	Rural	
62-78 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	41.3	48.7	33.5	25.2	24.3	22.7	23.4	25.2	25.1	30.97	34.67	38.82	31.1	30.1	384830	354380	3	3	0.2	Y	Roadside	
63-5-11 The Avenue Kidsgrove	34.5	44.3	37.7	31.4	26.6	23.5	26.0	26.4	30.36	36.54	41.32	39.39	31.9	30.9	383958	354403	3	3	0.2	Y	Roadside	
64- Kidsgrove Carpets 57-58 Liverpool Rd	53.8	65.1	45.9	34.3	33.7	31.8	35.1	35.7	38.7	41.49	46.16	46.62	42.4	41.4	383950	354445	3	3	0.2	Y	Roadside	
72-134 High Street Newcastle	43.3	53.2	38.7	30.8	22.1	NPS	28.2	28.1	33.0	34.70	39.14	39.35	36.5	34.4	384860	348287	3	4	0.2	Y	Roadside	
73-21 London Road Newcastle	51.3	64.9	37.8	37.5	31.3	28.2	31.8	28.2	33.8	36.56	39.20	47.10	38.8	37.8	385070	345736	3	4	0.2	Y	Roadside	
74-39 London Road Newcastle	54.1	58.6	50.2	41.6	32.5	28.5	30.8	30.3	32.7	39.65	39.75	40.76	38.8	38.8	385132	348940	3	2	0.2	Y	Roadside	
76-11 Brunewska Street Newcastle	54.8	64.6	39.7	36.0	27.7	28.3	29.3	28.1	32.9	39.64	35.62	41.24	38.2	37.0	385226	348156	3	2	0.2	Y	Roadside	
77-68 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	37.1	39.2	37.3	28.4	26.9	22.5	22.1	25.0	23.0	29.69	29.41	30.32	29.2	28.4	383895	354475	4	4	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
78-140 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	30.4	44.7	30.7	20.1	17.0	16.5	17.0	19.4	33.1	22.69	25.50	29.34	23.0	24.3	384196	354353	2.5	17	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
79-58 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	42.0	58.0	43.3	34.9	27.2	NPS	28.1	31.6	0.3	45.02	33.25	37.23	34.5	33.5	384196	354279	3	2	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
84-102 King Street Newcastle	62.1	67.1	50.6	38.5	37.7	33.5	36.1	37.5	38.0	48.85	46.03	47.30	47.3	43.9	385548	346480	3	5	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
85-106 King Street Newcastle	63.0	78.3	52.9	44.2	45.1	43.1	41.4	45.6	42.8	65.65	45.54	51.55	50.6	49.1	385575	346413	2	5	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
88- Hassell C.P. School Barwick Road N	52.0	58.8	42.4	37.9	30.6	25.0	31.3	27.8	33.7	42.96	35.70	41.50	38.2	37.0	385075	345910	3	5	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
87- Blue Churn 1 King Street Newcastle	56.7	70.3	52.8	44.8	35.4	33.2	35.4	36.4	41.2	34.75	45.07	49.19	44.8	43.4	385105	348225	2	5	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
88-77 Lower Street Newcastle	50.6	58.9	45.9	35.2	29.5	NPS	26.9	29.3	33.5	38.63	40.67	44.28	38.9	37.7	384709	345881	3	5	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
89- Queens Gardens Newcastle	53.1	59.8	38.0	33.7	34.5	24.7	28.6	30.2	29.6	34.42	35.60	38.05	33.9	33.9	385054	346134	1	5	1	Y	Urban Centre	
90- Queens Gardens Newcastle	48.6	57.5	38.5	30.4	38.4	28.5	29.0	30.4	29.2	39.71	43.16	45.19	39.1	37.0	385054	346134	1	5	1	Y	Urban Centre	
91- Queens Gardens Newcastle	50.9	52.4	41.6	30.6	38.2	28.5	28.9	31.6	27.3	43.42	41.84	40.23	37.8	36.6	385054	346134	1	5	1	Y	Urban Centre	
92-4143 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	51.0	64.0	45.2	34.7	30.2	32.1	31.5	36.4	33.8	42.47	29.83	51.78	48.2	39.0	383980	354481	3	2	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
93-118 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	52.4	58.8	44.4	36.0	32.7	30.5	31.3	31.5	36.1	38.48	38.73	36.47	35.9	37.8	384056	354283	4	3	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
94-116 Liverpool Road Kidsgrove	51.3	51.6	48.0	45.2	35.4	31.0	37.2	35.7	32.0	40.88	39.34	39.05	46.4	39.2	384030	354415	4	4	0.2	Y	Urban Centre	
95-78 London Road Newcastle	57.0	59.6	49.7	39.7	32.5	29.9	32.0	32.4	36.5	37.54	48.05	49.55	42.8	40.3	385171	345539	4	2	0.2	Y	Roadside	
96-2354 London Road Newcastle	63.0	72.4	58.0	44.4	34.3	30.1	35.3	38.8	40.2	44.43	44.21	53.57	46.3	44.8	385181	345601	3	3	0.2	Y	Roadside	
97-Blackfriars Lower Street	54	69.5	49.0	38.1	32.4	30.4	31.2	32.4	34.6	35.57	44.91	48.11	46.8	38.8	384795	345796	2	2	0.2	N	Roadside	