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Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

Air Quality in the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness

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

The annual health cost to society of the impacts of particulate matter alone in the UK is estimated to be around £16 billion³.

The Borough of Barrow-in-Furness has not declared any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) and NO₂ concentrations remain below the annual 'Air Quality Objective' of 40 µg/m³. Measured background levels for NO₂ in the Borough have shown an encouraging steady decrease, since monitoring began in the early 1990's.

Measured concentrations of NO₂ on the A590 near to Lindal-in-Furness remain the highest in the Borough, the A590 is the major road transport link into the area seeing '19066'⁴ vehicle movements each day.

In addition to regulatory requirements, this authority seeks to improve air quality by scrutinising planning applications and new developments that are required to carry out an air quality assessment and where appropriate, an outline of how emissions are to be mitigated. We therefore work closely with other agencies such as Cumbria County Council, the Environment Agency and neighbouring authorities, and consult on future developments and proposals taking into consideration air quality and potential cumulative effects.

¹ Environmental equity, air quality, socioeconomic status and respiratory health, 2010

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

³ Defra. Abatement cost guidance for valuing changes in air quality, May 2013

⁴ Source: <https://www.dft.gov.uk/traffic-counts/cp.php?la=Cumbria#57340>

Actions to Improve Air Quality

Considerable work to improve air quality through the planning process has taken place for both small and large scale developments. Air quality is an important material consideration, and planning applications are carefully scrutinised for any potential effects on air quality, including HVAC, transport (construction and operational), emissions to air from industrial processes and cumulative or combined effects.

Conclusions and Priorities

This authority has seen an influx of investment into the area and will continue to have implications over the next few years. Investment into BAE Systems Submarines, Kimberley Clark, Centrica Energy, North West Coast Connections Project and many more small scale projects will have implications on local air quality and this Authority will continue to scrutinise planning applications, air quality reports and liaise with industry to improve air quality.

Initial concerns regarding increased traffic flow on the A590 is highlighted and NO₂ monitoring will continue to be carried out at 'Lindal-in-Furness next to the A590 with this in mind.

Local Engagement and How to Get Involved

The general public can get involved and can comment on planning applications if they have further concerns with regards to air quality. This Authority is open and transparent to air quality issues and gladly seek the views of individuals or groups that have a vested concern in air quality. The Environmental Protection Team can be contacted on 01229 876543.

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1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Barrow-in-Furness Borough during 2015. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

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

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

2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

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

Barrow-In-Furness Borough currently does not have any AQMAs. Further information can be found in previous Air Quality Reports at: <http://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/residents/environmental-health/environmental-protection/air-quality/> For reference, a map of Barrow Borough Council's monitoring locations is available in Appendix D.

2.2 Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Barrow-in-Furness Borough

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR concluded that the report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance.

It States:

1. It is noted that the District Council are continuing to carry out routine monitoring with the use of passive diffusion tubes for nitrogen dioxide at 4 sites across the Borough, with results significantly below objective levels.
2. The Borough Council may wish to consider reviewing the current monitoring programme in light of these results, to determine whether there may be any further locations with relevant exposure above objective levels elsewhere.

Barrow Borough Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2016 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of these measures can be found in table 2.1.

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Table 2.1 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

| Measure No. | Measure | EU Category | EU Class | Organisations Involved and Funding Sources | Planning Phase | Implementation Phase | Key Performance Indicator | Reduction in Pollutant/Emission from Measure | Progress to Date | Estimated Completion Date | Comments |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Adopted Local Policy | Policy Guidance and Development Control | Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | A significant factor that the Council has considered when identifying potential sites for development is the proximity of potential sites to employment and services. Wherever possible, the Council has sought to locate sites close to employment and services with the aim that this will contribute towards maintaining and increasing the proportion of trips by walking and cycling whilst at the same time reducing the proportion of trips by private car, thus reducing congestion and pollution. |
| 2 | Local Policy C5: Promotion of Renewable Energy | Policy Guidance and Development Control | Low Emissions Strategy | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | In order to contribute towards the achievement of national renewable energy targets the Council supports development of new sources of renewable energy provided that measures are taken to avoid and where appropriate mitigate any significant negative impacts of the effects on local amenity resulting from development, construction and operation of the renewable energy schemes. |
| 3 | Local Policy C6 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Proposals | Policy Guidance and Development | Low Emissions Strategy | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | New development must take into account the effects of climate change, promote the use of energy efficient methods and materials, and minimise its impact on the environment. Proposals will be expected to maximise the design of buildings, use of materials, their layout and orientation on site to be as energy efficient as possible. |

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|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------|--|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 4 | Local Policy 11: Developer Contribution | Policy Guidance and Development | Other policy | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a levy that the Council may use to charge on new developments. The charge would help to raise funds for new infrastructure that is required to support development in the Borough. Contributions will be sought to ensure that the appropriate enhancements / improvements are made, this includes Climate change and energy initiatives through allowable solutions. |
| 5 | Local Policy 14: Sustainable Travel Choices | Transport Planning & Infrastructure | Cycle Network | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing process- Improved cycling networks in association with Sustrans including provision of cycling paths/ tracks, signage etc. The Council will encourage the integration of vehicle charging infrastructure within new development, particularly commercial development | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | The proportion of residents who travel to work by private car in Barrow is rising and is now higher than the national average. However, the number of journeys to work by foot or by bicycle is also high and is significantly above the national average (2011 Census) The Council is keen to ensure all development will be accessible by a range of sustainable transport options, including walking, cycling and public transport in order to reduce reliance on the private car |

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|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--|----------------|---|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 6 | Policy I5: Travel Plans | Promoting Travel Alternatives | Other | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing- Development which generates a significant amount of movement will require the submission of a Transport Assessment and/or Travel Plan. Assessment will demonstrate how: a) the needs of cyclists and pedestrians will be met and prioritised on site; b) the development will help to reduce the need to travel, particularly by private car; c) relevant information about existing travel habits in the surrounding area has been assessed; d) provision has been made for improved public transport services; e) the site will safely and conveniently connect to public rights of way and the wider green infrastructure network; f) the impact of the proposed development and the forecast level of trips by all modes of transport likely to be associated with the development, particularly of heavy goods vehicles accessing the site, has been minimised; g) the movement of freight and goods by rail will be maximised where possible. | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | A significant factor that the Council has considered when identifying potential sites for development is the proximity of potential sites to employment and services. Wherever possible, the Council has sought to locate sites close to employment and services with the aim that this will contribute towards maintaining and increasing the proportion of trips by walking and cycling whilst at the same time reducing the proportion of trips by private car. Where the objectives of a Travel Plan are not met on time, developer contributions should be required to enable further mitigation measures to be achieved. Such contributions would be used by the County Council to develop such measures, in agreement with Barrow Borough Council. |

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| Measure No. | Measure | EU Category | EU Class | Organisations Involved and Funding Sources | Planning Phase | Implementation Phase | Key Performance Indicator | Reduction in Pollutant/ Emission from Measure | Progress to Date | Estimated Completion Date | Comments |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 7 | Transport Plan Strategy 2011-2026 | Transport Planning & Infrastructure | Other | Cumbria County Council | Ongoing | Initial 3 year review | N/A | N/A | N/A | Ongoing | <p>supports the following local priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe, strong and inclusive communities • health and well-being throughout life • a sustainable and prosperous economy • effective connections between people and places • world class environmental quality and in doing so minimises carbon emissions. <p>Available from http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/544/942/41075102846.pdf</p> |
| 8 | Air Source Heat Pumps | Policy Guidance and Development | Other Policy | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | The Council is considering whether to develop a policy that promotes renewable energy in new development |
| 9 | Policy D55 | Policy Guidance and Development | Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance | Barrow Borough Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2031 | "The Council will not permit development that is likely to cause unacceptable harm to an interest of significant environmental importance by increasing levels of pollution through emissions into air the air or adversely increasing odour levels." |
| 10 | Green Action at Work Initiative | Promoting Travel Alternatives | Other | Cumbria County Council | Ongoing | Ongoing | N/A | N/A | N/A | Ongoing | County Council's 'Green Action at Work' initiative includes-Cumbria lift share. This links drivers and passengers together online which reduces the number of journeys made across the county and reduce CO ₂ and is part of the largest car sharing scheme in the UK |

2.3 PM_{2.5} – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and/or Concentrations

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

Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council is taking the following measures to address PM_{2.5}:

1. This Authority carefully scrutinises developments at the planning stage that may give rise to PM_{2.5} levels. Conditions are imposed that require an appropriate assessment of air quality including PM_{2.5} whereby appropriate mitigations measures may be required.
2. If a Pollution, Prevention Control (PPC) 'substantial' permitting variation or a new application is received, an 'air quality' assessment may be required depended upon the specific nature of the installation.
3. Regularly check local PM_{2.5} levels via the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) available at the nearest monitoring location (Blackpool, Marton). Available from: https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/networks/site-info?uka_id=UKA00488
4. Regularly check local PM_{2.5} levels via the DEFRA Data manager 1km x1km squares available from: <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/>

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

3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

No automatic air quality monitoring is carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Barrow-In-Furness Borough Council undertook non- automatic (passive) monitoring of NO₂ at four (4) sites during 2016. Table A. in Appendix A shows the details of these sites.

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

3.2 Individual Pollutants

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

3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

The measured annual mean concentrations in 2016 for NO₂ indicate that the objective of 40µg/m³ was not exceeded at any of the monitoring locations in the Borough. The 2016 monitoring campaign for of NO₂ at Lindal In Furness has resulted in an annual mean which has increased slightly to 32.95µg/m³ from 30.01µg/m³ in 2015, but is still below the 2014 annual mean of 33.6µg/m³. The last 5 years of monitoring data do show a falling trend in annual mean NO₂.

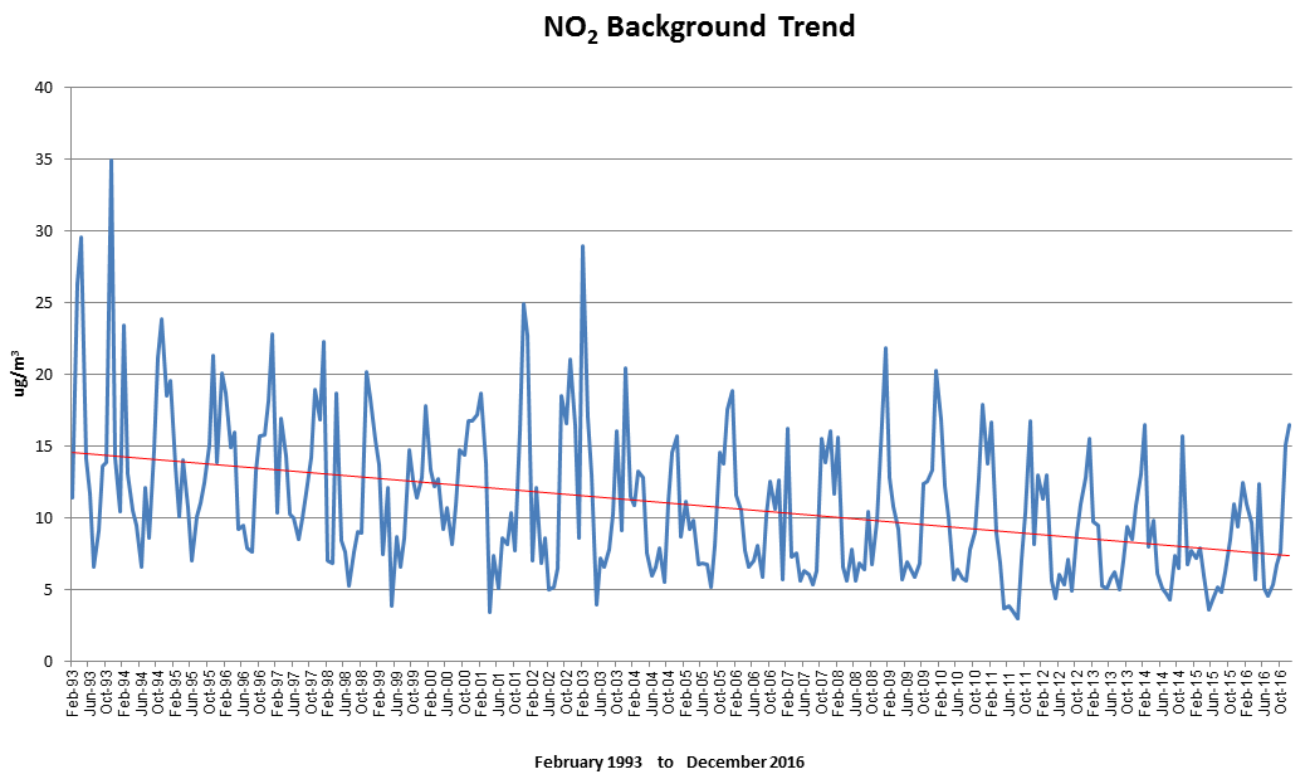
The Dalton-in-Furness roadside location was removed in December 2010 because levels were nearly 40% below the objective; however a specific spot was identified where residential properties were in close proximity to a major road, therefore a new

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sampling point was installed in Dalton approximately 337 metres from the original sampling point removed in 2010. (Please see Appendix D)

Monitoring will continue at all 3 current roadside locations in 2017 to obtain additional information on NO₂ concentrations.

Figure 1: Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations measured at Diffusion Tube Background Site (Dowdales School 1993-2016 [Bias Adjusted])



Background monitoring at the only location remaining from the original monitoring programme is shown in Figure 1 (Dowdales School). All the other monitoring locations are recent and therefore have no trend history. The graph indicates a decreasing trend in annual mean background NO₂ concentrations in the Borough. Background concentrations increased to 10.7µg/m³ in 2009 from 7.9µg/m³ in 2007 and 8.6µg/m³ in 2008, but reduced to 9.7µg/m³ in 2010 and 8.6µg/m³ in 2011. Post 2011- the background concentrations stabilise with recorded concentrations of 8.7µg/m³ in 2012, 8.2µg/m³ in 2013, 8.7µg/m³ in 2014, 6.85µg/m³ in 2015 and 9.38 µg/m³ in 2016, thus giving a 5 year average of 8.36g/m³ which is similar to recorded concentration levels before the 2009 annual mean spike. Concentrations in 2016 have risen slightly to 9.38µg/m³ with no immediate explanation.

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However, there are no exceedances of the air quality objectives for NO₂ and there are no areas of concern at this time.

Table A.2 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored NO₂ annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m³.

For diffusion tubes, the full 2016 season dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B.

3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

There is no monitoring of PM₁₀ concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

3.2.3 Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

There is no monitoring of PM_{2.5} concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

3.2.4 Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)

There is no automatic or non-automatic monitoring of SO₂ concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

Appendix A: Monitoring Results

Table A.1 – Details of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

| Site ID | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | Pollutants Monitored | In AQMA ? | Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾ | Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾ | Tube collocated with a Continuous Analyser? | Height (m) |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------|--|---|---|------------|
| LIND 1 | Lindal | Roadside | 325229 | 475856 | NO ₂ | N | 0 | 2 | N/A | 3 |
| DALT 1 | Dalton | Roadside | 323235 | 474138 | NO ₂ | N | 0 | 2 | N/A | 3 |
| WALN 1 | Walney Road | Roadside | 319246 | 469502 | NO ₂ | N | 0 | 3 | N/A | 3 |
| BKGD 1 | Dowdales School | Urban Background | 322732 | 474429 | NO ₂ | N | N/A | N/A | N/A | 3 |

Table A.2 – Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results

| Site ID | Site Type | Monitoring Type | Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾ | Valid Data Capture 2015 (%) ⁽²⁾ | NO ₂ Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³) ⁽³⁾ | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|------|------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| LIND 1 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | 36.3 | 32.3 | 33.6 | 30.01 | 32.95 |
| DALT 1 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | N/A | N/A | 27.2 | 23.15 | 26.26 |
| WALN 1 | Roadside | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | N/A | N/A | 16.8 | 14.44 | 16.43 |
| BKGD 1 | Urban Background | Diffusion Tube | 100 | 100 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 6.85 | 9.38 |

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

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

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

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

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

Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2016

Table B.1 – NO₂ Monthly Diffusion Tube Results - 2016

| Site ID | NO ₂ Mean Concentrations (µg/m ³) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Annual Mean | |
|---------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Raw Data | Bias Adjusted ⁽¹⁾ | |
| | LIND 1 | 36.98 | 38.51 | 33.78 | 28.43 | 38.13 | 39.09 | 33.57 | 27.24 | 36.04 | 34.94 | 43.27 | | | 40.67 |
| DALT 1 | 33.74 | 32.51 | 27.56 | 23.16 | 25.13 | 25.71 | 22.49 | 19.34 | 26.74 | 25.81 | 37.46 | 35.59 | 27.94 | 26.26 | |
| WALN 1 | 22.29 | 25.32 | 18.67 | 13.58 | 13.18 | 13.01 | 13.70 | 13.10 | 18.37 | 15.63 | 22.57 | 28.00 | 17.48 | 16.43 | |
| BKGD 1 | 13.28 | 11.74 | 10.32 | 6.13 | 5.49 | 5.48 | 4.88 | 5.72 | 7.19 | 8.15 | 16.08 | 17.55 | 9.98 | 9.38 | |

(1) See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment factor

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

QA:QC Data

Factor from Local Co-location Studies (if available)

There are no local co-location studies therefore the national NO₂ bias factor has been used (see below):

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

- The laboratory supplying and analysing the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes is Gradko Environmental Ltd.
- The preparation method used by the laboratory is 20% TEA /Water, analyses are carried out using UV spectrophotometry.
- The current bias factor of **0.94** has been applied to the annual mean values of diffusion tube analyses for each monitoring location. The factor was obtained from the Review and Assessment web-site:
<https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/databasediffusiontubebiasfactorsv0317v2.xls>
- The spreadsheet version number is 03/17.

Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use

The national NO₂ bias factor was obtained from the National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Spreadsheet provided by Defra LAQM, as there is no co-location study.

PM Monitoring Adjustment

Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council does not undertake any particulate matter monitoring.

Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

No short-term to long-term data adjustments are necessary as datasets for the diffusion tube monitoring were for a complete 12 month period.

QA/QC of automatic monitoring

Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council does not undertake any automatic monitoring.

QA/QC of diffusion tube monitoring

- **Tube Precision**

The precision results for Gradko Environmental (A division of Gradko International Ltd.) are stated as GOOD on the following website:

<https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/tubeprecision2016version0317finalreduce dv2.pdf>

- **WASP Results**

Information obtained from Gradko Environmental states the laboratory has taken part in the WASP proficiency scheme since it's inception, and has maintained the highest ranking of 'Satisfactory'. See Table Below for more information.

Table 1 : Laboratory AIR-PT Round Results & Gradko NO₂ Proficiency Scheme 2016

| Table 1: Laboratory summary performance for AIR NO ₂ PT rounds AR007, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| The following table lists those UK laboratories undertaking LAQM activities that have participated in recent AIR NO ₂ PT rounds and the percentage (%) of results submitted which were subsequently determined to be satisfactory based upon a z-score of $\leq \pm 2$ | | | | | | | | |
| AIR PT Round | AIR PT AR007 | AIR PT AR009 | AIR PT AR010 | AIR PT AR012 | AIR PT AR013 | AIR PT AR015 | AIR PT AR016 | AIR PT AR018 |
| Round conducted in the period | April – May 2015 | July – August 2015 | October – November 2015 | January – February 2016 | April – May 2016 | July – August 2016 | September – October 2016 | January – February 2017 |
| Aberdeen Scientific Services | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Cardiff Scientific Services | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] |
| Edinburgh Scientific Services | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Environmental Services Group, Didcot [1] | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 75 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Exova (formerly Clyde Analytical) | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] |
| Glasgow Scientific Services | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % | 0 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Gradko International [1] | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Kent Scientific Services | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] | NR [3] |
| Kirklees MBC | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | NR [2] | NR [2] |
| Lambeth Scientific Services | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % |
| Milton Keynes Council | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 50 % | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % |
| Northampton Borough Council | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 50 % | 100 % | NR [2] | 75 % | 0 % |
| Somerset Scientific Services | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| South Yorkshire Air Quality Samplers | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % | 100 % | 75 % | 100 % | 100 % |
| Staffordshire County Council | 100 % | 75 % | 75 % | 75 % | 75 % | 100 % | NR [2] | 100 % |
| Tayside Scientific Services (formerly Dundee CC) | NR [2] | NR [2] | NR [2] | 100 % | NR [2] | 100 % | NR [2] | 100 % |
| West Yorkshire Analytical Services | 75 % | 75 % | 75 % | 75 % | 100 % | NR [2] | 50 % | 100 % |

[1] Participant subscribed to two sets of test samples (2 x 4 test samples) in each AIR PT round.
 [2] NR No results reported
 [3] Kent Scientific Services, Cardiff Scientific Services and Exova (formerly Clyde Analytical) no longer carry out NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring and therefore did not submit results.

For more information the AIR-PT scheme, please visit the following website:

<http://www.lgcpt.com/productviewnarrow.aspx?SchemeID=201>

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Table 2: Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes 2012 to 2017, including previous monitoring locations by year.

| Site ID | Site Type | Within AQMA ? | Annual mean concentration (adjusted for bias) $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | | | | |
|---------|------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | 2012 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 1.01) | 2013 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 1.01) | 2014 (Bias Adjustment Factor =0.97) | 2015 (Bias Adjustment Factor =0.95) | 2016 (Bias Adjustment Factor =0.94) |
| LIND | Roadside | N | 36.3 | 32.3 | 33.6 | 30.01 | 32.95 |
| LIND2 | Roadside | N | 29.7 | 31.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| WALN | Roadside | N | 25.0 | 23.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| WALN 1* | Roadside | N | N/A | N/A | 16.8 | 14.44 | 26.26 |
| DALT | Roadside | N | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| DALT 1* | Roadside | N | N/A | N/A | 27.2 | 23.15 | 17.48 |
| BKGD | Urban Background | N | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 6.85 | 9.38 |

* WALN 1 & DALT 1 represent two new locations for 2014

Walney Road (WALN 1)



Dowdales School (BKGD 1)- Urban Background.



Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England

| Pollutant | Air Quality Objective ⁵ | |
|--|--|----------------|
| | Concentration | Measured as |
| Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) | 200 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year | 1-hour mean |
| | 40 µg/m ³ | Annual mean |
| Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀) | 50 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 24-hour mean |
| | 40 µg/m ³ | Annual mean |
| Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂) | 350 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year | 1-hour mean |
| | 125 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year | 24-hour mean |
| | 266 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 15-minute mean |

⁵ The units are in microgrammes of pollutant per cubic metre of air (µg/m³).

Glossary of Terms

| Abbreviation | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| AQAP | Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the local authority intends to achieve air quality limit values' |
| AQMA | Air Quality Management Area – An area where air pollutant concentrations exceed / are likely to exceed the relevant air quality objectives. AQMAs are declared for specific pollutants and objectives |
| ASR | Air quality Annual Status Report |
| Defra | Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs |
| DMRB | Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England |
| EU | European Union |
| FDMS | Filter Dynamics Measurement System |
| LAQM | Local Air Quality Management |
| NO ₂ | Nitrogen Dioxide |
| NO _x | Nitrogen Oxides |
| PM ₁₀ | Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm (micrometres or microns) or less |
| PM _{2.5} | Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less |
| QA/QC | Quality Assurance and Quality Control |
| SO ₂ | Sulphur Dioxide |

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