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## Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council

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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<sup>1,2</sup>.

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

The Borough of Barrow-in-Furness has not declared any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations remain below the annual 'Air Quality Objective' of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Measured background levels for NO<sub>2</sub> in the Borough have shown an encouraging steady decrease, since monitoring began in the early 1990's.

Measured concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> 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'<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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 NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring will continue to be carried out at 'Lindal-in-Furness next to the A590 with this in mind. Predicted background PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations have been above 20 µg/m<sup>3</sup> around an area associated with heavy traffic flow, namely the Tesco/ Dock Museum intersection. There is a priority to monitor PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Barrow in Furness.

## **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 seeks the opinion and views of individuals or groups that have a vested concern in air quality. The Environmental Protection & Public Health 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 2018. 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:

<https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/residents/public-protection-services/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

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance.

1. The council are continuing to carry out passive nitrogen dioxide monitoring at four sites. It is noted that although there has been a slight increase in annual mean concentrations in 2018, the concentrations remain well below national air quality objectives.
2. It may be appropriate therefore, to review the current monitoring programme, and consider relocating DALT 1 to other sites where there may be relevant exposure above objective levels, and where no previous monitoring has been carried out.
3. For example, monitoring may be appropriate at other locations in Lindal where residences are in close proximity to the A590; or in other areas where residences are in proximity to busy roads and junctions. Increased traffic along Greengate Street is justification to monitor along this stretch.

Barrow Borough Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2018 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"> <li>• safe, strong and inclusive communities</li> <li>• health and well-being throughout life</li> <li>• a sustainable and prosperous economy</li> <li>• effective connections between people and places</li> <li>• world class environmental quality and in doing so minimises carbon emissions.</li> </ul> <p>Available from <a href="http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/544/942/41075102846.pdf">http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/544/942/41075102846.pdf</a></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 <sub>2</sub> and is part of the largest car sharing scheme in the UK

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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
11	Climate Change Emergency Declaration	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	Local Authority	Ongoing	Ongoing	N/A	N/A	To be ratified at Full Council	2030	N/A

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

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG16 (Chapter 7), local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less). There is clear evidence that PM<sub>2.5</sub> 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<sub>2.5</sub>:

1. This Authority carefully scrutinises developments at the planning stage that may give rise to PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. Conditions are imposed that require an appropriate assessment of air quality including PM<sub>2.5</sub> 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<sub>2.5</sub> 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](https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/networks/site-info?uka_id=UKA00488)
4. Regularly check local PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels via the DEFRA Data manager 1km x1km squares available from: <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/> & <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/gis-mapping>
5. An AQ Mesh PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring Device is being trialled to provide indicative levels of PM<sub>2.5</sub> on Abbey Road, Barrow in Furness.
6. The Authority is currently looking at the options available to fully monitor PM<sub>2.5</sub> during the full 2020 monitoring season at a key area of concern, i.e. where reported background concentrations are in excess of 20µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015. This area has been identified at the intersection between Tesco Supermarket and The Dock Museum.

## **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 NO<sub>2</sub> at four (4) sites during 2018. 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 (NO<sub>2</sub>)

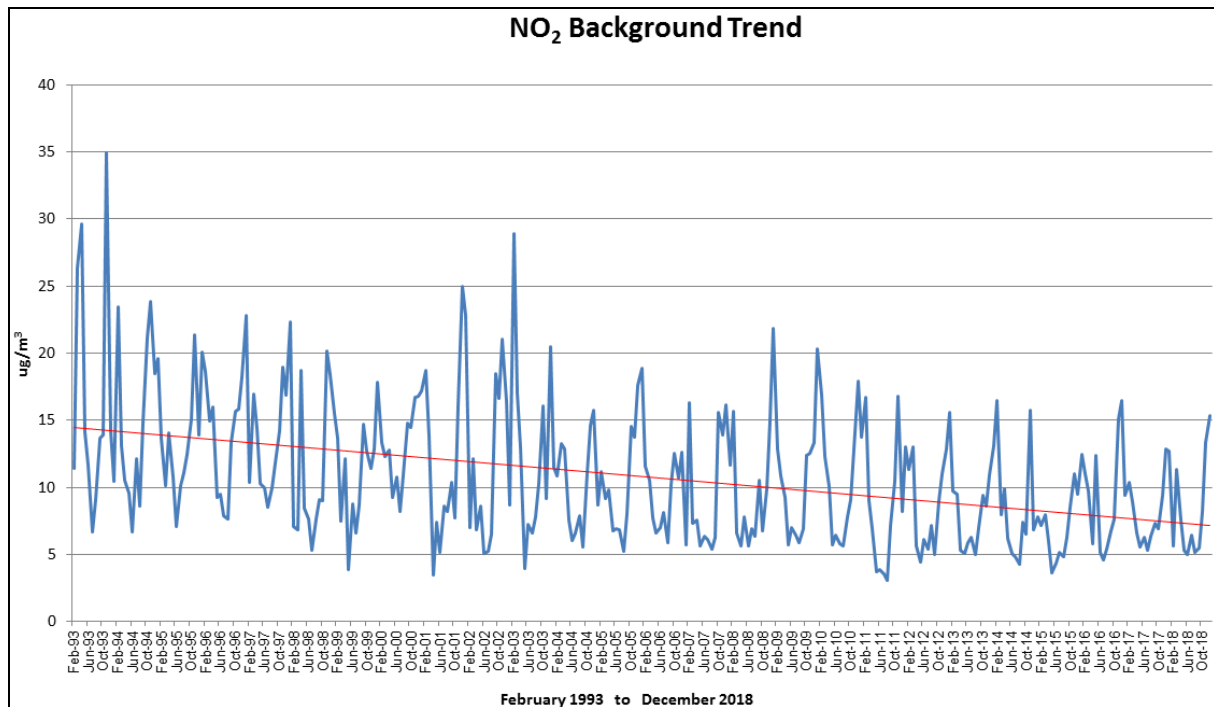
The measured annual mean concentrations in 2018 for NO<sub>2</sub> indicate that the objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> was not exceeded at any of the monitoring locations in the Borough. The 2018 monitoring campaign for NO<sub>2</sub> at Lindal In Furness has resulted in an annual mean which has increased slightly to 34.58 µg/m<sup>3</sup> from 33.15µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017, 32.95µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016 and 30.01µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015. The slight year on year increase is of great concern at this time and will be reviewed in 2019, but background NO<sub>2</sub> continues to reduce, suggesting increased traffic at Lindal in Furness is a causal factor for increased emissions and is not reflective of the larger district. The last few years have seen a slight increase each year which can be attributed to the increased development currently taking place in Barrow In Furness, including BAE Systems £1bn Redevelopment Programme, Dong Energy wind turbine infrastructure and various housing developments.

The Dalton-in-Furness roadside location was removed in December 2010 because levels were nearly 40% below the objective, the Walney Road diffusion tube was also removed at the end of 2016 as levels were 59% below the air quality NO<sub>2</sub> objective; however a specific spot was identified where newly constructed residential properties were in close proximity to a major road, therefore a new sampling point was installed on Iron Works Road in January 2017 as the traffic count for this area is over 20000 'one way' journeys (Please see Appendix D) The results show that this location is 57% below the NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective at 17 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Monitoring will continue at 2 current roadside locations in 2019 to obtain additional information on NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. These are Lindal in Furness (LIND1) identified as the worst roadside location for NO<sub>2</sub> in the Borough and Iron Works Road (IRON1). The Dalton In Furness (DALT 1) roadside location has shown consistent NO<sub>2</sub> levels of around 26 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and will be moved to a new location identified on Greengate Street (-3.2226, 54.1119) where increased traffic from BAE is occurring daily.



**Figure 1:** Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations measured at Diffusion Tube Background Site (Dowdales School 1993-2018 [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 NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in the Borough. Background concentrations increased to 10.7µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2009 from 7.9µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2007 and 8.6µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2008, but reduced to 9.7µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2010 and 8.6µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2011. Post 2011- the background concentrations stabilise with recorded concentrations of 8.7µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2014, 6.85µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015, 9.38µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2016, 8.66µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2017 and 8.45µg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2018 thus giving a 5 year average of 8.40µg/m<sup>3</sup> which is similar to recorded concentration levels before the 2009 annual mean spike.

However, there are no exceedances of the air quality objectives for NO<sub>2</sub> and although the wider district is improving in air quality, there is concern that Lindal in Furness is increasing in NO<sub>2</sub> slightly each year.

All Cumbrian Authorities are currently in the process of committing to a percentage drop in NO<sub>2</sub> by a specific date, i.e 2022. This has been reported to DEFRA in the

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Public Health Strategy on behalf of Cumbria County Council and most Authorities in Cumbria are declaring a 'Climate Change Emergency'. The goal is to become a carbon neutral district. Further information can be found at <https://climateemergency.uk/> or refer to Table 2.1.

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

For diffusion tubes, the full 2018 season dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B.

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

There is no monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

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

There is no monitoring of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

### 3.2.4 Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)

There is no automatic or non-automatic monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations carried out by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council.

## Appendix A: Monitoring Results

Table A.2 – 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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube collocated with a Continuous Analyser?	Height (m)
LIND 1	Lindal	Roadside	325229	475856	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0	2	N/A	3
DALT 1	Dalton	Roadside	323235	474138	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0	2	N/A	3
IRON 1	Iron Works Road	Roadside	318986	469541	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0	2	N/A	3
BKGD 1	Dowdales School	Urban Background	322732	474429	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	3

Table A.3 – Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2018 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>(3)</sup>				
					2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
LIND 1	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	100	100	33.6	30.01	32.95	33.15	34.58
DALT 1	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	100	100	27.2	23.15	26.26	25.22	26.91
WALN 1	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	0	0	16.8	14.44	16.43	N/A	N/A
IRON 1	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	100	100	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.60	17.02
BKGD 1	Urban Background	Diffusion Tube	100	100	8.7	6.85	9.38	8.66	8.45

Diffusion tube data has been bias corrected

Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75%

**Notes:** Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> are shown in **bold**.

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

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

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

(3) Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per 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 2018

Table B.1 – NO<sub>2</sub> Monthly Diffusion Tube Results - 2018

Site ID	NO <sub>2</sub> Mean Concentrations (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )												Annual Mean		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Raw Data	Bias Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure <sup>(2)</sup>
LIND 1	39.01	37.81	44.2	39.85	33.19	34.92	32.7	30.08	28.74	37.14	40.25	48.26	37.18	34.58	34.58
DALT 1	33.36	31.37	33.46	28.81	23.51	23.35	25.66	23.05	24.44	28.77	31.72	39.78	28.94	26.91	26.91
IRON 1	23.84	13.71	23.55	19.61	16.56	15.04	13.76	12.36	9.49	17.14	25.25	29.25	18.3	17.0	17.0
BKGD 1	13.65	6.05	12.2	8.12	5.69	5.38	6.89	5.51	5.86	8.86	14.36	16.49	9.09	8.45	8.45

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

(2) Distance corrected to nearest relevant public exposure.

- Local bias adjustment factor used
- National bias adjustment factor used
- Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75%
- Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure

## 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 NO<sub>2</sub> 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 **0.93** 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/databasediffusiontubebiasfactorsv0319final.xlsx>

- The spreadsheet version number is 03/19.

#### **Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use**

The national NO<sub>2</sub> 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/tubeprecision2019version0319finalfull.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 NO<sub>2</sub> Proficiency Scheme 2018

**Table 1: Laboratory summary performance for AIR NO<sub>2</sub> PT rounds AR0019, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30**  
 The following table lists those UK laboratories undertaking LAQM activities that have participated in recent AIR NO<sub>2</sub> PT rounds and the percentage (%) of results submitted which were subsequently determined to be **satisfactory** based upon a z-score of  $\leq \pm 2$  as defined above.

AIR PT Round	AIR PT AR019	AIR PT AR021	AIR PT AR022	AIR PT AR024	AIR PT AR025	AIR PT AR027	AIR PT AR028	AIR PT AR030
Round conducted in the period	April – May 2017	July – August 2017	September – October 2017	January – February 2018	April – May 2018	July – August 2018	September – October 2018	January – February 2019
Aberdeen Scientific Services	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	75 %
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 %
SOCOTEC	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	87.5 % [1]
Exova (formerly Clyde Analytical)	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]
Glasgow Scientific Services	50 %	0 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	50 %	100 %	100 %
Gradko International [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 % [1]	100 %	100 %	100 %	75 %
Kent Scientific Services	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]
Kirklees MBC	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]
Lambeth Scientific Services	NR [2]	NR [2]	100 %	NR [2]	NR [2]	NR [2]	25 %	50 %
Milton Keynes Council	75 %	0 %	75 %	100 %	75 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Northampton Borough Council	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]	NR [3]
Somerset Scientific Services	100 %	100 %	75 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
South Yorkshire Air Quality Samplers	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Staffordshire County Council	100 %	100 %	100 %	50 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Tayside Scientific Services (formerly Dundee CC)	NR [2]	100 %	NR [2]	100 %	NR [2]	100 %	NR [2]	100 %
West Yorkshire Analytical Services	100 %	100 %	100 %	50 %	75 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

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

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

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

**Table 2: Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes 2013 to 2018, including previous monitoring locations by year.**

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA ?	Annual mean concentration (adjusted for bias) $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$					
			2013 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 1.01)	2014 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.97)	2015 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.95)	2016 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.94)	2017 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.89)	2018 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.93)
LIND	Roadside	N	32.3	33.6	30.01	32.95	33.15	34.58
LIND2	Roadside	N	31.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WALN	Roadside	N	23.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WALN1	Roadside	N	N/A	16.8	14.44	26.26	N/A	N/A
DALT1	Roadside	N	N/A	27.2	23.15	17.48	25.22	26.91
IRON1*	Roadside	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16.60	17.02
BKGD	Urban Background	N	8.2	8.7	6.85	9.38	8.66	8.45

\* IRON 1 represents a new location for 2017



## Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations

Lindal 1 (LIND 1) – Ulverston Road.

Longitude -3.14692 Latitude 54.17303



Dalton In Furness (DALT 1)- Ulverston Road.

Longitude -3.17703 Latitude 54.15729



Iron Works Road (IRON 1)

Longitude -3.2408 Latitude 54.11527



Dowdales School (BKGD 1)- Urban Background.

Longitude -3.18467 Latitude 54.15969



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

Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England

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

<sup>5</sup> The units are in microgrammes of pollutant per cubic metre of air (µg/m<sup>3</sup>).



## Glossary of Terms

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

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