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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates (UK) Limited (Golder) has been commissioned by East Ayrshire Council to conduct their Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Detailed Assessment of  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{10}$  concentrations from road traffic emissions in John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock. The Detailed Assessment forms part of the LAQM framework which requires local authorities to review and assess air quality within their area on a regular basis.

The study area consists of a busy network of roads in and around the centre of Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire, including:

- John Finnie Street;
- Portland Road;
- St Marnock Street;
- West George Street;
- Green Street;
- Langlands Brae;
- Portland Street;
- High Street; and
- Sturrock Street.

The main air quality issues are considered to arise from the volume of traffic travelling on this road network and slow moving through the town centre one way traffic light system.

The assessment comprises dispersion modelling using the most recent transport and other relevant emission data combined with current monitoring data to identify if there is potential for exceedence of the both the annual mean  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{10}$  air quality objectives contained within the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 (NAQS)<sup>1</sup>.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

The Environment Act 1995 and subsequent regulations require local authorities to assess compliance of air quality in their area with the standards and objectives set out in NAQS. For local authorities within Scotland further regulations are set out in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

The LAQM framework requires that local authorities carry out regular reviews of air quality. The first round of Review and Assessment commenced in 1998 and comprised a four stage approach to the assessment of air quality.

The Review and Assessment process was revised in 2009 and comprises a phased approach. The first phase of the Review and Assessment is an Updating and Screening Assessment (U&SA). The U&SA considers any changes that have occurred in pollutant emissions and sources since the last round of Review and Assessment that may affect air quality. The second phase is the completion of a Progress Report which is required to be completed annually, apart from the years when a U&SA is being completed.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (Volume 1), Defra et al, July 2007.



The LAQM guidance requires that where the U&SA or Progress Report has identified a risk of exceedence of an air quality objective at a location with relevant public exposure, a Detailed Assessment be undertaken. A Detailed Assessment will consider any risk of exceedence of an objective in greater depth in order to determine whether it is necessary to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

East Ayrshire Council has monitored ambient NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in John Finnie Street since 1996, with subsequent extensions in the monitoring network in 2008 and 2009. Since 2008, measured concentrations have varied between meeting and marginal exceedence of the NAQS annual mean objective for NO<sub>2</sub>. As a result, the Council undertook a Detailed Assessment in 2008 which concluded that there was a need for additional monitoring. The Council therefore installed an automatic monitoring station to measure both NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations in 2010.

The principal pollutants of concern in the study area are  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{10}$ . The air quality objectives for both  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{10}$  in Scotland are set in the NAQS and are presented in Table 1.

Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as	Permitted Exceedences / Equivalent Percentile	Compliance Date
NO	40 µg/m3	Annual mean		21/12/2005
NO <sub>2</sub>	200 µg/m3	1-hour mean	18 Exceedences	51/12/2005
	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean		31/12/2004
	18 µg/m³	Annual mean		31/12/2010
PM <sub>10</sub>	50 µg/m³	24-hour mean	35 Exceedences 90.4 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	31/12/2004
	50 µg/m³	24-hour mean	7 Exceedences 98 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	31/12/2010

Table 1: Air Quality Objectives for NO2 and PM10 in Scotland

The air quality objectives apply at areas of relevant public exposure as defined in LAQM Technical Guidance.<sup>2</sup> Long term objectives, such as the annual mean objectives, should be applied at all locations where members of the public might be regularly exposed, for example, residential properties and institutional buildings. Relevant public exposure for short term objectives includes all locations for which the annual mean objectives are relevant as well as all other outdoor locations where the public might reasonably be expected to spend the applicable exposure period for the objective.

## 3.0 AMBIENT MONITORING

The Council monitors  $PM_{10}$  and  $NO_2$  at several locations throughout the Council area using both automatic and passive sampling methods. The monitoring locations within the study area are presented in Drawing 1.

All automatic monitoring data have been provided to Golder fully ratified. Diffusion tube data have been provided both bias corrected and annualised where necessary. Full details of the monitoring undertaken by the Council and their relevant QA procedures can be found in their Updating and Screening Assessment 2012<sup>3</sup>.

The Council have experienced several issues with  $PM_{10}$  monitoring data capture at both automatic monitoring stations during 2012 with data capture as low as 25% at the John Finnie Street monitoring site. This is discussed in more detail in section 3.2. As 2011 has better data capture for  $PM_{10}$  of 85%, the modelling study considers 2011 as its base year. Measured concentrations from 2011 have also been used for model verification purposes.



 $<sup>^{2}\,</sup>http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/supporting-guidance.html$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/BusinessAndTrade/CommercialWastePollutionAndRecycling/AirPollution/AirPollution.aspx

## 3.1 NO<sub>2</sub>

The Council currently operates two automatic monitoring sites and eight diffusion tubes within the study area. The details of the  $NO_2$  monitoring sites are presented in Table 2 and Drawing 1.

Site Name	Site Type	Classification	Location	OS Grid F	Reference
John Finnie Street Auto	Automatic	Roadside (R)	John Finnie St	242691	638095
St Marnock St Auto	Automatic	Roadside (R)	St Marnock Street	242742	637705
1	Passive Diffusion Tube	Kerbside (K)	Fowlds Street	242805	637620
11	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	96 John Finnie St	242657	637883
12	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	62 John Finnie St	242673	637955
14	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	95 / 97 John Finnie St	242619	637773
15	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	16 West George St	242766	638160
2	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	28 John Finnie St	242701	638083
25	Passive Diffusion Tube	Roadside (R)	Collocated John Finnie St	242691	638095
27	Passive Diffusion Tube	Kerbside (K)	King St / St Marnock Street	242771	637711

#### Table 2: NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Site Details

Presented in Table 3 are the measured annual mean concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> from 2008 to 2011. The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were highest in 2010 when most monitoring sites within John Finnie Street were above the annual mean objective for NO<sub>2</sub>. However, since 2011 measured concentrations have fallen well below the NAQS objective level for NO<sub>2</sub> at all monitoring sites.

#### Table 3: Measured Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations

Site Name	Annual mean concentrations (μg/m³)						
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
John Finnie Street Auto	N/A	N/A	43	35 (85%)	30 (85%)		
St Marnock St Auto	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36* (45%)		
1	35	32.3	39.1	25.0	27		
2	39	32.8	40.2	32.1	26		
11	31	33.3	34.8	27.9	28		
12	38	38.3	40.0	33.3	31		
14	N/A	43.7	43.8	34.2	34		
15	N/A	39.9	43.2	35.8	35		
25	N/A	N/A	37.6	28.9	29		
27	N/A	N/A	N/A	30.8	30		

\*annualised data



## 3.2 PM<sub>10</sub>

The Council began monitoring  $PM_{10}$  in 2010 at John Finnie Street in Kilmarnock using a Beta Attenuation Monitor (BAM). In 2012, the Council installed a second automatic monitoring station in St Marnock Street. This station included the original BAM, which was moved from the John Finnie Street monitoring station to this new location and a TEOM FDMS was installed at the John Finnie Street monitoring station. The details of the current  $PM_{10}$  monitoring sites are presented in Table 4 and Drawing 1.

Site Name	Site Type	Analyser	Location	OS Grid F	Reference
John Finnie Street	Automatic	TEOM/FDMS	John Finnie St	242691	638095
St Marnock Street	Automatic	BAM (unheated inlet)	St Marnock Street	242742	637705

#### Table 4: PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Site Details

The annual mean  $PM_{10}$  monitoring data for 2010 to 2012 are presented in Table 5, with data capture (where available) presented in brackets.

Site Name.	Annual mean concentrations (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )				
	2010	2011	2012		
John Finnie Street	21	20 (87%)	12* (25%)		
St Marnock Street	N/A	N/A	17* (37.1%)		

#### Table 5: Comparison with PM<sub>10</sub> Annual Mean Objective

\*annualised data

The Council have experienced issues with data capture at both automatic monitoring sites during operation in 2012. The data ratification process excluded a large proportion of the data due to operational issues with the John Finnie Street instrument, whilst the St Marnock Street site was affected by on-street construction works.

There has been a considerable decrease in measured  $PM_{10}$  concentrations between 2011 and 2012, 8  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>. However due to the operational difficulties with both instruments and the low data capture it is unknown how representative the 2012 data are. It is thought that the reduction in measured concentrations in John Finnie Street may be due a reduction in traffic volume as a result of the closure of the Johnnie Walker factory. Unfortunately, however, there are no traffic count data available to verify this.

Due to the poor data capture in 2012 this dispersion modelling study considers 2011 as its base year. Measured concentrations from 2011 have also been used for model verification purposes.

## 4.0 ATMOSPHERIC DISPERSION MODELLING

Pollutant emissions were modelled using the advanced atmospheric dispersion modelling software ADMS Roads. ADMS Roads is an advanced dispersion model which allows up to 150 road sources and 35 industrial sources (including point, line, area and volume sources) to be modelled simultaneously. The model uses a number of input parameters to simulate the dispersion of pollutant emissions, predicting ambient pollutant concentrations. The input parameters include information on pollutant emissions, local meteorological conditions and background pollutant concentrations.





## 4.1 Modelled Domain and Receptors

Modelling predictions were undertaken over a modelled domain consisting of a 1 km by 1 km Cartesian grid pattern which encompasses the study area. The number of calculation points was set at 101 by 101 which provides predicted concentrations at an approximate maximum resolution of  $10 \times 10 \text{ m}$ . The option of "intelligent gridding" was selected whereby the model predicts pollutant concentrations at a higher spatial density (finer resolution) close to the emission sources and at a lower spatial density at background locations.

The model can also predict pollutant concentrations at specific locations where relevant public exposure may occur and at monitoring locations which are used to verify the model predictions. Fourteen locations within the assessment area were specified as receptors. The receptor locations are presented Table 6 and annotated on Drawing 2.

Recentor Name	Description	Grid Reference		
	Description	Easting	Northing	
John Finnie Street	Automatic Monitor / Collocated Tubes	242691	638095	
St Marnock Street	Automatic Monitor	242742	637705	
Fowlds Street	Passive Diffusion Tube	242805	637620	
28 John Finnie St	Passive Diffusion Tube	242701	638083	
96 John Finnie St	Passive Diffusion Tube	242657	637883	
62 John Finnie St	Passive Diffusion Tube	242673	637955	
95/97 John Finnie St	Passive Diffusion Tube	242619	637773	
West George St	Passive Diffusion Tube	242766	638160	
King St / St Marnock	Passive Diffusion Tube	242771	637711	
Sturrock St receptor	Residential Receptor	242948	637690	
Portland St receptor	Residential Receptor	242868	638268	
Council Offices	Residential Receptor	242689	637999	
School	Residential Receptor	242998	637743	
Braehead Court	Residential Receptor	243156	637980	

#### **Table 6: Specified Receptors**

## 4.2 Meteorological Data

ADMS-Roads uses hourly sequential meteorological data to calculate atmospheric dispersion. The data file contains a number of parameters including wind speed and direction, cloud cover and solar heat flux. The nearest site that records all required parameters is located at Prestwick Airport. However due to the coastal influences of this site it was felt that the next closest site located at Bishopton, close to Glasgow Airport (approximately 30 km N of the study area), was more appropriate. Meteorological data for 2011 were used in this study, in order to allow a direct comparison with measured NO<sub>2</sub> and  $PM_{10}$  data. The wind rose for this year at this location presented below in Figure 1.







Figure 1: 2011 Glasgow Wind Rose

## 4.3 Surface Characteristics

The surface characteristics of an area have an influence on the dispersion of atmospheric pollutants through the generation of turbulence. The surface roughness factor used in the model is a measure of this turbulence. The surface roughness value of 0.5 m has been used in this assessment which is representative of the turbulence generated by urban areas.

## 4.4 Building Effects and Street Layout

The geometry of each road was determined through a combination of GIS mapping data and a site visit by a Golder Air Quality Specialist. The geometry of each road was defined in terms of the kerb-to-kerb road width and, where appropriate, the height of any street canyons.

The ADMS-Roads model does not allow buildings to be included explicitly but allows various street parameters to be input to simulate the local flow around buildings and other obstacles in the vicinity of the road. The street parameters included in the model are road width, street canyon height and road elevation.

Street canyons can be included in the model for roads where there are high rise buildings on either side which act as barriers to the air flow and can channel wind along the road or cause localised air circulations that trap pollutants at street level. Canyon effects are significant for streets where the height of the buildings is at least equivalent or greater than the width of the street. There were no street canyons identified in the roads being considered within the study area.

## 4.5 Road Traffic Emissions

Atmospheric emissions from road traffic were calculated by the model based on information of traffic flows and an in-built database of vehicle emission factors, (EFT v5.1, 7VC). Information on traffic flows on roads were obtained from road traffic counts survey carried out in Feb 2013 by Count on Us on behalf of Golder at fifteen locations. It was assumed, for the purposes of this study, that these counts would be representative





of traffic counts for the baseline year 2011. It should be noted that volume of traffic flow on John Finnie Street may be lower in 2013 than 2011 when Johnnie Walker's bottling plant was in operation, however traffic data from this monitoring study are the best available data. Traffic count data for the remaining road network included in the study were obtained from the Department of Transport<sup>4</sup>.

Traffic count data were manipulated into ADMS Roads format, which requires the data to be input as vehicle category, vehicle counts per hour, vehicle speed, and road type. ADMS Roads then uses information from the in-built emissions factors database to calculate an overall pollutant emission for each road in grams/second/km. The emission factors depend in part on assumptions made of vehicle types of different types of road i.e. Urban, Rural or Motorway. All specified roads are presented in Drawing 3.

#### 4.5.1 Diurnal Traffic Profiles

The ADMS Roads model requires traffic data to be input as an average vehicle flow per hour. The accuracy of the traffic flow information can be improved by use of time varying emissions factors which details the diurnal profile of the road. The time varying factors allow the average hourly traffic flow to be multiplied by a factor representative of the expected traffic flow at each hour of the day. The traffic flow factors are calculated as a ratio between the hourly flow and the average flow.

Detailed hourly traffic flow data were available for some of the roads modelled and a diurnal profile was calculated where available for each road. Each diurnal profile was applied to each respective road.

#### 4.5.2 Non-exhaust Traffic Emissions

Previously ADMS-Roads calculated pollutant emission rates from vehicles based on exhaust emissions only and additional road traffic sources were included to represent  $PM_{10}$  emissions from non-exhaust emissions. Road traffic processes other than fuel combustion include tyre wear, brake wear, clutch wear, road surface wear, corrosion of chassis, body and other vehicle components, all contributing collectively to road dust. However the latest version of ADMS ROADS has built into its emission factor database the non-exhaust emission component of  $PM_{10}$  and so this no longer requires to be added manually to the modelling study.

## 4.6 Other Emission Sources

Emissions from other sources in the study area were included in the modelling as volume sources. Data for the volume sources were obtained from the NAEI, which provides information on pollutant emissions in tonnes per year on 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid squares. Emissions are categorised into sectors including energy production; commercial; institutional and residential combustion; industrial combustion; industrial processes; fossil fuel production; road transport; other transport (non-road); waste treatment and disposal; agriculture; and nature.

The volume sources were modelled as 1 km square grids with a depth of 10 m. To avoid double counting of road traffic emissions, no road traffic emission were included in each grid square as the model included explicitly modelled roads. The volume sources included in the modelling study are presented in Table 7 and in Drawing 4.

Volume Source	Grid Reference	Grid Reference	NO₂ g/m³/s	PM <sub>10</sub> g/m <sup>3</sup> /s
Volume Source 1	242500	638500	7.211E-08	4.253E-09
Volume Source 2	243500	638500	1.698E-08	9.439E-10
Volume Source 3	242500	637500	4.522E-08	4.073E-09
Volume Source 4	243500	637500	3.899E-08	2.148E-09

#### Table 7: Volume Sources



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://www.dft.gov.uk/traffic-counts/



## 4.7 Chemistry Scheme and Background Concentrations

ADMS-Roads has the facility to model the photochemical reactions that occur between oxides of nitrogen (NOx), ozone and hydrocarbons. The chemistry scheme also models the conversion of sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) to sulphate particles, which influence  $PM_{10}$  concentrations.

It is important to include chemical reactions since  $NO_2$  emissions generally account for only around 10-20% of total  $NO_x$  emissions from motor vehicles. While there are numerous reactions that occur between these compounds, the facility in ADMS-Roads, the Chemical Reaction Scheme, simplifies this to eight reactions known as the Generic Reaction Set. ADMS roads uses a default 10% of total  $NO_x$  to  $NO_2$  relationship from motor vehicles; however it is now known that the primary fraction of  $NO_2$  can be up to 25% in some areas of London. For this study a primary fraction of 22% was used, based on the  $NO_x$  to  $NO_2$  calculator v3.2.<sup>5</sup> Additional  $NO_2$  emission rates from motor vehicles were included within ADMS-Roads for these studies.

The chemistry module of ADMS-Roads requires hourly averaged background concentrations of NO,  $NO_2$ ,  $O_3$ ,  $PM_{10}$  and  $SO_2$ . Since all local emission sources have been included in the modelling through the explicitly modelled roads and the emission inventory volume source emissions, the only remaining contribution to ambient pollutant concentrations will come from sources outside the study area.

Background concentrations for 2011 of NO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> were taken from the rural background automatic monitoring site at Waulkmillglen Reservoir in Glasgow (approximately 20 km NNW of the study area). As this site does not monitor SO<sub>2</sub>, background concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> were taken from the urban background automatic monitoring site at Glasgow Centre (approximately 30 km NNW of the study area).

Waulkmillglen is the only AURN rural monitoring site located within the Central Belt of Scotland which monitors the pollutants required to be used as a background data within the model.

The annual mean background concentrations used in the study from Waulkmillglen and Glasgow Centre are presented in Table 8

Year	NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/m³)	NO₂ (µg/m³)	O <sub>3</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m³)	SO₂ (µg/m³)
2011	16.5	10.5	54	12.0	2

#### Table 8: Background Concentrations

## 4.8 Terrain

The terrain of an area can act to either increase or decrease ground level concentrations through altering the plume dispersion pattern. The effects of terrain upon pollutant dispersal are generally insignificant if the gradients within the study area are less than 1 in 10.

Terrain was not considered as part of this assessment given that the gradients within the study area are less than 1 in 10.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/tools-monitoring-data/no-calculator.html



## 5.0 MODELLING RESULTS

## 5.1 Model Verification NO<sub>2</sub>

In order to assess the model performance, predicted  $NO_2$  concentrations from the model were compared with measured  $NO_2$  concentrations. Comparisons of the measured and predicted  $NO_2$  concentrations are presented in Table 9.

Monitoring Site	Site type	Regional Background NO₂ (µg/m³)	Monitored total NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Modelled total NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	% difference
John Finnie Street Auto	R	10.5	35	38.4	10%
1	К	10.5	25	43.8	75%
2	R	10.5	32.1	40.3	25%
11	R	10.5	27.9	39.2	40%
12	R	10.5	33.3	39.2	18%
14	R	10.5	27.9	37.7	35%
15	R	10.5	35.8	40.8	14%
27	K	10.5	30.8	45.4	47%
				Average	33%

#### Table 9: Comparison of Modelled with Monitored

The comparison of modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations with monitored NO<sub>2</sub> showed an over prediction of 33%. This is out with  $\pm$ -25% which LAQM guidance TG (09) recommends as the limits before model adjustment is required. The position of passive diffusion tube 1 and 27 were assessed as being in a kerbside position and therefore unsuitable for inclusion in the model verification.

Model adjustment has therefore been carried out following the suggested methodology in TG (09). Full details of the adjustment are presented in the Appendix A.

## 5.2 Model Verification PM<sub>10</sub>

In order to assess the model performance, predicted  $PM_{10}$  concentrations from the model are compared with measured  $PM_{10}$  concentrations. The  $PM_{10}$  monitoring station is located within John Finnie Street and is the only  $PM_{10}$  analyser within the study area. Comparisons of the measured and predicted  $PM_{10}$  concentrations are presented in Table 10.

Table 10: Comparison	n of Modelled with	Monitored.
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Receptor Name	Site type	Background PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)	Monitored total PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)	Modelled total $PM_{10}$ (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	% difference
John Finnie Street Automatic Station	Roadside	12.0	20	13.6	-32%

TG (09) paragraph A3.240 also advises that multiple sites should be used to verify the modelling results and the use of one continuous monitor alone is not recommended. However, this is the only monitoring site within the study area. The comparison of modelled  $PM_{10}$  concentrations with monitored  $PM_{10}$  at this location is an under prediction of 32%, also out with the <sup>+/-</sup>25% which TG (09) recommends as the limit before model adjustment is required.





Before undertaking adjustment of the model the input data were reviewed to determine if improvements could be made. It was concluded that the best available data had been input into the model; therefore model adjustment was undertaken. Full details of the adjustment are presented in Appendix A.

## 5.3 Modelling Results

The modelling results for both  $NO_2$  and  $PM_{10}$  for 2011 are presented in Table 11 and the adjusted annual mean contour plots are presented in Drawings 5 and 6, respectively.

	Modelle	ed 2011 Annu	al Mean	Modelled 2011 Adjusted Annual Mean		
Receptor	NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m³)	NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/m³)	ΡΜ <sub>10</sub> (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )	NO₂ (µg/m³)	NO <sub>x</sub> (µg/m³)	ΡΜ <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)
John Finnie Street	38.4	56.4	13.6	30.8	59.8	20.0
St Marnock Street	40.5	60.4	13.9	32.6	64.2	21.2
Fowlds Street	43.8	74.1	14.8	38.3	79.0	25.9
28 John Finnie St	40.2	62.4	14.0	33.5	66.3	22.0
96 John Finnie St	39.2	61.0	14.1	32.8	64.7	22.2
62 John Finnie St	39.2	60.9	14.1	32.8	64.7	22.1
95/97 John Finnie St	37.7	54.7	13.7	30.0	58.0	20.2
West George St pdt	40.8	59.4	13.8	32.1	63.0	20.7
King St / St Marnock	45.4	79.2	14.9	40.3	84.5	26.4
Sturrock St receptor	38.4	51.6	13.4	28.6	54.6	19.1
Portland St receptor	37.9	50.3	13.2	28.0	53.2	18.0
Council Offices	38.3	56.3	13.7	30.8	59.7	20.4
School	35.7	44.7	13.0	25.4	47.1	16.7
Braehead Court	34.0	41.5	12.7	23.8	43.6	15.3

#### Table 11: Modelling Results

## 5.4 Analysis of Modelling Results

## 5.4.1 NO<sub>2</sub>

Predicted annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations indicate that the annual mean objective is being exceeded at the diffusion tube 27, King Street - St Marnock Street junction. Further analysis of the associated contour plot indicates that the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective is being exceeded at on-road locations only. There are no exceedences of the NAQS objective for NO<sub>2</sub> at any of the modelled sensitive receptors and therefore no requirement for an AQMA for the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective.

### 5.4.2 PM<sub>10</sub>

Following adjustment of the modelling results using the 2011 adjustment factor based on a single location, analysis of both the predicted concentrations at specified receptors and the contour plot indicates the annual mean is predicted to exceed the annual mean objective at locations adjacent to all roads considered within the study area.

Due to the considerable reduction in measured concentrations between 2011 and 2012 further analysis was undertaken in order to assist the Council to determine whether an AQMA for the  $PM_{10}$  annual mean objective is required. Therefore, a model comparison was undertaken based of the unadjusted 2011 modelled results with the 2012 measured results at both automatic monitoring sites. The comparison is presented in Table 12.





Receptor Name	Site type	Background PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)	Monitored total PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)	Modelled total PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	% difference
John Finnie Street	Roadside	12.0	12	13.6	+13%
St Marnock Street	Roadside	12.0	17	13.9	-18%
				Average	-2.5%

#### Table 12: Comparison of modelled 2011 PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean with measured 2012 PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean.

The results of this comparison indicates that the model is comparing within the +/-25% recommend by TG(09) with measured concentrations in 2012. This indicates that in 2012 the  $PM_{10}$  annual mean objective is currently being met at all specified receptors.

## 6.0 SOURCE APPORTIONMENT

A source apportionment study has been undertaken in order to investigate which emission sources make the highest contribution to predicted pollutant concentrations in the study area. Separate model runs have been conducted in the same manner as described in Section 4 using the "Groups" feature of ADMS-Roads. Different groups were set up to include different sources and the model then predicted pollutant concentrations as a result of emissions from each group. The groups which were included were:

- All sources (road traffic emissions and volume sources);
- All road traffic emissions; and
- Volume sources (i.e. non road traffic emissions).

Background concentrations were not included in the source apportionment model runs, as the purpose is to calculate the contribution from each local emission source. As such, chemistry is not included, as the chemical reactions within the chemistry scheme act on the total concentration, and cannot act on each individual group's contribution. For this reason, the model was not able to predict NO<sub>2</sub> and has predicted NO<sub>x</sub> contributions only. Both PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations are calculated at specified points only.

Further source apportionment was carried out to look at the road contribution in more detail with the following groups included:

- LGV (motorcycle, cars and LGV) emissions; and
- HGV (bus, rigid HGV and articulated HGV) emissions.

The results of the source apportionment are presented in Table 13 to 15 and Figures 2 to 5.

Specified Receptor	Background	Roads Traffic Emissions	Volume Source Emissions	
John Finnie Street Auto	16.5	15.9	8.6	
St Marnock Street Auto	16.5	21.7	6.9	
Fowlds Street	16.5	39.6	6.7	
28 John Finnie Street St	16.5	22.1	8.5	
96 John Finnie Street St	16.5	22.7	6.8	

#### Table 13: Source Apportionment NOx (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)





Specified Receptor	Background	Roads Traffic Emissions	Volume Source Emissions
62 John Finnie Street St	16.5	22.3	7.1
95/97 John Finnie Street St	16.5	16.4	6.8
West George St	16.5	18.6	9.0
King St / St Marnock St	16.5	40.4	6.9

#### Table 14: Source Apportionment PM<sub>10</sub> (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Specified Receptor	Background PM <sub>10</sub>	Roads Traffic Emissions	Volume Source Emissions
John Finnie Street Auto	12	1.0	0.6
St Marnock Street Auto	12	1.3	0.6
Fowlds Street	12	2.4	0.6
28 John Finnie Street St	12	1.5	0.6
96 John Finnie Street St	12	1.5	0.6
62 John Finnie Street St	12	1.5	0.5
95/97 John Finnie Street St	12	1.1	0.6
West George St	12	1.2	0.6
King St / St Marnock St	12	2.3	0.6

### Table 15: Source Apportionment Road Source for both NOx and PM<sub>10</sub>

Specified Receptor	NOx (	µg/m³)	PM <sub>10</sub> (μg/m³)		
	HGV	LGV	HGV	LGV	
John Finnie Street Auto	7.1	7.7	0.2	0.7	
St Marnock Street Auto	12.8	7.5	0.4	0.7	
Fowlds Street	18.7	19.3	0.6	1.8	
28 John Finnie Street St	10.4	10.6	0.4	1.0	
96 John Finnie Street St	10.9	10.9	0.4	1.1	
62 John Finnie Street St	10.7	10.6	0.4	1.1	
95/97 John Finnie Street St	8.0	7.7	0.3	0.8	
West George St	9.1	7.6	0.3	0.7	
King St / St Marnock St	24.6	14.2	0.8	1.4	







Figure 2: Source Apportionment NOx Emissions





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Figure 3: Source Apportionment PM<sub>10</sub> Emissions







Figure 4: Source Apportionment NOx Road Traffic Emissions







Figure 5: Source Apportionment PM<sub>10</sub> Road Traffic Emissions





## 6.1 NO<sub>x</sub> Source Apportionment

The source apportionment analysis indicates that road traffic emissions appear to be the main contributor to  $NO_x$  concentrations at all of the specified receptors.

Further analysis of the road traffic component of  $NO_x$  indicates that emissions from HGV and LGV contribute equally on John Finnie Street. However the results indicated that emissions from HGVs contribute the largest proportions of  $NO_x$  at the specified receptors close to St Marnock Street.

## 6.2 **PM**<sub>10</sub> Source Apportionment

The source apportionment analysis indicates that the greatest contribution of PM<sub>10</sub> emissions is from background sources. Road traffic emissions are responsible for the next highest contribution.

Further analysis of the road traffic component of  $PM_{10}$  emissions indicates that LGV contribute the largest proportions at all specified receptors.

## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS

Detailed dispersion modelling of emissions from road traffic has been conducted around Kilmarnock Town Centre focused on John Finnie Street to investigate the potential for exceeding the NO2 and PM10 annual mean objectives at relevant receptor locations.

Predicted NO2 concentrations were compared against the 2011 measured concentrations from the Council's passive and automatic monitoring network. The modelling predictions were shown to significantly over predict and following the guidance provided in Technical Guidance TG (09) an appropriate adjustment factor was calculated and applied.

Following adjustment the modelling predictions indicated that the NO2 annual mean objective was being met at all specified receptors in 2011 and therefore no requirement for an AQMA.

Predicted PM10 concentrations were also compared against the 2011 measured concentrations from the Council's monitoring site. The modelling predictions were shown to significantly under predict and following the guidance provided in Technical Guidance TG (09) an appropriate adjustment factor was calculated and applied.

After adjustment the modelling predictions indicated that the PM10 annual mean objective is being exceeded at all locations adjacent to all modelled roads in 2011.

However, the 2012 PM10 monitoring undertaken by the Council indicates that there has been a substantial reduction in PM10 concentrations in John Finnie Street. Measured PM10 concentrations reduced by 8  $\mu$ g/m3 between 2011 and 2012. The monitoring results also indicate a 5  $\mu$ g/m3 difference in measured concentrations at John Finnie Street and at St Marnock Street. This seems to be an unusually high difference given the proximity of these two sites. The modelling predictions based on the current traffic flows would indicate a difference of approximately 0.3  $\mu$ g/m3 between the two monitoring sites where unadjusted concentrations are considered.

If the modelling predictions for 2011 are verified against 2012 monitoring data the results indicate that in 2012 the PM10 annual mean objective is currently being met at all specified receptors.

On the basis of both the results of the modelling study and the 2012 measured annual mean concentrations of PM10 it is the Council's intention to delay consideration of the declaration an AQMA in respect of the PM10 annual mean until 12 months of ratified data with the recommended >90% data capture is obtained. If a successful funding bid is obtained from the Scottish Government and following completion of a full twelve months of representative monitoring data, an Addendum to this report will be undertaken which will update the modelling study with the additional monitoring data and, if required, population exposure calculations will also be undertaken at that time..





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# DRAWINGS

Drawing 1: Air quality monitoring locations
Drawing 2: Receptor locations
Drawing 3: Specified roads within study area
Drawing 4: Volume sources within the study area
Drawing 5: Adjusted annual mean contour plots for NO2
Drawing 6: Adjusted annual mean contour plots for PM10





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Site ID	Monitor type	Site Type	Background NO2	Monitored Total NO2	Modelled Total NO2	% Difference (modelled-monitored) / monitored NO2
John Finnie Street A		R	10.5	35	38.40	10%
Fowlds Street pdt		R	10.5	25	43.75	75%
28 JF St pdt			10.5	32.1	40.25	25%
96 JF St pdt			10.5	27.9	39.20	40%
62 JF St pdt			10.5	33.3	39.19	18%
85/97 JF St pdt			10.5	27.9	37.66	35%
West George St pdt			10.5	35.8	40.75	14%
King / St Marnock pdt			10.5	30.8	45.36	47%
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Site Id	Monitored NO2	Monitored total Nox	Background NO2	Background Nox	Monitored road NO2 (total - background)	Modelled Total Nox	Monitored road contribution Nox (total- background)	Modelled road contribution Nox (excludes background)
John Finnie Street A	35.0	70.27	10.5	16.5	24.5	56.40	53.77	39.9
28 JF St pdt	32.1	62.97	10.5	16.5	21.6	62.42	46.47	45.9
96 JF St pdt	27.9	52.92	10.5	16.5	17.4	60.97	36.42	44.5
62 JF St pdt	33.3	65.90	10.5	16.5	22.8	60.88	49.4	44.4
85/97 JF St pdt	27.9	52.92	10.5	16.5	17.4	54.71	36.42	38.2
West George St pdt	35.8	72.34	10.5	16.5	25.3	59.39	55.84	42.9

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Site Id	Ratio of monitored road Nox / modelled NOx	Adjustment factor	Adjusted modelled road contribution	Monitored road contribution Nox (total- background)	Adjusted modelled total Nox (inc background Nox)	Modelled total NO2(based on emperical NOX/NO2 relationship)	Monitored total NO2	% Difference [(modelled- monitored)/monitored]*100
John Finnie Street A	1.348	1.085	43.3	53.8	59.8	30.8	35.0	-12.0%
28 JF St pdt	1.012		49.8	46.5	66.3	33.45	32.1	4.2%
96 JF St pdt	0.819		48.2	36.4	64.7	32.82	27.9	17.6%
62 JF St pdt	1.113		48.2	49.4	64.7	32.78	33.3	-1.6%
85/97 JF St pdt	0.953		41.5	36.4	58.0	30.04	27.9	7.7%
West George St pdt	1.302		46.5	55.8	63.0	32.12	35.8	-10.3%

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#### PM<sub>10</sub> Verification

Site ID	Monitor type	Site Type	Background PM10	Monitored PM10	Modelled PM10	% Difference (modelled- monitored)/monitored PM10
JF Auto		R	12	13	13.63	5%
St marnock Street			12	17	13.88	-18%
Site Id	Monitored Pm10	Background PM10	Monitored road PM10 (total - background)	Modelled Total PM10	Monitored road contribution PM10(total- background)	Modelled road contribution Pm10 (excludes background)
JF Auto	13.0	12	1	13.63	1.00	1.6
St marnock Street	17.0	12	5	13.88	5.00	1.9
Site Id	Ratio of monitored road Nox / modelled NOx	Adjustment factor	Adjusted modelled road contribution	Adjusted Modelled total PM10	Monitored total PM10	% Difference [(modelled- monitored)/monitored]*100
JF Auto	0.614	1.7823	2.9	14.9	13.0	14.6%
St marnock Street	2.660	1.7823	3.4	15.4	17.0	-9.7%

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