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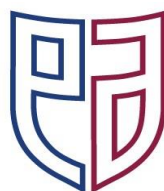


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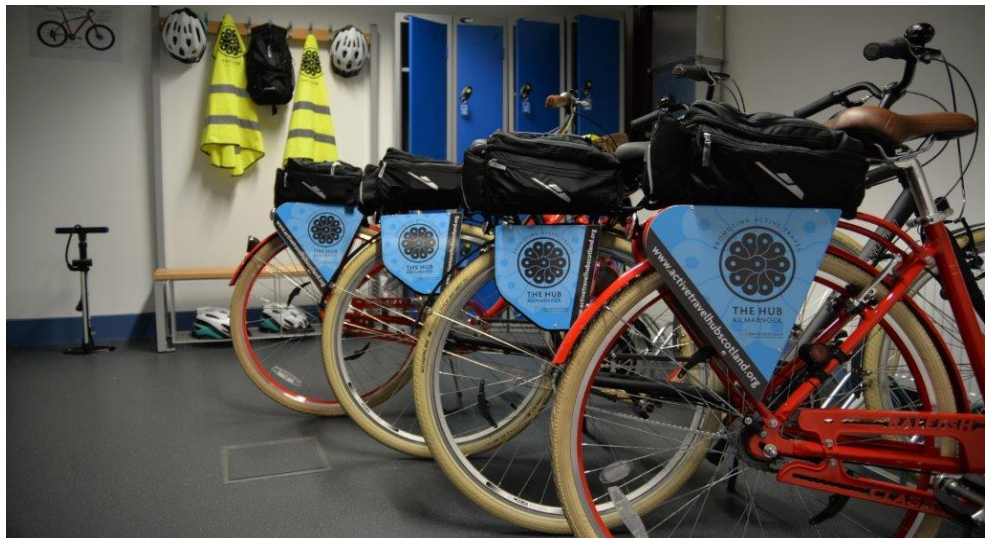
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Electric vehicle charging point and cycle parking in Foregate North Car Park



Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

Air Quality in East Ayrshire Council

Air quality is important because poor air quality can lead to ill health and reduced life expectancy. The effects of poor air quality on ill health are now well documented and the Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP) (Reference 25) has reported, “Anthropogenic PM_{2.5} ... is associated with an effect on mortality equivalent to nearly 29,000 deaths in 2008 in the UK and an associated loss of total population survival of 340,000 years”. An estimate of local mortality burden in East Ayrshire equates to 45 attributable deaths (age 25+) with associated life years lost at 497 (2010). Recent research has shown that air pollution has been clearly linked to spikes in breathing problem-related admissions to hospitals and visits to GPs in a research project conducted at the University of Dundee (Reference 32). PM_{2.5} has been associated with diseases of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems, with cardiovascular disease likely occurring through systemic inflammation and possibly translocation of particulate matter into the circulation. Indeed, ultrafine particles (<100 nanometers in diameter) have been found in the brain and heart. These mechanisms indicate that effects are not limited to respiratory and cardiovascular systems, but uncovering new ... (Reference 33).

The provision of good air quality is important to East Ayrshire Council (EAC), where it is a material consideration in the planning process. Environmental Health is a consultee where air quality is of concern. Cleaner Air for Scotland Strategy (Reference 30) is at the heart of reducing air pollution in Scotland and is referenced when important planning decisions are made.

A brief summary of Air Quality issues within the East Ayrshire Council area is included in the following section. For further details and the background to LAQM issues, reference should be made to previous Air Quality Reports submitted by East Ayrshire Council, in particular the 2010 to 2020 Reports and associated Detailed Assessments (Reference 19). The Reports give a background to Air Pollution throughout the East Ayrshire Council area, and the progress made.

Reasons for non-compliance with air quality objectives throughout Scotland include:

- An increase in the diesel fleet over the last decade, although there is now a recent trend back to petrol passenger cars and a slower, but significant, move towards electric vehicles. Diesel sales decreased in the UK by 21.8% in 2019, marking the 33rd month in a row of declining sales. Alternatively Fuelled Vehicles took a record 7.4% market share in 2019 (source SMMT). In 2020 sales of diesel cars dropped again with an 18.9% market share, petrol at 60%, BEV at 4.3% and hybrids at 16.8%. Diesels accounted for 50% of new car sales at their peak (Source SMMT).
- an increase in the total number of vehicles since 2004;

- a disparity between laboratory and real world emissions from vehicle engines, although real driving conditions are now part of vehicle emission assessments;
- topography and spatial planning of urban areas creating street canyons, which can trap air pollution close to ground level;
- limited integration of air quality with other policies related to climate change and planning, although progress is being made;
- transboundary emission sources

The main area of concern for local air quality within the East Ayrshire Council area is the issue associated with vehicular traffic tailpipe emissions (principally from diesel engines), PM (particularly with regard to the fine PM fraction) and NO_x emissions in the following locations:-

1/ Kilmarnock Town Centre, due to slow moving traffic in the one way system with associated canyon effect – PM and NO_x.

2/ Mauchline Cross (town centre), due to slow moving and queuing traffic where the B743 Ayr to Sorn Road intersects the A76 Kilmarnock Dumfries Trunk Road – NO_x.

3/ A71 Kilmarnock to Edinburgh Road at Loudoun Road, Newmilns, where a combination of vehicle numbers and narrowness of the road (canyon effect and interruption to traffic flow due to parked cars on both sides of the road allowing only one large vehicle to pass at a time with the resulting stationary vehicles) – NO_x.

4/ Stewarton Cross (town centre) where four-way traffic lights results in queuing stationary traffic NO_x.

The other potential area of concern is the possibility that increased biomass combustion may lead to a deterioration in localised air quality. East Ayrshire Council Environmental Health Officers are experiencing increasing numbers of complaints from members of the public with regard to biomass combustion from, principally, log burners and incorrectly operated biomass boilers. To date this is more of a nuisance problem rather than an overall air quality problem but the overall impact may need to be investigated and possibly assessed in the future.

Tyres are rapidly emerging as a new source of environmental concern and this will affect the car industry. In a recently aired BBC radio documentary, it was claimed that the world will discard 3 billion tyres in 2019, enough to fill a large football stadium 130 times. Beyond this broad issue of resource use and material waste, tyres also sit uniquely at the intersection of air quality and microplastics. As a car drives by, you cannot see its tyres wearing and therefore 'tyre wear' in this sense remains imperceptible except in deliberately extreme use such as branches of motor sport such as drag racing and drifting. Yet over a lifetime of between 20-50,000kms, a tyre will shed approximately 10-30% of its tread rubber into the environment, at least 1-2kgs². The wear factor (defined as the total amount of material lost per kilometre) varies enormously depending on tyre characteristics such as size – radius/width/depth – tread depth, construction, pressure and temperature. In one recent Emissions Analytics' test, conducted under real-world rather than lab conditions, the four tyres on a standard hatchback lost 1.8kg over just 200 miles of fast road speeds, far in excess of what had been anticipated by the testers. A tyre abrades owing to the friction

between its contact patch and the road surface. It ‘emits’ particles across a broad size spectrum, from coarse to fine to ultrafine to nanoscale. It may also emit other forms of aromatics such as benzopyrene and benzofluorene, the result of the incomplete combustion of organic matter resulting in evaporation of the volatile content of the tyres, which the EU has regulated to a degree. Coarse particles typically fall rapidly to the ground. At the fine level and smaller, they are airborne for a certain duration, either being blown away from the carriageway before settling on the ground, or falling to the carriageway where re-suspension may take place as other vehicles pass. Particle dispersion and deposition eventually occurs, but that is not the end of the story. The particles typically pass into the watershed through street drainage and are estimated to be a primary source of as much as 28% of microplastics found in the marine environment.

As diesel and petrol cars are replaced by electric and alternative fuelled vehicles, the particles emitted by tyre and brake wear will become an increasing proportion of particulate emissions from vehicles, although the overall particle emissions will decrease due to reduced tailpipe emissions. It is also worth noting, that The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) has recently conducted an extensive analysis on the real-world CO₂ emissions (fuel economy) performance of PHEVs (Plötz et al., 2020). The ICCT report highlights the potentially large discrepancy between the fuel economy of PHEV vehicles under real driving conditions compared to that achieved under Type Approval test cycles, finding that tailpipe CO₂ emissions can be two to four times that reported under regulated cycles. The ICCT use extensive fuel economy data to infer a *Utility Factor* (UF), which is a measure of the proportion of km driven using batteries. It was found that over the regulated NEDC test cycle, 69% of the driving was using batteries while under real driving conditions the proportion dropped to 37%. This could be due to a number of factors, such as the engine kicking in due to a rapid increase in power required and people using the engine to charge the battery rather than plugging the vehicle into a charger. It should be noted however that the ICCT estimated the UF for European data sets from reported fuel economy, rather than using measured values of the UF, which are generally not available.

East Ayrshire Council Environmental Health has a close working relationship with the Planning Department and, as air quality is a material consideration in the planning process applicants have to ensure that developments or installations will either improve air quality, or, have a minimum impact on air quality. Our planning officers would, as a first step, ask any applicant to have pre-planning discussions with the Environmental Health Service. East Ayrshire Council Environmental Health Service’s preferred option is that biomass should not be used in urban areas connected to the gas grid. This follows Scottish Government guidance. In certain circumstances, a formal objection may be considered. Furthermore, Environmental Health are minded to object to installations, which in our opinion may lead to nuisance complaints. It is our experience that poorly sited log burners and certain types of biomass boilers will almost certainly lead to justified neighbour complaints. Applications for biomass boilers which replace oil or coal installations, which may lead to an improvement in air quality, will be looked at favourably but will be screened using the biomass screening tool, and if necessary, the applicant will be required to carry out dispersion modelling as part of the application. A similar screening process would be required for new installations off the gas grid.

Updates of Planning Policy that relate to Air Quality

The local plan currently in force within the East Ayrshire unitary authority is the **East Ayrshire Council Local Development Plan (2017)** (Reference 11). It contains the following policy which is used to assess planning applications:-

Policy ENV12: Water, air, light and noise pollution. The part of the policy, which specifically refers to air quality, is as follows:-

Air

All developers will be required to ensure that their proposals have minimal adverse impact on air quality. Air quality assessments will be required for any proposed development which the Council considers may significantly impact upon air quality, either on its own, or cumulatively. Air quality mitigation measures may be required through planning conditions and/or Section 75 Obligations. Development that will have a significant adverse impact on air quality will not be supported. In terms of implementation, this policy will be implemented in an ongoing manner over the next 5 years (from 3rd April 2017).

On 13th January 2020 East Ayrshire Council adopted the Minerals Local Development Plan. There are various policies which relate to air quality:

Policy MIN SS9: Carbon Sequestration

Planning applications for carbon sequestration shall be assessed against the following criteria:

- The contribution a proposal makes towards maintaining a diverse energy mix and improving energy security;
- Impacts on local communities and other sensitive receptors;
- Impacts upon any natural or built heritage features;
- Impacts in terms of noise, dust, vibration, odour, air quality and water quality;
- Landscape and visual impacts;
- Impacts upon transport;
- The suitability of the restoration and aftercare proposals for the site; and
- The benefits accruing from the proposal including any restoration of abandoned/derelict minerals sites and local employment opportunities.

AIM: To protect the environment and residential amenity.

Policy MIN SS10: Construction Aggregates

The extraction of construction aggregates will be supported where there will be no unacceptable and significant adverse impact on local communities and the environment. The following criteria will be used to assess applications, and applicants should provide supporting information accordingly:

- The contribution to the maintenance of a landbank of reserves for construction aggregates;
- Impact on local communities and other sensitive receptors;
- Impacts upon any natural or built heritage features;

- Impacts in terms of noise, dust, vibration, odour, **air quality** and water quality;
- Landscape and visual impacts;
- Cumulative impacts;
- Impacts upon transport;
- Suitability of the restoration and aftercare proposals for the site; and
- The benefits accruing from the proposal including local employment opportunities.

AIM: To ensure the responsible extraction of construction aggregates.

Policy MIN ENV10: Protection of Built and Natural Environment Resources

The Council recognise the importance of natural and built heritage assets in the assessment of development proposals. In particular, the Council will not support proposals where they would:

- (i) have a permanent adverse impact or cause irreversible damage to heritage resources and their setting, including listed buildings, gardens and designed landscapes, scheduled monuments, battlefields, archaeological and industrial archaeological sites;
- (ii) **adversely affect air quality or create air pollution issues;** and
- (iii) result in adverse impacts on any areas of ancient woodland, along with other woodlands, hedgerows and individual trees, especially veteran trees of high nature conservation and landscape value or any individual or group trees protected by Preservation Orders. Removal of trees and/or hedgerows will only be allowed where this will achieve significantly and clearly defined public benefits. The Scottish Government's Control of Woodland Removal Policy will also be taken into account where relevant.

AIM: To protect the built and natural environment.

Policy MIN PPL2: Protecting residential amenity

The Council will seek to ensure that all applications for mineral development will not create an unacceptable impact through the generation of noise, **dust**, vibration, **air** and light **pollution** particularly where they affect local communities and individual houses.

Applicants should submit supporting information with all minerals related applications which demonstrates that they have considered, minimised and if necessary mitigated:

- (i) Potential effects of the operational working of the site on existing residential properties and nearby communities, including noise, **dust** and vibrations;
- (ii) The effects of the proposal on the visual amenity and physical setting of residential properties and nearby communities; and
- (iii) The potential adverse effects of the transportation of extracted materials on local communities and dwellings located along proposed haulage routes.

AIM: To give appropriate weight to impacts on residential amenity in the determination of planning applications.

In terms of implementation, this policy will be implemented in an ongoing manner over the next 5 years (from 13th January 2020 or until it is superseded by a new Plan).

For all policies, category is Policy guidance and development control

Focus: Ensuring new developments do not cause adverse impacts upon **air quality**

Lead Authority: Planning & Economic Development

Planning Phase: July 2018-December 2019

Implementation Phase: 5 years from 13th January 2020

Key performance indicator: number of applications refused based on impacts upon air quality

Target pollution reduction: none – no worsening

Progress to date: no applications have failed in respect of air quality

Estimated completion date: December 2024

These updated policies will ensure that developers will have to minimise the impact on air quality of any new development, and if necessary, enter into a legal agreement with East Ayrshire Council to ensure this is the case.

Other actions the local authority take to manage air quality are discussed in Section 2 and listed in Table 2.2a and 2.2b.

As previously discussed Environmental Health work closely with our Planning Department with regard to air quality as well as a range of other environmental parameters, including noise. We also work with our colleagues in the Traffic section where changes in traffic flow are being considered and new developments are being planned, which may have a significant impact on air quality. Often improvements which are introduced by our Traffic Section can also result in improvements in air quality e.g. smart traffic lights etc. Environmental Health also work with our colleagues in SEPA and Transport Scotland and neighbouring authorities, where we are often joint consultees. Where air quality issues arise in the planning process, EAC Environmental Health Service has pre-planning discussions with SEPA, and then agree a response to the application. As an example in 2016, Environmental Health had discussions with SEPA about the planning application at Killoch, Ochiltree for an energy from waste plant regarding background monitoring of PM by the applicant. Environmental Health also participate in joint working on an ad hoc basis.

Conclusion

Air Quality in the East Ayrshire Council area is generally good with relatively low concentrations of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO₂ and other pollutants (Appendix A) that are subject to LAQM. The highest concentrations of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and NO₂ arise at heavily trafficked locations in the more urban northern parts of the area, particularly within the congested areas in the centre of Kilmarnock. Road traffic and undefined “rural” sources are important

sources of NO₂ in East Ayrshire, whereas PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are predominantly derived from outside the local authority area. It is anticipated that the background concentrations of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and NO₂ will decline slightly over the coming years as a result of reduced transport emissions due to technological improvements and a continued decline in the use of coal for power generation within the UK (now only 2% of electricity generation in the UK, down from 30% in 2014). Scotland closed its last coal-fired power station in 2016. Measures implemented by East Ayrshire Council will also improve air quality and these are listed in Section 2. As of June 2020, surface coal mining has now ceased within the East Ayrshire Council area (Figure G.3.a), with the only impact on air quality from these sites being due only to restoration activities and hence greatly reduced.

Actions to Improve Air Quality

As previously mentioned air quality issues for new developments are targeted at the planning stage, or ideally at the pre-planning stage. These actions allow applicants to mitigate air quality impacts before any development proceeds, preventing problems occurring later. Where developments include biomass, the proposals are screened (as previously mentioned) and if problems are identified the applicant is asked to carry out dispersion modelling to include differing flue heights. This has proved successful in minimising local air quality impacts. Micro location is also discussed, as Environmental Health is finding problems where biomass is situated, for example close to trees and ground hollows, which can lead to localised nuisance issues. Low flue height in urban areas is also leading to problems. We also require the applicant to include a statement of best practice operation as part of the planning process.

Free flowing traffic is essential to minimise pollutant emissions from road transport hence the upgrading of the SCOOT system in Kilmaronock and the completed installation in Cumnock in June 2021. The system would have been operational in August last year, to coincide with the opening of the new school campus (Barony Campus), but was delayed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Actions to encourage and promote use of public transport, and in particular walking and cycling, are also important in reducing private car usage. The council is also in the process of replacing ageing vehicles with less polluting electric vehicles and dual fuel vehicles. Travel Plans are also important and are a requirement of any new sizable development.

Another positive development for air quality is the decision to use geothermal well and ground source heat technology in preference to biomass heating for the proposed mixed-use housing/retail/leisure development on the old Johnnie Walker whisky bottling plant in Kilmaronock. This can only be positive for local air quality (Section 5, Planning Applications).

Actions taken at local and national level are producing a steady improvement in local air quality within East Ayrshire (Appendix A, Figures A.1-A.9).

Local Priorities and Challenges

As previously mentioned air quality is of high importance within East Ayrshire Council and clean air will continue to be a priority when any new development is taking place.

Challenges include squaring improvements in air quality with both climate change and economic development. The drive towards biomass based renewable technology to slow down climate change can lead to deteriorating air quality. Previous UK road taxation policy (biased towards climate change) has, in the recent past, encouraged the purchase of diesel cars over petrol cars and this has led to higher levels of PM and NO_x emissions. As previously mentioned diesel car numbers are now in rapid decline. Although this is largely outwith the control of local councils, procurement of the council vehicle fleet with the purchase of low emission vehicles can improve air quality and some large urban-based councils have differential parking charges to encourage cleaner fuels. East Ayrshire Council has introduced a charging system for employees in many town centre car parks to discourage car use and encourage use of alternative forms of transport such as cycling and public transport, and also encourage walking for short journeys (Table 2.a and 2.b).

How to Get Involved

The public can obtain further information on air quality from East Ayrshire Council (EAC) Environmental Health. The website (Reference 19) is currently being updated. The website will have links to websites with information on how the public can take steps to lessen their impact on air quality (e.g. Breathe Scotland) plus links to the Scottish Air Quality Database and access to all recent reports. Contact details of the officer responsible for air quality issues is also provided in the air quality report and this has led to direct contact from members of the public. The public can also obtain information on air quality from the Scottish Air Quality Site (Reference 27).

To summarise, the long term NO₂ levels in East Ayrshire (2007-2020) are showing a downward trend (Figures A.1-A.5) and all monitoring locations were well below 40 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective in 2020 (Table A.3), with a maximum roadside level of 20.5 µg/m³ (NO₂ diffusion tube) at 95/97 John Finnie St., Kilmarnock, and 19 µg/m³ measured at the St. Marnock St., Kilmarnock automatic monitoring station. Monitored PM₁₀ levels in Kilmarnock Town Centre were substantially below the 18 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective during 2020 at 10 µg/m³ (Table A.5), and have been consistently below the Objective since 2012 using preferred TEOM FDMS or FIDAS technology (Reference 19). Monitored annual mean levels of PM_{2.5} were 7 µg/m³ (annualised) during 2016 (6 µg/m³ monitored level), 6 µg/m³ during 2017 and 2018, 7 µg/m³ during 2019 and 6 µg/m³ during 2020, substantially below the 10 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective (Table A.7). It is worth noting the substantial drop in NO₂ during 2020 were mainly due to Covid Lockdown Restrictions (Refer to Section 6).

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1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in East Ayrshire Council area during 2020. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

The LAQM process places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where an exceedance is considered likely the local authority must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives. This Annual Progress Report (APR) summarises the work being undertaken by East Ayrshire Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

Table 1.1 – Summary of Air Quality Objectives in Scotland

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective Concentration	Air Quality Objective Measured as	Date to be Achieved by
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	200 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	40 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	50 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2010
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	18 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2010
Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5})	10 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2020
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	350 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	125 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	266 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005
Benzene	3.25 µg/m ³	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3 Butadiene	2.25 µg/m ³	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon Monoxide	10.0 mg/m ³	Running 8-Hour mean	31.12.2003

2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) 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 months, setting out measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

East Ayrshire Council currently does not have any AQMA's. Due to the improvement in air quality within the East Ayrshire Council area, East Ayrshire Council has no plans at present to declare an AQMA. Measures to improve air quality have been carried out over a number of years and many of these measures have been expanded, with new measures continually being added. East Ayrshire Council Environmental Health now has increasing involvement in the planning process, which helps ensure air quality is one of the prime considerations when new developments are planned. We are confident this process is working and has led to improvements in air quality. East Ayrshire Council has two smoke control areas in operation, namely the Grange Estate, Kilmarnock and Crossdene Estate, Crosshouse, which has improved air quality in these areas (Figure C.9).

2.2 Cleaner Air for Scotland

Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future (CAFS) is a national cross-government strategy that sets out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to reduce air pollution further to protect human health and fulfil Scotland's legal responsibilities as soon as possible. A series of actions across a range of policy areas are outlined, a summary of which is available on [the Scottish Government's website](#). Progress by East Ayrshire Council against relevant actions within this strategy is demonstrated below.

2.2.1 Transport – Avoiding Travel – T1

East Ayrshire Council has an Active Travel Strategy, which consists of a series of travel plans and initiatives that have been implemented over the years. These have helped to decrease the number of car journeys within the East Ayrshire Council area with the benefit of reducing pollutants and improving air quality. These measures are wide and varied and include the establishment of an active travel hub to promote cycling and walking, park and ride facilities, promoting car sharing, quality bus corridors and priority for buses at traffic lights, school travel plans, travel plans for new development, promoting rail for passengers and freight etc. An Active Travel Strategy is also underway. These measures are included in the Table 2.2a and 2.b.



2.2.2 Climate Change – Effective co-ordination of climate change and air quality policies to deliver co-benefits – CC2

East Ayrshire Council has an Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme (Reference 13). Air quality considerations form an integral part of any climate change policies. EAC complete further sustainability reporting and this can be accessed at the link below:-

<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/sustainable-scotland-network/major-players-and-climate-change-reports/?cid=2>

Vision Statement:***“East Ayrshire Council******is committed to reducing its Carbon Emissions******and will put CO2 emissions reduction at the core of its business activities”***

The Council has produced a State of the Environment Report as part of its work for a new Minerals Development Plan. Its 10 detailed chapters considers geology and soils, landscape, ecology, **air quality**, water environment, climate change, cultural heritage population and human health, noise and material assets. The Minerals Plan includes significant proposals to help tackle the environmental damage caused by the liquidation of two open cast coal operators in 2013/14, link;

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/M/MLDP-Main-Issues-Report.pdf>.

On 13th January 2020 East Ayrshire Council adopted the Minerals Local Development Plan – Refer to Executive Summary.

Air quality concerns are addressed at the planning stage but sometimes a balance has to be struck between measures that are seen as having a positive effect with regards to climate change, but a negative effect with regards to air quality. Biomass combustion is one particularly difficult area and Environmental Health's preference is to follow Scottish Governments advice in that biomass should not be used in urban areas where mains gas is available. Our aim is to achieve a common goal.

2.3 Progress and Impacts of Measures to address Air Quality in East Ayrshire Council

East Ayrshire Council has taken forward a number of measures, during the current reporting year of 2020, in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned, are set out in detail in Table 2.2a and 2.2b. More detail on these measures can be found in the East Ayrshire Transport Strategy (Reference 12). The Local Transport Strategy is due to be updated and will include reference to the National and Regional Transport Strategies. The most recent measures in progress are provided in Table 2.2b, with Table 2.2a listing previous and ongoing initiatives. The numbering system in Table 2.2b corresponds with Table 2.2a.

Tables 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Table 2.2a – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality – Ongoing Initiatives

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Comments
1	Walking and Cycling Networks	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	Provision of safe cycle lanes and pedestrian routes (Both dedicated and dual use) including East Ayrshire Strategic Cycle Network linked to National Cycle Network and East Ayrshire Core Paths Plan. EAC now has 40 km of cycle lanes (2014 year). Improved walking facilities between Kilmarnock bus and railway stations. Former railway lines have been converted to footpaths and cycle lanes Bring unadopted footways controlled by EAC up to an adoptable standard. Require developers to provide cycle facilities and links to the public network and/or the EAC Cycle Network as part of their developments (where appropriate).	Safer Communities	Ongoing. 40km of cycle lanes as of 2014. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
2	Walking and Cycling Facilities	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	Provision of cycle parking in schools and all local authority buildings. Cycle lockers are also available at Kilmarnock and Cumnock bus stations and are also provided at Kilmarnock railway station.	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills, ScotRail, Stagecoach	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
3	Pool bike hire scheme	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	A pool bike hire scheme is being rolled out for council employees for work related short journeys. Pannier top boxes are available to carry documents. Bikes are fitted with GPS trackers to determine which routes are most frequently used to allow targeting of new cycle lanes and plans are in place to roll out a bike hire scheme for the general public. Discounts are available for council employees to purchase bikes for home to work use.	Safer Communities and Partner Businesses.	Ongoing. At present one unisex electric assisted bike and four standard bikes are available.

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Comments
4	Active Travel Hub	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	The Council has established an Active Travel Hub in Kilmarnock to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to the car. Promote cycling through advertising, leaflets and maps to encourage cycling as an alternative to short car journeys and promote the health benefits of cycling. As part of this initiative the Council is introducing a Pool Bike Scheme to promote business cycle use and complement the Cycle to Work Scheme. Develop and adopt an EAC Travel Plan to encourage staff to use sustainable modes of transport in their work related travel. The Active Travel Officer will work with employers to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to commute by car. Requirement for the adoption of Travel Plans at all significant new retail, commercial and residential developments. In the selection of locations for future development, preference will be given to areas that are, or have the potential to be, well integrated with walking, cycling and public transport networks.	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
5	Walking	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	The Scottish Outdoor Code means everyone has a right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. Improve connectivity between houses, schools, shops places of work and public transport interchanges.	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
6	Travel Infrastructure Improvements	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	The Council has implemented a number of infrastructure improvements to promote public transport, walking and cycling. These include: upgraded bus stop facilities including shelters and real-time passenger displays; on and off-road cycle routes; pedestrian improvement schemes. Train and bus usage is promoted over car use.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
7	Active Travel Strategy	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	An Active Travel Strategy is also under preparation which will set out an action plan to deliver greater levels of active travel.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
8	Park and Ride Schemes	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives	Park and Ride facilities are car parks with connections to public transport that allow commuters and others wishing to travel to leave their personal vehicles in a car park and transfer to public transport for the rest of their journey. Park and Ride is currently operated in East Ayrshire by Scot Rail at New Cumnock, Auchinleck, Kilmarnock, Kilmaurs, Stewarton and Dunlop railway stations.	Safer Communities, Railway Station Operators	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Comments
9	Car Sharing	Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information	East Ayrshire Council promotes car sharing to minimise emissions of carbon dioxide (climate change) and reduce emissions of pollutants.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
10	Bus and rail network service improvements	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Improvement to rail stock and bus renewal and upgrade, bus and rail station upgrades including lowered bus floors to ease access. Encourages use of public transport over private car usage.	Safer Communities Train and Bus Operators	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
11	Bus and rail network service improvements	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Increasing bus and rail frequency such as the half hourly service between Kilmarnock and Glasgow. Improving railway infrastructure maintenance to reduce delays.	Safer Communities, Train and Bus Operators	Half hour rail service introduced between Kilmarnock and Glasgow. Improvements ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
12	Improved bus services	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Bus services provided to supermarkets located out of town centre.	Safer Communities, Bus Operators	Operational. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
13	Quality Bus Corridors	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Quality bus corridors and bus priority at traffic lights in Kilmarnock speed up public transport. Encourage usage by use of high quality bus shelters, timetable information panels and improved walking links from residential areas to the bus stops. Introduction of bus stop clearways at all marked bus stops to ensure parked vehicles do not obstruct the bus stops.	Safer Communities, Bus Operators	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Comments
14	Use of new technology/ real time passenger information system	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure/Public Information	Electronic bus timetables and easily accessible electronic travel information (e.g. Downloadable timetables to smart phones encourage public transport usage).	Safer Communities, Bus Operators	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
15	Public Transport Ticket purchasing and discounts	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information	Public transport tickets are easily purchased online and discounts are available for advance booking and multi journeys.	Bus and Train Operators	Operational. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
16	Partnership Working	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Work with Strathclyde Partnership, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, public transport operators and community transport operators to improve and enhance public transport links to hospitals and other healthcare facilities and to improve the physical integration of public transport services.	Safer Communities and Partner Organisations,	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
17	School Travel Plans and Safer Routes to School Initiatives	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure/Policy Guidance and Development Control	School Travel Plans reduce car use and promote more sustainable transport options for school journeys and identify ways to enable and encourage more walking, cycling and use of public transport.	Safer Communities and Economy and Skills	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
18	Travel Plans for new developments	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure/Policy Guidance and Development Control	Travel Plans are specific to each location, taking account of the nature of the business, existing alternatives, and the types of journey that visitors and the workforce make. Travel plans typically include cycle parking; lockers and changing facilities; public transport timetable information on site; offering discounted public transport tickets; car sharing schemes; teleconferencing and working from home. Travel plans are required for all significant new developments, and large, existing employers are encouraged to adopt Travel Plans. The Council has appointed a Travel Co-ordinator to assist in the development of travel plans.	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills and developers.	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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19	Fleet Review and Upgrading	Promoting Low Emission Transport/Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	A Fleet Review was carried out by the Energy Savings Trust on behalf of the Council in August 2015, which recommends savings in a number of areas including utilisation of electric vehicles, upgrading to best-in-class models, activating rev limiters and undertaking fuel efficient driver training. All recommendations are currently being implemented. 76 new vans are currently on order, which comply with Euro 6 engine standards on emissions. The Transport Unit is also engaged in a number of other initiatives, including fuel efficiency programmes, green fleet management and driver awareness training. All new vehicles will be limited to a maximum of 60mph but depending on the size of the vehicle this lowers to 50mph and 40 mph.	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing.
20	Driver Training	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	200+ feelgood driver training places have been received by the energy saving trust, due to start in August. This will promote fuel efficient driving among council drivers. The Council is currently installing a new vehicle telematics system which includes feedback on driver behaviour. This should result in a reduction in vehicle emissions as it encourages drivers to drive more fuel efficiently.	Safer Communities	Telematics installation underway and driver training starting in August 2016.
21	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	Promoting Low Emission Transport/Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Additional funding has recently been secured from Transport Scotland to develop the infrastructure required to support electric vehicles (including charging points and bike racks) The Ayrshire Roads Alliance is currently investigating options in this area.	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing.
22	Purchase of Electric and diesel electric vans	Promoting Low Emission Transport/Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Vehicle fleet - the Council has purchased a number of electric vehicles (7 vans (replaced diesel vans), 1 street sweeper, 8 walk-behind sweepers) and 2 hybrid (diesel/electric) 7.5 tonne vans, resulting in a significant fuel saving and lower emissions. Funding has been received for further electric vehicles and EAC Transport section is looking to maximise the amount of new electric vehicles they can procure. An added benefit of increasing numbers of electric vehicles are a reduction in noise levels.	Safer Communities	Purchased 2016. Ongoing.
23	Urban Traffic Control	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	The Council has a 'SCOOT' Urban Traffic Control system to manage 35 traffic signals in Kilmarnock town centre. SCOOT can reduce queuing and delays by up to 20% therefore reducing emissions. The system also incorporates priority for buses. The system will be upgraded in 2016 and will be further expanded to Cumnock town centre. The Council is also undertaking a programme of introducing 20mph areas. The Council also has decriminalised parking enforcement powers which are used to ensure effective traffic management by reducing indiscriminate and obstructive parking.	Safer Communities	Operational with upgrading of SCOOT system due in 2016. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
24	Improvements to interchanges and junctions etc.	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Improve traffic flow.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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25	Provide a high standard of road maintenance and winter gritting	Traffic Management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Ensure traffic is free flowing.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
26	Electronic car park direction.	Traffic Management/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Electronic car park direction signing scheme incorporates eight Variable Message Signs (VMS) are operational at key locations to reduce congestion.	Safer Communities	Operational. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
27	Road closures, traffic delays and rail transport delays information available to public.	Traffic Management/Public Information	Information on transport delays is now easily available online to inform the public to prevent unnecessary journeys.	Safer Communities	Operational and Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
28	Adequate car parking provision	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Prevent unnecessary vehicle use finding a parking space and prevents inconsiderate on street parking.	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
29	Parking Attendants	Traffic Management	Discourages inconsiderate parking which reduces congestion and hence reduces vehicle emissions and improves air quality.	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
30	Speed reductions on some routes. Enforcement of speed limits with speed cameras, traffic calming measures, speed traps etc.	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Speed reductions in general lowers vehicle emissions.	Safer Communities Police Scotland	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
31	Construction and promotion of road by-passes on strategic routes	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	To improve air quality in congested towns	Safer Communities and Transport Scotland	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
32	Loading Bays	Freight and delivery management	Key locations on busy roads are provided with loading bays to ensure opportunities for effective servicing.	Safer Communities	Operational. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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33	Rail Passenger and Freight Transport	Freight and Delivery Management/Policy Guidance and Development Control/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Promote re-opening of closed railway stations to encourage public transport use. Sustainable Freight Transport is encouraged by maximising the use of rail transport.	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills and Partner Organisations.	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
34	Local Transport Strategy/Regional Transport Strategy/National Transport Strategy Linkage	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Ensure LTS is linked to RTS and NTS and national outcomes.	Safer Communities and Economies and Skills	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).
35	Roads guide and street design	Policy guidance and development control	The Council has formally adopted the National Roads Development Guide and Designing Streets, and planning for sustainable modes is at the forefront of development control and planning for new developments.	Safer Communities and Economy and Skills	Adopted.
36	Minimising adverse impact on air quality	Policy guidance and development control	All developers will be required to ensure that their proposals have minimal adverse impact on air quality. Air quality assessments will be required for any proposed development which the Council considers may significantly impact upon air quality, either on its own or cumulatively. Development that will have a significant adverse impact on air quality will not be supported.	Economy and Skills	Adopted. Policy guidance on air quality due to be updated. State of the Environment Report.
37	Minimising noise nuisance	Policy guidance and development control	All new development must take full account of any Noise Action Plan and Noise Management Areas that are in operation in the area and ensure that significant adverse noise impacts on surrounding properties and uses are avoided. A noise impact assessment may be required in this regard and noise mitigation measures may be required through planning conditions and/or Section 75 Obligations.	Economy and Skills	Adopted Policy on noise due to be updated.
38	Smoke Control Areas	Policy guidance and development control	East Ayrshire has two smoke control areas the Grange Estate, Kilmarnock and the Crossdene Estate, Crosshouse. Reduces smoke emissions in residential areas.	Economy and Skills	Adopted. Only approved solid fuel appliances can be installed.

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39	Minimising dust from coal extraction	Policy guidance and development control	As part of the Environmental Statement an Environmental Impact Assessment is undertaken of all impacts that coal extraction will have on the environment. Part of the Environmental Assessment includes an Air Quality Assessment. They are all similar in nature. The potential rise in PM is assessed from coal extraction, handling and transport. Coal handling processes at the mines are subject to control under Section 3.4 Part B of Schedule 1 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000. Mine support area and coal handling operations are subject to "Part B" regulation by SEPA and authorisation is required to be varied when any of the extensions to currently operating surface mines are approved. All applications have submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment incorporating an Air Quality Assessment as part of the planning application. Proposed dust mitigation measures are also submitted as part of the application. With these mitigation measures in place, the majority of dust will be controlled at source. East Ayrshire Council have a transportation of coal by road protocol which addresses issues such as dust suppression measures in terms of the use of wheel and body washing, sweeping of public roads and the dampening of internal haul roads during dry and windy weather conditions.	Economy and Skills	<p>Adopted. State of the Environment Report. Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan. Approved by Scottish Ministers on 22 November 2007 and forms the Structure Plan for the three Ayrshire Councils. Visit the Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit website to find out more. East Ayrshire Local Plan. The East Ayrshire Local Plan 2010 was adopted by the Council on October 26, 2010. East Ayrshire Opencast Coal Subject Plan A separate Opencast Coal Subject Plan dealing exclusively with opencast coal was adopted by the Council in March 2003. Local Development Plans. The Council has started production of a new East Ayrshire Local Development Plan. A separate Minerals Local Development Plan will also be produced. Once these plans are adopted, they will become the new development plan for East Ayrshire.</p> <p>A structure plan is no longer required for Ayrshire with local development plans instead covering strategic issues. Find out more about Local Development Plans. Find out more about supplementary planning guidance for East Ayrshire</p> <p>Long term planning policies</p> <p>Find out more about long term planning policies for East Ayrshire</p>
40	Council's Energy Team	Promoting Low Emission Plant/ Promoting Low Emission Transport	Remit to focus on delivery of the energy efficiency savings set out within the Council's Transformation Strategy. Energy Management Strategy and Climate Change. The Head of Facilities and Property Management acts as the Council's "Energy Champion".	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing.

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41	Low energy street and building lighting, reducing energy in buildings and housing stock.	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Reducing electricity consumption from the national grid and reducing energy consumption hence reducing emissions from power stations and boilers which reduces background pollutant levels. Reducing water and waste water consumption. Raising energy awareness with Council staff and members of the public. As an example pool covers were installed a cost of £24,000 (10 year lifetime) leading to a saving of approximately £28,000 per year.	Safer Communities	Ongoing. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.
42	Procurement	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Ensure procurement of goods and services that are energy efficient.	Governance	Ongoing. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.
43	Renewable Energy	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Develop the use of renewable energy including solar, biomass, wind and other renewable solutions including district heating systems.	Safer Communities	Operational and ongoing. Biomass use can conflict with air quality if replacing gas. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.
44	Update to Local Transport Strategy	Policy guidance and development control	To provide a local transport strategy fit for the forthcoming years and building on the progress achieved to date.	Safer Communities	Due for updating
45	Environmental Permits	Environmental Permits	Environmental Permits are issued by SEPA but in consultation with Environmental Health as joint consultees.	SEPA	Ongoing.

Table 2.2b – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality – Recent Initiatives Update

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Target Pollution Reduction in the AQMA	Progress to Date	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
3	Pool Bike Hire Scheme	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	<p>A pool bike hire scheme is being rolled out for council employees for work related short journeys. Pannier top boxes are available to carry documents. Bikes are fitted with GPS trackers to determine which routes are most frequently used to allow targeting of new cycle lanes and plans are in place to roll out a bike hire scheme for the general public. Discounts are available for council employees to purchase bikes for home to work use.</p> <p>2018: A business pool bike scheme has been recently introduced in central Kilmarnock via the Council office, and it is hoped this can be rolled out to other towns.</p> <p>2019: Pool Bike Hub; A pool bike scheme has been set up at Crookedholm Transport Depot, with the provision of 2 electric bikes and 2 manual bikes along with safety equipment for use by employees for work related journeys.</p> <p>2020: The Active Travel Hub continues to carry out sterling work in promoting walking and cycling. EAC has also launched a pool bike scheme at London Rd HQ, Kilmarnock similar to the one at the JWB, Kilmarnock and will be launching a similar project at Rothesay House, Cumnock. Kilmarnock Active Travel Hub are also offering a trial of free bike loans to EAC employees for leisure use. As well as being a great way to keep active and improve health and wellbeing it improves air quality, reduces traffic congestion and lowers carbon emissions.</p>	Safer Communities and Partner Businesses.	2015-2016	2016 onwards	No AQMA	<p>Employee hire scheme underway in 2016. Four unisex electric assisted bikes and standard bikes available.</p> <p>2018: Business pool bike scheme introduced in Kilmarnock.</p> <p>2019: Pool Bike Hub set up in Crookedholm.</p> <p>2020: Pool Bike Hub now available in JWB, Kilmarnock and London Road, Kilmarnock.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The Active Travel Hub can help!</p> <p>EAC are offering free short term bike loans for East Ayrshire Council employees to use on their commute to work and to get between council buildings during the working day. 4 electric bikes are available which can be loaned for up to a maximum of 2 months FREE OF CHARGE!</p> <p>Essential cycle skills training, route planning and cycle buddies are also available from The Hub.</p>

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Target Pollution Reduction in the AQMA	Progress to Date	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
			<p>2021: Cycling friendly Employer Award</p> <p>East Ayrshire Council has now achieved the prestigious Cycling Friendly Employer Award. This nationally recognised award, from Cycle Scotland, is a recognition of the effort and hard work undertaken by an organisation to support people to cycle. We have achieved this because of our successful Cycle to Work scheme, Pool Bike Scheme, (please note this link will only work if you are accessing this email from a device connected to the council network) the ongoing promotion of the benefits of cycling through our HWL bulletins and the new addition to our mileage scheme to include business bike mileage. And Healthy Working Lives couldn't have done it on our own! Special thanks to the Active Travel Hub and our colleagues in Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Human Resources in helping us achieve this award. Remember cycling is a low-impact type of exercise, so it's easier on your joints than running or other high impact aerobics but it helps you get in shape. It can improve your brain power, help you lose weight, reduce stress and improve your fitness.</p>							
4	Active Travel Hub	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel Alternatives	The Council has established an Active Travel Hub in Kilmarnock to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to the car. Promote cycling through advertising, leaflets and maps to encourage cycling as an alternative to short car journeys and promote the health benefits of cycling. As part of this initiative the Council is introducing a Pool Bike Scheme to promote business cycle use and complement the Cycle to Work Scheme. Develop and adopt an EAC Travel Plan to encourage staff to use sustainable modes of transport in their work related travel. The Active Travel Officer will	Safer Communities, Economy and Skills	2015 - 2017	2017 onwards	No AQMA		Ongoing	Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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			<p>work with employers to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to commute by car. Requirement for the adoption of Travel Plans at all significant new retail, commercial and residential developments. In the selection of locations for future development, preference will be given to areas that are, or have the potential to be, well integrated with walking, cycling and public transport networks.</p> <p>2018: Ayrshire Roads Alliance have completed year 1 of their Active Travel Strategy. The Public Sector Climate Change Duties 2017 Summary Report: East Ayrshire Council Public Sector Climate Change Duties 2017 Summary Report: East Ayrshire Council strategy sets out plans, proposals and targets that aim to encourage and increase active travel. Working in partnership with Sustrans and the Kilmarnock Station Railway Heritage Trust and with funding from Scottish Governments Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme an Active Travel Hub has been opened at Kilmarnock Railway Station. The Hub promotes and facilitates active travel whether for commuting or leisure purposes.</p> <p>2020: Active Travel Strategy: Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) are continuing to develop this Strategy, which aims to improve walking and cycling infrastructure, including a local cycle network, targeting behaviour change and promotional and training activities.</p> <p>2021: Survey - The Active Travel Hub in Kilmarnock provides information and support to encourage more people to walk, cycle and use public transport for their everyday journeys. In order to do this, they would like to get a better idea of your current travel behaviour and what your views are about travelling more sustainably. They are also</p>					2018: Ayrshire Roads Alliance have completed year 1 of their Active Travel Strategy.		

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			<p>keen to hear how COVID-19 has impacted your travel habits. It doesn't matter if you have never heard of the Active Travel Hub, or taken part in any of their events, they would still appreciate your feedback. This will allow them to improve how they communicate and engage with all employees at East Ayrshire Council. The SURVEY takes 10 minutes to complete and the deadline is 11 December 2020. As a thank you for taking the time, all completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win a £30 wiggly voucher!</p> <p>The Active Travel Hub has recently launched a new Podcast which has been created in partnership with the Kilmarlock and Ayr Hubs. There are currently 3 episodes available to encourage you to cycle or walk more and embed into your daily routine. There are so many benefits to ensuring you increase your physical activity levels on a daily basis, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight management • Strengthening your bones and muscles • Reducing stress and anxiety <p>You can also take advantage of our Cycle to Work scheme which is available to all EAC employees or for more ideas go to our Be More Active pages on our Wellbeing Website.</p>							
7	Active Travel Strategy	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Travel	An Active Travel Strategy is also under preparation which will set out an action plan to deliver greater levels of active travel.	Safer Communities			No AQMA			Ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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			2021: Sweco have been commissioned by the Ayrshire Roads Alliance to update East Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy.	Ayrshire Roads Alliance	2021	Ongoing		Start Date May 2021.	2022	Start Date May 2021.
17	School Travel Plans and Safer Routes to School Initiatives	Alternative to Private Vehicle Use/Promoting Low Emission Transport/Promoting Travel Alternatives/Public Information/Transport Planning and Infrastructure/Policy Guidance and Development Control	<p>School Travel Plans reduce car use and promote more sustainable transport options for school journeys and identify ways to enable and encourage more walking, cycling, scooting and use of public transport. Schools are encouraged to take part in the Hands Up Scotland Survey(HUSS,) Big Pedal and Walk to school Week</p> <p>ICycle and Balanceability cycle training programmes are delivered in schools along with scooter training</p> <p>http://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/what-we-do/schools-and-universities/hands-scotland</p> <p>http://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-services/who-we-work/teachers/big-pedal</p> <p>http://www.icycle.org.uk/site/index</p> <p>http://www.balanceability.com/</p>	Safer Communities and Economy and Skills			No AQMA	Operational and ongoing.	Ongoing	Operational and ongoing. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).

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19	Fleet Review and Upgrading	Promoting Low Emission Transport/ Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	A Fleet Review was carried out by the Energy Savings Trust on behalf of the Council in August 2015, which recommends savings in a number of areas including utilisation of electric vehicles, upgrading to best-in-class models, activating rev limiters and undertaking fuel efficient driver training. All recommendations are currently being implemented. 76 new vans are currently on order (2016), which comply with Euro 6 engine standards on emissions. The Transport Unit is also engaged in a number of other initiatives, including fuel efficiency programmes, green fleet management and driver awareness training. All new vehicles will be limited to a maximum of 60mph but depending on the size of the vehicle this lowers to 50mph and 40 mph.	Safer Communities	2015	2016-2018	No AQMA	2016: 76 Euro 6 vans on order 2017: 96 Euro 6 vans delivered; 100 vehicles in total. 2018: Euro 6 Refuse Vehicles replacing older vehicles.	Ongoing	Operational and ongoing. EAC are in a rolling program of updating the fleet and all new vehicles should adhere to the latest EU requirements for emissions and fuel consumption.
20	Driver Training	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	200+ feel good driver training places were provided by the energy saving trust and started in August 2016. This will promote fuel efficient driving among council drivers. The Council has installed a new vehicle telematics system which includes feedback on driver behaviour. This should result in a reduction in vehicle emissions as it encourages drivers to drive more fuel efficiently. Other initiatives include green fleet management and driver awareness training. 2020: To encourage the use of electric vehicles for work and personal use, as we work towards the Scottish Government's target of all new vehicles being zero emission by 2032, East Ayrshire Council held a series of Electric Vehicle Roadshow in Kilmarnock and Cumnock. It allowed staff to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View different types of electric vehicles 	Safer Communities	2016	2016 - 2017	No AQMA	Initial driver training completed. Fitment of telematics completed. Ongoing initiatives. 2020: Complete.	Completed 2020: Completed	Telematics operational.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask any questions you have about electric vehicles Learn how to charge EVs Take a test drive in a vehicle. 							
21	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure	Promoting Low Emission Transport/ Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	<p>Additional funding has recently been secured from Transport Scotland to develop the infrastructure required to support electric vehicles (including charging points and bike racks) The Ayrshire Roads Alliance is currently investigating options in this area.</p> <p>2018: The Council were awarded £285k from the Low Carbon Travel & Transportation Challenge Fund, which along with £150k match funding will allow the council to develop East Ayrshire's first EV charging hub at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena. It will include 4-5 rapid charge stations for 8-10 parking bays and have a solar canopy for sustainable charging.</p> <p>East Ayrshire Council will be applying for the recently announced Switched on Towns & Cities grant fund that offers successful bidders between £1.5m - £2.5m for extensive EV charging infrastructure and fleet development.</p> <p>2019: Substantially increasing number of vehicle charging points.</p> <p>2020: Continued investment in EV charge points including the new EV charging hub at the AAA on Queen's Drive. Refer to Table 2.3. Awarded £62,030.61 from Transport Scotland for the purchase of EVs and</p>	Safer Communities	2015	2016 onwards	No AQMA	<p>Operational and ongoing.</p> <p>2018: 14 operational charging points: Public Charging Points 11:- Kilmarnock 6; Stewarton 1; Auchinleck 1; Cumnock 1; New Cumnock 1; Dalmellington 1.</p> <p>Council Charging Points 3:- Kilmarnock 1; Crookedholm 1; Galston 1.</p> <p>2018: £435k grant awarded.</p> <p>2019: £49k AQ grant awarded. Substantial increase in the number of vehicle charging points.</p> <p>2020: Installed at various new locations.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Operational and ongoing.</p> <p>2020: EV charging car park at Waterside Carpark, St. Marnock Street, Kilmarnock was opened by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Mr</p>

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			charging infrastructure for FY 20/21. https://www.chargeyourcar.org.uk/ (Reference 34)							Michael Matheson on 19 th August, 2019. Mr Matheson also visited the Active Travel Hub.
22	Purchase of Electric and diesel electric vans	Promoting Low Emission Transport/ Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	<p>Vehicle fleet - the Council has purchased a number of electric vehicles (7 vans (replaced diesel vans), 1 street sweeper, 8 walk-behind sweepers) and 2 hybrid (diesel/electric) 7.5 tonne vans, resulting in a significant fuel saving and lower emissions. Funding has been received for further electric vehicles and EAC Transport section is looking to maximise the amount of new electric vehicles they can procure. Added benefits of increasing numbers of electric vehicles are a reduction in noise levels. In 2017 Transport Scotland funded the purchase of another 3 Nissan ENV200 vehicles. They have an extended range of around 106 miles on a full charge, and can be re-charged in as little as 30 minutes.</p> <p>2018: East Ayrshire Council has been awarded £38 from the Scottish Government Air Quality grant and has received £139k from Transport Scotland through their Switched on Fleets programme. East Ayrshire Council will be using these budgets jointly to convert a percentage of the fleet (cars and vans) to electric. The precise number will be in the region of 20 additional vehicles.</p> <p>2019: £49k awarded from Air Quality Grant, which will provide EV's towards a pool fleet based in Kilmarnock town centre, helping to lower emissions, with plans to introduce up to another 30 EV's and replace older diesel LGV's with Euro 6 vehicles that will</p>	Safer Communities	2015	2016-2018	No AQMA	<p>Purchased 2016. Ongoing. 3 new electric vans, Nissan ENV200, delivered in June 2017.</p> <p>2018: 3 additional electric vans replaced 2 petrol cars and 1 diesel van. Awaiting delivery of 2 electric cars.</p> <p>2018: £177k grant awarded.</p> <p>2019: £49k AQ grant awarded. 44 EV's by end June 2019.</p>	Ongoing	Operational and ongoing.

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			<p>significantly improve the quality of vehicle emissions.</p> <p>Last 12 months: 12 vehicles delivered with another 22 due by end of June 2019 – Total 44 EV's by end June 2019. All have replaced fossil fuel vehicles.</p> <p>2020: Transport and fleet: the number of electric vehicles as a proportion of the Council fleet rose from 2.3% (10 vehicles) in 2017/18 to 5.8% (22 vehicles) in 2018/19. At present we have 67 in the fleet with a further 15 on order awaiting delivery. All replacing fossil fuel vehicles. Grants received. Clean Air Grant - £49,000 2019/20 and £60,000 2020/21. Switched on Fleets - £326,003.55, 2019/20. 2020/21 to be confirmed. Awarded £62,030.61 from Transport Scotland for the purchase of EVs and charging infrastructure for FY 20/21.</p> <p>2021: Council Fleet as of June 2021 now at 98 vehicles, with 2 more awaiting delivery. As of February 2021, 1 million miles has now been travelled in electric vehicles. The council is continuing along this path, working towards the Scottish Government's targets of 2025 and 2030 for all new cars/vans and HGV's respectively, to be converted to zero emissions. Since 2015, the switch saved us around 150,000 litres of fuel and 260,000kg of CO₂ and the purchase of vehicles has been supported by funding from the Scottish Government's Switch on Fleets Fund and Air Quality Grants.</p>					<p>Clean Air Grant – £49k</p> <p>Switched on Fleets - £326k</p> <p>Transport Scotland - £62k</p>		

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23	Urban Traffic Control	Traffic management/Transport Planning and Infrastructure	<p>The Council has a 'SCOOT' Urban Traffic Control System (UTCS) to manage 35 traffic signals in Kilmarnock town centre. SCOOT can reduce queuing and delays by up to 20% therefore reducing emissions. The system also incorporates priority for buses. The system was due to be upgraded in late 2016 but has been delayed to late 2017 and will then be further expanded to Cumnock town centre. The Council is also undertaking a programme of introducing 20mph areas. The Council also has decriminalised parking enforcement powers which are used to ensure effective traffic management by reducing indiscriminate and obstructive parking.</p> <p>2020: SCOOT system due to be operational in Cumnock in August 2020 to coincide with the opening of the new Barony Campus. Delayed due to Lockdown.</p> <p>2021: Scoot system in Cumnock is now installed and fully operational.</p>	Safer Communities	2015	2017 - 2018	No AQMA	<p>Installation due to start at the end of 2017.</p> <p>2018: Kilmarnock UTCS now fully operational.</p> <p>2020: Provisional operational by late 2020.</p> <p>2021: SCOOT system fully operational</p>	<p>2018</p> <p>2020</p> <p>2021</p>	<p>Operational with upgrading of SCOOT system completed in 2018. Details in East Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy (LTS).</p>
40	Council's Energy Team	Promoting Low Emission Plant/ Promoting Low Emission Transport	<p>Remit to focus on delivery of the energy efficiency savings set out within the Council's Transformation Strategy. Energy Management Strategy and Climate Change. The Head of Facilities and Property Management acts as the Council's "Energy Champion".</p>	Safer Communities	2005	Refer to specific initiatives	No AQMA	<p>Figures are produced annually by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) which seek to compare local authority areas utilising 'Per Capita Emissions' metrics. These show that since 2005 the emissions from</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.

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								the East Ayrshire Authority area have dropped from 6.8t CO2 per person to 4.5t CO2 per person in 2015, a reduction of 34%. Scotland's average emissions per person in 2015 was 6.1t CO2 per person, so in this respect East Ayrshire's emissions are considerably lower than average.		
41	Low energy street and building lighting, reducing energy in buildings and housing stock.	Promoting Low Emission Plant	<p>Reducing electricity consumption from the national grid and reducing energy consumption hence reducing emissions from power stations and boilers which reduces background pollutant levels. Reducing water and waste water consumption. Raising energy awareness with Council staff and members of the public. As an example pool covers were installed a cost of £24,000 (10 year lifetime) leading to a saving of approximately £28,000 per year.</p> <p>2018: Energy Management - A range of actions to maximise the efficiency and benefits of existing Building Energy Management Systems have been undertaken to effect greater control over the heating and hot water systems in our estate.</p> <p>Work continues to upgrade our street lighting estate in addition to modifying our security lighting installations, within properties, taking advantage of LED and CCTV technologies thereby reducing, not only the burning hours of these installations, however, also reducing the electrical load when these systems are</p>	Safer Communities	2015	2015	No AQMA	<p>Figures are produced annually by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) which seek to compare local authority areas utilising 'Per Capita Emissions' metrics. These show that since 2005 the emissions from the East Ayrshire Authority area have dropped from 6.8t CO2 per person to 4.5t CO2 per person in 2015, a reduction of 34%. Scotland's average emissions per person in 2015 was 6.1t CO2 per person, so in this respect East</p>		Operational and ongoing. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.

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			operating. A review of legacy winter frost protection protocols has also been undertaken which has resulted in CO2 and financial savings.					Ayrshire's emissions are considerably lower than average.		
44	Joint Climate Change/AQ Improvement Measures	Carbon Emissions. Waste Management Fleet Management Green Network	<p>2019: East Ayrshire Council's 2018/19 Climate Change Submission to the Scottish Government was approved by Cabinet on 7th November 2018 (link to this report is as follows http://docs.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/r/?f=http://docs.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CRPADMMIN/2012%20AGENDAS/CABINET/7%20November%202018/Submission%20of%20the%20Climate%20Change%20Public%20Sector%20Report%20for%202017-18.pdf)</p> <p>Carbon emissions</p> <p>Using 2012/13 as the baseline year, by 2017/18, the Council was 4,508 tonnes CO2 emissions (10%) below this baseline of 43,230 tonnes. This reduction continues to meet the Council's target of 2% per annum.</p> <p>2020: Carbon emissions: using 2012/13 as the Council's baseline year, the Council is now 9,927 tonnes CO2 (23%) below the baseline of 43,230 tonnes. This reduction continues to significantly exceed the Council's target of 2% per annum.</p> <p>2021: In terms of the Council's direct carbon emissions, good progress has been made against the 1990 baseline. In 2019, our emissions had fallen to 31,950 tonnes of CO2, a reduction of some 39,049 tonnes (55% of our 1990 baseline) and we remain on track to achieve net zero by the Scottish Government target of 2045.</p>	Safer Communities	2011/12	2012 -	Carbon Emissions – 2% per year reduction.	Carbon Emissions – 2% per year reduction on target.	Ongoing	Ongoing. Part of the Energy Strategy and Carbon Management Programme.

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			<p><u>Waste management</u></p> <p>Recycling rates continue to be one of the best in Scotland with 52.3% of household waste recycled. The Waste service continue to transform the waste collection service and the overall impact of this approach, introduced during 2017, will not fully be seen until future reports.</p> <p>2020: Council continues to work towards the national household recycling target of 60%.</p> <p>2021: The introduction of the recycling trolley here in East Ayrshire places us at the forefront of Scottish Councils in actively promoting recycling. This new system makes it as easy as possible for our residents to recycle and has already had a positive impact on our recycling rates which rose to 53.2% in 2019 as increased participation in recycling, improved the levels of aluminium, glass and plastics which we collected. Despite this progress, it will be challenging to meet the 70% recycling target set out in the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan by 2025.</p> <p><u>Fleet management</u></p> <p>A revised fleet strategy has set out very specific aims and objectives to facilitate the conversion of traditional fossil fuel vehicles to alternatively fuelled vehicles such as ULEV. By the end of 2018/19 the number of ULEVs operated by the Council will have increased to 40 from 10 in 2017, with the expectation that there will be an increase to 100 by 2020.</p> <p>2021: Transport only accounts for some 12% of the Council's own carbon footprint but is the biggest polluter at an East Ayrshire wide</p>							

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			<p>level, accounting for 40% of our area's emissions. Over 40% of transport emissions come from car use. We also know that over half of car journeys are relatively short (under 2 km). Accordingly, whilst it is important for the Council to lead by example by decarbonising our own fleet, the need to encourage behaviour change around the way we travel is likely to deliver the greatest benefits in terms of reducing our local carbon footprint and initiatives listed in the table will continue apace. As of June 2021 the Council has 98 electric vehicles in the fleet. The Transformational Review of the Council's Fleet Strategy approved by Cabinet in February 2019 endorsed a strategic vehicle replacement programme for cars and vans that focused on shifting to electric vehicles to reduce the environmental impact of our fleet and reduce costs. This will see all fleet cars and small vans electric by 2023 and larger vans electric by 2026. As a result of the pandemic, our grey fleet mileage has reduced by around 50% during the last year and our aim is to maintain this reduction by encouraging the continued use of online meetings and increased working from home as we recover from the Pandemic and when travel is required, providing access to low carbon alternatives. We will also encourage our employees to move to cycle to work and shift to electric vehicle by offering tax efficient salary sacrifice Cycle to Work and Car Leasing Schemes.</p> <p><u>Green Network</u></p> <p>Green network objectives such as urban woodland and forestry expansion are also an important part of mitigating against and adapting to the threats faced by climate change. The place making section of the</p>							

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			<p>Local Development Plan (2017) highlights key opportunities for improving the green network. The Ayrshire and Arran Forestry and Woodland Strategy, adopted as Planning Guidance, sets out where woodland planting and expansion is encouraged. Linked to the development of a new Minerals Local Development Plan, a stage 1 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been made for a multimillion pound Landscape Partnership Scheme for the coalfield communities. If successful, the scheme will take forward a number of environmental projects including the restoration of peatlands, a project with clear climate change benefits.</p> <p>2020: Procurement: the Council has committed to building sustainable procurement into its business practices. Our Corporate Procurement Strategy gives consideration to environmental, social and economic benefits related to the procurement process. As an example, environmental impacts are included within the Council's Capital Work projects, where bidders must provide proposals for site-based recycling among other environmental considerations.</p> <p>2021: Forestry and tree planting: Within East Ayrshire there is significant opportunity at the former opencast mining sites, for brownfield restoration through tree planting and forestation. Working in partnership with Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) and the new landowners, the Council has developed a plan to facilitate the restoration of opencast sites. The aim is to identify and prioritise these sites for new tree planting to enable the useful rehabilitation and reintegration of these sites into local economic and social</p>							

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			life. Across Scotland, through tree planting initiatives, this plan has identified the potential to create in excess of 1,000 hectares of new woodland. The focus will be on creating productive woodland that combines a matrix of native and conifer species. This will create a wealth of benefits from greening these sites, increasing the productive contribution to the Scottish economy, increasing woodland cover, enhancing biodiversity, providing employment and improving the local landscape. It will also help to achieve our net zero ambitions, with these new forests anticipated to capture around 30 million tonnes of carbon.							

Table 2.3 – Electric Vehicle Charge Points within East and South Ayrshire

Charge points are tabulated for East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council as transportation and road services are a shared public sector partnership – Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA)

EAST AYRSHIRE PUBLIC CHARGERS							
CYC Ref	Type	Make	Location	Time Restrictions	Parking Charges?	Date Commissioned	Maint & Warranty Ends
51171	7kw	eVot	Queens Street Car Park, Queen Street, Kilmarock, KA1 1LU	Yes - 4hrs no return within 2 hours.		23/10/2015	23/12/2022
51210	22kw	eVot	Foregate Car Park, James Shaw Crescent, Kilmarock, KA1 1LU	Yes - 4hrs no return within 2 hours.		29/11/2017	01/12/2022
50821	22kw	eVot	Multi Storey Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1LU	Yes - 4hrs no return within 2 hours.		22/10/2015	23/12/2022
51324	22kw	eVot	Titchfield Street Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1PH	No		23/08/2018	01/09/2023
52474	22kw	eVot	Ayrshire Athletics Arena EV Hub, Queens Drive, Kilmarock, KA1 1HU			08/01/2020	07/01/2025
52470	Rapid	eVot	Ayrshire Athletics Arena EV Hub, Queens Drive, Kilmarock, KA1 1HU			21/01/2020	19/01/2025
52471	Rapid	eVot	Ayrshire Athletics Arena EV Hub, Queens Drive, Kilmarock, KA1 1HU			21/01/2020	19/01/2025
52472	Rapid	eVot	Ayrshire Athletics Arena EV Hub, Queens Drive, Kilmarock, KA1 1HU			21/01/2020	19/01/2025
52473	Rapid	eVot	Ayrshire Athletics Arena EV Hub, Queens Drive, Kilmarock, KA1 1HU			21/01/2020	19/01/2025
52020	Rapid	eVot	East George Street Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1GB			09/08/2019	08/08/2024
52021	7kw	eVot	East George Street Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1GB			09/08/2019	08/08/2024
52022	7kw	eVot	East George Street Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1GB			09/08/2019	08/08/2024
52023	7kw	eVot	East George Street Car Park, Kilmarock, KA1 1GB			09/08/2019	08/08/2024
51233	22kw	eVot	EAC Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarock, KA3 7BU			29/09/2018	01/10/2023
52035	7kw	eVot	EAC Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarock, KA3 7BU			17/07/2019	16/07/2024
52036	7kw	eVot	EAC Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarock, KA3 7BU			17/07/2019	16/07/2024
52037	7kw	eVot	EAC Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarock, KA3 7BU			17/07/2019	16/07/2024

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52026	7kw	eVolt	Waterside Street Car Park, Kilmarnock, KA1 1RJ			16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52027	7kw	eVolt	Waterside Street Car Park, Kilmarnock, KA1 1RJ			16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52028	7kw	eVolt	Waterside Street Car Park, Kilmarnock, KA1 1RJ			16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52025	Rapid	eVolt	Waterside Street Car Park, Kilmarnock, KA1 1RJ			16/07/2019	15/07/2024
50819	22kw	eVolt	Beechwood Avenue Car Park, Beechwood Avenue, Auchinleck, KA18 2AW	Yes - 4hrs no return within 2 hours.		23/07/2015	23/12/2022
51170	Rapid	eVolt	Area Office, 33 Main Street, Dalmellington, KA6 7QL	Yes - 2hrs no return within 1 hour.		28/10/2015	28/12/2022
50507	22kw	eVolt	Avenue Square Car Park, Stewarton, KA3 5AP	No		12/04/2018	01/05/2023
50815	Rapid	eVolt	Castle Car Park, New Cumnock, KA18 4AR			23/07/2015	23/12/2022
52024	Rapid	eVolt	Ranouldcoup Road, Darvel, KA17 0JU			14/11/2019	13/11/2024
52042	Rapid	eVolt	Loudoun Street Car Park, Mauchline, KA5 5BE			17/07/2019	16/07/2024
52018	Rapid	eVolt	Tanyard Car Park, Cumnock, KA18 1BG			17/07/2019	16/07/2024
52034	22kw	eVolt	Glaisnock Street Car Park, Cumnock, KA18 1JS			17/07/2019	16/07/2024
52017	Rapid	eVolt	Mill Bank Car Park, Mill Bank, Cumnock, KA18 1AB			09/08/2019	08/08/2024
52039	7kw	eVolt	Townhead Street Car Park, Cumnock, KA18 1LY			08/11/2019	07/11/2024
52040	7kw	eVolt	Townhead Street Car Park, Cumnock, KA18 1LY			08/11/2019	07/11/2024
52041	7kw	eVolt	Townhead Street Car Park, Cumnock, KA18 1LY			08/11/2019	07/11/2024
51792	22kw	eVolt	Rothsay House, Greenholm Road, Cumnock, KA18 1LH			22/05/2019	21/05/2024
52966	7kw	eVolt	Area Office, 33 Main Street, Dalmellington, KA6 7QL	No	No	20/10/2020	19/10/2025
52967	7kw	eVolt	Area Office, 33 Main Street, Dalmellington, KA6 7QL	No	No	20/10/2020	19/10/2025
52968	7kw	eVolt	Area Office, 33 Main Street, Dalmellington, KA6 7QL	No	No	20/10/2020	19/10/2025
52972	7kw	eVolt	Saint Germain Street Car Park, Catrine, KA5 6RQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52969	22kw	eVolt	Dean Castle Country Park, Dean Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1XB	No	No	28/10/2020	09/12/2022
52970	7kw	eVolt	Fenwick Road Car Park, Fenwick Road, Kilmaurs, KA3 2RQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52971	7kw	eVolt	Fenwick Road Car Park, Fenwick Road, Kilmaurs, KA3 2RQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52953	7kw	eVolt	Northwest Area Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025

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52954	7kw	eVot	Northwest Area Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52955	7kw	eVot	Northwest Area Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 1NQ	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52956	7kw	eVot	Rothsay House, Greenholm Road, Cumnock, KA18 1LH	No	No	14/05/2021	13/05/2026
52957	7kw	eVot	Rothsay House, Greenholm Road, Cumnock, KA18 1LH	No	No	14/05/2021	13/05/2026
52958	7kw	eVot	Rothsay House, Greenholm Road, Cumnock, KA18 1LH	No	No	14/05/2021	13/05/2026
52965	22kw	eVot	Morton Place Car Park, Morton Place, Kilmarnock, KA1 2AY	No	No	21/10/2020	20/10/2025
52962	Rapid	eVot	Queens Street Car Park, Queen Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1LU	No	No	14/01/2021	13/01/2026
52963	22kw	eVot	Queens Street Car Park, Queen Street, Kilmarnock, KA1 1LU	No	No	14/01/2021	13/01/2026
53080	7kw	eVot	Netherthird Community Centre, 65 Ryderston Drive, Cumnock, KA18 3AR	No	No	01/03/2021	28/02/2026
	Rapid	eVot	Main Street Car Park, Muirkirk	No	No		
	22kw	eVot	Rose Reilly Sports Centre, Stewarton	No	No		
	7kw	eVot	Standalane Car Park, Stewarton	No	No		
			Total of 54 Chargers in 28 locations.				

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CYC Ref	Type	Man.	Location	Date Commissioned	Maint & Warranty Ends
52043	22kw	eVot	Transport Depot, Crookedholm	12/08/2019	11/08/2024
52044	7kw	eVot	Transport Depot, Crookedholm	12/08/2019	11/08/2024
52045	7kw	eVot	Transport Depot, Crookedholm	12/08/2019	11/08/2024
52046	22kw	eVot	Cleansing Depot, Western Road, Kilmarnock	08/01/2020	07/01/2025
52047	7kw	eVot	Cleansing Depot, Western Road, Kilmarnock	08/01/2020	07/01/2025
52048	7kw	eVot	Cleansing Depot, Western Road, Kilmarnock	08/01/2020	07/01/2025
51897	7kw	eVot	Holmquarry House, Kilmarnock	16/05/2019	15/05/2024
51914	7kw	eVot	Holmquarry House, Kilmarnock	16/05/2019	15/05/2024

51881	7kw	eVolt	Croft Street, Kilmarnock	08/05/2019	07/05/2024
51882	7kw	eVolt	Croft Street, Kilmarnock	08/05/2019	07/05/2024
51883	7kw	eVolt	Croft Street, Kilmarnock	08/05/2019	07/05/2024
52964	Rapid	eVolt	Croft Street, Kilmarnock	21/10/2020	27/12/2022
52950	7kw	eVolt	Strand Street, Kilmarnock	21/10/2020	20/12/2025
52951	7kw	eVolt	Strand Street, Kilmarnock	21/10/2020	20/12/2025
52952	7kw	eVolt	Strand Street, Kilmarnock	21/10/2020	20/12/2025

Total of 15 Chargers in 5 locations.

SOUTH AYRSHIRE CHARGERS							
CYC Ref	Type	Make	Location	Time Restrictions	Parking Charges?	Date Commissioned	Maint & Warranty Ends
51930	7kw	eVolt	Barns Crescent Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2BW	No	Yes	22/05/2019	21/05/2024
51793	7kw	eVolt	Mill Brae Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2HU	No	No	22/05/2019	21/05/2024
51535	Rapid	eVolt	Burns Statue Square, Ayr, KA7 UT	Yes - 2hrs no return within 1 hour.	Yes	16/09/2015	16/12/2022
52029	22kw	eVolt	Belleisle Park, Ayr, KA7 4BN	No	No	16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52030	7kw	eVolt	Castlehill Road Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2HT	No	No	16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52031	7kw	eVolt	Castlehill Road Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2HT	No	No	16/07/2019	15/07/2024
52032	7kw	eVolt	Castlehill Road Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2HT	No	No	16/07/2019	15/07/2024
51325	22kw	eVolt	Cromwell Road Car Park, Ayr, KA7 1DY	No	No	23/08/2018	01/09/2023
50818	22kw	eVolt	Bellevue Car Park, Bellevue Road, Prestwick, KA9 1NW	No	No	23/07/2015	23/12/2022
50817	22kw	eVolt	Jubilee Road, Troon Swimming Pool, Troon, KA10 6XQ	No	No	23/07/2015	23/12/2022
50290	22kw	eVolt	South Beach Road Car Park, Troon, KA10 6EF	No	No	29/10/2018	01/11/2023
52033	22kw	eVolt	Girvan Harbour, Girvan, KA26 9AG	No	No	18/07/2019	17/07/2024
50816	Rapid	eVolt	Girvan Harbour, Girvan, KA26 9AG	No	No	27/05/2015	27/12/2022
52038	22kw	eVolt	Harbour Road Car Park, Maidens, KA26 9NR	No	No	18/07/2019	17/07/2024
52019	Rapid	eVolt	The Vennel, Ballantrae, KA26 0NH	No	No	18/07/2019	17/07/2024

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52975	Rapid	eVolt	Mill Brae Car Park, Ayr, KA7 2HU	No	No	23/10/2020	22/10/2025
52974	7kw	eVolt	New Road Car Park, New Road, Ayr, KA8 8HE	No	No	23/10/2020	22/10/2025
52973	Rapid	eVolt	New Road Car Park, New Road, Ayr, KA8 8HE	No	No	15/10/2020	14/10/2025
52959	7kw	eVolt	Bellevue Car Park, Bellevue Road, Prestwick, KA9 1NW	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52960	7kw	eVolt	Bellevue Car Park, Bellevue Road, Prestwick, KA9 1NW	No	No	28/10/2020	27/10/2025
52961	7kw	eVolt	Bellevue Car Park, Bellevue Road, Prestwick, KA9 1NW	No	No	29/10/2020	26/10/2025
53555	Rapid	eVolt	Bellevue Car Park, Bellevue Road, Prestwick, KA9 1NW	No	No	17/12/2020	16/12/2025
52976	Rapid	eVolt	Coylton Activity Centre, Hole Road, Coylton, KA6 6JL	No	No	14/01/2021	13/01/2026
	Rapid	eVolt	Academy Street, Troon	No	No		
	Rapid	eVolt	Lodge Road Car Park, Turnberry	No	No		
	22kw	eVolt	Burnside Road, Monkton	No	No		
			Total of 26 Chargers in 17 locations.				

3 Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives

3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Figures C.4-C.8. Monitoring data is provided in Appendix A, Tables A.1-A.8 and Appendix B and any trends in Figures A.1-A.9. Further details on how the monitors are calibrated and how the data has been adjusted are included in Appendix C. Please note automatic monitoring data is given to the nearest whole number and NO₂ diffusion data is given to one decimal place as recorded by Glasgow Scientific Services.

3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

This section sets out what monitoring has taken place and how local concentrations of the main air pollutants compare with the objectives.

East Ayrshire Council undertook automatic (continuous) monitoring at two sites during 2020. Appendix A shows the details of the sites. National monitoring results are available at <http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk/>. Further details on how the monitors are calibrated and how the data has been adjusted are included in Appendix C.

3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

East Ayrshire Council undertook non - automatic (passive) monitoring of NO₂ at 21 sites during 2020. Appendix A shows the details of these sites.

Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) and bias adjustment for the diffusion tubes are included in Appendix C and Appendix D.

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)

Table A.3 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored NO₂ annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of 40 µg/m³. For diffusion tubes, the full 2020 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. All concentrations were under, or around, 50% of the air quality objectives so no fall-off in NO₂ Concentrations with Distance from Road calculations were required.

Table A.4 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored NO₂ hourly mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the Air Quality Objective of 200µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year.

No exceedances of the annual mean or the hourly mean Air Quality Objectives for NO₂ occurred at any location where monitoring was undertaken within the East Ayrshire Council area during 2020. Indeed no annual mean NO₂ exceedance has occurred since 2010 (Reference 19). Automatic monitoring at St. Marnock Street indicated an annual mean of 19 µg/m³ and the maximum NO₂ level recorded at any NO₂ diffusion tube site was 20.5 µg/m³ at 95/97 John Finnie street, Kilmarlock, both well within the annual mean Air Quality Objective of 40 µg/m³ (Table A.3). No exceedances of the NO₂ hourly mean occurred at the St. Marnock St. automatic monitoring station during 2020 (Table A.4) and since no roadside located NO₂ tubes exceeded 20.5 µg/m³ it is highly unlikely that any location within the East Ayrshire Council area would have exceeded the hourly mean, since only annual means greater than 60 µg/m³ are likely to indicate exceedance of the hourly mean (Reference 6). No hourly mean NO₂ exceedances have occurred since 2014 (Reference 19).

NO₂ Monitoring at Schools and Colleges

Concerns have been raised by parents and local residents regarding air quality around schools and colleges adjacent to roads. To this end, Environmental Health had placed NO₂ diffusion tubes, during 2017, close to Ayrshire College, Kilmarlock Campus, Hill St., Kilmarlock, William McIlvanney Campus, Sutherland Drive Kilmarlock and the Barony Campus, Cumnock.

The NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring at the Ayrshire College, Kilmarlock Campus has been discontinued, since roadside NO₂ levels monitored were between 11 and 13 µg/m³ during 2018, well below the 40 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. Similarly, the NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring at the William McIlvanney Campus, Sutherland Drive, Kilmarlock has been discontinued, since roadside NO₂ levels monitored, were between 16 and 18 µg/m³ during 2018, well below the 40 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. The actual levels within the school/college grounds would be considerably lower. Long-term trends also indicate a downward movement in NO₂ levels. Four NO₂ tubes have been placed around the new entrances to the Barony Campus, Cumnock to gauge NO₂ emissions prior to, during construction, and post construction of the new campus. 2018 and 2019 results indicate NO₂ levels at between 10 and 17 µg/m³, with NO₂ levels in 2020 at between 7.9 and 11.3 µg/m³. An AQ Mesh gas and particulate monitor was located in early 2019, in a residential area close to the Barony Campus (Table A.1) to gauge pollutant levels, particularly due to concerns by local residents from emissions from the school biomass boiler. 2019 results indicate roadside NO₂ levels at 14 µg/m³, similar to the NO₂ diffusion tube results with 2020 NO₂ levels at 16 µg/m³. It should be noted the monitor at New Cumnock is an AQ Mesh, which is a screening monitor, and regarded as less accurate than automatic monitors which have gained equivalence status. The results will be discussed in more detail in future reports after a period of occupation at the new school campus.

Kilmarnock Bus Station

Four NO₂ diffusion tubes were located within Kilmarnock bus station during 2017 as part of a project by an Environmental Health MSc. student. It should be noted that the bus station is not an area where LAQM NO₂ annual mean or hourly mean levels apply, as people only tend to spend a short time within the bus station. 2017 results (Table A.3) had indicated that NO₂ levels were between the mid 40's to mid-50's µg/m³ NO₂. It was noted at the time that a number of the buses had their engines idling while stationary at the bus stances. Stagecoach were contacted and this issue was discussed. In dialogue with Stagecoach, it was noted that all Stagecoach buses are fitted with an automatic engine cut off system to prevent excessive idling and it is Stagecoach policy to have drivers switch off the engine while stationary, but, depending on weather, daylight hours, or the time of year, there may be a requirement to maintain heating and lighting for passengers.

Although LAQM NO₂ objectives are not applicable within the bus station, Environmental Health are conscious that passengers and workers should not be subject to excessive levels of pollutants, and in this respect Environmental Health have been in contact with the bus operator regarding idling buses and this has led to a reduction in idling along with improvement in NO₂ levels. This has been assisted by the replacement of 28 older buses on the Ardrossan – Irvine – Kilmarnock run by 28 Euro 6 buses which have considerably lower emissions and also having the benefit that the engines switch off automatically when the buses are stationary in the bus stance. It should also be noted that the bus station is due for a major upgrade. Results for 2019 indicate that this has led to a substantial improvement in NO₂ levels within the bus station with measured levels recorded at around 25 µg/m³ with 2020 levels around 17 µg/m³. Monitoring will continue to ensure this improvement is maintained, particularly as the bus station is going through a significant upgrade, although the number of NO₂ tubes has now been reduced from four to two.

Relevant Exposure

Diffusion tube monitoring can only give an estimate of the annual mean level of NO₂, therefore objectives should only apply at locations where members of the public might be regularly exposed such as building facades of residential properties, schools, hospitals, care homes etc. Tube locations are often limited by practical implications such as a suitable mounting point (e.g. lamp post etc.) and often they are nearer the kerb than would be ideal. Due to the low levels of NO₂ no fall-off in NO₂ Concentrations with Distance from Road calculations were required.

1-Hour Mean

Diffusion tubes can only be used to measure the annual mean NO₂ level. Previous research carried out on behalf of DEFRA and the Devolved Administration (Reference 5, Laxen D and Marener B (2003)) identified a relationship between the annual mean and the 1-hour objective, such that exceedances of the latter were considered unlikely where the annual mean was below 60 µg/m³. An updated analysis (Reference 6, Cook A (2008)) has been carried out taking into account new monitoring data collected over the period 2003-2007. This new analysis has identified a number of exceedances of the 1-hour mean objective where annual mean were below 60 µg/m³. The majority of these occurrences were recorded

at kerbside and roadside sites, and were at sites within South-East England (and in particular within Greater London), but not exclusively so. A large number of these exceedances were associated with a regional pollution event that occurred over several days in December 2007. If these latter exceedances are excluded the number of exceedances of the 1-hour mean where annual mean are below $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, is extremely limited. On the basis of this evidence, the guidance remains unchanged and authorities may assume that exceedances of the 1-hour mean objective are only likely to occur at locations where annual mean concentrations are $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and above. Annual mean levels of NO_2 are well below $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ throughout all monitoring sites within East Ayrshire (Table A3) and we can therefore conclude no exceedances of the one hour mean objective are likely at locations of relevant public exposure (any outdoor location where members of the public might reasonably be expected to spend one hour or more e.g. pavements of busy shopping streets etc).

As previously noted, NO_2 levels at the building facade were at a maximum of $20.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ during 2020 at 95/97 John Finnie St., significantly below the $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ annual mean Air Quality Objective. The four long-term NO_2 diffusion tube monitoring sites (Figures A.3-A.4) indicate a significant downward trend from 2007 to 2019. Factors which may be contributing to this trend are:-

1/ Daily vehicle numbers have reduced from 17,000 in 2007 to around 14,000 in 2018 (Reference 36) in John Finnie Street due in part to the recession and the closure of the Johnnie Walker Whisky bottling plant. Volume of traffic was considerably lower in 2020 due to the pandemic, estimated by the DFT at around 11,000 (Reference 35).

2/ Measures introduced by East Ayrshire Council to Improve Air Quality - listed in Table 2.1a. and 2.1b, including smart traffic lights (SCOOT) installed in Kilmarnock Town Centre, active travel strategy etc.

3/ The possibility that stop start vehicle engine technology may be reducing emissions at traffic lights in the town centre where vehicles are stationary and often where diffusion tubes are located, although recent data has shown that in certain circumstances, stop/starts can increase pollutants by allowing the catalytic converter to cool below optimum temperature. The more modern the car, the better this technology works.

4/ Possible improvement in vehicle emission technology, although this is patchy (Reference 21) Euro 6 (VI) technology would seem to be providing a significant improvement, particularly since real world driving emissions checks have been introduced.

5/ Relatively mild winter weather patterns since the cold winters of 2009/10 and 2010/11 which resulted in raised levels of NO_2 and PM_{10} . It is worth noting that East Ayrshire experienced a relatively prolonged cold spell during the end of 2017 and continued into the spring of 2018. This led to a short-term rise in NO_2 concentrations. This is similar, but less pronounced than the cold winters of 2010/2011 with the proviso that the peaks are considerably lower due to the improving long-term trend.

3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

Table A.5 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored PM₁₀ annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of 18µg/m³.

Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored PM₁₀ daily mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of 50 µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 7 times per year.

No exceedances of the annual mean Air Quality Objective occurred at the St. Marnock St. monitoring site during 2020, with annual mean levels of 10 µg/m³ using FIDAS technology, well below the 18 µg/m³ Scottish Air Quality Objective. No exceedances of the daily mean PM₁₀ occurred in 2020, although there were two days in 2019 where the daily PM₁₀ exceeded 50 µg/m³ average, although the 24-hour mean Air Quality Objective of 50µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 7 times per year was met in 2019.

No exceedances of the annual mean Air Quality Objective occurred at the Cumnock monitoring site during 2020 with annual mean levels of 9 µg/m³ using AQ Mesh technology, well below the 18 µg/m³ Scottish Air Quality Objective. No exceedances of the daily mean PM₁₀ occurred in 2020, although there was one day in 2019 where the daily PM₁₀ exceeded 50 µg/m³ average, although the 24-hour mean Air Quality Objective of, 50µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 7 times per year, was not exceeded. It should be noted the monitor at New Cumnock is an AQ Mesh, which is a screening monitor, and regarded as less accurate than automatic monitors which have gained equivalence status.

The periods in 2019 when PM₁₀ exceeded 50 µg/m³ were due to smoke particulates from wild forest fires in Russia and Eastern Europe being brought in by the easterly and north easterly winds in April. This occurred throughout Scotland. Some localised increase may also be due, in part, to wild fires in the vicinity of Loch Doon in the southern part of East Ayrshire. In fact the PM₁₀ level recorded for the month of April at the St. Marnock St. Monitoring Station, at 23 µg/m³ was more than double the annual average.

http://www.scottishairquality.scot/latest/site-info?site_id=MARN&view=statistics

Loch Doon Wild Fires 2019



Eight years of PM₁₀ data are now available for the St. Marnock St. monitoring station and it can be clearly established that data obtained using the preferred PM₁₀ TEOM FDMS or FIDAS technology indicate that recorded PM₁₀ levels from 2014 to 2020 (Reference 19) at a maximum of 11 µg/m³, is comfortably within the 18 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective (Table A.5). Figures A.6 and A.7 indicates the PM₁₀ trend between 2012 and 2020, measured at the Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street Monitoring Station. Although the trend is noticeably downwards, it should be noted that a change of monitor occurred in August 2016 when the BAM 1020 was replaced with a Fidas monitor. Figure A.8 indicates the PM₁₀ trend between 2016 and 2020 from data from the Fidas monitor only, with no discernible change noted between 2016 and 2019 with a small drop in levels during 2020. The PM₁₀ level has been at 11 µg/m³ (2016-2019) and 10 µg/m³ (2020) is well below the 18 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. The 1 µg/m³ drop in PM₁₀ is likely to be due to the reduction in traffic due to Covid restrictions.

3.2.3 Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored PM_{2.5} annual mean concentrations for the past 5 years with the air quality objective of 10µg/m³.

A PM_{2.5} monitor was installed in St. Marnock St. during August 2016. Using a conservative factor of 0.7 (Reference 27) to estimate the PM_{2.5} within the East Ayrshire Council area, an estimate was made of PM_{2.5} levels within Kilmarnock. During 2015 PM₁₀ annual mean readings of 11 µg/m³ (TEOM FDMS) and 14 µg/m³ (BAM) were recorded. Using the 0.7 factor results in an estimate of PM_{2.5} between 7.7 µg/m³ and 9.8 µg/m³. Historical monitoring of PM₁₀ from 2012 to 2015 using TEOM FDMS technology produced annual mean readings of between 10 µg/m³ and 15 µg/m³ giving estimated PM_{2.5} levels of 7.0 µg/m³ to 10.5 µg/m³. Since the annual mean Air Quality Objective for PM_{2.5} is 10 µg/m³, potential estimates of PM_{2.5} could lead to exceedance of the 10 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. Monitoring is therefore essential to determine whether this is the case. Monitoring

commenced in August 2016. No exceedances of the annual mean PM_{2.5} Air Quality Objective occurred at the St. Marnock St. monitoring site during 2020 with annual mean levels of 6 µg/m³ using FIDAS technology (Table A7). Indeed 5 years monitoring between 2016 and 2020 indicates levels at between 6 and 7 µg/m³ well below the air quality objective of 10 µg/m³. Figure A.9 indicates the PM_{2.5} trend between 2016 and 2020. The 1 µg/m³ drop in PM_{2.5} is likely to be due to the reduction in town centre traffic due to Covid restrictions.

3.2.4 Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)

No Sulphur Dioxide monitoring was carried out in East Ayrshire during 2020. Monitoring was discontinued in 2005 due to the very low levels recorded. Previous monitoring of sulphur dioxide indicated that no exceedances of Air Quality Objectives were found or predicted. Previous assessment of sources of sulphur dioxide concluded that no exceedances of Air Quality Objectives were likely due to the reduction in domestic coal usage and industrial sources.

3.2.5 Carbon Monoxide, Lead and 1,3-Butadiene

No other pollutants, included in the Regulations for the purpose of Local Air Quality Management in Scotland, were monitored by East Ayrshire Council in 2020 as previous monitoring or assessments concluded that no exceedances of Air Quality Objectives were found or predicted.

4 New Local Developments

There are no newly identified Local Developments which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area. One Development, which is covered in Section 5, the Halo Development, Planning Application No: 17/0865/PPP has an Air Quality Impact Assessment outstanding and Environmental Health hope to receive this in due course and will be covered in the 2022 APR.

4.1 Road Traffic Sources

East Ayrshire Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified **Road Traffic Sources**, since the 2020 APR, which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

4.2 Other Transport Sources

East Ayrshire Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified **Other Traffic Sources**, since the 2020 APR, which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

4.3 Industrial Sources

East Ayrshire Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified **Industrial**, since the 2020 APR, which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

4.4 Commercial and Domestic Sources

East Ayrshire Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified **Commercial and Domestic Sources**, since the 2020 APR, which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

4.5 New Developments with Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

East Ayrshire Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified **New Developments with Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources**, since the 2020 APR, which may have a **significant** impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

Environmental Health are dealing with a significant number of retrospective planning applications for rural biomass boilers, mainly small scale for heating farmhouses, cottages and drying floors on farms. Generally these are either screened out using the biomass screening tool or are dealt with by requesting the flue heights are raised to ensure adequate dispersion. Most applications have capped flues and Environmental Health ask for these to be removed to allow adequate dispersion of flue gases and to prevent a potential build-up of gases within the appliance. This follows guidance from The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, Biomass Heating Document CIBSE AM15:2014. The following standard condition is added:-

‘All cowls or top hats, if installed, should be removed from the flue terminals. This follows guidance from The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, Biomass Heating

Document CIBSE AM15:2014. The applicant should ensure adequate rainwater drainage from the flues’.

One larger scale application for a woodchip drying plant, 19/0299/PP, with 3.1 MW capacity. The applicant was asked to submit an AQIA, due to the scale of the plant, the low flue heights and the proximity of the flues to the farmhouse. In essence, with all boiler flues extended to 10m and the plant running at anywhere near capacity, the Scottish Air Quality Objectives for NO₂ would still have been exceeded (194% of objective at 100% capacity) at the farmhouse. Although only one dwelling, this large exceedence is still unacceptable. A condition was put on the planning to limit the boiler use to 40% and this was acceptable to the applicant as the plant has never been used above this capacity since the plant was installed several years ago. This limited the NO₂ annual mean to 32 µg/m³ maximum, with the actual usage substantially less in the last year from figures submitted to Ofgem. Due to the distance to other properties the increase in NO₂ and PM levels were negligible at these properties. Planning Enforcement can verify future usage by asking the applicant to submit actual operating hours from data submitted to Ofgem. The applicant was advised to contact the Planning Department and Environmental Health if the usage would likely to exceed these figures. Further extensions to the flue heights would then be needed to comply with air quality objectives.

Quarries

For all quarry or construction developments, Environmental Health request a standard condition that a Dust Management Plan (DMP), referring to IAQM guidance, is submitted and approved by the Local Authority prior to commencement of operation.

One new quarry has been given planning permission in 2021, namely Dareduff Quarry, Neilston Road, Uplawmoor, 19/0262/PP. A pre-planning discussion took place between the applicant’s agent and Environmental Health and the methodology for an Air Quality Assessment was agreed. The AQ Assessment concluded that the potential dust impact on receptors would be negligible and that fine particulate matter is not significant and the air quality objectives will not be exceeded. To ensure this is the case, the applicant submitted an updated DMP.

An extension to an existing quarry, Garpel Quarry, Sorn Road, Muirkirk (20/496/PP) was approved in 2021. The AQ issues were addressed at the original planning application and covered in previous AQ Reports and found that any AQ impacts were not significant. The extension was covered in the original AQ Assessment.

5 Planning Applications

Environmental Health refer to various guidance when assessing Air Quality Impacts from planning applications, including the following guidance, which was produced by EPS and RTPi Scotland and is based upon a revision of the EPUK/IAQM guidance on Planning & Air Quality published in 2015.

DELIVERING CLEANER AIR FOR SCOTLAND

Development Planning & Development Management

Guidance from Environmental Protection Scotland and the Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland

January 2017

17/0865/PPP. Only one large-scale application, which has the potential to affect air quality, is the Halo Development on land previously used at Balmoral Road/Hill Street/Witch Road, Kilmarnock KA1 3HY as a bottling plant by Johnnie Walker Whisky. Planning Application No: 17/0865/PPP. The proposed application was covered in detail in the 2019 APR. A condition of the planning application was that 'Prior to commencement of any development onsite, and at least two months before any accompanying AMCPPP application is submitted (with reference to Condition 4), an Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority (in consultation with the Council's Environmental Health Service).

The Development received planning permission in April 2018 and the air quality impacts will be assessed when a formal air quality impact assessment is submitted to the council. It should be emphasised that the heating will be provided by a geothermal well and ground source heat technology rather than biomass combustion, which can only be positive for local air quality.

Other planning applications have included retrospective planning applications for installation of biomass boilers, mainly in rural areas and these were discussed in Section 4.5. One application in an urban setting, which Environmental Health are dealing with at present, is an application for 2 biomass boilers using dried logs as fuel (400kw total output). It is an application involving an old farmhouse and steading in the middle of an urban setting with steeply rising ground to the north and residential houses and flats on the other three sides. As a general rule, Environmental Health would discourage using biomass in an urban setting and particularly log fuelled burners as in our experience log fuelled biomass tend to intermittently produce smoke, which may constitute a nuisance. This may potentially be exacerbated due to steeply rising ground to the north and tenement flats to the south leading to poor dispersal of exhaust gases. Environmental Health have asked for further information including an AQIA.

Both applications will be reported on when the AQIA's are finalised. Other applications include relatively modest housing applications, which will have no significant effect on air quality.

6 Impact of COVID-19 upon LAQM

1. Q/ Did your local authority maintain diffusion tube monitoring networks as normal (exposure and analysis in line with diffusion tube calendar) during 2020, including over the lockdown period?

A/ East Ayrshire Council has had uninterrupted NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring throughout 2020. The only divergence was that the March and April period was merged into one monitoring period.

2. Q/ Did your local authority maintain automatic air quality monitoring sites as normal (LSO visits, etc.) during 2020, including over the lockdown period?

2.1. If no, how and over what time period(s) was automatic monitoring impacted?

A/ East Ayrshire Council maintained automatic monitoring sites as normal throughout 2020. Unfortunately a significant period of PM monitoring was lost due to a failure in the Fidas optical sensor at the Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street site (Station A3). Due to procurement issues no PM monitoring was undertaken from 27th July 2020.

3. Q/ Did your local authority carry out any low-cost monitoring during 2020, including over the lockdown period?

3.1. If yes, outline what types of monitoring were carried out and how these have been impacted by the lockdown period.

A/ In addition to NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring, East Ayrshire Council carried out low cost NO_x and PM monitoring during 2020 for the full calendar year, using an AQ Mesh automatic monitor powered by a solar panel charged battery at Holmhead Cumnock (Station A4). There was no impact in this monitoring due to the pandemic.

4. Q/ Are there any ongoing issues with your local air quality monitoring network related to the Covid-19 response?

4.1. If yes, please provide details as to nature of issues and how these will impact air quality monitoring.

A/ There are no ongoing issues with our local air quality monitoring network related to the Covid-19 response, apart from severe delays in receiving spare parts due to procurement issues. This interrupted PM monitoring at Kilmarnock in 2020 and 2021, and NO_x and PM monitoring at Cumnock in 2021.

5. Q/ Please provide any additional information relating to current or planned local air quality monitoring which may be relevant.

A/ Monitoring is back to normal at the Kilmarnock, St Marnock Monitoring Station. The AQ Mesh will be re-located in the school grounds at the newly opened school due to concerns from the parents regarding pollution from the installed biomass boiler. Two Additional NO₂ diffusion tubes are commissioned around Mauchline Cross due to concerns from parents at the nursery at The Centre Stane, Mauchline Cross. This nursery is the closest school premises to a major road in East Ayrshire. Results will be discussed in the 2022 APR.

The 2020 Lockdown had a substantial impact on NO₂ levels within East Ayrshire. Levels dropped around a third at most roadside location diffusion tubes and around 21% at the automatic monitor in Kilmarnock (Table A.3). Background diffusion tubes also had a noticeable drop from 11.3-13.2 µg/m³, to 8.0 and 8.2 µg/m³. The biggest impact was from the drop in traffic levels from an estimate of 14359 total vehicles in 2019 to 11054 total vehicles in 2020 (Source Dft, Reference 35). PM₁₀ levels were marginally down from 11 to 10 µg/m³ with PM_{2.5} levels down from 7 to 6 µg/m³. A lesser impact on PM levels is expected since the largest element is from non-local sources whereas a large proportion of NO₂ is from local traffic. Data is being analysed by various research agencies and more detail is coming on stream. We will not have a definitive pattern of peoples travelling behaviour until we get to a position of near normality. One worry is people's reluctance to travel by public transport, but hopefully, safety issues can be resolved to encourage people back to using public transport and away from the car. A more detailed time variance analysis of air quality in Kilmarnock is given in Figure 10, and covers the period from 23rd March to 29th May 2020, where traffic levels were at their lowest, giving substantial drops in pollutant levels.

7 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

7.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

New monitoring has not identified any new exceedances of the objectives for any pollutant.

Both automatic and passive monitoring for NO₂ carried out during 2020 resulted in no exceedances of the annual mean Air Quality Objective at all monitoring locations within East Ayrshire (Tables A.1-A.7) where LAQM applies. All LAQM diffusion tube monitoring sites were at 20.5 µg/m³ or below during 2020. All sites were therefore comfortably below the 40 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. The automatic monitor recorded an annual mean NO₂ level of 19 µg/m³ which is the 8th consecutive year at or below 30 µg/m³. Similarly, no exceedances of the hourly mean were recorded for the sixth year in succession. As mentioned previously, it is worth noting that Scotland experienced a relatively prolonged cold spell during the end of 2017 which continued into the spring of 2018. This had led to a short term rise in NO₂ concentrations. This is similar but less pronounced than the cold winters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 with the proviso that the peaks are considerably lower due to the improving long term trend. I am confident, even with a prolonged cold winter annual mean NO₂ levels will remain below the Air Quality Objective in any given year due to the substantial drop in NO₂ levels over recent years.

Automatic monitoring of PM₁₀ at the St. Marnock Street monitoring site using FIDAS technology during 2020 (Tables A.5 and A.6) indicated an annual mean level of 10 µg/m³, significantly below the 18 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective. This is now the sixth year in succession recorded PM₁₀ levels have been well below the annual mean Objective. Two exceedances at Kilmarnock and one exceedance at Cumnock of the PM₁₀ 24-hour Mean (50 µg/m³) occurred during 2019, as previously mentioned, due to forest fires in Russia and Eastern Europe.

PM_{2.5} monitoring commenced at the St. Marnock St., Kilmarnock monitoring site in August 2016. Recorded levels during 2020 indicated an annual mean of 6 µg/m³, significantly below the 10 µg/m³ annual mean Air Quality Objective (Table A7). PM_{2.5} levels have been between 6 µg/m³ and 7 µg/m³ from 2016 to 2020 substantially below the 10 µg/m³ Scottish Air Quality Objective.

There has been a significant downward trend in diffusion tube measured NO₂ annual mean (Tables A.3, Figures A.3 and A.4, long term monitoring sites) since 2007 with no exceedances of the annual mean since 2010. The annual mean PM₁₀ levels measured in Kilmarnock (Table A.5), have been consistently below the annual mean objective since 2013 when measured using TEOM FDMS and FIDAS technology (2015 when measured using BAM 1020 instruments) (Reference 19).

Since PM₁₀ and NO₂ annual mean levels have exceeded the objective levels in past years, further monitoring is necessary to determine whether the downward trend is consistent and air quality objectives are being met, although this would seem to be the case. As mentioned in Section 3, PM_{2.5} levels will be monitored to ascertain actual levels as predicted levels, using the conservative 0.7 factor, suggest levels may be close to the annual mean Air

Quality Objective, although monitoring over four years suggest levels are well within the limits (Table A.7).

7.2 Conclusions relating to New Local Developments

There is only one new local development (since the submission of the 2019 APR) which has the potential to have a **significant** impact on air quality within the East Ayrshire Council area, namely the Halo Development in Kilmarnock, and is summarised in Section 5 Planning Applications. The air quality impact from the development will be covered at the planning application stage.

All the following have been considered for any proposed development:

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

All planning applications with sources which have the potential to impact on air quality will first of all be screened using appropriate guidance, including LAQM (TG16), EPUK and the Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland guidance, and if this indicates significant potential air quality issues the applicant will be asked to submit a detailed assessment.

7.3 Proposed Actions

New monitoring has not identified any new exceedances of the objectives for any pollutant.

Further automatic monitoring for NO₂ will continue within Kilmarnock Town Centre to ascertain whether the downward trend in NO₂ is for the long term and Air Quality Objectives continue to be met and to provide a spread of regional data for Scottish Statistics. Further automatic monitoring for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} will also continue within Kilmarnock Town Centre to ascertain whether Air Quality Objectives continue to be met, and to determine future trends and also to provide a spread of regional data for Scottish Statistics.

Diffusion tube monitoring for NO₂ will also continue throughout East Ayrshire where it is deemed likely that levels are sufficiently high to warrant this (Table A.3). In this respect, monitoring is likely to be concentrated within Kilmarnock Town Centre, Loudoun Road, Newmilns, around Mauchline Cross and Stewarton Town Centre, as well as the aforementioned Barony Campus. Other sites are likely to be de-commissioned where several years monitoring has indicated levels of NO₂ well below Air Quality Objectives.

In the future if any location is subject to substantial change, e.g. substantial change in traffic flow etc., NO₂ diffusion tubes will be used as a screening tool to back up any air quality assessment. With regard to the aforementioned Barony Campus, NO₂ tubes have been located to ascertain pre-development NO₂ levels and will be kept in place to ascertain the actual air quality impact due to the development. Due to concerns from local residents, an AQ Mesh gas/particulate monitor has also been commissioned in a residential estate to the north west of the Barony Campus. This is to determine pollutant levels due to the construction of the new school campus with associated biomass boiler. The AQ Mesh being relatively mobile, will be used in the future to ascertain potential areas where pollutant levels

may be of concern. Two NO₂ diffusion tubes will continue to be located within Kilmarnock bus station to determine future levels.

A funding claim submitted to the Scottish Government Air Quality Grant Scheme in March 2020 was successful and East Ayrshire Council was awarded £62k towards Air Quality Action Plan Initiatives.

East Ayrshire Council will continue to monitor PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} to ensure compliance with the Scottish Air Quality Objectives and ascertain whether downward trends are continuing.

The next course of action for East Ayrshire Council will therefore be the submission of the 2021 Annual Progress Report, continuation of NO₂ and particulate monitoring, implementation of measures in progress (Table 2.2a and 2.2b) and the further introduction of new measures to reduce pollutant levels.

Appendix A: Monitoring Results

Table A.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Inlet Height (m)
A3	Kilmarnock , St. Marnock St. Monitoring Station	Roadside	242742	637705	NO ₂ ; PM ₁₀ ; PM _{2.5}	NO	Chemiluminescent; BAM(2016) FIDAS(Aug 2016 on)	0	3.18; 3.54	2.13; 2.30
A4	Cumnock, Holmhead Rd.	Roadside	256229	620539	NO ₂ ; PM ₁₀	NO	AQ Mesh	0	1.40	2.50; 2.50

Notes:

(1) 0m if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on the façade of a residential property).

(2) N/A if not applicable.

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

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT1	Fowlds Street/King Street Junction, Kilmarnock	Kerbside	242805	637620	NO ₂	NO	2.57	0.43	N	2.95
DT2	8 John Finnie Street., Kilmarnock	Roadside	242715	638135	NO ₂	NO	0.21	3.37	N	2.95
DT3	23 Lainshaw Street, Stewarton	Roadside	241901	645818	NO ₂	NO	2.35	0.70	N	2.95
DT4	40 Main Street, Newmilns	Roadside	253601	637310	NO ₂	NO	0.60	2.50	N	2.95
DT6	8A Kilmarnock Road, Mauchline	Roadside	249826	627335	NO ₂	NO	2.32	0.36	N	2.95
DT11	96 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock	Roadside	242656	637874	NO ₂	NO	3.73	0.47	N	2.95
DT12	74 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock	Roadside	242668	637929	NO ₂	NO	3.03	0.67	N	2.95
DT14	95/97 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock	Roadside	242619	637773	NO ₂	NO	0.63	2.99	N	2.95

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT15	16 West George Street, Kilmarnock	Roadside	242776	638159	NO ₂	NO	0.87	1.58	N	2.95
DT17	23/25 Loudoun Road, Newmilns	Roadside	253204	637237	NO ₂	NO	0.46	1.48	N	2.95
DT24	5/7 Earl Grey Street, Mauchline	Roadside	249894	627233	NO ₂	NO	0.67	3.60	N	2.95
DT27	Junction King Street/St. Marnock Street, Kilmarnock	Kerbside	242771	637714	NO ₂	NO	2.11	0.45	N	2.95
DT32	Kay Park, Kilmarnock	Urban Background	243302	638259	NO ₂	NO	N/A	N/A	N	2.95
DT33	Howard Park, Kilmarnock	Urban Background	242581	637409	NO ₂	NO	N/A	N/A	N	2.95
DT44A	Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street Monitoring Station	Roadside	242742	637705	NO ₂	NO	0	3.18	Y	2.13
DT44B	Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street Monitoring Station	Roadside	242742	637705	NO ₂	NO	0	3.18	Y	2.13
DT44C	Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street Monitoring Station	Roadside	242742	637705	NO ₂	NO	0	3.18	Y	2.13

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
DT45	Kilmarnock Bus Station, Stance 2	N/A	242941	638030	NO ₂	NO	N/A	N/A	N	2.95
DT46	Kilmarnock Bus Station, Stance 6	N/A	242957	638052	NO ₂	NO	N/A	N/A	N	2.95
DT52	Knockroon Learning Campus, Ayr Road Entrance West	Roadside	256367	619894	NO ₂	NO	0.24	1.86	N	2.95
DT53	Knockroon Learning Campus, Ayr Road Entrance East	Roadside	256427	619897	NO ₂	NO	0.23	1.85	N	2.95
DT54	Knockroon Learning Campus, Auchinleck Road Entrance North	Roadside	256144	620585	NO ₂	NO	0.21	1.37	N	2.95
DT55	Knockroon Learning Campus, Auchinleck Road Entrance South	Roadside	256197	620525	NO ₂	NO	0.30	1.70	N	2.95

Notes:

(1) 0m if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on/adjacent to the façade of a residential property).

(2) N/A if not applicable.

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

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A3	Roadside	Automatic	N/A	99.49	29	29	30	24	19
A4	Roadside	Automatic	N/A	97.6				14	16
DT1	Kerbside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	25.2	29.0	24.1	23.9	14.5
DT2	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	26.5	29.3	23.0	26.5	15.6
DT3	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	20.9	25.9	21.4	22.8	15.1
DT4	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	23.2	25.6	21.0	21.2	15.4
DT6	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	24.1	22.8	19.4	21.7	13.5
DT11	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	28.1	26.4	22.7	22.3	15.3
DT12	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7	27.0	27.0	24.3	25.5	18.8
DT14	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	29.8	32.4	25.6	28.0	20.5
DT15	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7	29.0	33.7	25.1	25.7	19.9
DT17	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	27.2	26.0	22.4	21.3	14.8
DT24	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	29.7	28.5	22.3	23.7	15.7
DT27	Kerbside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	83.3	29.9	29.8	24.3	25.8	15.8
DT32	Urban Background	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	10.6	10.9	9.8	11.3	8.0
DT33	Urban Background	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.2	8.2
DT44A	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7	25.5	26.2	20.8	21.6	16.8
DT44B	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100	24.3	24.3	21.6	22.4	16.7
DT44C	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7	22.8	28.4	21.1	22.0	17.0
DT44A-C Average	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	94.4	24.2	26.3	21.2	22.0	16.8
DT45	N/A	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100		53.8	26.3	24.6	16.9
DT46	N/A	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100		55.8	32.1	25.4	17.3
DT52	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100		15.2	10.0	14.5	8.5
DT53	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	100		14.0	11.5	13.4	9.6
DT54	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7		11.5	11.3	10.3	7.9
DT55	Roadside	Diffusion Tube	N/A	91.7		10.0	10.4	11.4	11.3

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**.

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG(16) if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

- (1) Data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.
- (2) Data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).

Table A.4 – 1-Hour Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m³

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A3	Roadside	Automatic	N/A	99.49	0	0	0	0	0
A4	Roadside	Automatic	N/A	97.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0

Notes:

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

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

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

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

Figure A.1 Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic Monitor 2012-2020

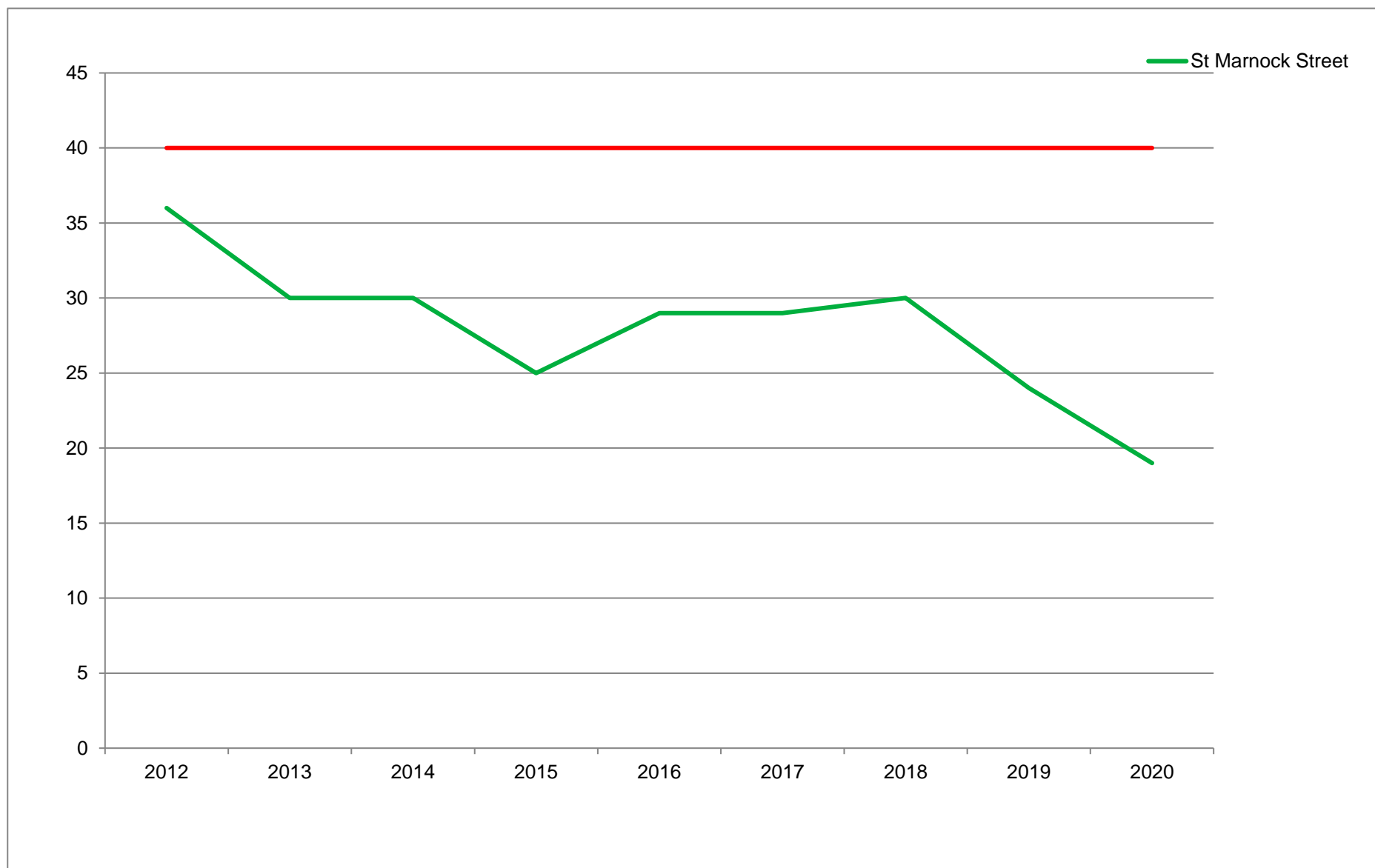


Figure A.2 Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic Monitor Linear 2012-2020

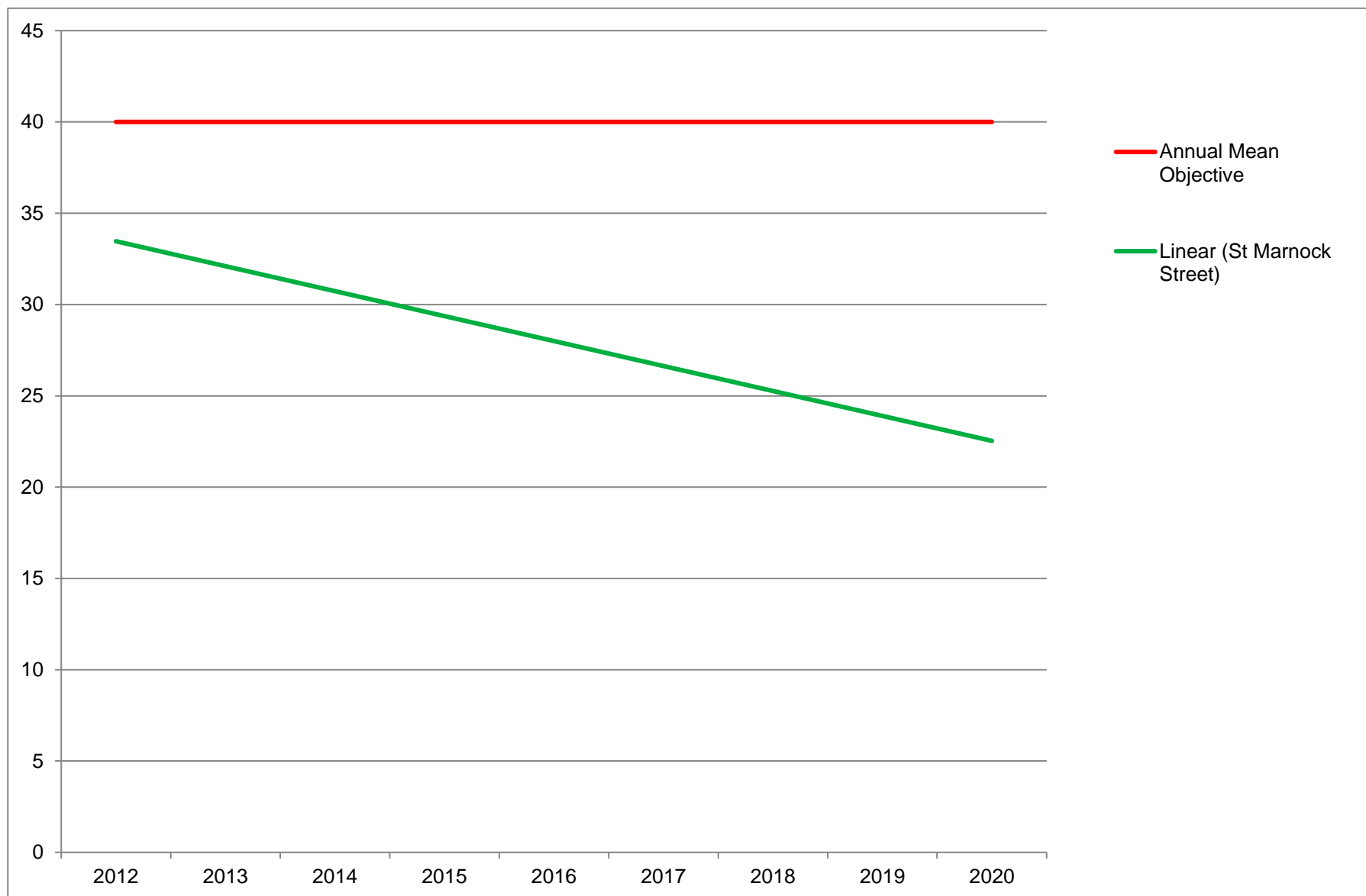


Figure A.3 Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations Measured at Long Term Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites 2007-2020

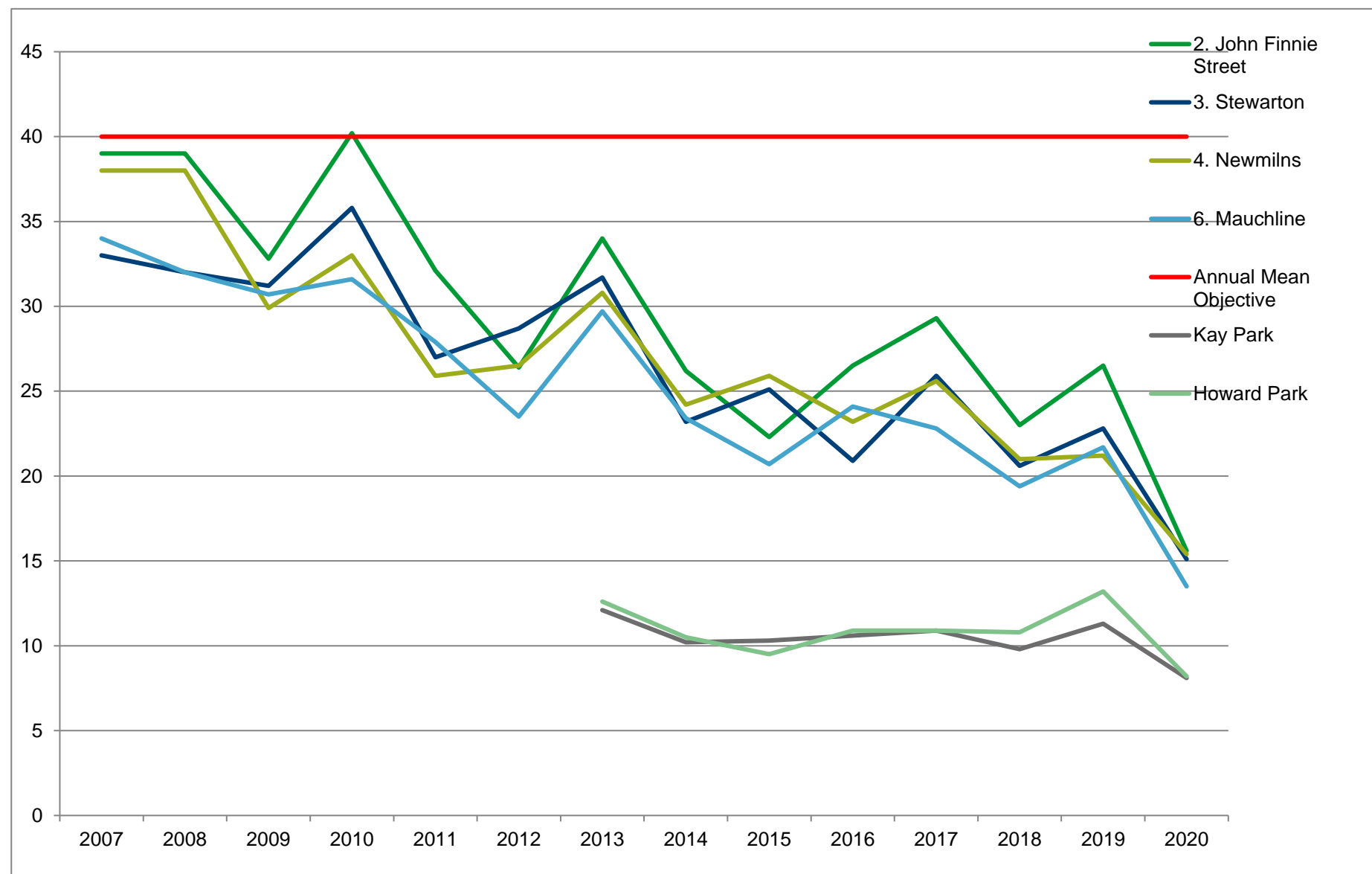


Figure A.4 Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations Measured at Long Term Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites Linear 2007-2020

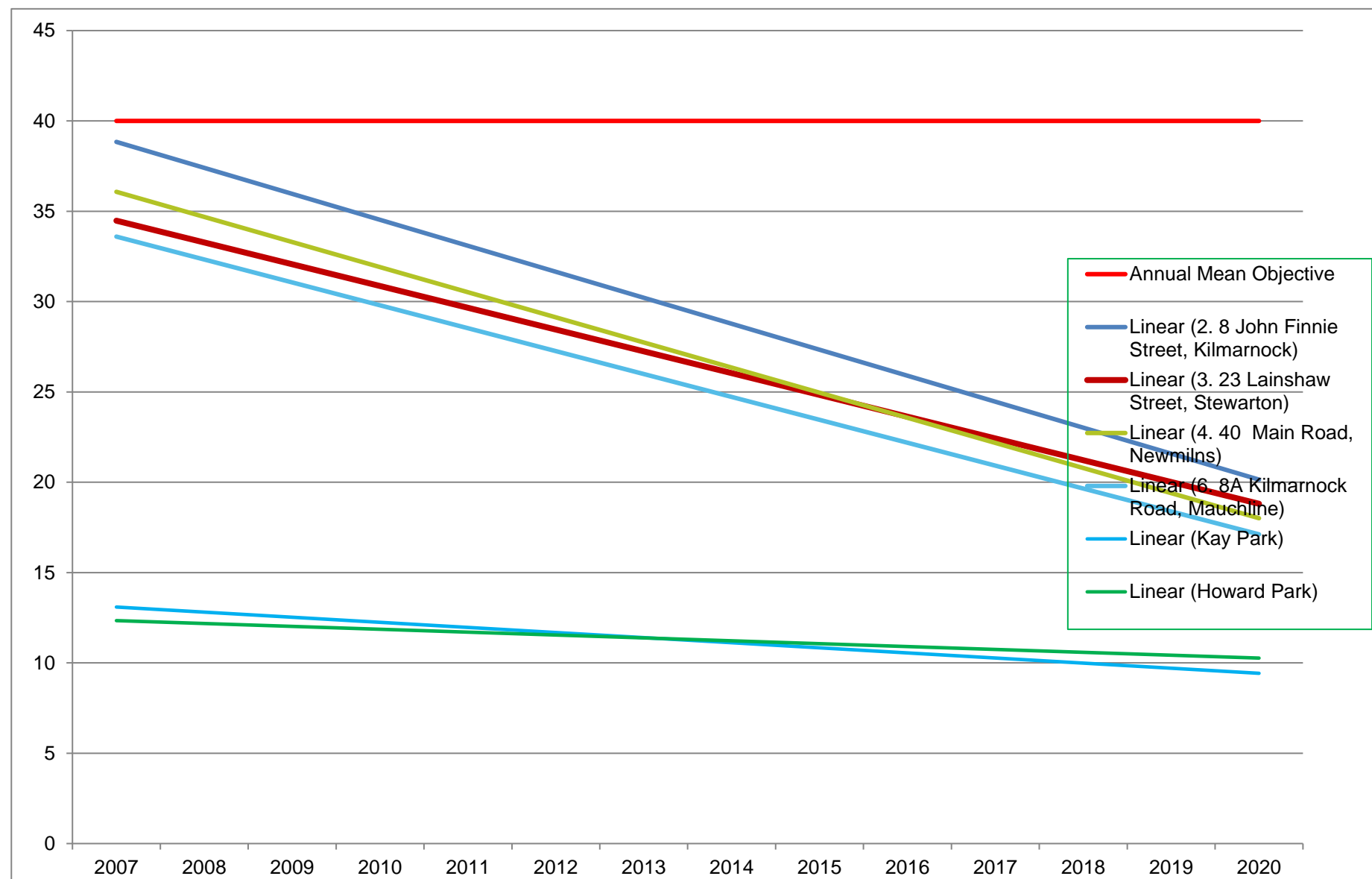


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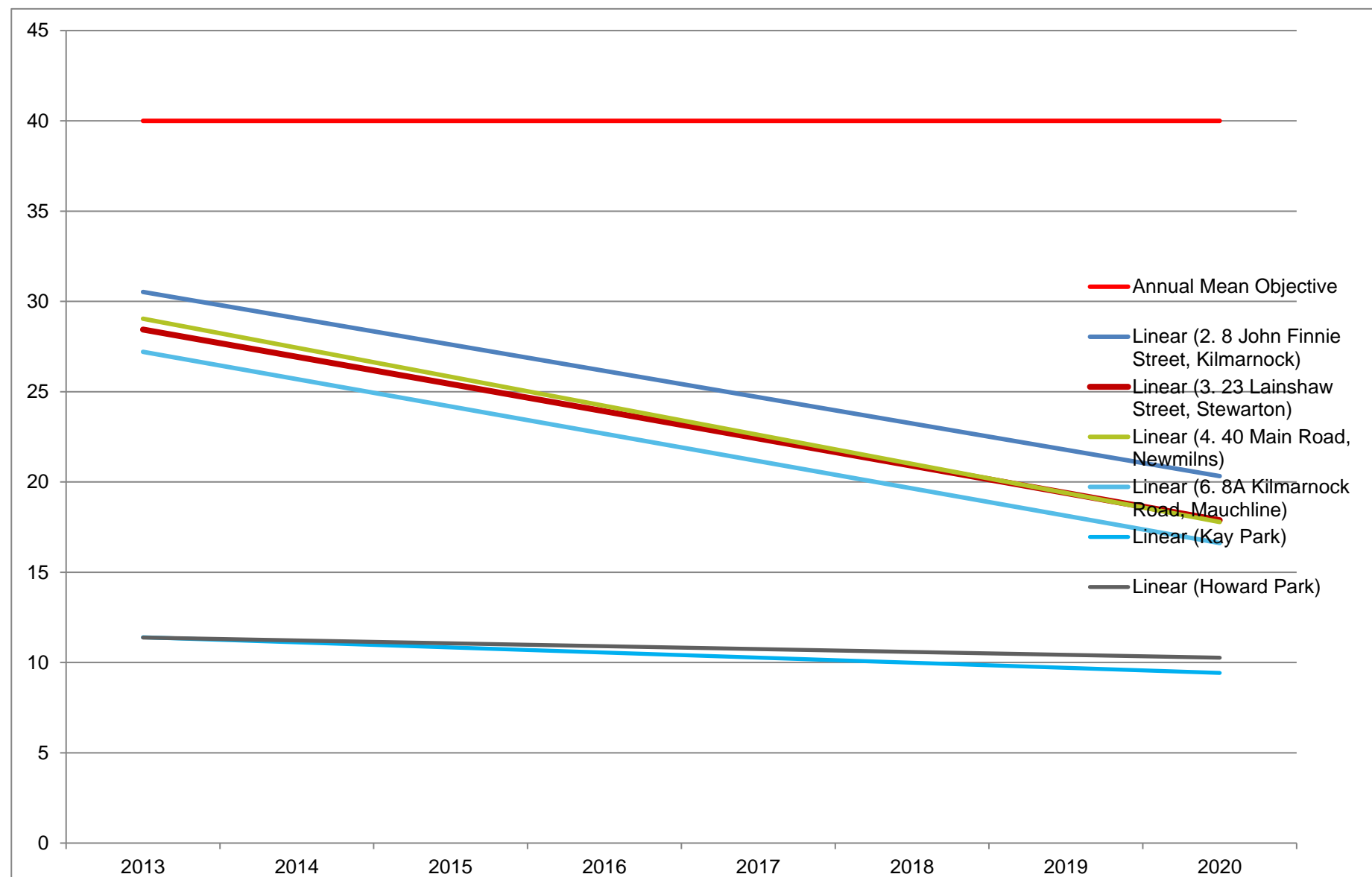


Table A.5 – Annual Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

Site ID	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A3(BAM)	Roadside	N/A	N/A	14				
A3(FIDAS)	Roadside	N/A	50.25	11	11	11	11	10
A4	Roadside	N/A	91.7				9	9

Notes:

Exceedances of the PM₁₀ annual mean objective of 18 µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG(16), valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75% (shown in blue).

See Appendix C for details.

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

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

Table A.6 – 24-Hour Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results, Number of PM₁₀ 24-Hour Means > 50µg/m³

Site ID	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A3(BAM)	Roadside	N/A	N/A	0				
A3(FIDAS)	Roadside	N/A	50.25	0	0	0	2	0(25 µg/m ³)
A4	Roadside	N/A	91.6				1	0

Notes:

Exceedances of the PM₁₀ 24-hour mean objective (50 µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than seven times/year) are shown in **bold**.

If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 98.1st percentile of 24-hour means is provided in brackets.

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

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

Table A.7 – Annual Mean PM_{2.5} Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

Site ID	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) ⁽²⁾	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
A3	Roadside	N/A	50.25	6(annualised)	6	6	7	6
A4	Roadside	N/A	91.6				8	5

Notes:

Exceedances of the PM_{2.5} annual mean objective of 10 µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG(16), valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75% (shown in blue).

See Appendix C for details.

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

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

Figure A.6 Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic 2012-2020

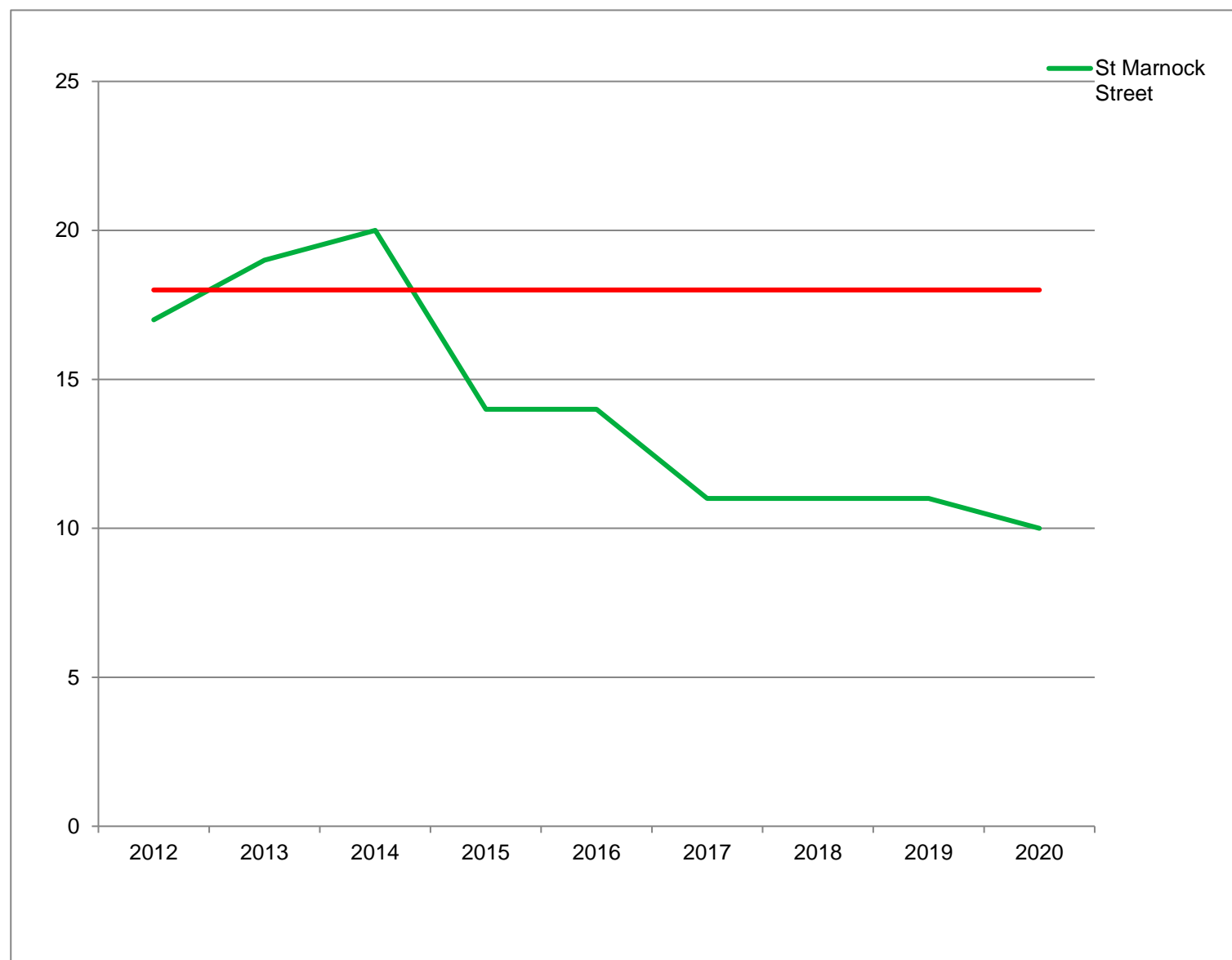


Figure A.7 Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic Monitor – Linear 2012-2020

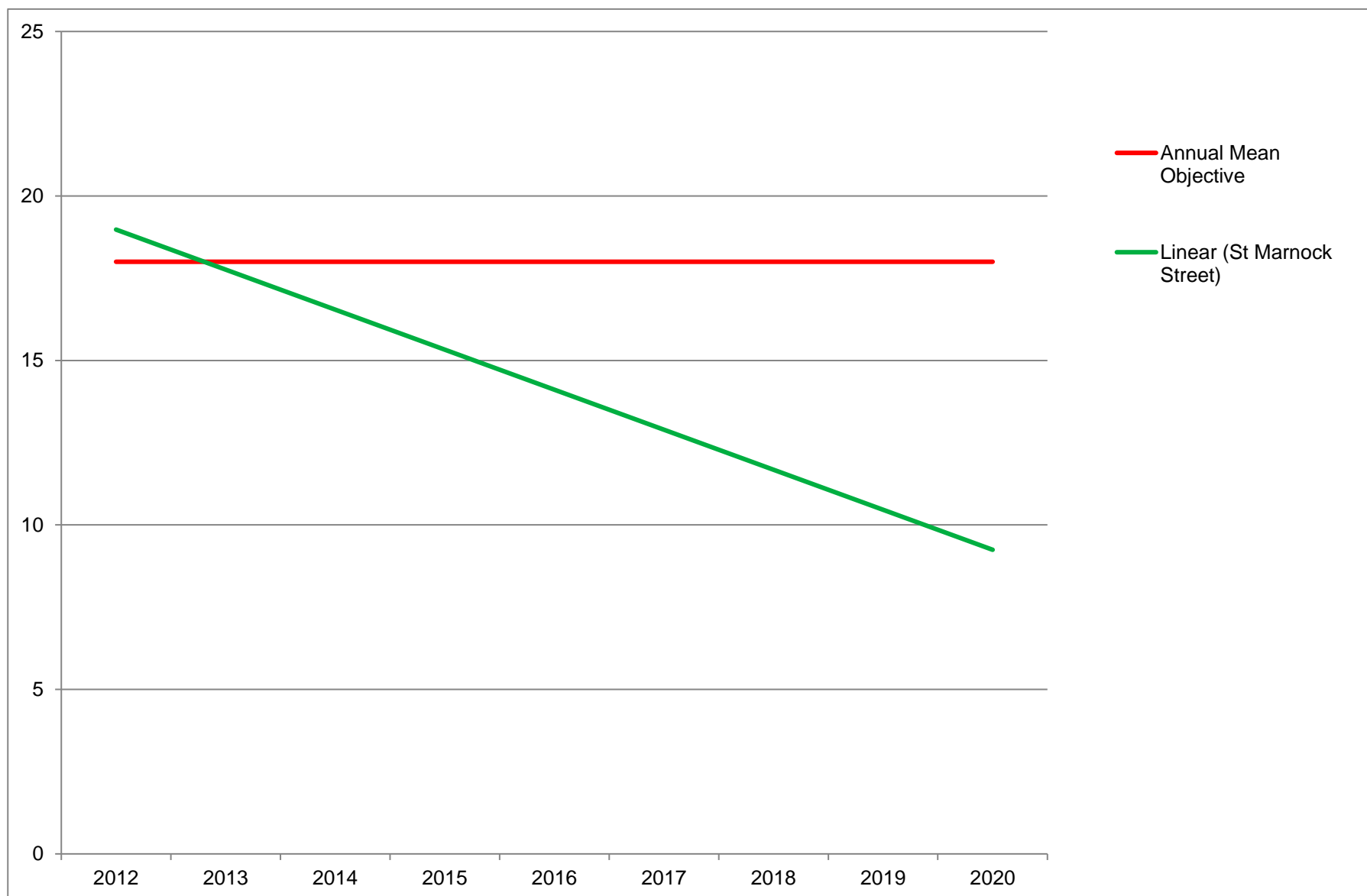


Figure A.8 Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic Fidas Monitor – Linear 2016-2020

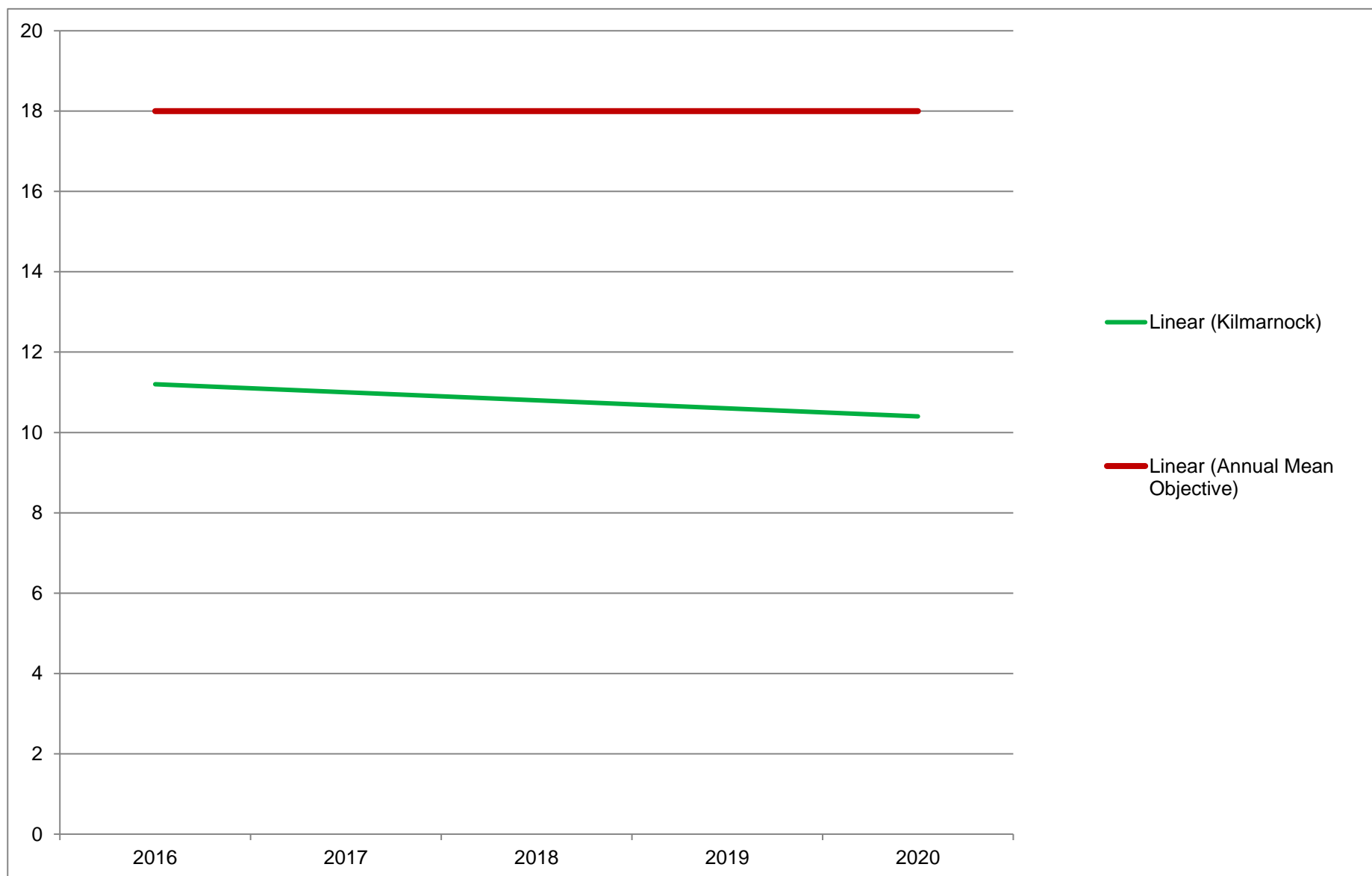


Figure A.9 Trends in Annual Mean PM_{2.5} Concentrations Measured at Kilmarnock St. Marnock Street Automatic Fidas Monitor – Linear 2016-2020

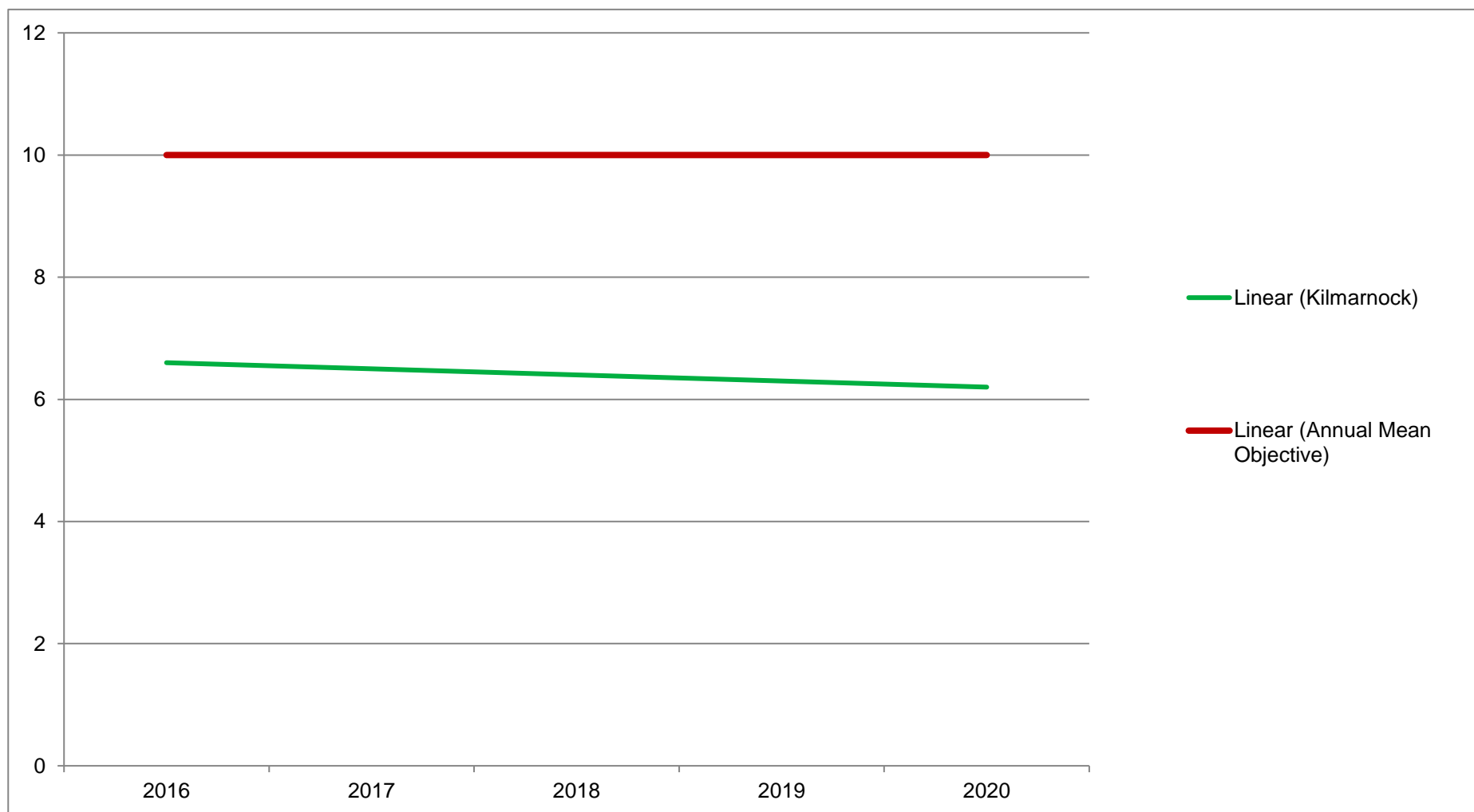


Figure A.10 COVID19 lockdown - Time Variance Analysis of Air Quality in Kilmarnock

COVID19 lockdown - Time Variance Analysis of Air Quality in Kilmarnock

Introduction

The current lockdown measures in place to control the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a dramatic drop in road traffic within Scotland's cities. It is well established that road traffic is the main source of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) within these cities and so it is safe to assume that nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) concentrations will have decreased during the lockdown. The current situation provides an opportunity to investigate what improved air quality within Scotland's cities could look like in the future.

In addition to NO₂, particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) is of great interest. Analysis of PM is more difficult due to the secondary nature where particles are formed through chemical reactions of other pollutants; and transboundary nature, where PM forms and travels over long distances. As a result, both the weather e.g. where the air mass originated from, and emissions from elsewhere (e.g. Europe) can have a much greater impact on local concentrations.

The following summary analysis provides an indication of the extent of the reduction in NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at [East Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock St](#).

It is important to note that this type of analysis doesn't take into account the important influence of weather on ambient pollutant concentrations. More detailed analysis for NO_x can be found [here](#).

Note that the 2020 data are provisional at the time of carrying out this analysis and will be subject to further quality control.

Analysis

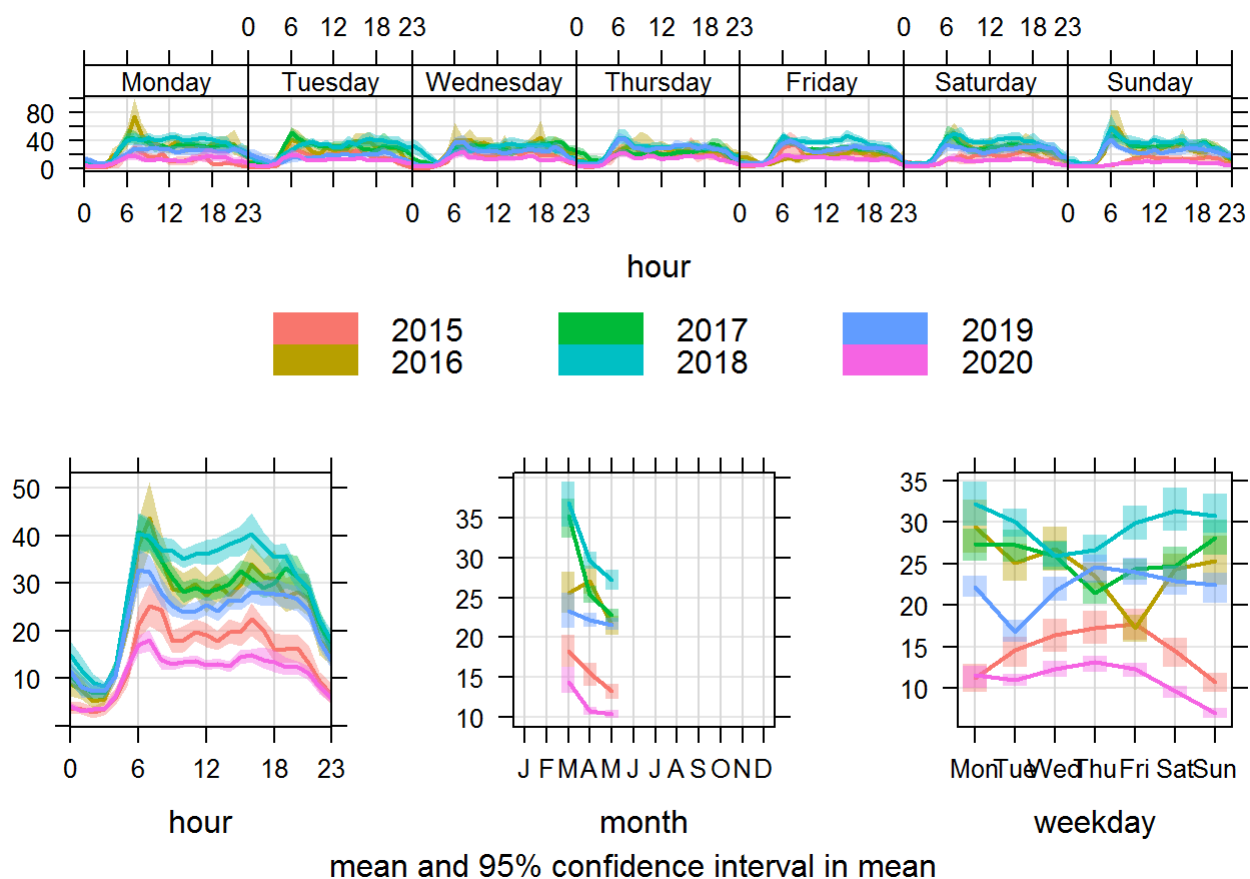
Figures 1 to 3 show NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations measured, respectively, between 23 March and 29 May in the years 2015 to 2020. The data indicate that NO₂ concentrations have dropped by between 27% and 63% from previous years. As discussed above changes in particulate matter as a result of lockdown are less clear. PM₁₀ concentrations in 2020 were between 8% and 27% less than that measured in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019. However, concentrations were 10% higher in 2020 than in 2018. Similarly for PM_{2.5}: concentrations were between 0% and 22% lower than that measured in 2017 and 2019, but 17% higher than measured in 2018. Note that PM_{2.5} data are only available from 2017.

Time Variation Plots

The [Time Variation](#) plot shows pollutant concentrations by day of the week, mean hour of day and a combined hour of day – day of week plot and a monthly plot. Also shown on the plots is the 95 % confidence interval in the mean, which can be helpful when trying to determine whether there is a significant difference between the comparison years.

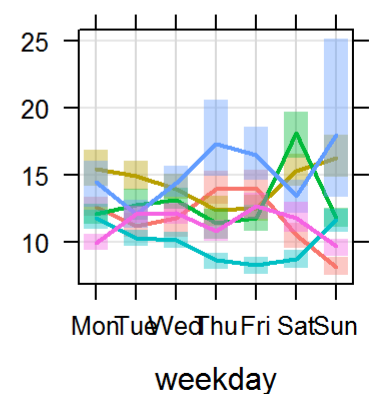
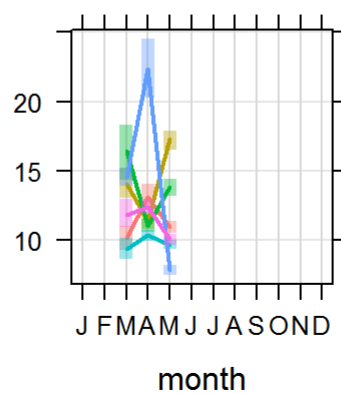
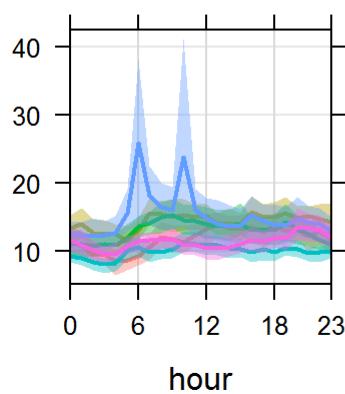
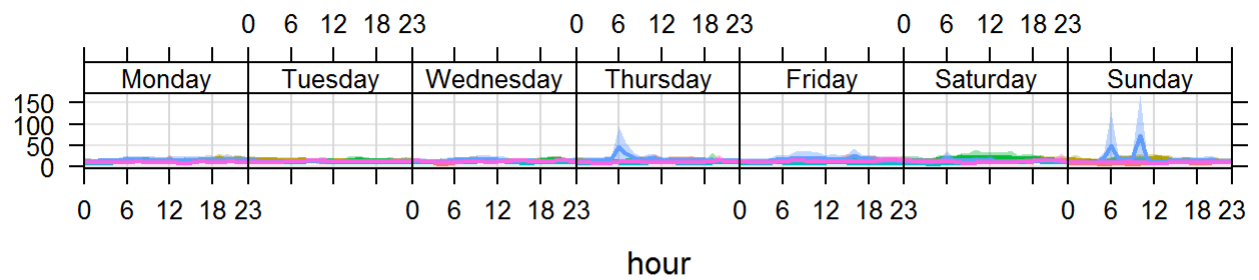
NO₂

Figure 1 - NO₂ concentrations between 23 March and 29 May in the years 2015 to 2020 at East Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock St ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



PM₁₀

Figure 2 - PM₁₀ concentrations between 23 March and 29 May in the years 2015 to 2020 at East Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock St ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



mean and 95% confidence interval in mean

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

St Marnock St

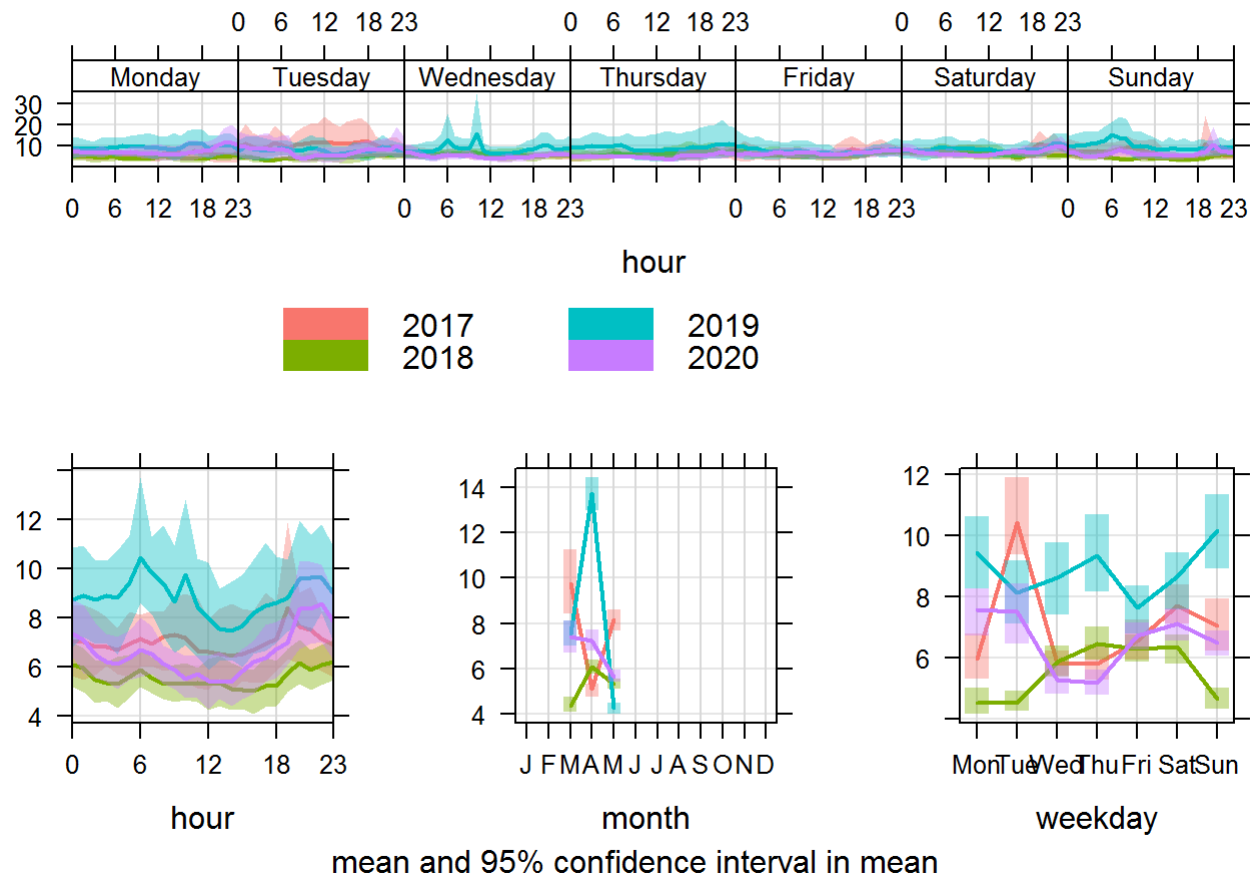
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% drop in 2020 concentrations relative to comparison year
(23 March - 29 May)

-8% -21% -15% +10% -27% -

PM_{2.5}

Figure 3 - PM_{2.5} concentrations between 23 March and 29 May in the years 2015 to 2020 at East Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock St ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



2017 2018 2019 2020

St Marnock St

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% drop in 2020 concentrations relative to comparison year (23 March - 29 May)

0% +17% -22% -

Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion NO₂ Tube Results (µg/m³) for 2020

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

Site ID	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Bias Adjusted ⁽¹⁾
DT1	22.1	20.5	18.8	18.8	8.5	13.9	8.4	9.4	12.7	10.7	16.4	21	15.10	14.50
DT2	20.6	22.1	15.8	15.8	8.6	15.7		16.7	9.7	8.4	16.5	21.9	14.72	15.62
DT3	20.1	22.4	16.5	16.5	10.5	15.4	5.1	20.2	15.3	8.7	13.9	23.9	15.71	15.08
DT4	18.8	26.3	14.4	14.4	8.9	18.9	14.4	16.2	13.4	9.3	15.9	21.6	16.04	15.40
DT6	14.6	15.7	15.1	15.1	7.9	16.5	11.5	15.1	17.6	8.4	11.5	19.7	14.06	13.50
DT11	19.1	18.5	15.6	15.6	6.8	15.2	10.8	22.1	19.4	9.5	20.7	18.1	15.95	15.31
DT12	24	22.9	19.5	19.5		16.8	12.1	25.1	15.9	13.8	27.6	18.7	19.63	18.84
DT14	27.4	27.1	21.2	21.2	10.9	21.3	22.7	26.7	22.8	7.5	20.7	27.3	21.40	20.54
DT15	24.1	33.8	21.5	21.5	13.5		18	18.3	11.7	17.2	27.4	20.8	20.71	19.88
DT17	21	26.3	15.8	15.8	6.8	13.5	12.7	13	8.6	11.7	15.6	24.3	15.43	14.81
DT24	20.7	24.8	14.7	14.7	10.1	17.6	14.4	20.5	11.6	6.7	15	26	16.40	15.74
DT27	21.7	26.3	14.3	14.3	14.5			12.5	16.5	6.6	16.7	21.5	16.49	15.83
DT32	12.8	12.3	7.1	7.1	3.5	6.3	7	2.3	9.7	4.5	12.1	15.3	8.33	8.00
DT33	10.4	8.6	9.9	9.9	6.7	6.4	4.6	6.6	8.5	3.1	12.1	15.1	8.49	8.15
DT44A	18.1	22.5	16.6	16.6	11.1	13.3	14.4	21.2	21.6	14.4	22.7		17.50	16.80
DT44B	20.3	23.1	17.4	17.4	12.8	17.1	15.5	24	19	5.3	11.7	25.2	17.40	16.70
DT44C	21.6	22.4	18.6	18.6	15.1	14.3	15.4	26	18.9	7.5	15.9		17.66	16.96
DT45	29	26	14.3	14.3	8.9	12.5	20.5	24	21.4	9.1	14.9	16.8	17.64	16.94
DT46	33.1	27.3	17.9	17.9	10.2	14.3	20	26.8	8.3	10.9	20	9.3	18.00	17.28
DT52	9.9	17.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	10.5	9	12.1	8.2	3.2	6.4	10.3	8.85	8.50
DT53	8.3	10.3	8.4	8.4	5	9.8	9.7	11.5	24.5	2.6	8.1	13.2	9.98	9.58
DT54	9.1	13.2	6.5	6.5	5.6		6.9	7.7	11.6	3.3	8.8	11.6	8.25	7.92
DT55	13.9	17.1	9.6	9.6		6.1	7.9	7.1	9.4	6.2	24.4	17.9	11.75	11.28

Notes:

(1) See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment

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

New or Changed Sources Identified Within East Ayrshire Council During 2020

As discussed in Section 4, New Local Developments and Section 5, has not identified any new sources relating to air quality which will have a **significant** effect on Local Air Quality within the reporting year of 2020.

Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by East Ayrshire Council During 2020

East Ayrshire Council has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2020.

QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Monitoring Procedure

East Ayrshire follows the procedures outlined in LAQM TG (16) 7.185 for deploying NO₂ diffusion tubes. Normally the deployment dates in the Diffusion Tube Monitoring Calendar are strictly followed but due to issues with the pandemic the March and April 2020 periods were combined.

The nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes are placed at each location by East Ayrshire Council to give 12 periods within the calendar year. All diffusion tubes are placed at a height of 2.95m to give a reasonable representation of the air people breathe, but at a height that limits vandalism. After either a four or a five-week period, the exposed tubes are replaced and sent to the laboratory for analysis. All exposure times and dates are recorded and sent to the laboratory with the exposed tubes. East Ayrshire Council also sends one unexposed tube with each batch to check that there has been no contamination while in transit or storage. Selection of diffusion tube sites and instructions for exposing diffusing tubes were carried out using the latest guidance issued by AEA from the work completed by the Working Group on Harmonisation of Diffusion Tubes (Reference 3). The supply of the tubes and analysis is undertaken by Glasgow Scientific Services (GSS) – part of Glasgow City Council. The laboratory is UKAS accredited for the analysis and also participates in two centralised QA/QC schemes; the Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (now the AIR NO₂ Proficiency Testing Scheme)(Reference 4) and a monthly field inter-comparison exercise managed by Bureau Veritas, in which diffusion tubes are co-located with an automatic analyser. The AIR/WASP scheme is an independent analytical proficiency - testing scheme (PT), operated by the Health and Safety laboratory (HSL). For the 5 rounds from July 2019 to August 2020 GSS obtained 4 rounds at 100% and one round at 50% giving a combined score of 90% which were subsequently determined to be **satisfactory** based on the z-score system (Reference 4). Over a rolling five round AIR/WASP window one would expect that 95% of laboratory results should be within the criteria set within the scheme. If this percentage is substantially lower than 95% for a particular laboratory, within this 5 round

window, then one can conclude that the laboratory in question may have significant systemic sources of bias in their assay. It should be noted that GSS did not report any results during the May-June 2020 and July-August 2020 rounds due to the pandemic. GSS follow the procedures set out in the Harmonisation Practical Guidance and prepares the Palmes-Type diffusion tubes using the 20% Triethanolamine (TEA) in water.

The diffusion tube method is open to a degree of uncertainty inherent in the method. To partially correct for this uncertainty, a bias adjustment factor is applied. To calculate bias adjustment, triplicate tubes from Glasgow Scientific Services are co-located with chemiluminescence automatic analysers at various locations throughout West Central Scotland. The tubes are placed within 1m of the analyser inlet and 10cm apart. The co-located tubes are prepared, handled and analysed in exactly the same way as those from the other (non co-located) monitoring sites in the survey. Co-location data questionnaires are completed and sent to The National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, London. GSS also participate in the Bureau Veritas Marylebone laboratory inter-comparison study (Reference 23). At the time of writing June 2020, 10 sites, including the Marylebone Road site in London were present on the spreadsheet. A resultant bias adjustment is then computed for each site. A combined bias adjustment is then calculated from these 10 sites using orthogonal regression to allow for both the uncertainty in both the automatic monitor and the diffusion tubes. The uncertainty of the diffusion tube has been assumed to be double that of the automatic monitor. For 2020 the overall bias adjustment factor was computed at **0.96**. The bias adjustment factor applied to the raw annual means of the diffusion tubes was therefore **0.96** for 2020 data. Precision and Bias Adjustment Data (Reference 20) are shown in Appendix C. We are awaiting automated monitoring data from Ricardo and a local bias factor will be added to the National Bias Spreadsheet and will be discussed in the 2022 APR. From past reports it will have no significant bearing on the results.

The decision to use the combined bias adjustment factor has been taken for the following reasons:-

- The survey consists of tubes exposed over a range of settings, which differ substantially from the co-location site. The co-location site at St. Marnock St., Kilmarnock is relatively open site adjacent to a carpark. This is unlike the vast majority of the other diffusion tube sites throughout East Ayrshire, which tend to have building facades adjacent to them – refer to site photographs below.
- The laboratory used by East Ayrshire Council, Glasgow Scientific Services, has had issues with poor precision.
- When any bias factor is calculated, local or national, it is always preferable to have **multiple** sites to iron out individual site anomalies.

St. Marnock St., Kilmanock



Kilmarnock, St. Marnock St. Monitoring Station - Carpark Looking South





John Finnie St., Kilmarnock – Typical NO₂ Diffusion Tube on Street Locations



Diffusion Tube Annualisation

All diffusion tube monitoring locations within East Ayrshire Council recorded data capture > 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any diffusion tube monitoring data.

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

East Ayrshire Council have applied a national bias adjustment factor of 0.96 to the 2020 monitoring data. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by East Ayrshire Council over the past five years is presented in Table C.1.

Table C.1 – Bias Adjustment Factor

Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2020	National	03/21	0.96
2019	National	03/20	0.86
2018	National	03/19	0.86
2017	National	03/18	0.91
2016	National	06/17	0.97

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

No diffusion tube NO₂ monitoring locations within the East Ayrshire Council area are required distance correction during 2020 since all diffusion tube recorded levels were 20.5 µg/m³ or less.

QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring

The maintenance of the monitoring site at Kilmarnock is carried out by Air Monitors. This involves routine servicing and provision for emergency callouts as required. Manual calibration, zero and span checks are carried out monthly by Air Monitors. The manual span check consists of a gas of known concentration being passed through the NO_x analyser and the measured concentration being recorded for rescaling. Servicing is carried out at six monthly intervals by Air Monitors. The Kilmarnock site is part of the Scottish Air Quality Network and is audited twice yearly by Ricardo on behalf of the Scottish Government. Ricardo also undertake the data management for the site. Since the installation of web loggers, the data is checked daily by East Ayrshire Council Environmental Health staff to ensure there are no faults showing with any of the analysers and the data looks credible. Ricardo and Air Monitors also check the data at regular intervals and e-mail or telephone Environmental Health if any problems occur. An officer from Environmental Health will attend the site to rectify any problems found, often in consultation with an engineer from Air Monitors. If the problem cannot be rectified by Environmental Health staff, Air Monitors attend the site and rectify the faults found. Air Monitors, or an officer from Environmental

Health, carry out any routine filter changes, inlet cleaning etc. as recommended in the equipment instruction manual. At the request of Ricardo manual calibration checks are now carried out in preference to automatic calibrations due to some technical issues with the latter method. Regular visits to the monitoring sites are also good practice as any other faults, which may arise from time to time, can be picked up and quickly rectified.

Ricardo undertakes quality control of the automatic data for the Kilmarnock site. The QA/QC procedures follow the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(16) (Reference 1) and are equivalent to those used at UK National Network monitoring sites (Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN)). This gives a high degree of confidence in the data obtained for reliable concentrations at the automatic sites. Once the calibration factors have been applied Ricardo carry out monthly Data Validation. In essence, the data is screened by visual examination to determine if it contains spurious and/or unusual measurements. Any suspicious data, such as large spikes or high concentrations are “flagged” or marked to be investigated more fully. At three monthly intervals Ricardo carry out Data Ratification. This involves thorough checking of the data to ensure it is reliable and consistent. Essentially the data ratification procedure involves a critical review of all information relating to a particular data set in order to verify, amend or reject the data. When the data has been ratified, Ricardo present the final data set to be used in Review and Assessment Process. BAM PM₁₀ data was corrected for slope using a factor of 0.83333 to give an Indicative Gravimetric Equivalent (Reference 8). The Air Pollution Reports produced by Ricardo on behalf of the Scottish Government can be found in Appendix C. Live Data is available via the Scottish Air Quality Website (Reference 10).

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

No automatic NO₂ monitoring locations within the East Ayrshire Council area required distance correction during 2020.

PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Monitoring Adjustment

BAM PM₁₀ data was corrected for slope using a factor of 0.83333 to give an Indicative Gravimetric Equivalent (Reference 8). A BAM1020 was last used in 2016.

The type of PM₁₀/PM_{2.5} monitor (Fidas) utilised within East Ayrshire Council since August 2016 does not require the application of a correction factor. This may change in the future as Ricardo are running trials collocating a Fidas Monitor with a Reference Monitor. Early data suggests the Fidas maybe under reading, particularly at roadside and more so at kerbside locations. East Ayrshire Council levels of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are substantially below the Scottish Air Quality Objects and the suggested correction should have no significant effect on the conclusions.

Automatic Monitoring Annualisation

Due to technical and procurement issues the data capture was only 50.25% for PM₁₀/PM_{2.5} at the Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street Monitoring site in 2020 and therefore the data required annualisation.

Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

Where only short-term periods of monitoring data are available, the results may be adjusted to estimate an annual mean concentration using the approach set out in Technical Guidance LAQM Technical Guidance (TG16; Box 7.9)((Reference 1).

Adjustment to estimate annual mean

The adjustment is based on the fact that patterns in pollutant concentrations usually affect a wide region. Thus if a six month average is above average at one place it will almost certainly be above average at other locations in the region. The adjustment procedure is as follows:-

1. Three long term, continuous monitoring sites, from the Scottish Automatic Urban and Rural Network, within 50 miles were identified: Coatbridge Whifflet, Glasgow Waulkmillglen Reservoir and Glasgow Townhead.
2. The results of the annual mean, **Am**, for these sites in 2020 were obtained from The Scottish Air Quality Website (Reference 10).
3. The period means, **Pm**, for 2020 were obtained for the months of the short term monitoring in East Ayrshire.
4. The Ratio, **R**, of the annual mean/period mean (**Am/Pm**) for each of the sites was then calculated.
5. The average of these ratios, **R_a**, was then calculated to give an adjustment factor.
6. The measured period mean **M** was multiplied by the adjustment factor **R_a** to give the estimate of the annual mean for 2020 (Table C.2).

Table C.2 – Annualisation PM₁₀/PM_{2.5} Summary (concentrations presented in µg/m³)

	PM₁₀ Annual Mean (Am)	Period Mean (Pm) 01/01/2020-27/07/2020	Ratio (R) = Am/Pm
Coatbridge Whifflet	7.67	7.96	0.964
Glasgow Townhead	8.82	9.13	0.966
Glasgow Townhead	6.94	7.25	0.957
		Average (Ra)	0.962

	PM_{2.5} Annual Mean (Am)	Period Mean (Pm) 01/01/2020-27/07/2020	Ratio (R) = Am/Pm
Coatbridge Whifflet	4.34	4.36	0.995
Glasgow Townhead	4.96	5.13	0.967
Glasgow Townhead	4.15	4.38	0.947
		Average (Ra)	0.970

	PM₁₀ Period Mean (Pm) 01/01/2020- 27/07/2020	Average (Ra)	PM₁₀ Annual Mean (Am)
Kilmarnock, St. Marnock St.	10.12	0.962	9.74

	PM_{2.5} Period Mean (Pm) 01/01/2020- 27/07/2020	Average (Ra)	PM_{2.5} Annual Mean (Am)
Kilmarnock, St. Marnock St.	5.75	0.970	5.58

Table C.3 – National Bias Adjustment Calculations

QA/QC Data: Defra and The Devolved Administrations, Spreadsheet of Bias Adjustment Factors, Version Number 03/20

National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factor Spreadsheet						Spreadsheet Version Number: 03/21				
<p>Follow the steps below in the correct order to show the results of relevant co-location studies</p> <p>Data only apply to tubes exposed monthly and are not suitable for correcting individual short-term monitoring periods</p> <p>Whenever presenting adjusted data, you should state the adjustment factor used and the version of the spreadsheet</p> <p>This spreadsheet will be updated every few months: the factors may therefore be subject to change. This should not discourage their immediate use.</p> <p>The LAQM Helpdesk is operated on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations by Bureau Veritas, in conjunction with contract partners AECOM and the National Physical Laboratory.</p> <p>Spreadsheet maintained by the National Physical Laboratory. Original compiled by Air Quality Consultants Ltd.</p>										
<p>This spreadsheet will be updated at the end of June 2021</p> <p>LAQM Helpdesk Website</p>										
Step 1:		Step 2:		Step 3:		Step 4:				
Select the Laboratory that Analyses Your Tubes from the Drop-Down List		Select a Preparation Method from the Drop-Down List		Select a Year from the Drop-Down List		Where there is only one study for a chosen combination, you should use the adjustment factor shown with caution. Where there is more than one study, use the overall factor ³ shown in blue at the foot of the final column.				
If a laboratory is not shown, we have no data for this laboratory.		If a preparation method is not shown, we have no data for this method at this laboratory.		If a year is not shown, we have no data ²		If you have your own co-location study then see footnote ⁴ . If uncertain what to do then contact the Local Air Quality Management Helpdesk at LAQMhelpdesk@bureauveritas.com or 0800 0327953				
Analysed By¹	Method To undo your selection, choose (All) from the pop-up list	Year² To undo your selection, choose (All)	Site Type	Local Authority	Length of Study (months)	Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (µg/m³)	Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (µg/m³)	Bias (B)	Tube Precision⁶	Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm)
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	East Dunbartonshire Council	11	23	19	16.3%	P	0.86
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	East Dunbartonshire Council	9	16	19	-14.4%	P	1.17
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	East Dunbartonshire Council	11	19	18	3.9%	G	0.96
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	East Dunbartonshire Council	10	15	15	-0.1%	P	1.00
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	11	53	44	21.7%	G	0.82
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	Glasgow City Council	12	26	23	13.1%	P	0.88
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	Glasgow City Council	12	21	20	4.7%	P	0.96
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	R	Glasgow City Council	11	22	23	-3.6%	P	1.04
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	KS	Glasgow City Council	12	33	36	-8.4%	P	1.09
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020	UB	Glasgow City Council	12	19	17	6.9%	P	0.94
Glasgow Scientific Services	20% TEA in water	2020		Overall Factor³ (10 studies)				Use		0.96

¹ For Casella Stanger/Bureau Veritas (NOT Bureau Veritas Labs) use Gradko 50% TEA in Acetone.
 For Casella Seal/GMS/CS/Casella CRE/Bureau Veritas Labs/Eurofins/ use Environmental Scientific Groups.
 From 2011 for Environmental Scientific Groups use ESG Glasgow.
 From 2011 for Harwell Scientific Services use ESG Didcot.
 For 2017 for SOCOTEC use ESG Didcot, as name changed mid year.
 For 2018 SOCOTEC entered as Didcot and Glasgow. Glasgow analysis lab moved to Didcot mid 2018.
 For Staffordshire CC SS/Staffordshire County Analyst use Staffordshire Scientific Services.
 For Bodycote Health Sciences and Clyde Analytical Laboratories use Exova.
 For Rotherham MBC use South Yorkshire Labs.
 For Dundee CC use Tayside SS.
 For Leicester Scientific Services use Staffordshire Scientific Services.
 For South Yorkshire Air Quality Samplers use South Yorkshire Labs. As of January 2010 sampler body changed. As of April 2010 sampler cap changed.
 Lancashire County Analysts withdrew from the Field intercomparison at the end of 2010. No submissions were supplied in 2011.
 Walsall MBC closed in March 2011.
 Bristol Scientific Services closed at the end of 2011.
 Somerset County Council did not start the Marylebone road intercomparison until June 2012.
 Exova stopped providing diffusion tubes at the end of 2013.
 Kent Scientific Services stopped providing diffusion tubes at the end of 2013.
 Kirklees Council stopped providing diffusion tubes in the middle of 2016.
 Northampton BC stopped providing diffusion tubes in 2017.
 2018 - Casella Stanger method for 50% TEA in acetone tubes changed from circular to discing of side to seal them in TEA. West Yorkshire.

² In this situation it would be reasonable to use data from the nearest year.

³ Overall factors have been calculated using orthogonal regression to allow for uncertainty in both the automatic monitor and diffusion tube. The uncertainty of the diffusion tube has been assumed to be double that of the automatic monitor.

⁴ If you have your own co-location study, please send your data to us, so that it can be included here. If this is not possible, but you wish to combine these factors with your own, select and copy the relevant data from this spreadsheet and paste them into a new one (otherwise your calculations will include hidden data). Then add your own data and calculate the bias. To obtain a new correction factor that includes your data, average the bias (B) values, expressed as a factor, i.e. -16% is -0.16. Next add 1 to this value, e.g. -0.16 + 1.00 = 0.84 in this example, then take the inverse to give the bias adjustment factor 1/0.84 = 1.19. (This will not be exactly the same as the correction factor calculated using orthogonal regression as used in this spreadsheet, but will be reasonably close).

⁵ Where an annual data set falls into two years it has been ascribed to the year in which most of the data has fallen.

⁶ Tube precision is determined as follows: G = Good precision - coefficient of variation (CV) of diffusion tube replicates is considered G when the CV of eight or more periods is less than 20%, and the average CV of all monitoring periods is less than 10%; P = Poor precision - CV of four or more periods >20% and/or average CV >10%; S = Single tube, therefore not applicable; na = not available.

[To add data download a questionnaire](#)

Table C.4 – Ratified Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} – Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street

Air Pollution Report

1st January to 31st December 2020



E Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock St (Site ID: MARN)

These data have been **fully ratified**

Only relevant statistics for LAQM are presented in the table. Cells with - indicate no data available or calculated.

Pollutant	NO µg/m ³	NO ₂ µg/m ³	NO _x asNO ₂ µg/m ³	PM ₁₀ µg/m ³	PM _{2.5} µg/m ³
Number Days Low	-	366	-	184	184
Number Days Moderate	-	0	-	0	0
Number Days High	-	0	-	0	0
Number Days Very High	-	0	-	0	0
Max Daily Mean	115	51	218	27	21
Annual Max	295	102	525	58	49
Annual Mean	15	19	43	10	6
98th Percentile of daily mean	-	-	-	19	-
90th Percentile of daily mean	-	-	-	16	-
99.8th Percentile of hourly mean	-	82	-	-	-
98th Percentile of hourly mean	79	61	173	25	17
95th Percentile of hourly mean	50	51	128	21	13
50th Percentile of hourly mean	9	15	31	9	5
% Annual data capture	99.65%	99.49%	99.49%	50.25%	50.25%

Instruments: PM₁₀: FIDAS

PM_{2.5}: FIDAS

All gaseous pollutant mass units are at 20°C and 1013mb. Particulate matter concentrations are reported at ambient temperature and pressure. NO_x mass units are NO_x as NO₂ µg m⁻³

Note: For a strict comparison against the objectives there must be a data capture of 85% or greater throughout the calendar year.

Pollutant	Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2010	Exceedances	Days
PM10 particulate matter (Hourly measured)	daily mean > 50 microgrammes per metre cubed	0	0
PM10 particulate matter (Hourly measured)	Annual mean > 18 microgrammes per metre cubed	0	-
PM2.5 particulate matter (Hourly measured)	Annual mean > 12 microgrammes per metre cubed	0	-
Nitrogen dioxide	Hourly Mean > 200 microgrammes per metre cubed	0	0
Nitrogen dioxide	Annual Mean > 40 microgrammes per metre cubed	0	-

Table C.5 – Calibration Certificates 2020 – Kilmarnock, St. Marnock Street



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East Ayrshire Council NOx analysers

Station	Date of Audit	Species	Analysers Serial no	Zero Response ¹	Zero uncertainty ppb	Calibration Factor ²	Factor uncertainty %	Converter eff. (%) ³
E. Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock Street	11-Jun	NOx	2361	12.9	2.6	1.1541	3.55	-
		NO		11.3	2.6	1.1379	3.63	-
E. Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock Street	24-Jun	NOx	2361	12.5		1.1111		99.7
		NO		11.6		1.1135		

FIDAS analysers

Station	Date of audit	Analysers Serial no	Calculated k ₀ ⁵	Uncertainty %	Total flow ⁴ Lmin ⁻¹	Uncertainty %	Main flow ⁴ Lmin ⁻¹	Uncertainty %
E. Ayrshire Kilmarnock St Marnock Street	11-Jun	7476			4.87	2.2		2.2



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The gaseous ambient analysers listed above have been tested for zero response, calibration factor, linearity and converter efficiency (NOx analysers) by documented methods. The factors have been calculated using certified gas standards. The particulate analysers listed above have been tested for sample flow rates and k₀ (where appropriate) by documented methods. Note that the test results are valid on the day of test only, as analyser drift over time cannot be quantified. All results for gaseous species are given in ppb (parts per billion) mole fractions or ppm (parts per million) mole fractions.

¹ The zero response is the zero reading on the data logging system of the analyser when audit zero gas was introduced to the analysers under test.

² The calibration factor is the multiplying factor required to scale the reading on the data logging system of the analyser into reported concentration units (ppb for NO, NOx, SO₂, O₃ and ppm for CO). Where 1ppm = 1000ppb. It should be used in conjunction with the zero response. A corrected concentration is calculated using the following equation:

Concentration = F(Output - Zero Response)

Where F = Calibration Factor provided on this certificate

Output = Reading on the data logging system of the analyser

Zero Response = Zero Response provided on this certificate

³ Converter eff. is the measured efficiency of the NO₂ to NO converter within the oxides of nitrogen analyser under test.

⁴ The measured main flow rate (where this is applicable) is the flow rate through the sensor unit of the TEOM particulate analyser under test. The measured total flow rate is the total flow rate through the particulate analyser under test. Units of flow are Lmin⁻¹, reported at prevailing ambient conditions unless otherwise specified. Where flow rates are highlighted in bold, it indicates that measurements were not made at the analyser sample inlet. These measurements therefore may not accurately reflect analyser performance in normal operation.

⁵ The calculated k₀ value (specifically for TEOM analysers) is the calculated k₀ spring constant based on tests undertaken with filters of known weight. The % deviation indicates the closeness of the calculated result to the manufacturer's specified value of k₀.

The calibration results shaded are those that fall within our scope of accreditation, all other results on this certificate are not UKAS accredited, but have been included for completeness.

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Table C.6 – Ratified Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} – Cumnock, Holmhead Road**East Ayrshire Cumnock****01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020**

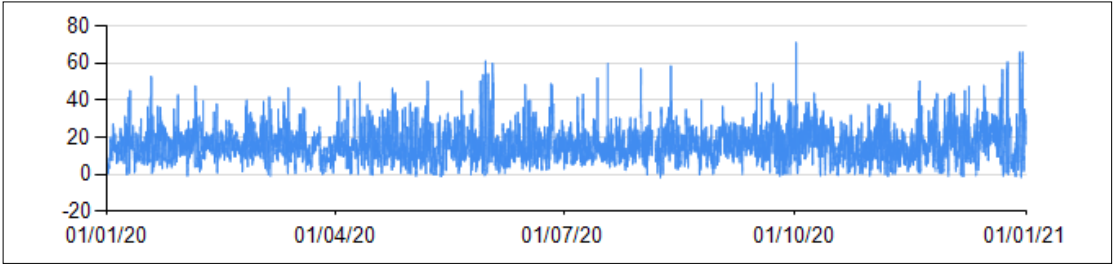
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These data have been fully ratified**Correction Factor for Gravimetric Equivalence applied**

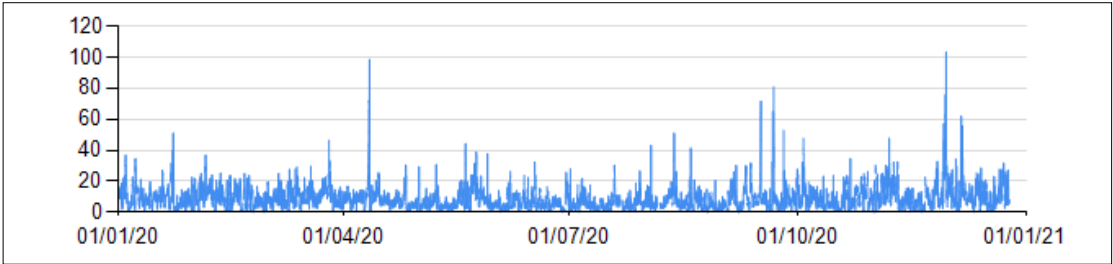
	V High (No. of Days)	High (No. of Days)	Mod (No. of Days)	Low (No. of Days)	Max. Hourly Conc.	Max. Daily Conc.	Max. Running 8 Hour Mean	Max. Running 24 Hour Mean	Period Mean Conc.	Period Data Capture (%)
NO₂ (µg/m ³)	0	0	0	366	71	33	55	37	16	97.6
PM₁₀ (µg/m ³)	0	0	0	347	103	45	74	46	9	91.7
PM_{2.5} (µg/m ³)	0	0	1	348	73	37	61	38	5	91.6

	Air Quality Objective	Exceedances	Days
NO₂	Hourly mean > 200 µg/m ³	None	0
NO₂	Period mean > annual mean obj 40 µg/m ³	No	
PM₁₀	Daily mean > 50 µg/m ³	None	0
PM₁₀	Period mean > annual mean obj 18 µg/m ³	No	
PM_{2.5}	Period mean > annual mean obj 10 µg/m ³ (Scotland)	No	
Note: When comparing site measurements against the air quality objectives data capture should meet or exceed 90% across a calendar year.			

NO₂ µg/m³
Hourly Data



PM₁₀ µg/m³
Hourly Data



PM_{2.5} µg/m³
Hourly Data

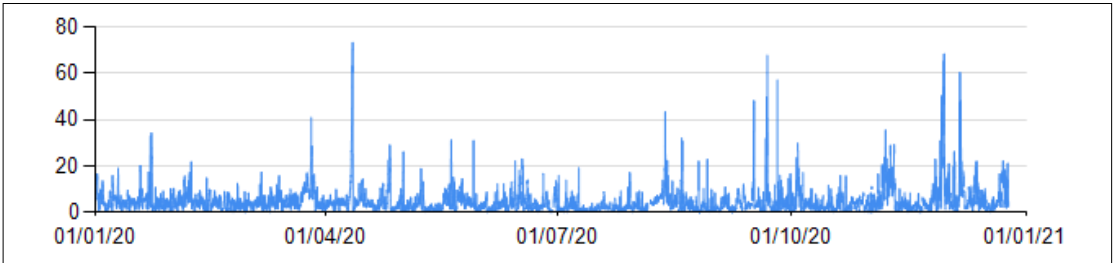


Table C.7 – Industrial Premises Regulated by SEPA under the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012**Part A**

PPC/W/20040	Egger	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/1079002	Auldhouseburn Farm	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/1082048	Thomarston Poultry Farm	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/1088432	Hillhead Farm, Kilmaurs,	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/20019	Garlaff Landfill, Skares	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/1017028	Dunniflats Waste Site, Lugton	East Ayrshire
PPC/A/1038885	Billy Bowie Composting, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire

Part B

PPC/W/30110	Ayr Road Garage, Dalmellington	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30101	Bridgend Garage, Auchinleck	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30111	Central Garage, Cumnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30112	JK Thomson, Cumnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1000090	AM Services, Mauchline	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004563	Asda Filling Station, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30100	Blair Garage, Stewarton	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30116	Bobbin Filling Station, Galston	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1000092	Pace Petroleum, Galston	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1000088	Pace Petroleum, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30061	Morrisons, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30114	Shell Glencairn, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1033837	Burnpark FS, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004562	Western Filling Station, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004561	Malthurst, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004559	Campbell Fuel Oils, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1000087	Grange Service Station, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1031777	Tesco Petrol Filling Station, Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30071	Braehead Metals	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30125	Barr Ltd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30126	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30141	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30142	Barr Ltd (Mobile) - Roadstone	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30146	Killoch (SC) DP	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30154	Skares OCCS	East Ayrshire
PPC/W/30158	Gasswater (SC)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1003136	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1003137	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1003138	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1003139	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1003189	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004235	Airdsgreen (SC)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1004236	Chalmerston (SC)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1005102	BarrLtd (Mobile)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1009227	Lugton Limeworks, Lugton	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1015138	Eazyclean Ltd	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1017559	Crosshouse Launderette	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1019918	Barr Ltd (Mobile) RMC	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1024480	Barr Limited, Moorfield Plant	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1025233	Beez Neez, Stewarton	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1030092	Barr Ltd (Killoch)	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1081430	Ve-Tech, Stranhead Cement Batcher	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1083652	ATH Resources, Netherton	East Ayrshire
PPC/B/1079817	Dunstonhill OCCS, Patna	East Ayrshire

Note: The above table could not be updated due to cyber-attack on SEPA data.

Figure C.1: Map of Scottish Local Authorities

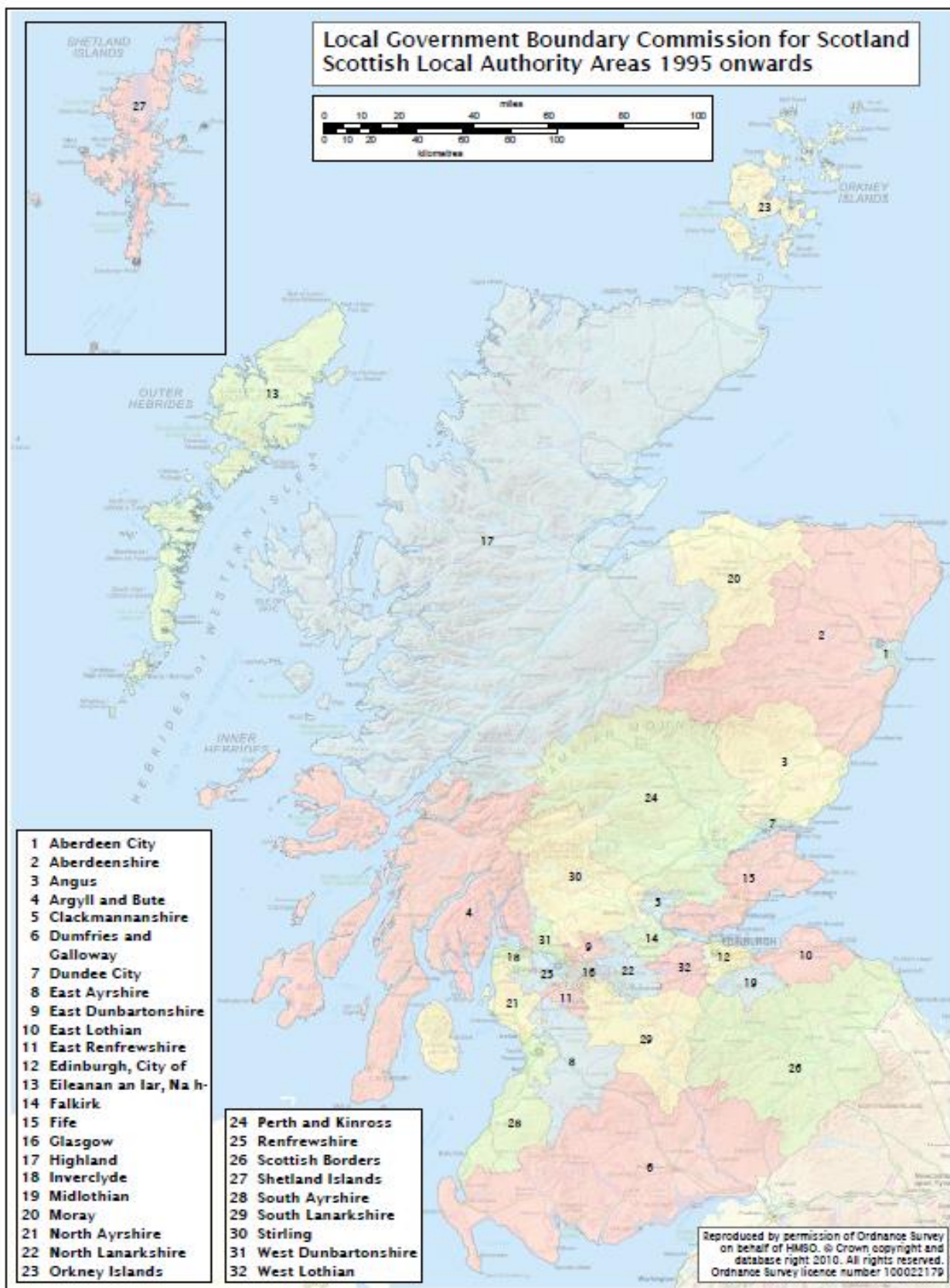


Figure C.2: Map of East Ayrshire



Note: No 1-13 are traffic count location points (Reference12, East Ayrshire Transport Strategy 2009 – 2014)

Figure C.3a: Map of Coal Extraction Sites throughout East Ayrshire

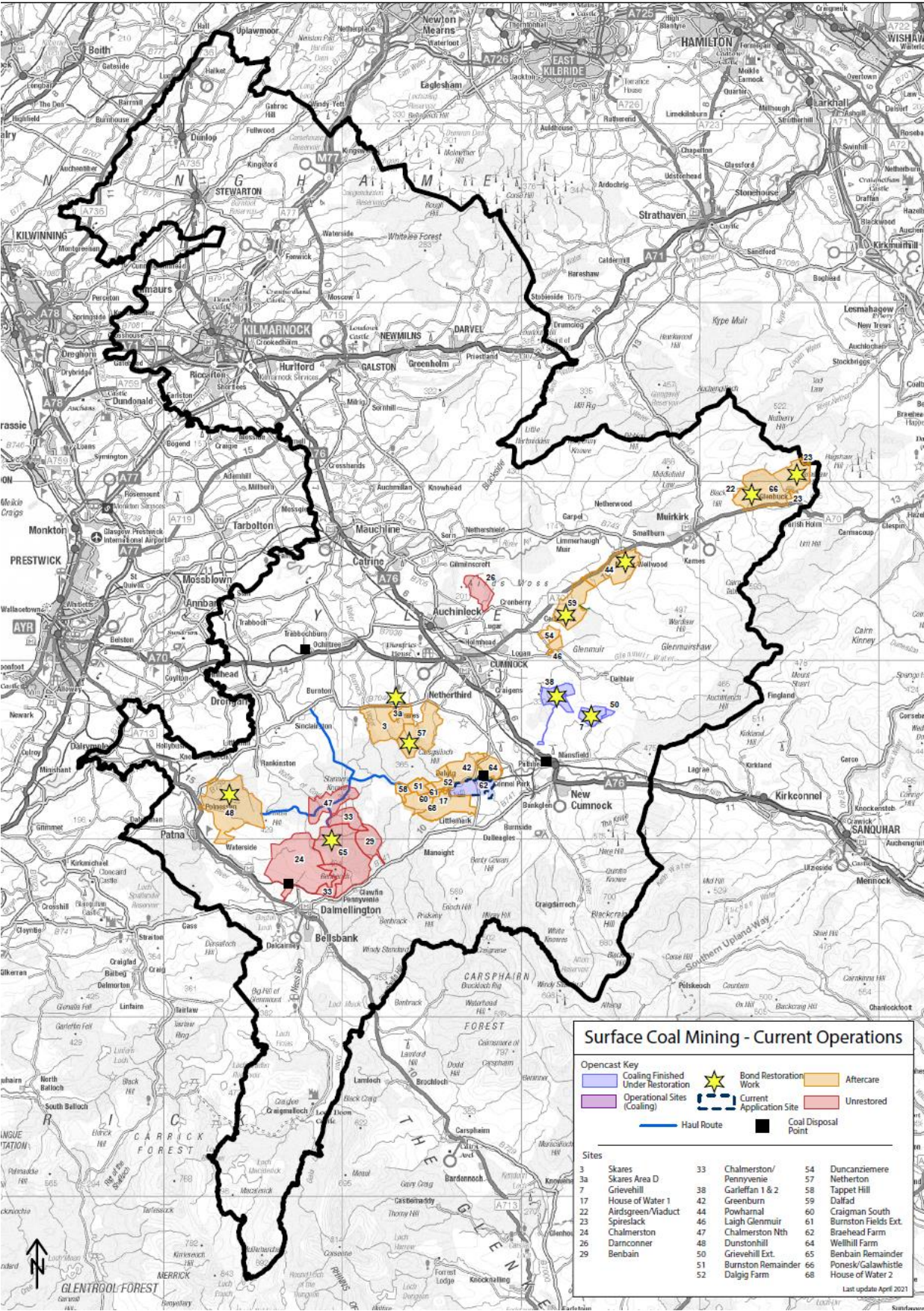


Figure C.3b: Map of Cumulative Land Use Sites throughout East Ayrshire

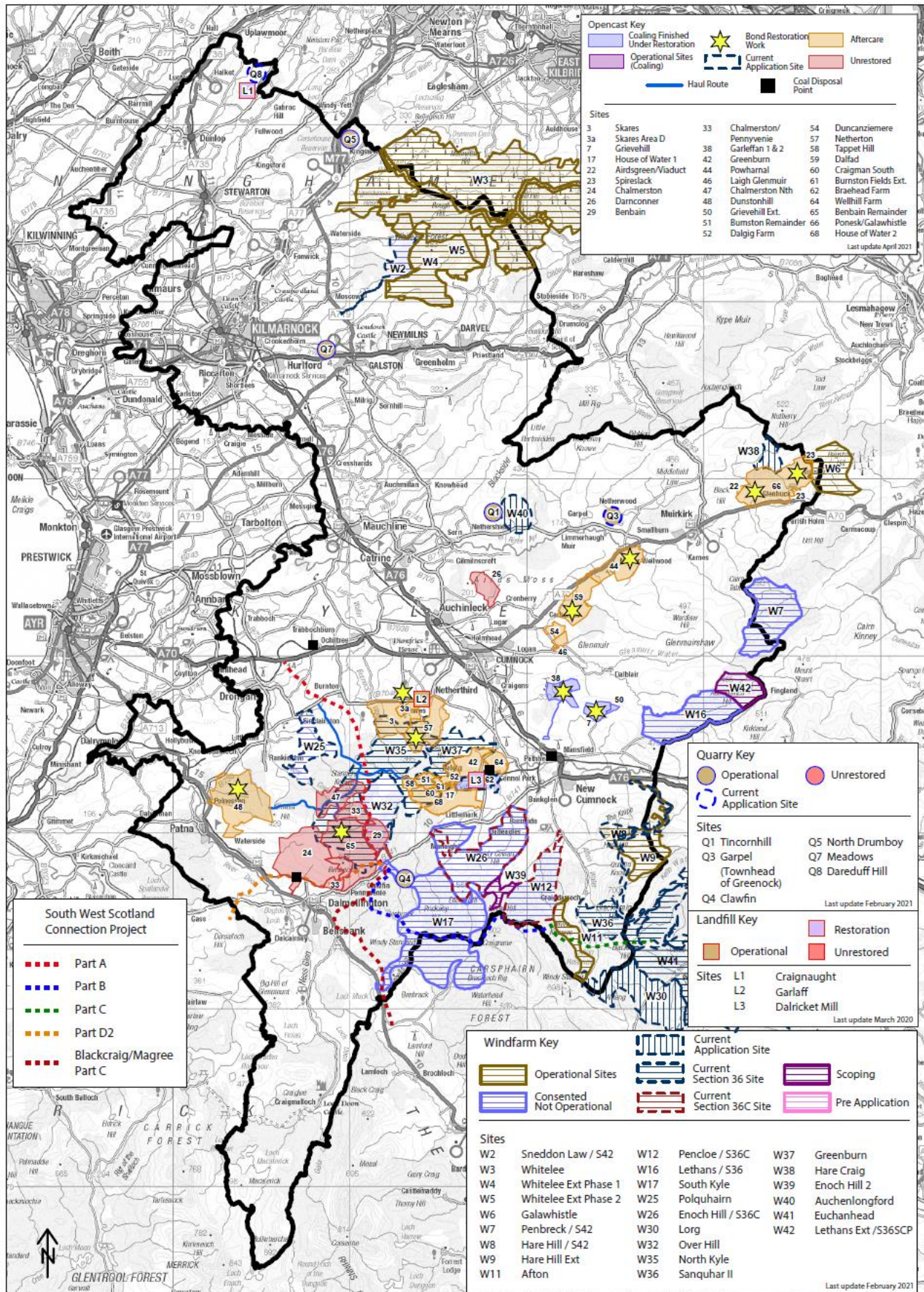
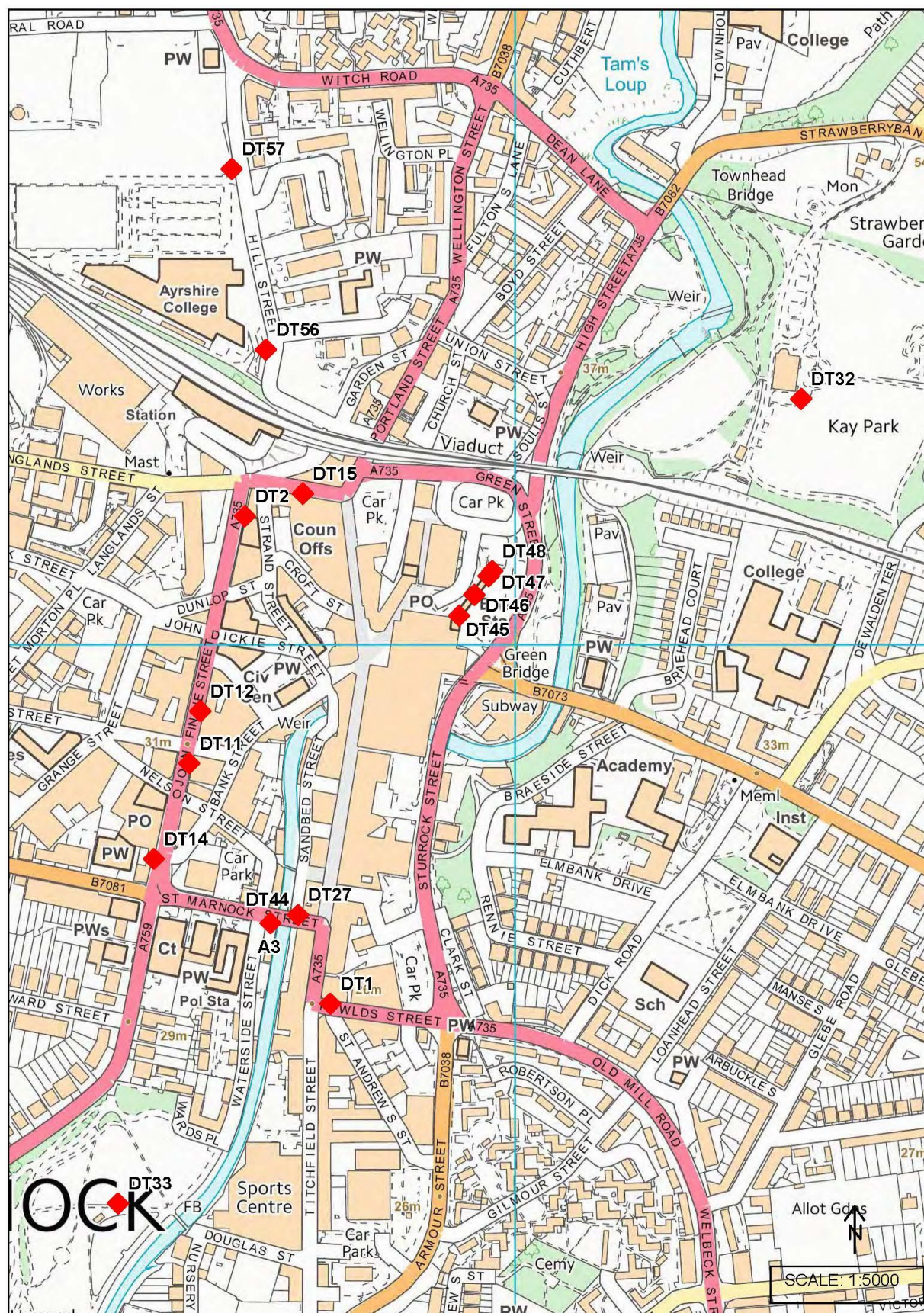


Figure C.4: Map of Kilmarnock Town Centre Automatic Monitoring Station and NO₂ Diffusion Tube Locations



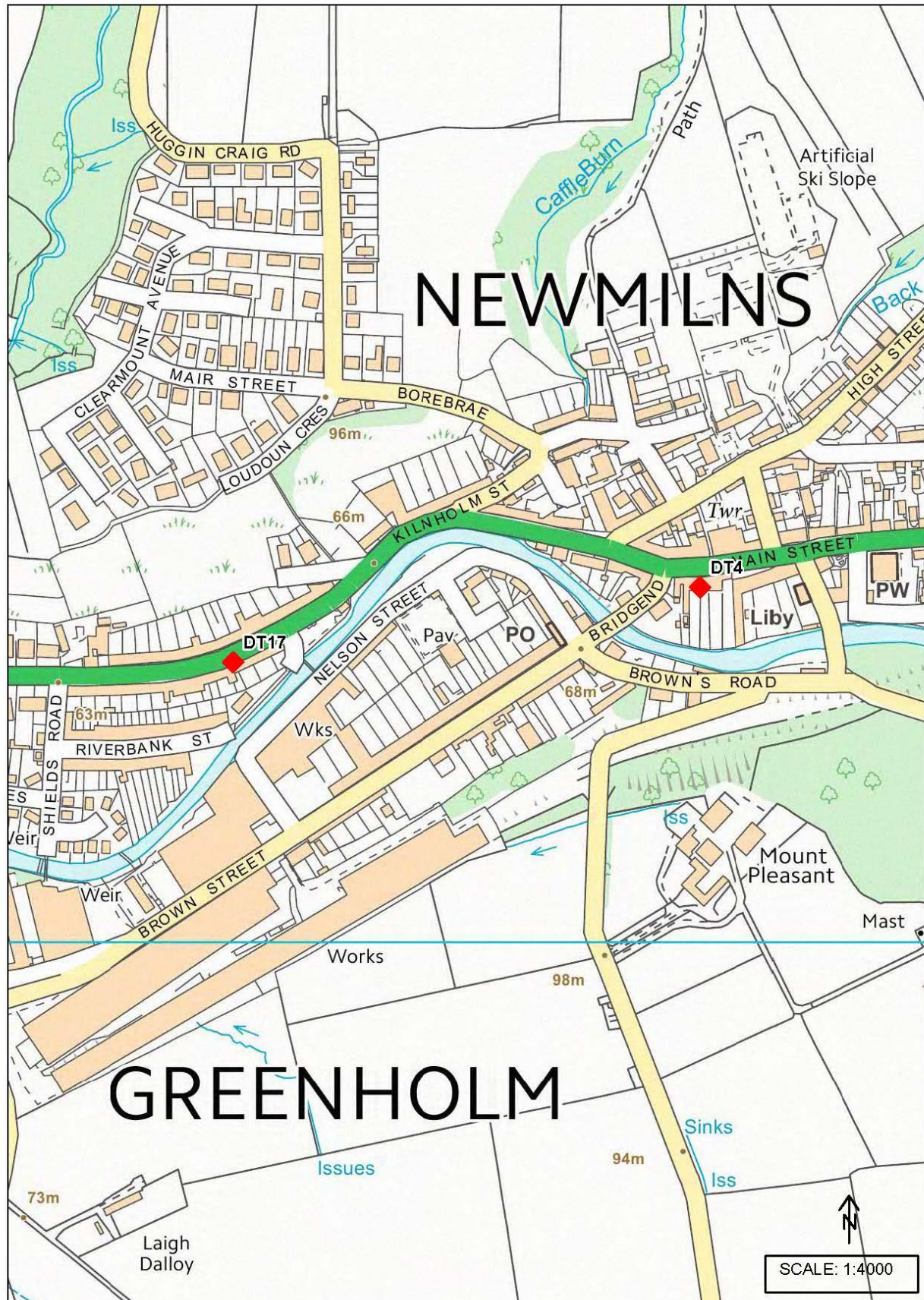
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Figure C.5: Map of Stewarton NO₂ Diffusion Tube Location



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Figure C.6: Map of Newmilns NO₂ Diffusion Tube Locations

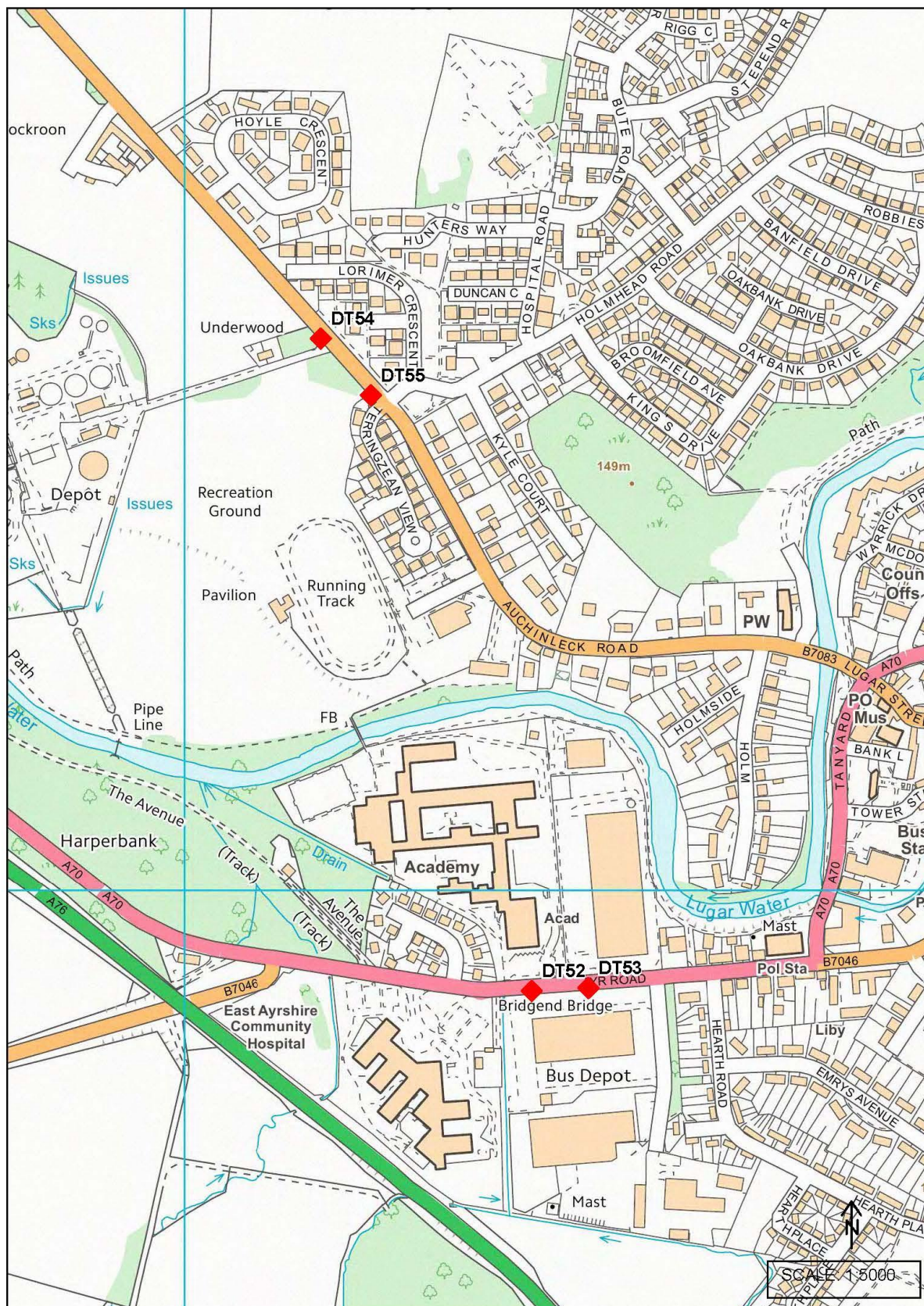


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Figure C.7: Map of Mauchline NO₂ Diffusion Tube Locations

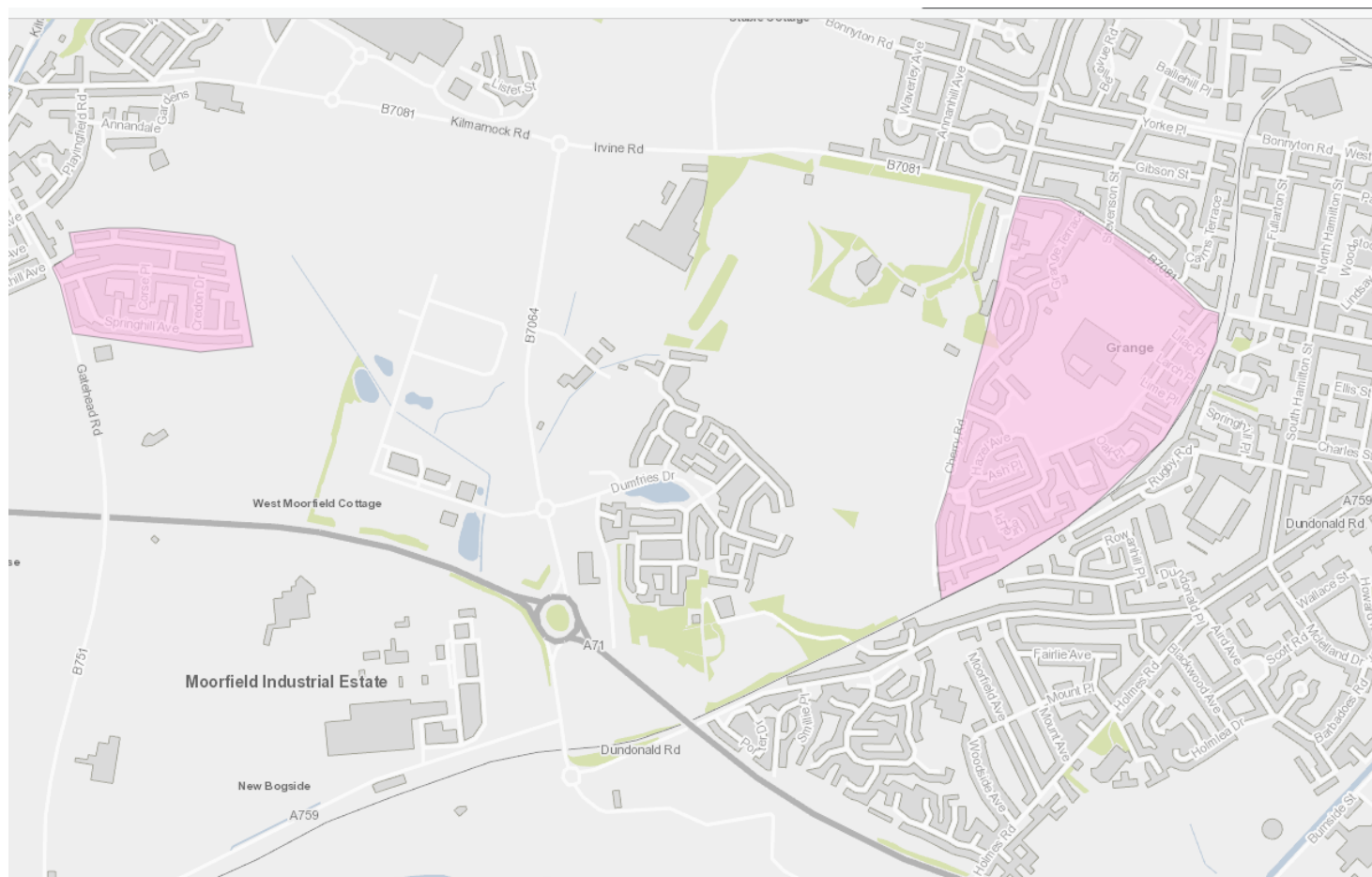
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Figure C.8: Map of Cumnock NO₂ Diffusion Tube Locations



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Figure C.9: Smoke Control Areas Kilmarnock and Crosshouse



Glossary of Terms

Abbreviation	Description
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the LA 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
APR	Air quality Annual Progress Report
AURN	Automatic Urban and Rural Network (UK air quality monitoring network)
BAM	Beta Attenuation Mass Monitor
COMEAP	Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
FIDAS	Fine Dust Analysis Systems
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
LEZ	Low Emission Zone
NLEF	National Low Emission Framework
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
SCOOT	Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide
TEOM	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance

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