

# Annual Progress Report (APR)



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# Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

## Air Quality in Dumfries and Galloway Council

This report comprises Dumfries and Galloway Council's Annual Progress Report on air quality within the Council's area. Within this report results of NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring within the Council's area are also presented and evaluated in relation to national objectives.

Under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, Dumfries and Galloway Council is responsible for the provision of a range of services, including: mandatory powers (e.g. providing school education for 5 –16 year old children, Roads Services and Social Work Services); permissive powers (e.g. economic development and recreation services); and regulatory powers (e.g. Planning, Environmental Health, Licensing).

Dumfries and Galloway is mostly a rural region with a population of 145,895 (Scotland's Census 2022). Dumfries and Galloway has two hundred miles of coastline and an area of 6,426 square kilometres and has the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest population density in Scotland with a population density of 22.7 persons per square kilometre. The population of Dumfries & Galloway is projected to decline to 141,619 by 2037. The main towns in order of size are Dumfries and Lochaberbriggs, Stranraer, Annan, Lockerbie, Dalbeattie and Castle Douglas. All other settlements have populations of less than 4,000 which results in a large proportion of the population having to travel to access services.

Dumfries and Galloway's key economic sectors are: - Agriculture; Creative Industries (cultural business); Food and drink; Health and social care; Tourism/leisure/hospitality. Value Sectors - Creative Industries (digital business); Energy—particularly renewables and their supply chain; forest and timber technologies.

The air quality in Dumfries & Galloway is generally very good and currently there are no designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs). This is because there is a limited amount of heavy industry. The primary pollution source in Dumfries and Galloway arises from road vehicles as in terms of accessibility 30% of the population are 'remote' i.e. living further than a 30-minute drive from a large community.

Monitoring in 2023 for NO<sub>2</sub> has not identified any new requirement to proceed to a detailed assessment with concentrations all below the objectives and NO<sub>2</sub> levels in Dumfries and Galloway have essentially been static over a number of years.

Previous air quality assessments in Dumfries and Galloway have concluded that concentrations of carbon monoxide, benzene, 1,3-butadiene, lead, sulphur dioxide are all unlikely to exceed the objective and, in accordance with technical guidance, these pollutants are not currently monitored.

Details of monitoring undertaken by the Council can be found in Chapter 3 of this report.

Due to a perceived increase in traffic levels following the re-location of the Stena Line port from Stranraer to Old House Point, Cairnryan PM<sub>10</sub> (+ PM<sub>2.5</sub>) reference method monitoring was carried out at Cairnryan from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018 with results provided in 2019 Annual Progress Report.

Reference method monitoring showed that no Air Quality Management Areas were required to be designated for PM<sub>10</sub> or PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Cairnryan.

## **Actions to Improve Air Quality**

In general, the air quality in Dumfries & Galloway is very good and because of this there are no designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in Dumfries and Galloway. The focus of the air quality work undertaken by Dumfries and Galloway Council revolves and continues to revolve around NO<sub>2</sub> with transportation being the primary source of emissions. Environmental Health are continuing to expand working relationships with colleagues in Sustainable Transport as well as Education colleagues in anticipation of a greater potential involvement throughout the year in Air Quality Initiatives such as Clean Air Day.

## **Local Priorities and Challenges**

Environmental Health continue to monitor at 14 passive diffusion tube sites for NO<sub>2</sub> that have shown sustained compliance. Dumfries and Galloway Council in 2023 retained the

locations of the existing diffusion tube monitoring sites as sites with higher potential NO<sub>2</sub> exposures were not identified to warrant removal / relocation.

In 2022 (continued in 2023) two new passive diffusion tube sites were positioned in Stranraer in the vicinity of a potential development site that could likely increase HGV traffic in the area (S18 – Commerce Road and S19 – Loch Inch Place). Data from the newly installed passive diffusion tubes is intended to provide a data set of readings relating to NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations prior to any development of the site and is intended to assist in determination of potential effect on air quality if the facility were to be introduced to the area. The positioning of tubes at S18 and S19 will be reviewed in December 2024.

The previously triplicate tube site at Buccleuch Street Bridge remains a duplicate site and a previous duplicate site at Buccleuch Street West remains a single tube site in order to measure NO<sub>2</sub> levels at the entrance to the Stena Port in Cairnryan and in order to respond to a complaint of poor air quality in Kirkcudbright.

Dumfries and Galloway Council recognises that good air quality and health are intrinsically linked. We are keen to increase public knowledge and perception of air quality in the region and are continuing to work to increase the profile of air quality issues such as vehicle anti-idling campaigns, clean air day promotion and alternative travel. We have previously engaged with Dumfries and Galloway Council's Environment Champion and have participated in Clean Air Day Activities.

## How to Get Involved

Members of the public can access several previously published air quality reports including results of monitoring in our area which are available at:

<http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk/news/reports?view=laqm>

Dumfries and Galloway Council's priorities are Build the local economy; Provide the best start in life for all our children; Protect our most vulnerable people; Be an inclusive council; Urgently respond to climate change and transition to a carbon neutral region and; Delivering our priorities and commitments.

By safeguarding that air quality within Dumfries and Galloway remains within national objective levels and ensuring that via the planning process and its regulatory functions any air pollution potential which may give rise to a risk of an exceedance of an air quality objective is considered at consultation phase, the Environmental Health Service works toward meeting a number of Dumfries and Galloway Council's priorities by providing a safe, attractive place to live and do business.

Members of the public can also choose to support or object to planning applications that may affect air quality. All applications are published on-line and are accessible on-line via: <https://eaccess.dumgal.gov.uk/online-applications/>. Grounds for commenting can relate to planning issues such as local and national planning policy and guidance; traffic, access or parking; impact of the proposal on the built or natural environment, design/materials/scale of the proposal and its relationship to its surroundings; residential amenity, overshadowing, overlooking, etc.; effect on the setting of a Listed Building or the character and appearance of a Conservation Area.

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# 1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Dumfries and Galloway during 2023. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), as amended by the Environment Act (2021), 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 Dumfries and Galloway Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

**Table 1.1 – Summary of Air Quality Objectives in Scotland**

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Air Quality Objective Concentration</b>	<b>Air Quality Objective Measured as</b>	<b>Date to be Achieved by</b>
Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2010
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	18 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2010
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2021
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	350 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	125 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	266 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005
Benzene	3.25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3 Butadiene	2.25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon Monoxide	10.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running 8-Hour mean	31.12.2003

## 2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

### 2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are declared when there is an exceedance or likely exceedance of an air quality objective. After declaration, the authority must prepare publish and implement an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within the shortest possible time and no later than 12 months of the date of AQMA Designation Order. The AQAP must set out measures the local authority intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives within the shortest possible time. Measures should be provided with milestones and a final date for completion. The action plan itself should have a timescale for completion and for revocation of the AQMA. Where measures to reduce air pollution may require a longer timescale an action plan shall be reviewed and republished within five years of initial publication and then five-yearly thereafter.

Dumfries and Galloway Council currently does not have any AQMAs.

### 2.2 Cleaner Air for Scotland 2

[Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 – Towards a Better Place for Everyone \(CAFS2\)](#) is Scotland's second air quality strategy. CAFS2 sets out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to further reduce air pollution to protect human health and fulfil Scotland's legal responsibilities over the period 2021 – 2026. CAFS2 was published in July 2021 and replaces [Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future \(CAFS\)](#), which was published in 2015. CAFS2 aims to achieve the ambitious vision for Scotland "to have the best air quality in Europe". 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 Dumfries and Galloway Council against relevant actions for which local authorities are the lead delivery bodies within this strategy is demonstrated below.

#### 2.2.1 Placemaking – Plans and Policies

Local authorities with support from the Scottish Government will assess how effectively air quality is embedded in plans, policies, City Deals and other initiatives, and more generally in cross departmental working, identifying and addressing evidence, skills, awareness and operational gaps.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has Placemaking in the Local Development Plan (LDP2). The Plan states that Development proposals should be compatible with the character and amenity of the area and should not conflict with nearby land uses. Air Quality issues as a result of LDP2 which may result from the development will be a material consideration in the assessment of proposals.

Placemaking policies in other areas such as building design, active travel and transport relate directly to sustainability and climate change mitigation within which improving air quality is implicit.

### **2.2.2 Transport – Low Emission Zones**

Local authorities working with Transport Scotland and SEPA will look at opportunities to promote zero-carbon city centres within the existing LEZs structure.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has no Low Emission Zones established within the Local Authority area.

In general, the air quality in Dumfries & Galloway is very good and because of this there are no designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in Dumfries and Galloway. The focus of the air quality work undertaken by Dumfries and Galloway Council revolves and continues to revolve around NO<sub>2</sub> with transportation being the primary source of emissions.

As Dumfries and Galloway is predominantly rural Dumfries and Galloway Council does not have the association of high traffic density within urban conurbations which characterise poor air quality in urban areas. Dumfries and Galloway Council will be led by Regional and National strategies, including outcomes relating to avoiding unnecessary travel, promoting active travel and reducing transport emissions.

Details of measures completed, in progress or planned are contained in both the Dumfries and Galloway Council Carbon Management Plan 2 (CMP2) and the Dumfries and Galloway Council Active Travel Strategy which are accessible at:

[Carbon Management Plan 2 \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16715/Active-Travel-Strategy)

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## **2.3 Implementation of Air Quality Action Plan(s) and/or measures to address air quality**

Dumfries and Galloway Council currently does not have any AQMAs, and therefore does not require an Air Quality Action Plan.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2023 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in the Dumfries and Galloway Council Carbon Management Plan 2 (CMP2) which is accessible at:

[Carbon Management Plan 2 \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://dumgal.gov.uk/Carbon-Management-Plan-2)

This Dumfries and Galloway Council document in addition to carbon reporting covers: alternatives to private vehicle use; corporate freight and delivery management; policy guidance and development control; promotion of low emission plants and promoting low emission transport; promoting travel alternatives; transport planning and infrastructure and includes initiatives such as vehicle fleet efficiency and driver training.

Many of the measures outlined in the Southwest of Scotland Transport Partnership (SWESTRANS) Climate Change Strategy together with previous SWESTRANS initiatives have had and will have direct implications for the improvement of air quality in our Council area. The Climate Change Strategy is available at:

<http://www.swestrans.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=12123&p=0>

The Scottish Government work for the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) and the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 will inform transport investment in Scotland for the next 20 years. STPR2 is a Scotland-wide review of the strategic transport network across all transport modes, including walking, wheeling, cycling, bus, rail and car, as well as reviewing wider island and rural connectivity.

STPR2 will help to deliver the vision, priorities and outcomes for transport set out in the National Transport Strategy (NTS2) and will align with other national plans such as the Infrastructure Investment Plan, National Planning Framework (NPF4) and the Climate Change Plan.

The key aim of previous work with SPTR was to consider the rationale for improvements to road, rail, public transport and active travel on key strategic corridors in the South West of Scotland, including those served by the A75, A76, A77, A701 and A709 as well as the railway corridors to Stranraer and Carlisle via Kilmarnock / Dumfries with a particular focus on access to the ports at Cairnryan. The report can be available at:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/45046/initial-appraisal-case-for-change-south-west-scotland-transport-study.pdf>

## **3 Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives**

### **3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken**

#### **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.

Dumfries and Galloway Council undertook automatic (continuous) monitoring at one site during 2023. Table A.1 in Appendix A shows the details of the site. National monitoring results are available at <http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk/>

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Appendix D. Further details on how the monitors are calibrated and how the data has been adjusted are included in Appendix C.

Annualised results of automatic monitoring undertaken at Eskdalemuir by the British Geological Society / Met Office have been included in the 2023 report (following non-inclusion in the 2022 APR due to technical issues at the site). Results for the 2022 APR reporting remain unavailable for this site.

#### **3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Dumfries and Galloway Council undertook non- automatic (passive) monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> at 16 sites during 2023. Table A.2 in Appendix A shows the details of the sites.

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



### 3.1.3 Other Monitoring Activities

Dumfries and Galloway Council currently does not undertake any other air quality monitoring activities other than the activities detailed in 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

## 3.2 Individual Pollutants

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

### 3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Table A.3 in Appendix A compares the ratified monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at automatic monitoring sites.

Table A.4 in Appendix A compares the adjusted monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at non automatic monitoring sites.

For diffusion tubes, the full 2023 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B.

Table A.5 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored NO<sub>2</sub> hourly mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 200µg/m<sup>3</sup>, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year. In the 2023 LAQM reporting year there was one exceedance of the 1-hourly mean air quality objective of 200µg/m<sup>3</sup> which occurred on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 11:00am where levels were below the air quality objective of 200µg/m<sup>3</sup> prior to, and immediately after this exceedance.

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

Previous monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub> at a worst-case junction in Dumfries showed that no air quality management areas were required to be designated for PM<sub>10</sub> in Dumfries. No PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring is currently carried out at Dumfries.

PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring was carried out at Cairnryan because of a perceived increase in traffic levels following the re-location of the Stena Line port from Stranraer to Old House Point, Cairnryan. An Osiris PM<sub>10</sub> monitor was deployed for a period of 10 months from 10<sup>th</sup>

October 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for screening purposes only as this type of monitor is not reference-method-equivalent. The monitor was situated on the northernmost façade of the recently re-built Village Hall in Cairnryan adjacent to an outdoor children's play area with swings and other play equipment. As such the location was representative of relevant public exposure in respect of both the annual and the 24-hour mean.

As readings from the Osiris PM<sub>10</sub> monitor were taken over two APR reporting periods both the annualised means for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> for the 2016 and 2017 reporting years were in excess of prescribed limits in terms of annualised means and PM<sub>10</sub> levels exceeded seven 24-hour means greater than 50µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

As a result of the higher-than-expected levels of particulate matter at Cairnryan Dumfries and Galloway Council's Environmental Health installed an approved (reference-method equivalent) Fidas 200 EN-certified fine dust monitoring and ambient air measuring system PM<sub>10</sub> (+ PM<sub>2.5</sub>) monitor in order to carry out a detailed assessment of PM<sub>10</sub> levels at Cairnryan. If, as a result of reference method equivalent monitoring levels were shown to exceed the objective(s) then Environmental Health would thereafter be able to designate the whole or part of the village of Cairnryan as an Air Quality Management Area.

The Fidas 200 EN-certified fine dust monitoring and ambient air measuring system Equipment was installed and become operational in 2018 from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018

As a result of the 2018 monitoring no further PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring has carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council as further monitoring is not warranted

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

An Osiris PM<sub>10</sub> monitor was deployed for a period of 10 months from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 for screening purposes only as this type of monitor is not reference-method-equivalent. The monitor was situated on the northernmost façade of the recently re-built Village Hall in Cairnryan adjacent to an outdoor children's play area with swings and other play equipment. As such the location was representative of relevant public exposure in respect of both the annual and the 24-hour mean.

The annualised mean for 2015 was 10.2µg/m<sup>3</sup> which was in excess of the annual mean objective of 10µg/m<sup>3</sup> but using 2016 valid data capture and the same data set after ratification this result is now reduced to 8.45µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

As a result of the higher-than-expected levels of particulate matter at Cairnryan Dumfries and Galloway Council's Environmental Health installed an approved (reference-method equivalent) Fidas 200 EN-certified fine dust monitoring and ambient air measuring system PM<sub>10</sub> (+ PM<sub>2.5</sub>) monitor in order to carry out a detailed assessment of PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels at Cairnryan. If, as a result of reference method equivalent monitoring levels were shown to exceed the objective(s) then Environmental Health would thereafter be able to designate the whole or part of the village of Cairnryan as an Air Quality Management Area.

The Fidas 200 EN-certified fine dust monitoring and ambient air measuring system Equipment was installed and become operational in 2018 from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018

As a result of the 2018 monitoring no further PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring has carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council as further monitoring is not warranted

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

A detailed assessment of the influence of shipping on SO<sub>2</sub> levels in Cairnryan was carried out in 2004 when it was found that the SO<sub>2</sub> levels met the objectives and an AQMA was not required.

Currently Dumfries and Galloway Council does no LAQM monitoring for SO<sub>2</sub> within Council-area.

#### **3.2.5 Carbon Monoxide, Lead and 1,3-Butadiene**

Monitoring for carbon monoxide and 1,3 butadiene have been carried out previously in Dumfries, where the levels were found to meet the relevant objectives.

Currently Dumfries and Galloway Council does no LAQM monitoring for carbon monoxide, lead or 1,3 butadiene within the Council area.

## **4 New Local Developments**

Despite a number of large developments proposed within Dumfries and Galloway no new relevant local developments with an impact on air quality have been identified since the completion of last year's report.

### **4.1 Road Traffic Sources**

No significant road traffic sources relevant with respect to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway have been identified in the 2023 reporting year that may significantly change traffic flows or affect target air quality objectives.

### **4.2 Other Transport Sources**

No other transport sources relevant with respect to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway have been identified in the 2023 LAQM APR reporting year.

### **4.3 Industrial Sources**

No new industrial sources relevant with significant impact to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway have been identified in the 2023 LAQM APR reporting year.

### **4.4 Commercial and Domestic Sources**

No relevant industrial sources with respect to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway have been identified in the 2023 LAQM APR reporting year.

A number of Planning Consultations received in relation to installation of proposed biomass combustion systems and domestic woodburning installations have been assessed but these proposals are predominately in rural areas with little cumulative impact.

## **4.5 New Developments with Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources**

No new developments with fugitive or uncontrolled sources relevant with respect to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway have been newly identified in the 2023 LAQM APR reporting year.

## 5 Planning Applications

No planning applications have been identified in the 2023 LAQM APR reporting year which would have significant effects with respect to air quality in Dumfries and Galloway.

A number of Planning Consultations have been received in relation to installation of proposed biomass combustion systems have been assessed but these proposals are predominately in rural areas with little cumulative impact.

## **6 Conclusions and Proposed Actions**

### **6.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data**

There were no exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objectives identified within Dumfries and Galloway Council. NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations have been stable for at least the past ten years.

### **6.2 Conclusions relating to New Local Developments**

No new relevant local developments have been identified since completion of last year's report that have the potential to create exceedances of relevant objectives.

### **6.3 Proposed Actions**

Monitoring during 2023 confirmed levels of atmospheric NO<sub>2</sub> continue to be well below the air quality objective. Therefore, no actions to reduce NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are required to meet Air Quality Objectives.

Dumfries and Galloway Council recognises that good air quality and health are intrinsically linked. We are keen to increase public knowledge and perception of air quality in the region and are working to increase the profile of air quality issues such as vehicle anti-idling campaigns, clean air day promotion, alternative travel etc. We have previously engaged with elected members with respect to air quality initiatives such as clean air day and Environmental Health intends wishes to build on this in conjunction with Education, Sustainable Transport, Fleet Services with respect to work toward the Council Priorities.

## 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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Inlet Height (m)
CM1	Buccleuch Street Dumfries	Roadside	297025	576259	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	Chemiluminescent	<1	4.3	1.6
CM2	Eskdalemuir	Rural	323551	603022	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	Chemiluminescent	N/A	225	4.0

**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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S1	M74 Slip Lockerbie	Other	313345	581416	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	32.0	1.9	No	2.5
S2	A77 Stena Cairnryan	Kerbside	206109	569375	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	5.0	5.0	No	2.4
S3	Buccleuch Street West	Kerbside	296949	576218	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.0	No	2.5
S4	Gretna Loaning	Roadside	332110	568264	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	1.4	No	2.6
S5	Nithbank	Kerbside	297712	575254	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.7	No	2.6
S6	St Michael Street	Roadside	297457	575692	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	3.1	No	2.5
S7	Argyl Drive	Urban Background	299378	578847	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	1.7	No	2.3
S8	A77 Cairnryan (P&O)	Roadside	207216	567422	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	19.0	2.0	No	2.6
S9	Castle Break, Ecclefechan	Roadside	319272	575029	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	1.5	No	2.5

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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S10	Charlotte Street, Stranraer	Roadside	206085	560859	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	4.0	No	3.7
S11 S12 S13	Buccleuch Street East Inlet	Kerbside	297025	576259	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	4.3	Yes	1.5
S14	Sheriff Court Buccleuch Street	Kerbside	296978	576219	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	0.6	No	2.4
S16	Kirkcudbright	Kerbside	268574	551126	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	2.0	No	2.2
S15 S17	Buccleuch Street Bridge	Roadside	296868	576182	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	5.0	No	2.4
S18	Commerce Road STR	Roadside	207087	559976	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	1.0	No	2.4
S19	Loch Inch Place STR	Kerbside	207756	560789	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	1.0	1.0	No	2.3

**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 NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results: Automatic Monitoring (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)**

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CM1	Roadside	Automatic	98.2	98.2	31.1	22.1	22.2	21.2	22.1
CM2	Urban Background	Automatic	38	38	1.8	1.7	1.6	-	1.2*

**Notes:**

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

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

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 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 – Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results: Non-Automatic Monitoring (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)**

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%)	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%)	NO <sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )				
						2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
S1	313345	581416	Other	100	100.0	24.7	17.9	17.7	16.7	16.0
S2	206109	569375	Kerbside	100	100.0	15.6	16.0	15.6	15.1	13.8
S3	296949	576218	Kerbside	100	100.0	28.5	23.0	20.9	21.5	22.4
S4	332110	568264	Roadside	100	100.0	14.2	11.3	10.5	10.1	8.9
S5	297712	575254	Kerbside	100	100.0	21.0	14.1	14.3	14.5	14.5
S6	297457	575692	Roadside	100	100.0	21.3	15.3	15.6	16.4	16.5
S7	299378	578847	Urban Background	100	100.0	9.5	7.6	6.5	6.8	6.5
S8	207216	567422	Roadside	100	100.0	18.1	17.4	16.9	15.0	14.4
S9	319272	575029	Roadside	91.7	90.4	13.2	9.5	10.6	9.8	9.0
S10	206085	560859	Roadside	100	100.0	18.7	15.5	14.9	15.5	13.8
S11 , S12, S13	297025	576259	Kerbside	97.2	100.0	30.8	22.4	19.7	20.7	22.0

S14	296978	576219	Kerbside	100	100.0	29.9	21.4	20.8	23.9	23.9
S16	268574	551126	Kerbside	100	100.0	16.3	12.9	14.7	12.1	11.0
S15, S17	296868	576182	Roadside	100	100.0	26.2	19.1	18.6	20.7	20.6
S18	207087	559976	Roadside	91.7	90.4				7.9	7.5
S19	207756	560789	Kerbside	100	100.0				5.5	7.1

☐ Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG22

☒ Diffusion tube data has been bias adjusted

☒ Reported concentrations are those at the location of the monitoring site (bias adjusted and annualised, as required), i.e. prior to any fall-off with distance correction

#### Notes:

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

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

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG(22) if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

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

(4) 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.5 – 1-Hour Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m<sup>3</sup>**

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CM1	Roadside	Automatic	98.2	98.2	0	3	1	0	1
CM2	Urban Background	Automatic	38	38	0	0	0	-	(0)

**Notes:**

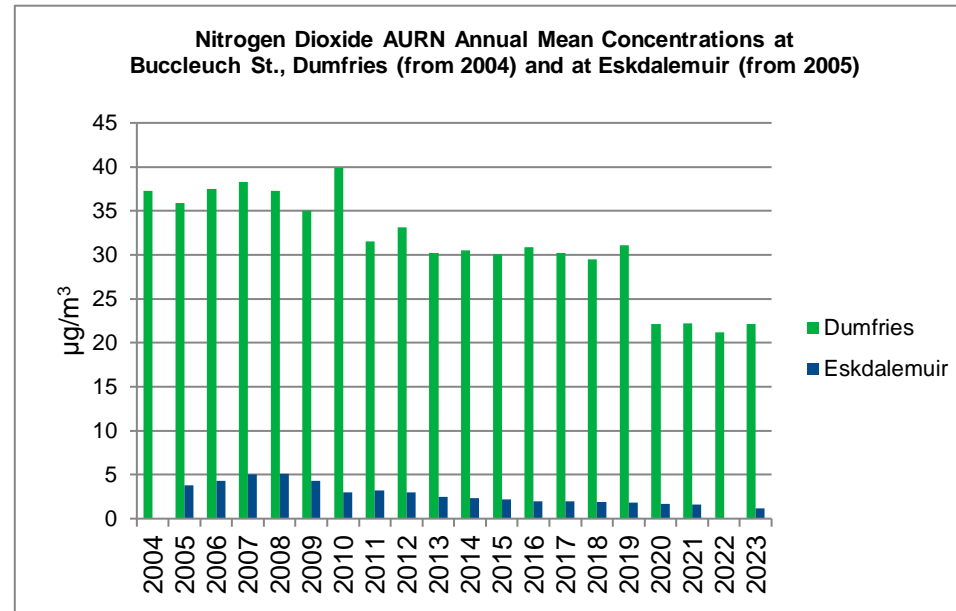
Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean objective (200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times/year) are shown in bold.

If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 99.8<sup>th</sup> 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 NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations at Automatic Monitoring Sites at Dumfries and at Eskdalemuir.



The above chart shows that annual mean concentrations at the roadside site at Buccleuch Street, Dumfries have fallen significantly below the annual mean objective since 2010. When data was available NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at Eskdalemuir remained well below the objective reflecting the site's rural background status.

Figure A.2

Trends in Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations Measured at Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites.

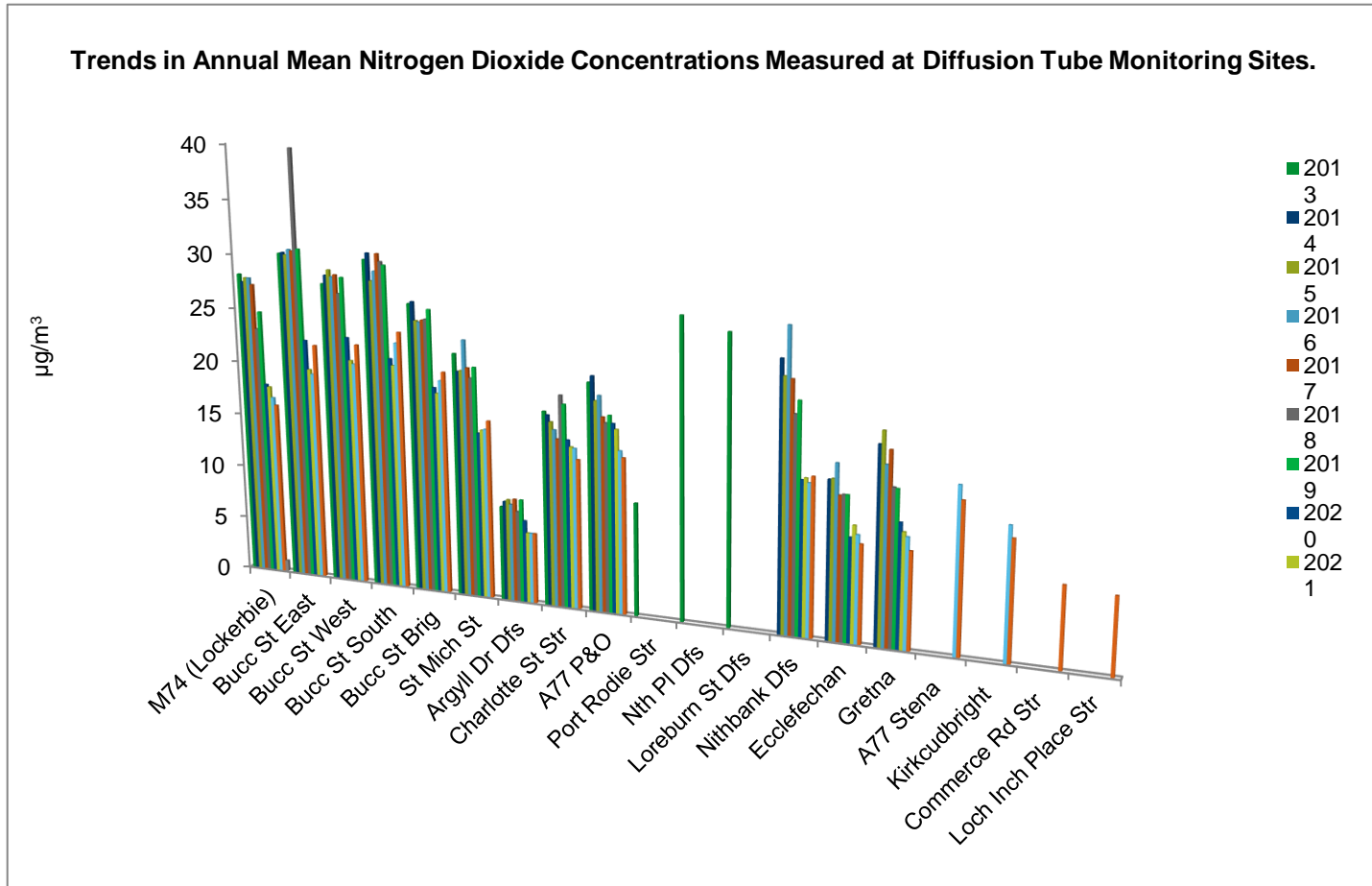
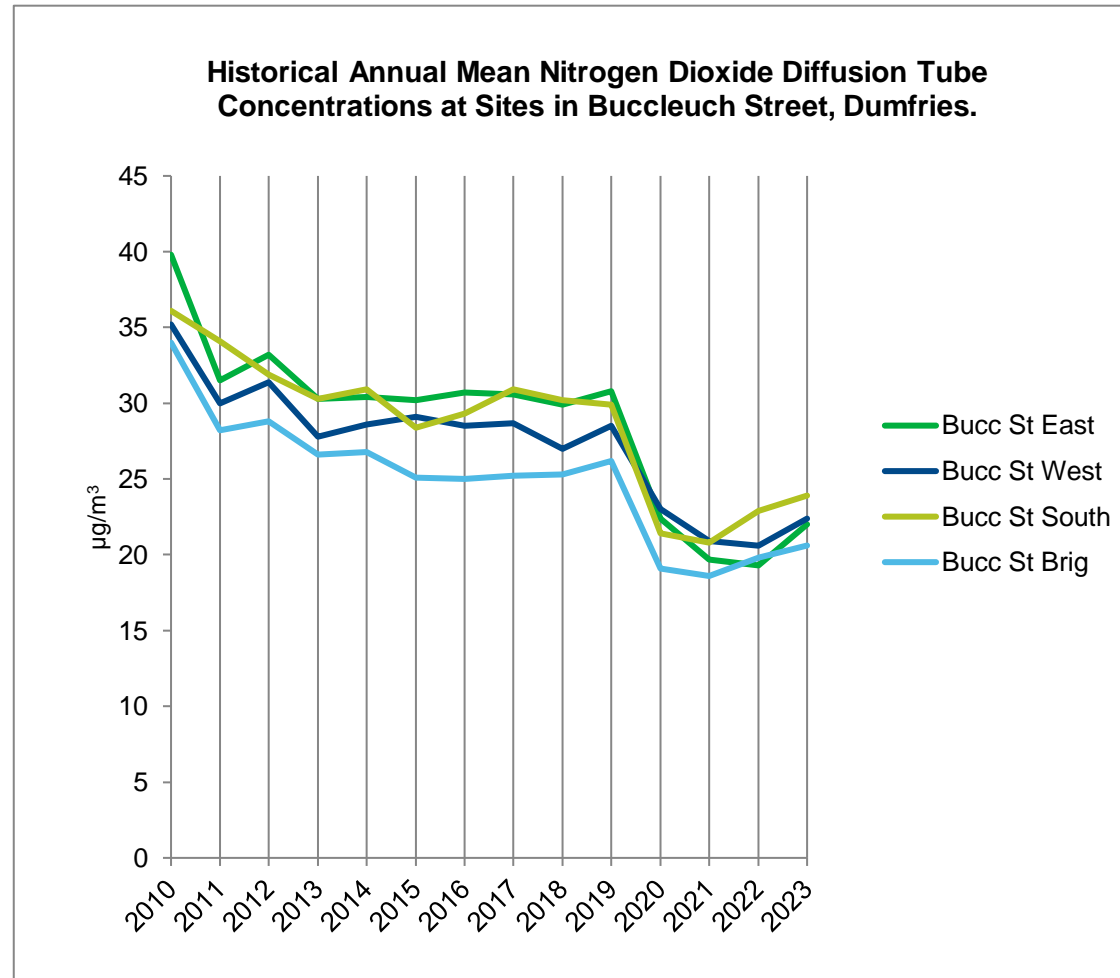


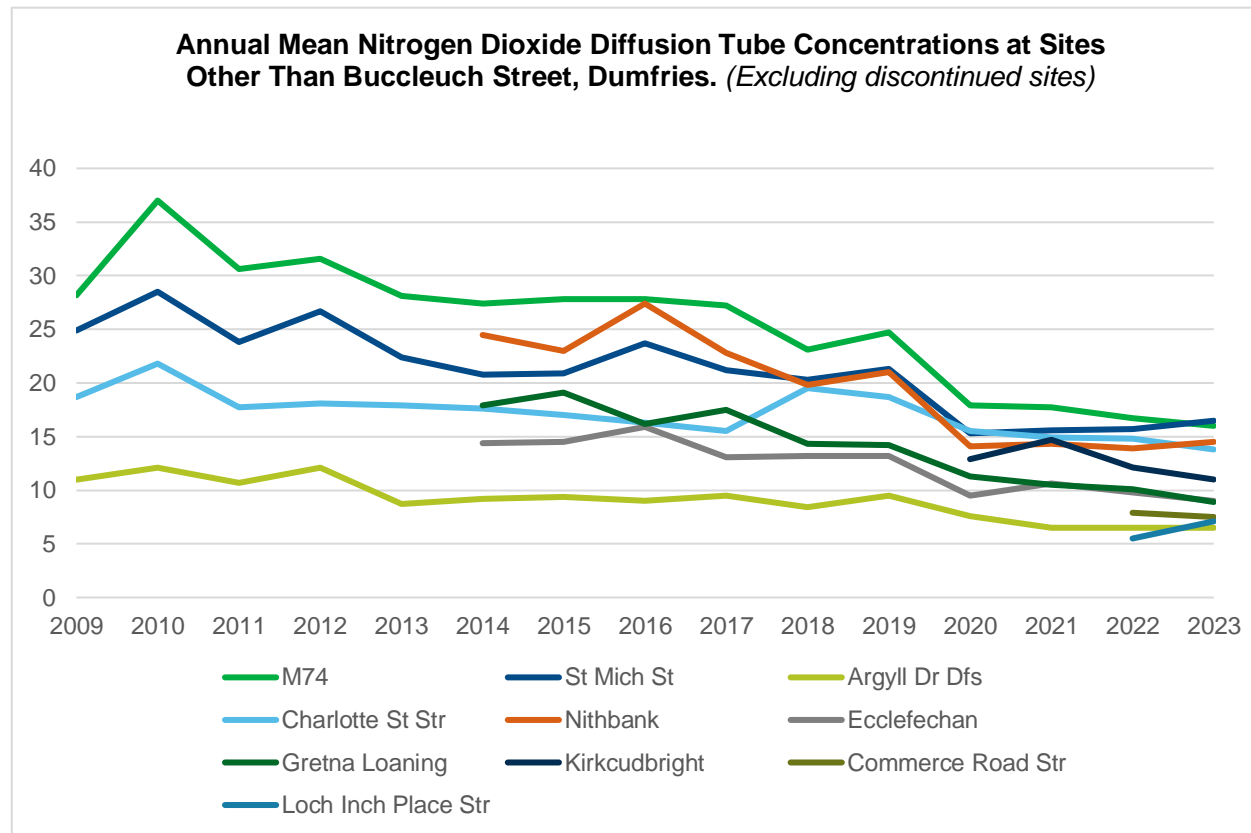


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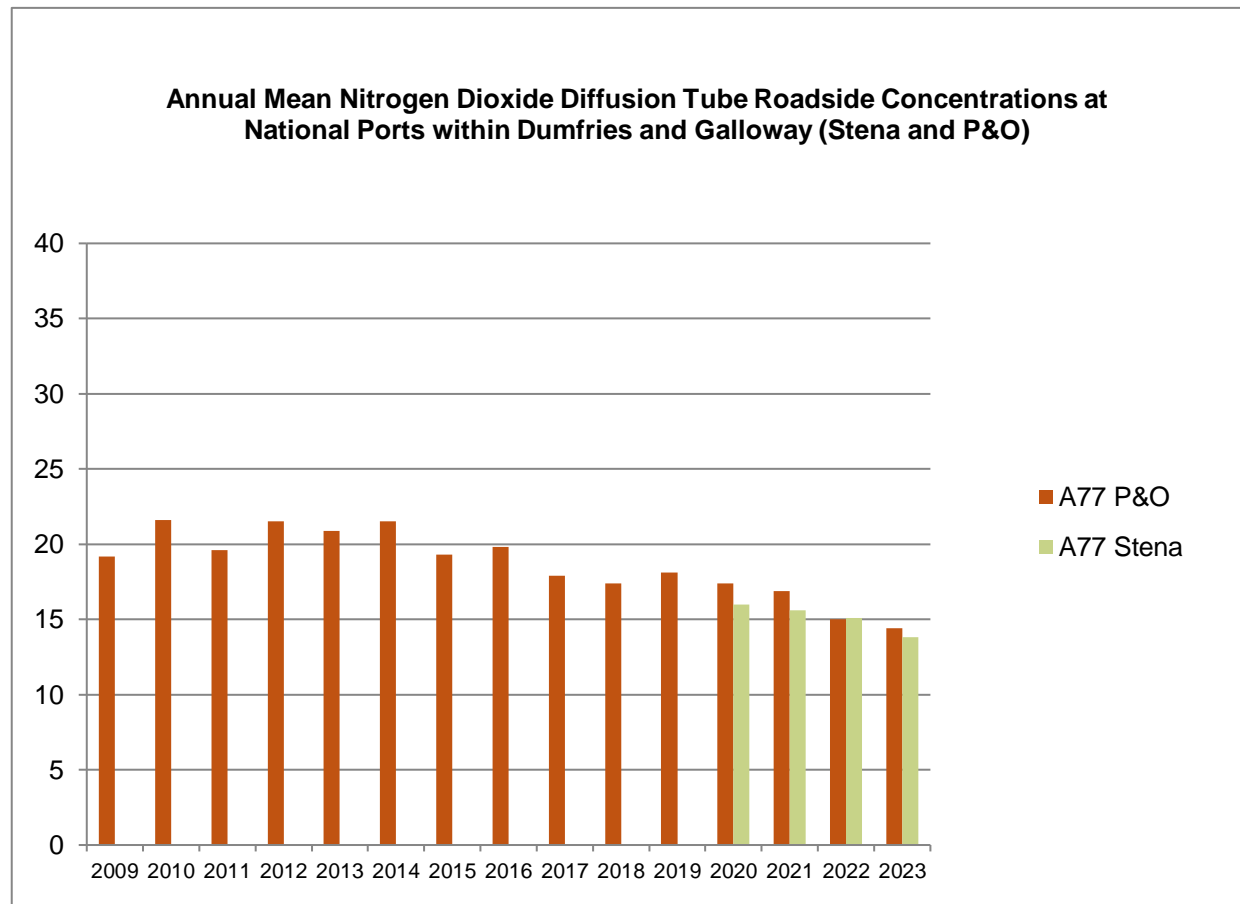
**Graph Showing Historical Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Concentrations at Sites in Buccleuch Street, Dumfries.**



**Figure A.4**      **Graph Showing Historical Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Concentrations at Sites Other Than Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. (Excluding discontinued sites)**




**Figure A.5**      **Graph Showing Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Roadside Concentrations at National Ports within Dumfries and Galloway (P&O and Stena Line)**



Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2023

Table B.1 – NO<sub>2</sub> 2023 Monthly Diffusion Tube Results (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)



Annual Report Results Table - Table B.1

<a href="#">STEP 1 - DT Calendar Inputs Error</a>	<a href="#">STEP 2 - Diffusion Tube Inputs Error</a>	<a href="#">STEP 2a - Annualisation Inputs Error</a>	<a href="#">STEP 3 - Bias Adjustment Error</a>	<a href="#">STEP 4 - Fall off with Distance Error</a>	<a href="#">Diffusion Tube Co-ordinate Check Warning</a>
None	None	None	None	None	None

Bias Adjustment Factor = Local

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	NO <sub>2</sub> Mean Concentrations (µg/m³)												Simple Annual Mean (µg/m3)			Comment
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Raw Data	Bias Adjusted (0.9)	Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure	
S1	313345	581416	26.3	21.1	15.0	17.1	15.6	14.9	14.7	13.0	16.0	15.1	26.4	18.0	17.8	16.0		
S2	206109	569375	15.8	16.5	15.6	20.3	21.0	14.9	12.2	18.5	14.7	13.1	10.3	11.6	15.4	13.8		
S3	296949	576218	32.6	29.3	26.2	27.2	20.5	22.5	18.8	17.9	22.8	25.6	29.5	26.1	24.9	22.4		
S4	332110	568264	7.7	12.6	9.9	10.2	8.5	7.1	10.2	9.7	11.5	10.6	9.3	11.7	9.9	8.9		
S5	297712	575254	16.7	17.3	17.4	20.9	13.5	10.3	9.7	11.1	14.2	17.7	28.2	16.5	16.1	14.5		
S6	297457	575692	19.6	21.2	19.5	18.8	15.2	14.7	11.3	14.3	17.6	17.9	28.2	21.3	18.3	16.5		
S7	299378	578847	10.9	9.3	6.7	6.5	4.3	5.9	3.6	4.8	6.2	6.5	12.8	9.8	7.3	6.5		
S8	207216	567422	15.7	19.6	17.0	17.6	14.7	18.7	14.0	14.9	17.6	12.3	15.6	14.4	16.0	14.4		
S9	319272	575029	14.3	11.6	V	10.7	7.7	8.0	5.7	8.0	9.6	11.2	12.8	10.5	10.0	9.0		
S10	206085	560859	17.1	17.5	18.4	14.6	14.5	16.9	11.9	13.0	15.9	15.7	12.9	16.1	15.4	13.8		
S11	297025	576259	21.6	29.1	27.1	28.2	22.4	20.6	18.8	20.9	23.9	23.9	29.1	24.6	-	-		Triplicate Site with S11 , S12 and S13 - Annual data provided for S13 only
S12	297025	576259	30.4	30.8	25.5	V	22.3	19.5	19.7	17.1	22.5	23.8	29.2	23.3	-	-		Triplicate Site with S11 , S12 and S13 - Annual data provided for S13 only
S13	297025	576259	28.8	29.6	26.3	27.9	23.5	21.6	16.8	19.4	21.8	25.5	32.1	25.0	24.5	22.0		Triplicate Site with S11 , S12 and S13 - Annual data provided for S13 only
S14	296978	576219	29.3	29.3	27.9	30.2	21.9	27.5	19.6	18.2	24.6	31.7	28.7	29.2	26.5	23.9		
S15	296868	576182	27.6	24.3	26.8	28.2	19.1	22.9	15.8	15.5	20.5	24.7	23.9	25.7	-	-		Duplicate Site with S15 and S17 - Annual data provided for S17 only
S16	268574	551126	13.3	14.5	15.2	14.7	11.7	14.1	1.6	13.9	12.0	11.9	11.6	11.6	12.2	11.0		
S17	296868	576182	25.0	24.4	27.1	28.7	19.5	25.4	17.1	14.9	21.0	27.2	23.0	21.7	22.9	20.6		Duplicate Site with S15 and S17 - Annual data provided for S17 only
S18	207087	559976	10.3	11.1	6.1	7.1	7.4	V	7.3	6.7	5.0	8.8	12.6	9.6	8.4	7.5		
S19	207756	560789	7.3	8.7	5.6	9.1	7.2	7.7	5.3	8.3	9.5	8.5	9.4	8.7	7.9	7.1		

- ☒ All erroneous data has been removed from the NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube dataset presented in Table B.1.
- ☐ Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG22.
- ☒ Local bias adjustment factor used.
- ☐ National bias adjustment factor used.
- ☐ Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure in the final column.
- ☒ **Dumfries and Galloway Council** confirm that all 2023 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System.

**Notes:**

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

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

See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment and annualisation.

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

### **New or Changed Sources Identified Within Dumfries and Galloway Council During 2023**

Dumfries and Galloway Council has not identified any new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2023.

### **Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by Dumfries and Galloway Council During 2023**

Dumfries and Galloway Council has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2023. Dumfries and Galloway Council does not have any AQMAs within its area as there is no exceedance, nor is there likely to be exceedance in the future of air quality objectives.

### **QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring**

The diffusion tubes during 2023 were prepared and analysed by SOCOTEC (Didcot) using 50% triethanolamine (TEA) in acetone. SOCOTEC has been a participant in the AIR PT proficiency scheme since its inception and was a participant in its predecessor WASP also since inception. Over the past number of years SOCOTEC (formerly Environmental Scientifics Group, Didcot) has achieved 100% in the Air PT proficiency scheme.

Monitoring was completed in adherence with the Diffusion Tube Monitoring Calendar.

### **Diffusion Tube Annualisation**

All diffusion tube monitoring locations within Dumfries and Galloway Council recorded data capture of 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data. In addition, any sites with a data capture below 25% do not require annualisation.

## Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

Dumfries and Galloway Council have applied a local bias adjustment factor of 0.9 to the 2023 monitoring data. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by Dumfries and Galloway Council over the past five years is presented in Table C.1.

Triplicate diffusion tubes at Buccleuch Street (East) Dumfries are co-located with the AURN NO<sub>2</sub> continuous monitor and are used to derive a local bias-adjustment factor.

**Table C.1 – Bias Adjustment Factor**

Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2023	Local	-	0.9
2022	Local	-	0.88
2021	Local	-	0.88
2020	Local	-	0.91
2019	Local	-	0.89

## NO<sub>2</sub> Fall-off with Distance from the Road

No diffusion tube NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring locations within Dumfries and Galloway Council required distance correction during 2023.

## QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring

Routine calibrations of the automatic monitor are carried out fortnightly by Council staff, with six-monthly audits carried out by Ricardo Energy and Environment. Ratification is carried out by the Quality Assurance and Control (QA/QC) Unit at Ricardo Energy and Environment. (The NO<sub>2</sub> continuous monitor at Eskdalemuir also forms part of the AURN and is subject to the same audit regime). Triplicate diffusion tubes at Buccleuch Street (East) Dumfries are co-located with the NO<sub>2</sub> continuous monitor and are used to derive a local bias-adjustment factor.

**Automatic Monitoring Annualisation**

CM1 automatic monitoring location (Buccleuch Street - Operated by Dumfries and Galloway Council) recorded data capture of greater than 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data. In addition, any sites with a data capture below 25% do not require annualisation.

CM2 automatic monitoring location (Eskdalemuir – Operated by the British Geological Society / Met Office) recorded data capture of 38%. Annualisation was therefore required as this site had a data capture of less than 75% but greater than 25%. Annualisation data is presented in Table C.2.

**NO<sub>2</sub> Fall-off with Distance from the Road**

No automatic NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring locations within Dumfries and Galloway Council required distance correction during 2023.



**Table C.2 – Annualisation Summary (concentrations presented in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )**

Site Name ID	Site Name	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Sufficient (>85%) annual data capture	Sufficient (>85%) annual data capture	Sufficient (>85%) annual data capture	Average Annualisation Factor	Raw Data Time Weighted Annual Mean ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Annualised Data Time Weighted Annual Mean ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
				Annualisation Factor Glasgow Townhead UB	Annualisation Factor Belfast Centre UB	Annualisation Factor Ballymena Ballykeel UB			
CM2	Eskdalemuir	323551	603022	0.9606	0.947	1.0158	0.9745	1.2	1.2

Table C.3 – Local Bias Adjustment Calculations

## Checking Precision and Accuracy of Triplicate Tubes



Diffusion Tubes Measurements									
Period	Start Date dd/mm/yyyy	End Date dd/mm/yyyy	Tube 1 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$	Tube 2 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$	Tube 3 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$	Triplicate Mean	Standard Deviation	Coefficient of Variation (CV)	95% CI of mean
1	04/01/2023	01/02/2023	21.6	30.4	28.8	27	4.7	17	11.6
2	01/02/2023	01/03/2023	29.1	30.8	29.6	30	0.9	3	2.2
3	01/03/2023	05/04/2023	27.1	25.5	26.3	26	0.8	3	2.0
4	05/04/2023	03/05/2023	28.2	V	27.9	28	0.2	1	1.9
5	03/05/2023	31/05/2023	22.4	22.3	23.5	23	0.7	3	1.7
6	31/05/2023	05/07/2023	20.6	19.5	21.6	21	1.1	5	2.6
7	05/07/2023	02/08/2023	18.8	19.7	16.8	18	1.5	8	3.7
8	02/08/2023	06/09/2023	20.9	17.1	19.4	19	1.9	10	4.8
9	06/09/2023	04/10/2023	23.9	22.5	21.8	23	1.1	5	2.7
10	04/10/2023	01/11/2023	23.9	23.8	25.5	24	1.0	4	2.4
11	01/11/2023	06/12/2023	29.1	29.2	32.1	30	1.7	6	4.2
12	06/12/2023	03/01/2024	24.6	23.3	25.0	24	0.9	4	2.2
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Automatic Method		Data Quality Check	
Period Mean	Data Capture (% DC)	Tubes Precision Check	Automatic Monitor Data
25	96.7	Good	Good
25.7	100	Good	Good
23.8	100	Good	Good
24.2	100	Good	Good
21	100	Good	Good
18	100	Good	Good
16	100	Good	Good
17	100	Good	Good
19	100	Good	Good
22	100	Good	Good
31.8	100	Good	Good
21	100	Good	Good

It is necessary to have results for at least two tubes in order to calculate the precision of the measurements

Overall survey -->

Good precision Good Overall DC

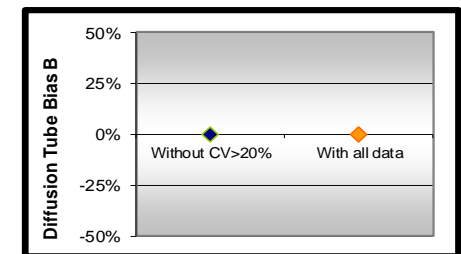
(Check average CV & DC from Accuracy calculations)

Site Name/ ID:

Precision 12 out of 12 periods have a CV smaller than 20%

Accuracy (with 95% confidence interval)	
without periods with CV larger than 20%	
Bias calculated using 12 periods of data	
Bias factor A	
Bias B	
Diffusion Tubes Mean:	24 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$
Mean CV (Precision):	6
Automatic Mean:	22 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$
Data Capture for periods used:	100%
Adjusted Tubes Mean:	$\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$

Accuracy (with 95% confidence interval)	
WITH ALL DATA	
Bias calculated using 12 periods of data	
Bias factor A	
Bias B	
Diffusion Tubes Mean:	24 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$
Mean CV (Precision):	6
Automatic Mean:	22 $\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$
Data Capture for periods used:	100%
Adjusted Tubes Mean:	$\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$

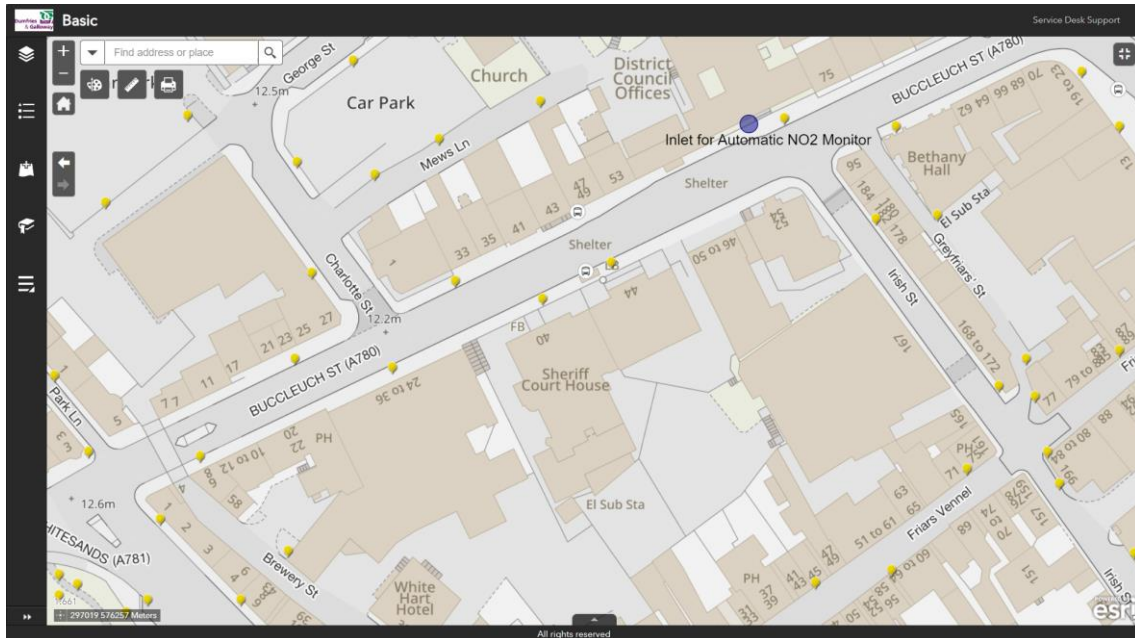


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Notes: A single local bias adjustment factor has been used to bias adjust the 2023 diffusion tube results.

## Appendix D: Maps Showing Monitoring Site Locations.

Figure D.1 Map of NO<sub>2</sub> automatic monitoring site at Buccleuch Street, Dumfries (AURN)



The air intake for the continuous monitor (AURN) is situated to the rear of a sign at the entrance to Municipal Chambers. The air intake tube goes through a window to the API monitor which is located in the Basement of Municipal Chambers.

Figure D.2 Map showing previous location of AURN NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring site Eskdalemuir

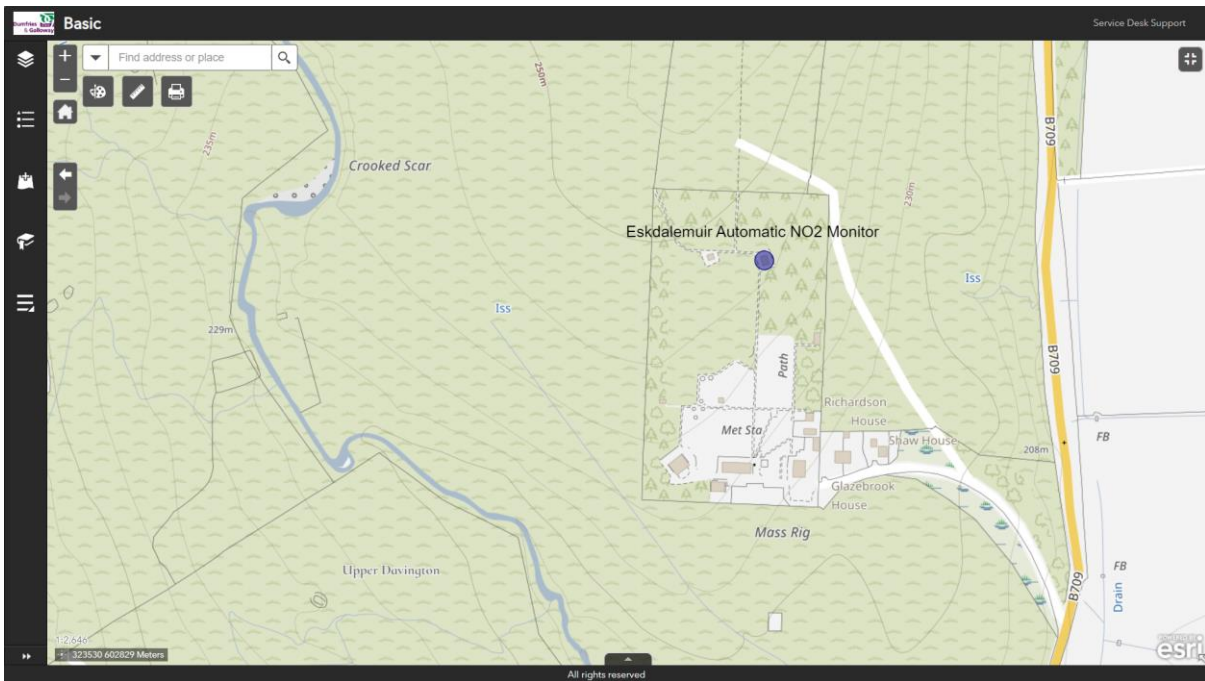
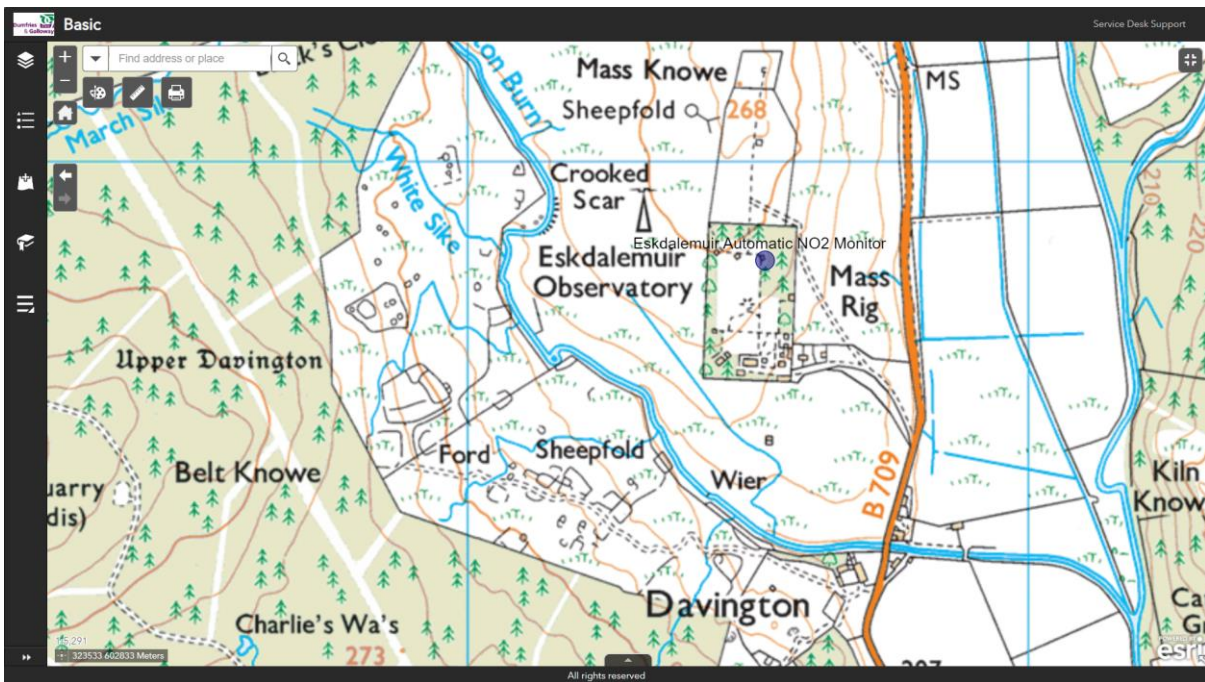


Figure D.2(2) Map showing location of AURN NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring site Eskdalemuir



During 2022 data from the Eskdalemuir AURN has not been recorded due to what was understood to be technical issue between other equipment operating at the Observatory and the AURN. Eskdalemuir AURN became operational from July 2023.



Figure D.3 Map of diffusion tube site at M74 Lockerbie (S1)

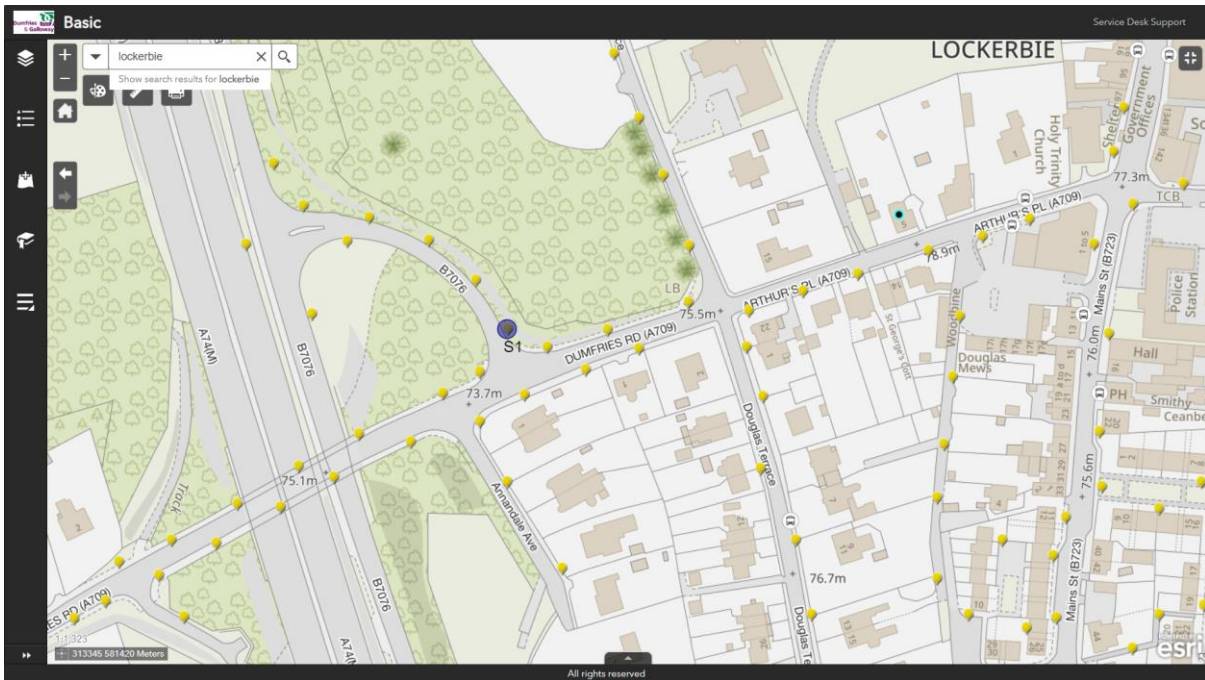


Figure D.4 Map of diffusion tube site at A77 Stena Line Port, Cairnryan (S2)

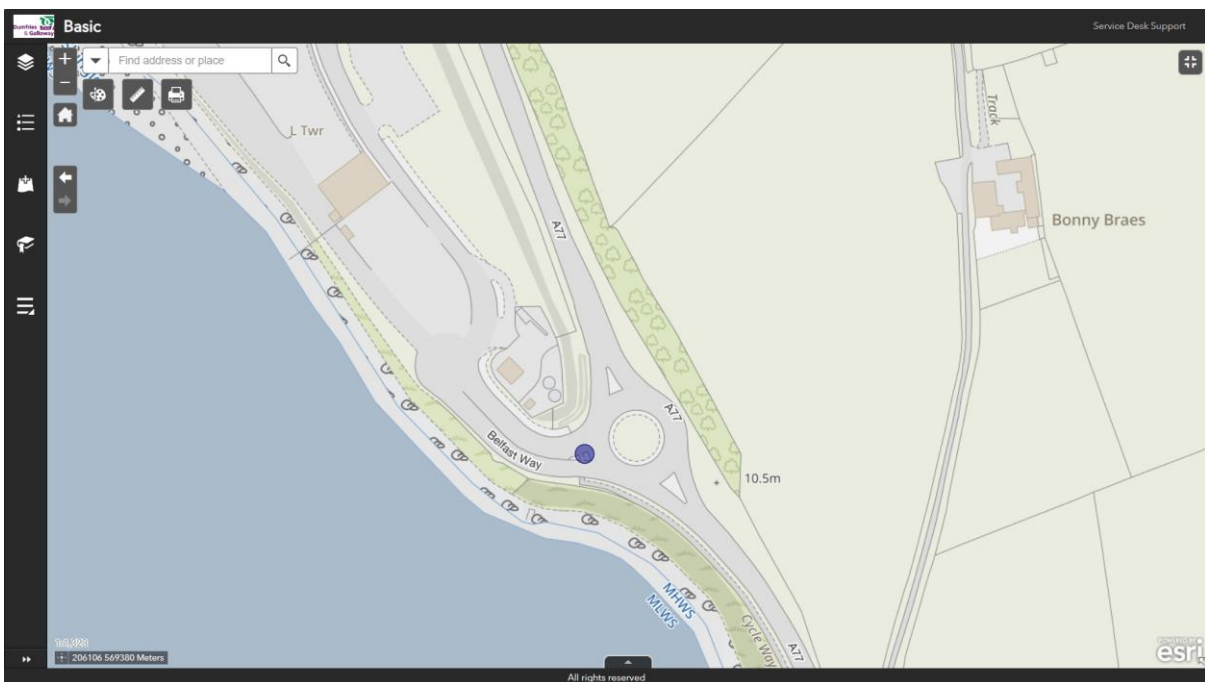


Figure D.5 Map of diffusion tube site at Buccleuch Street West (S3)

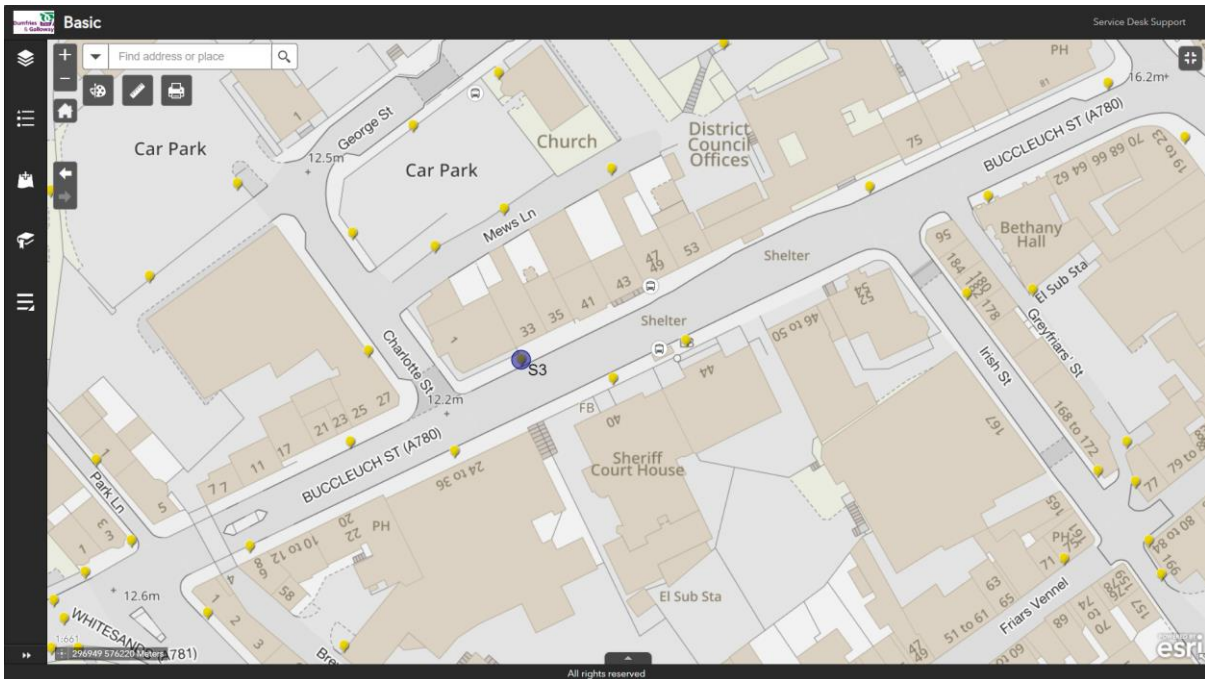


Figure D.6 Map of diffusion tube site at Gretna Loaming (S4)

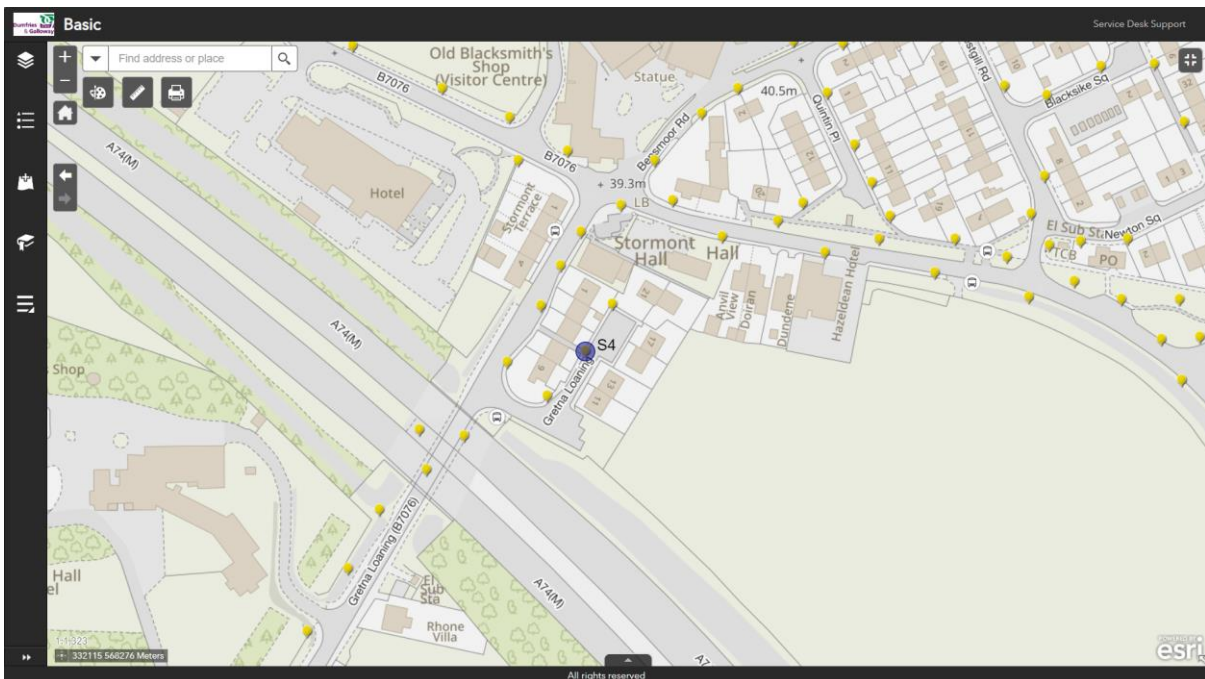




Figure D.7 Map of diffusion tube site at Nithbank, Dumfries (S5)

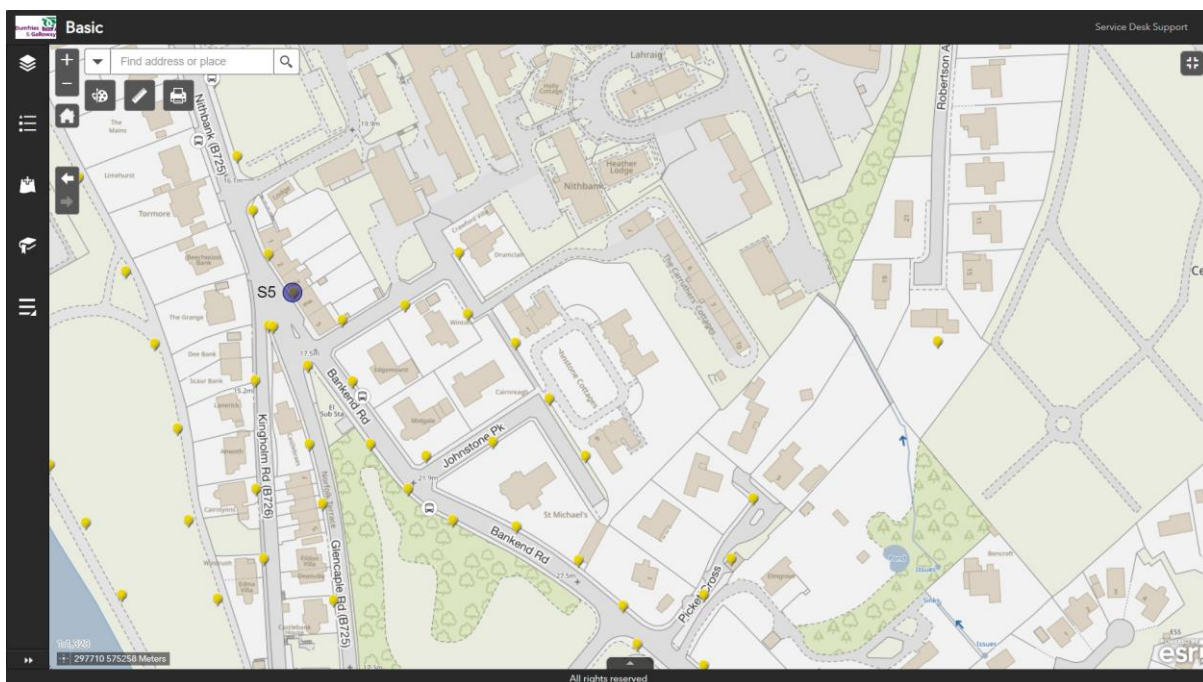


Figure D.8 Map of diffusion tube site at St Michael Street, Dumfries (S6)

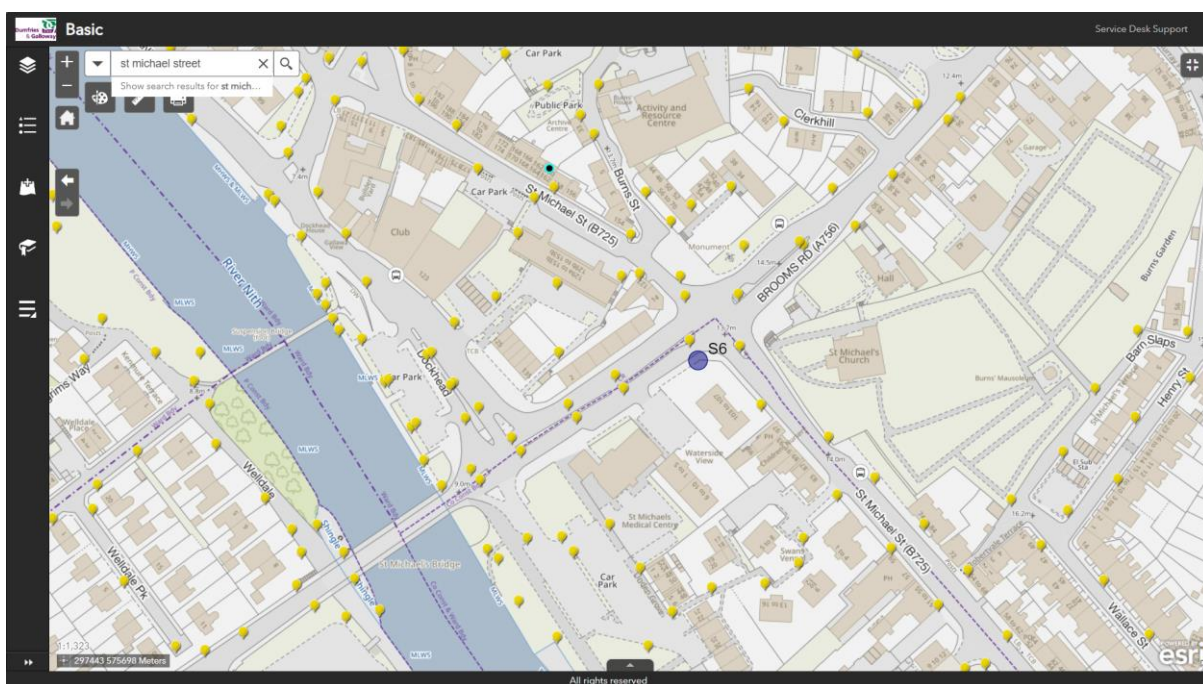


Figure D.9 Map of diffusion tube site at Argyll Drive, Dumfries (S7)

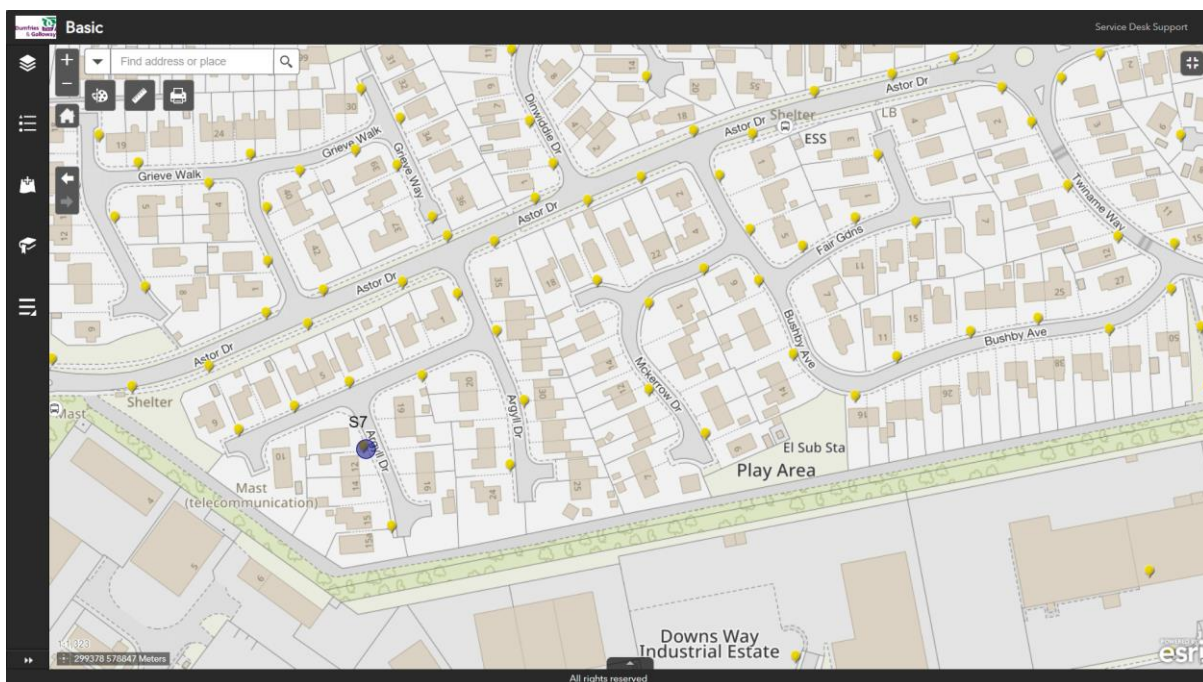


Figure D.10 Map of diffusion tube site at A77 P&amp;O Port, Cairnryan (S8)

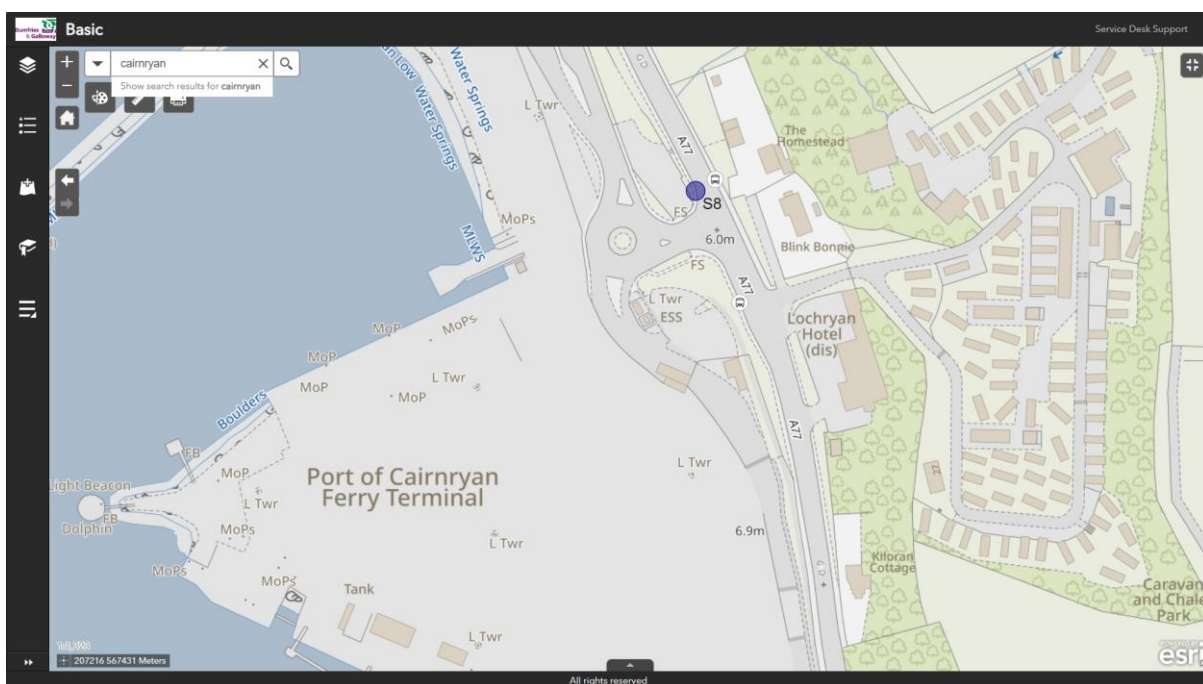




Figure D.11 Map of diffusion tube site at Castle Break, Ecclefechan (S9)

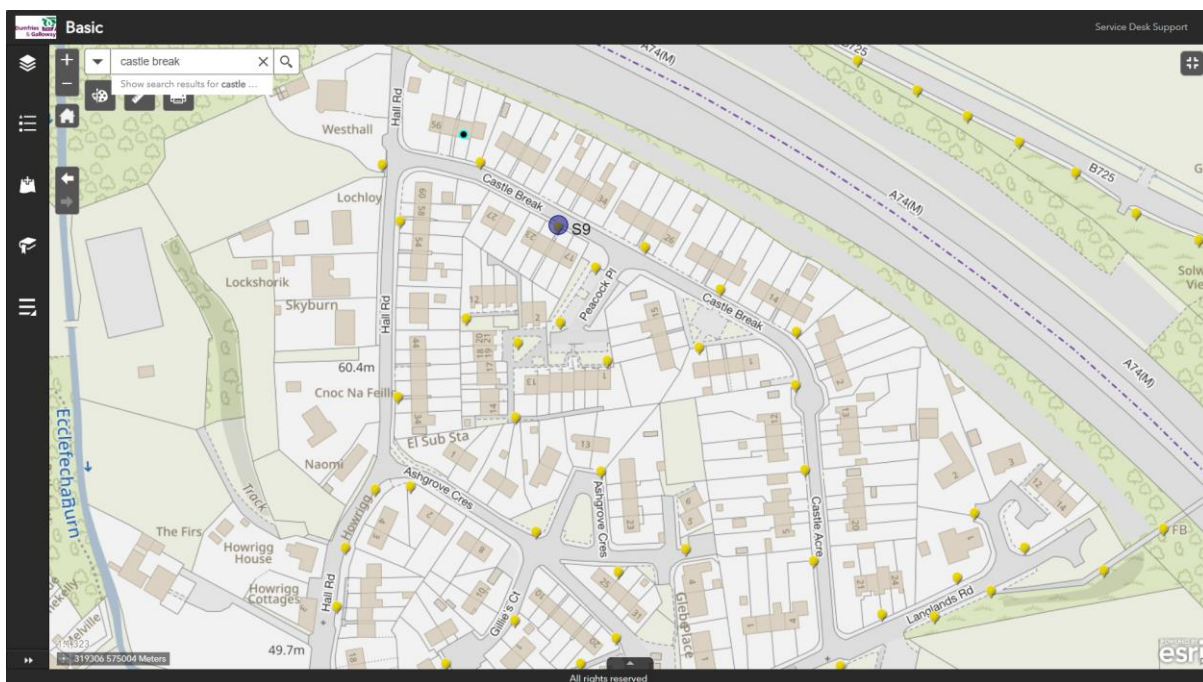


Figure D.12 Map of diffusion tube site at Charlotte Street, Stranraer (S10)

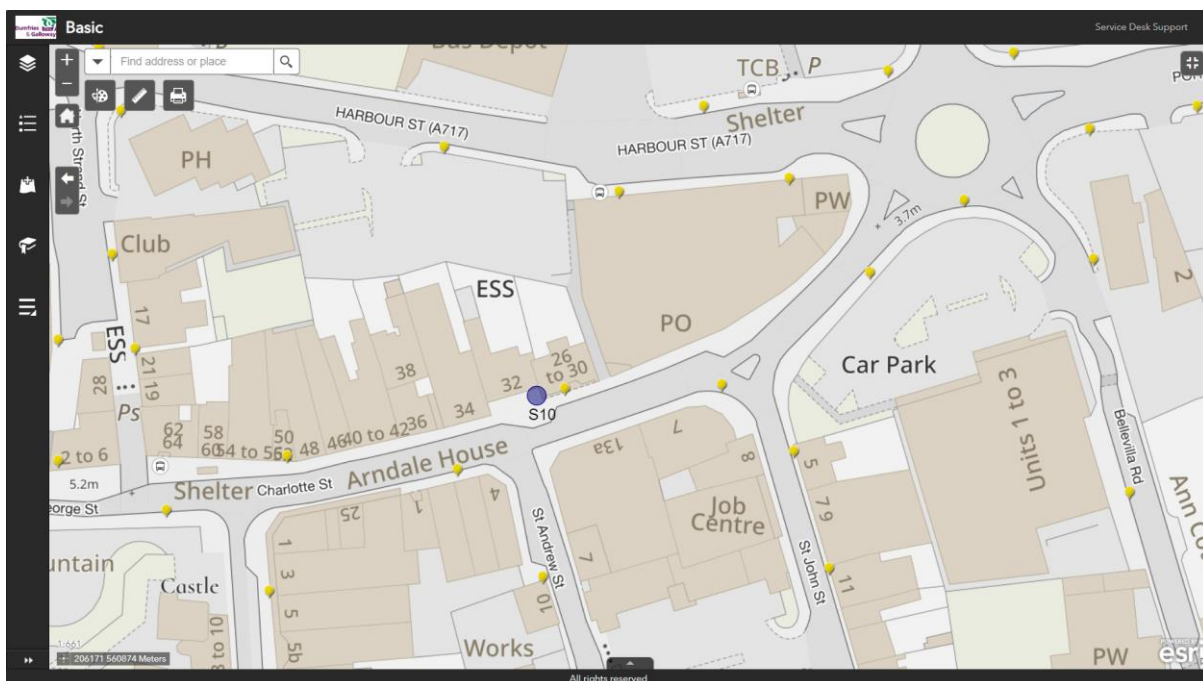


Figure D.13 Map of triplicate diffusion tube site at Buccleuch Street East Inlet (Co-Located AURN) (S11, S12, S13)

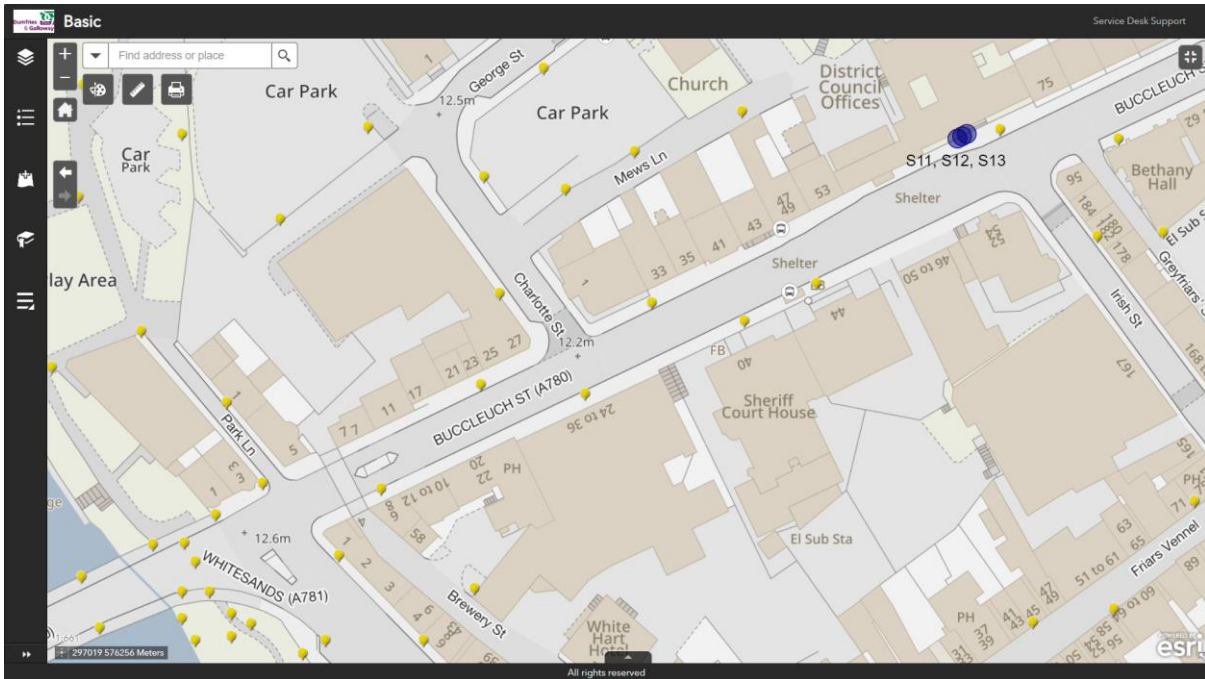


Figure D.14 Map of diffusion tube site at Buccleuch Street South Sheriff Court, Dumfries (S14)

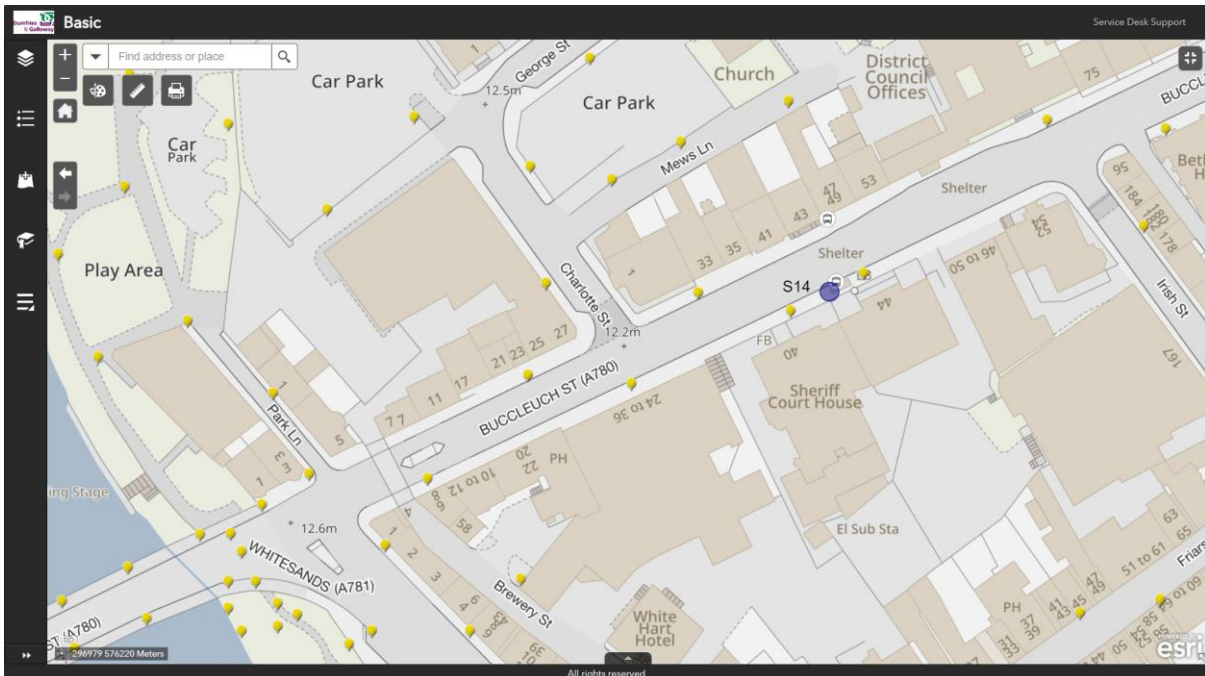




Figure D.15 Map of diffusion tube site at Buccleuch Street Bridge, Dumfries (Duplicate)  
(S15, S17)

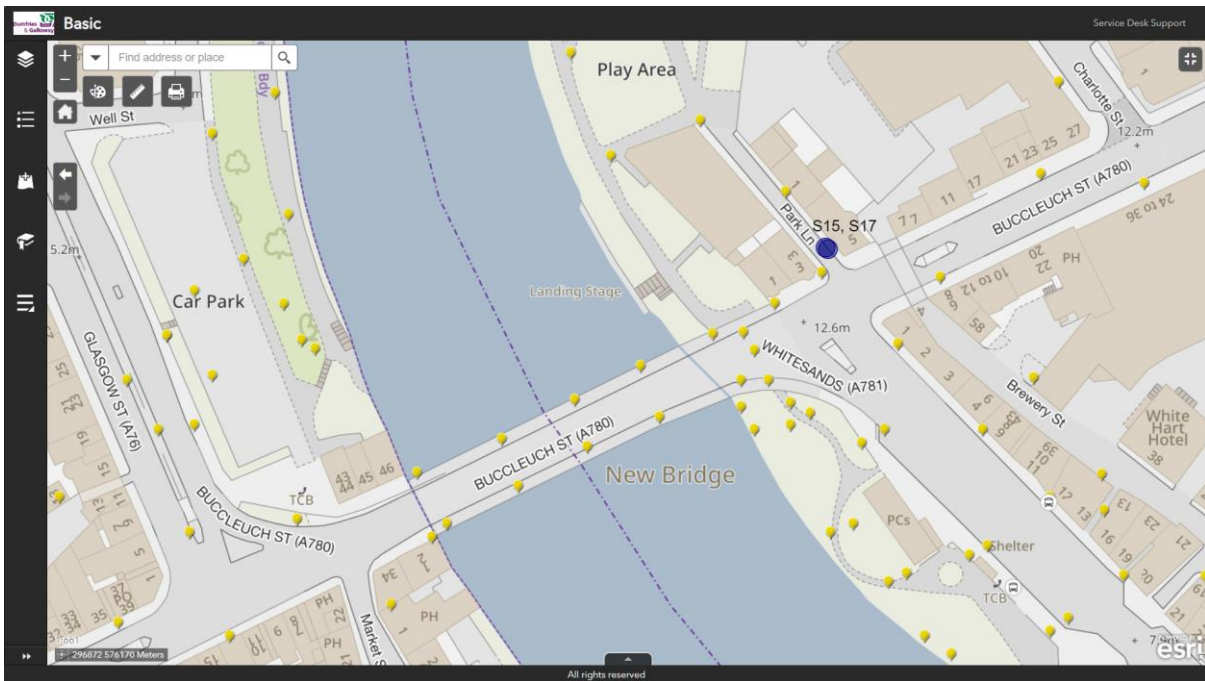


Figure D.16 Map of all diffusion tube sites located on Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

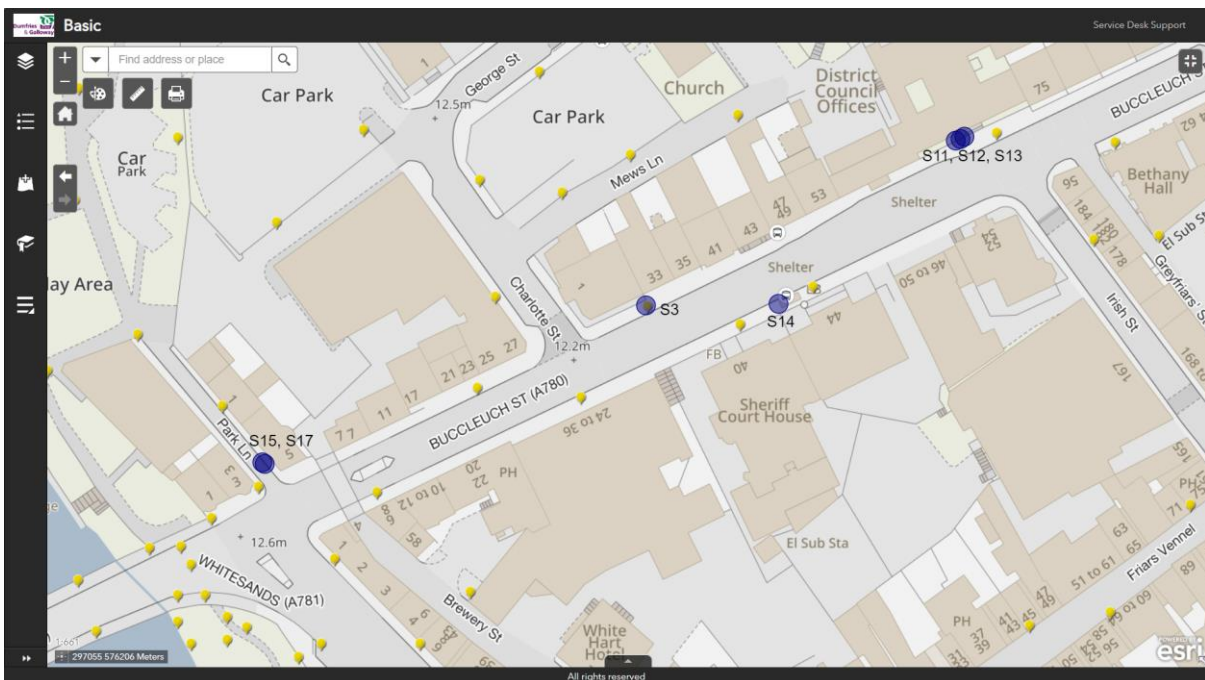


Figure D.17 Map of diffusion tube site at Kirkcudbright (S16)

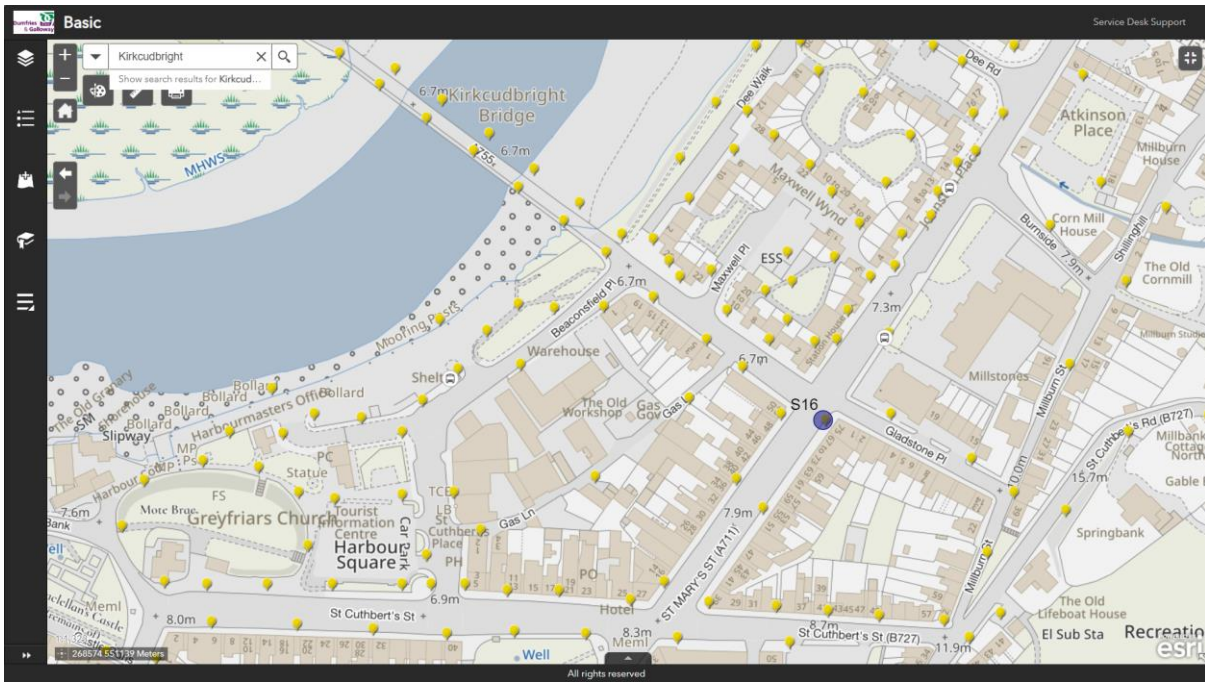


Figure D.18 Map of diffusion tube site at Commerce Road Stranraer (S18) (New Site 2022)

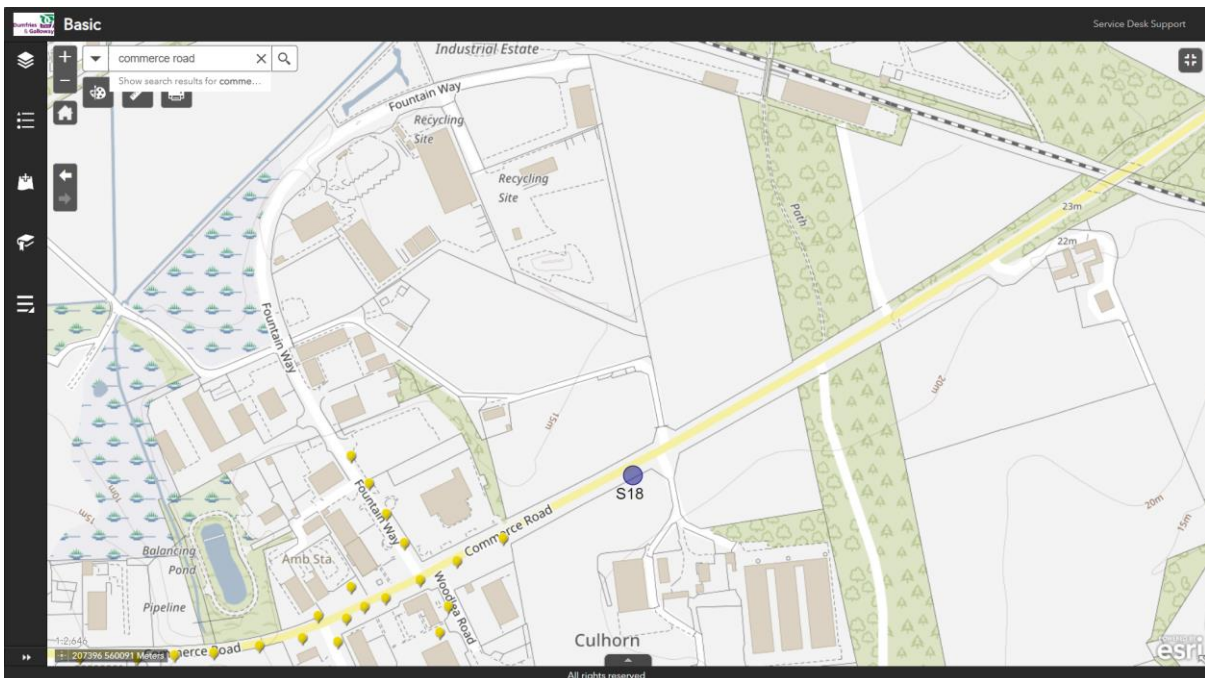
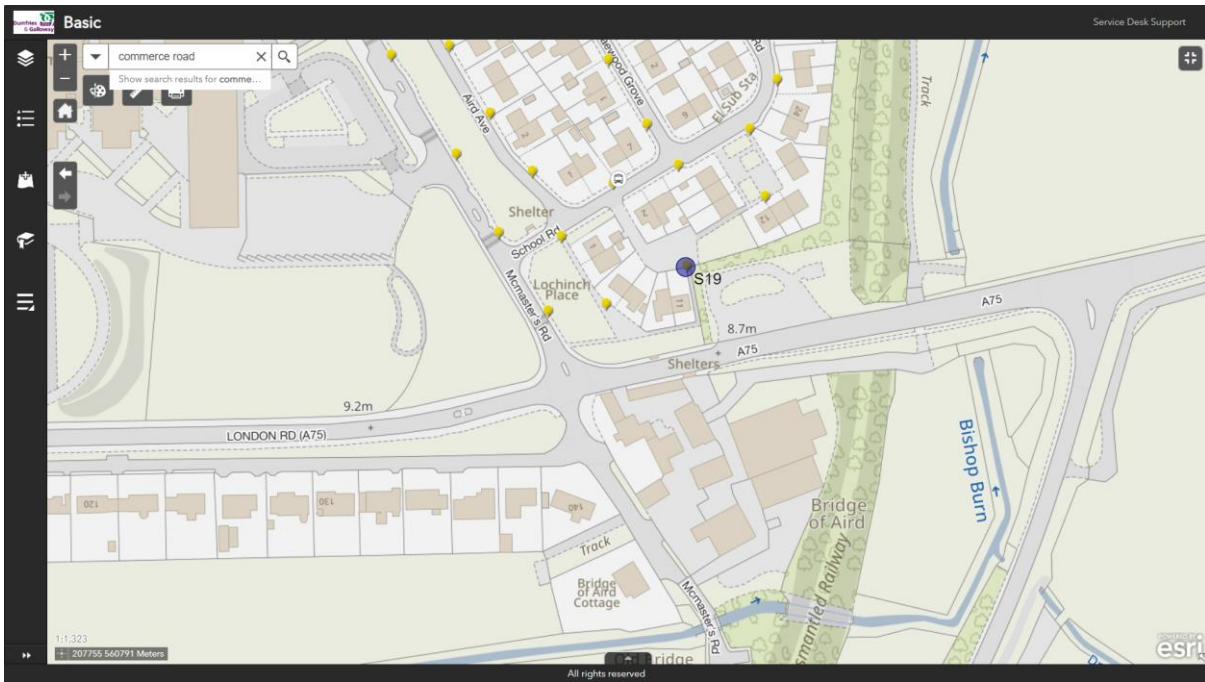


Figure D.19 Map of diffusion tube site at Loch Inch Place, Stranraer (S19) (New Site 2022)





## 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)
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England
DT	Diffusion Tube
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
PM <sub>10</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm (micrometres or microns) or less
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulphur Dioxide

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