



2009 Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment for Larne Borough Council

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Executive Summary

This Updating and Screening Report allowed Larne Borough Council to review and assess air quality within the borough and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved.

Where exceedences are considered likely, the local authority must then 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.

The Updating and Screening Assessment of air quality in Larne Borough has concluded that for each of the seven key air pollutants the air quality objectives are likely to be met and that a more detailed assessment is not required.

However, monitoring of sulphur dioxide and particulate matter from domestic emissions will continue in the area of Larne town predicated to have the highest concentration of pollutants, as monitoring only commenced in January 2006.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of Local Authority Area

Larne Borough is situated on the east coast of Northern Ireland and is often described as 'The Gateway to Ulster' due to the operations of cross channel ferries to and from the port of Larne.

The Borough covers an area of approximately 131km², stretching over 36 miles along the Antrim coastline from Islandmagee and Ballycarry in the south to Glenarm and Carnlough in the north. Two of the Glens of Antrim and part of the Antrim Plateau make Larne Borough very scenic with two thirds designated as areas of outstanding natural beauty. (See Figure 1)

The population of the council area is just over 30,000 Of which Larne town alone makes up approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total population. Larne is a busy seaport and market town situated 20 miles north of Belfast. It is within easy reach of Northern Ireland's two main airports being 21 miles from Belfast International Airport and 24 miles from Belfast City Airport. The area is supported both by major roads and a continuous rail link to Belfast – Dublin route. The manufacturing, tourism and agriculture industries provide the main economic base of the Borough



1.2 Purpose of Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 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 exceedences are considered likely, the local authority must then 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.

1.3 Air Quality Objectives

The air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in Northern Ireland are set out in the Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 2003, no. 342, and are shown in Table 1.1. This table shows the objectives in units of microgrammes per cubic metre $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (milligrammes per cubic metre, mg/m^3 for carbon monoxide) with the number of exceedences in each year that are permitted (where applicable).

Table 1.1 Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the purpose of Local Air Quality Management in Northern Ireland.

| Pollutant | Air Quality Objective | | Date to be achieved by |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Concentration | Measured as | |
| Benzene | 16.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2003 |
| | 3.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2010 |
| 1,3-Butadiene | 2.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2003 |
| Carbon monoxide | 10.0 mg/m^3 | Running 8-hour mean | 31.12.2003 |
| Lead | 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Annual mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Annual mean | 31.12.2008 |
| Nitrogen dioxide | 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year | 1-hour mean | 31.12.2005 |
| | 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Annual mean | 31.12.2005 |
| Particles (PM₁₀) (gravimetric) | 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 24-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | Annual mean | 31.12.2004 |
| Sulphur dioxide | 350 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year | 1-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year | 24-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 266 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 15-minute mean | 31.12.2005 |

1.4 Summary of Previous Review and Assessments

| LAQM Activity | Completion Date | Brief Outcomes |
|---|-----------------|---|
| 1st Stage Review And Assessment | July 2001 | <p>A second stage assessment is required for nitrogen dioxide due to significant road traffic and industrial sources.</p> <p>Second stage assessment is necessary for sulphur dioxide due to significant industrial, domestic and shipping sources.</p> <p>Second stage assessment for PM₁₀ is necessary due to significant road traffic, domestic, industrial and shipping sources.</p> |
| 2 nd and 3 rd Stage Review and Assessment | 2004 | Air Quality Objectives for NO ₂ , SO ₂ and PM ₁₀ unlikely to be exceeded. No AQMA's declared. |
| Progress Report | April 2005 | SO ₂ , NO ₂ and PM ₁₀ objectives met. No AQMA to declare. |
| Update and Screening Assessment | April 2006 | No detailed assessment required for any of the 7 pollutants. Monitoring of SO ₂ , NO ₂ and PM ₁₀ to continue. |
| Detailed Assessment | April 2007 | Not applicable- no AQMA's |
| Progress Report | April 2007 | SO ₂ , NO ₂ and PM ₁₀ objectives met. No AQMA to declare. |
| Progress Report | April 2008 | SO ₂ , NO ₂ and PM ₁₀ objectives met. No AQMA to declare. |

2 New Monitoring Data

2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

Please refer to Appendix A for a map indicating the location of SO₂, PM₁₀ and NO₂ monitoring sites.

The SO₂ analyser is calibrated manually every fortnight by trained Larne Borough Council staff. The calibration is performed with zero air from a zero air cylinder and span checks using a certified gas cylinder.

NETCEN, a UKAS accredited laboratory, are appointed to provide QA/QC and data management services. Data is downloaded by NETCEN daily thus any faults or unusual results are detected early and brought to attention of Larne Borough Council. NETCEN carry out 6 monthly site audits and issue a UKAS certificate of calibration. Full ratification of data is provided which is comparable to that produced within the national network.

The equipment is US EPA approved and also approved in the DEFRA Automatic Urban Network. In addition, Envirotechnology Services plc, the supplier of the equipment, service and calibrate the equipment 6 monthly and provide emergency call out visits in the event of technical faults.

The +PM10 is measured using a factor of 0.833333 to give Gravimetric Equivalent concentrations and the data was fully ratified by AEA.

Table 2.1 Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites SO₂ and PM10

| Site Name | Site Type | OS Grid Ref | Pollutants Monitored | In AQMA ? | Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) to relevant exposure) | Distance to kerb of nearest road (N/A if not applicable) | Worst-case Location ? |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Example 1 | Urban background | X 332395 Y 433175 | NO ₂ | Y | Y (1m) | 3m | Y |
| Craigyhill/Churchill Road | Suburban | 41320175 | PM ₁₀ SO ₂ | N | N | N/A | Y |

2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring

Monthly average concentrations of NO₂ are monitored using passive diffusion tubes located at 8 sites identified as having potentially the highest concentration of NO₂ at the first round of review and assessment.

Table 2.2 Details of Non- Automatic Monitoring Sites

| Site Name | Site Type | Grid Ref | Pollutants Monitored | In AQMA ? | Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) to relevant exposure) | Distance to kerb of nearest road (N/A if not applicable) | Worst-case Location ? |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Example 1 | Urban background | X 332395 Y 433175 | NO ₂ | Y | Y (1m) | 3m | Y |
| Antiville Road/A8 Junction | Roadside | 3864 0212 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | Y |
| Riverdale/Latharna House | Urban Background | 3968 249 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | |
| Main Street Larne | Urban Centre | 4016 0260 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | Y |
| Victoria Rd/Agnew St Junction | Kerbside | 4033 0285 | NO ₂ | N | N | Approx 3m | |
| Upper Cairncastle Rd | Kerbside | 3920 0323 | NO ₂ | N | N | Approx 3m | |
| Larne Harbour RaB | Roadside | 4123 0196 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | |
| Coastguard Rd/Castle Terrace | Other | 4131 0171 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | Y |
| Ballylumford Rd, Islandmage | Other | 4206 0203 | NO ₂ | N | N | N/A | Y |

Bureau Veritas have had the contract for supplying and analysing the Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes since April 2008 and prior to that Lambeth Scientific Services were used. However for the purposes of this Update and Screening Assessment only the data from Bureau Veritas was used.

Bureau Veritas are UKAS accredited and the WASP results met AEA Energy & Environment's performance criteria in 2006 with an RSD of 5.3% and 9 out of 10 periods have a CV smaller than 20%.

The tubes are analysed by an aqueous extraction followed by automated flow injection analysis/UV spectroscopy.

A Bias Adjustment factor of 0.93 has been applied which was taken from the latest spreadsheet of factors i.e. version 03/09, year 2008- Bureau Veritas (Gradko 50% TEA in Acetone) from the Review and Assessment Website.

The data was Annualised according to Box 3.2 of the Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(09) as there was less than 90% data capture for the year.

Please refer to Appendix C and D for further information.

2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with AQ Objectives

2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide

Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data

Table 2.4a Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes

| Site ID | Location | Within AQMA? | Data Capture 2008 % | Annual mean concentrations |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| | | | | 2008 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) Adjusted for bias ¹ |
| A1 | 1 Example Site | N | 95 | |
| L1 | Antiville Road/A8 Junction | N | 75 | 28.27 |
| L2 | Riverdale/Latharna House | N | 75 | 19.20 |
| L3 | Main Street, Larne | N | 66.6 | 36.48 |
| L4 | Victoria Rd/Old Glenarm Rd | N | 75 | 31.62 |
| L5 | Upper Cairncastle Rd | N | 75 | 22.39 |
| L6 | Larne Harbour RaB | N | 75 | 23.44 |
| L7 | Coastguard Rd/Castl Terrace | N | 75 | 13.75 |
| L8 | Ballylumford Rd, Islandmage | N | 75 | 16.86 |

In the year 2008 there were no exceedences of the annual mean NO_2 objective of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Table 2.4b Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes

| Site ID | Location | Within AQMA? | Annual mean concentrations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) Adjusted for bias | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|-------|
| | | | 2006 * ² | 2007 * ³ | 2008 |
| | | | 30.1 | 24.0 | 25.1 |
| L1 | Antiville Road/A8 Junction | N | 24.81 | 25.65 | 28.27 |
| L2 | Riverdale/Latharna House | N | 19.75 | 17.45 | 19.20 |
| L3 | Main Street, Larne | N | 22.4 | 25.00 | 36.48 |
| L4 | Victoria Rd/Old Glenarm Rd | N | 31.95 | 23.49 | 31.62 |
| L5 | Upper Cairncastle Rd | N | 19.3 | 15.95 | 22.39 |
| L6 | Larne Harbour RaB | N | 18.78 | 20.56 | 23.44 |
| L7 | Coastguard Rd/Castl Terrace | N | 16.96 | 13.75 | 13.75 |
| L8 | Ballylumford Rd, Islandmage | N | 14.13 | 14.69 | 16.86 |

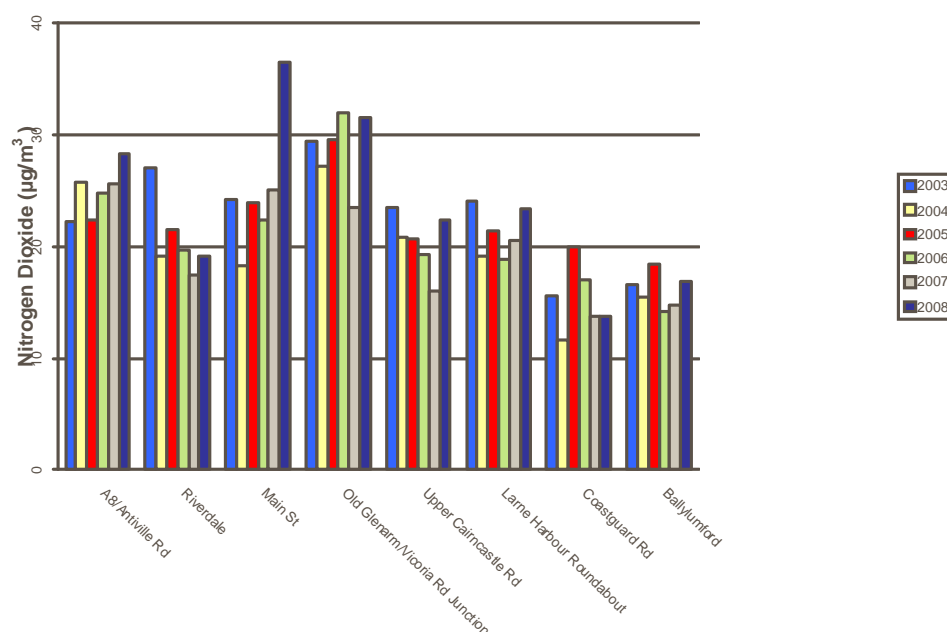
Please refer to Appendix C for the full data set (monthly mean values) from January 2005-December 2008)

¹ A bias adjustment factor of 0.93 has been applied which was taken from the latest spreadsheet of factors i.e. version 03/09, year 2008- Bureau Veritas (Gradko 50% TEA in Acetone and Annualised using Box 3.2 from the Technical Guidance

² A bias adjustment factor of 1.217 was applied – Lambeth Scientific Services

³ A bias adjustment Factor of 1.056 was applied, taken from the latest spreadsheet of factors i.e.04/08 -Lambeth Scientific Services

Figure 1 Comparison of Measured NO₂ Concentrations 2003-2008



The chart shows that there are no obvious trends over the 6 years of data. The most significant change has been in Main Street however data capture has been an issue at this site which might affect the accuracy of the data and further monitoring will take place.

2.2.2 PM₁₀

In January 2006 the BAM 1020 real time PM₁₀ automatic analyser was relocated to Churchill Road to explore the likelihood of exceedances due to domestic emissions as this area was identified as having the highest density of domestic coal burning in the borough.

The +PM10 is measured using a factor of 0.833333 to give Gravimetric Equivalent concentrations and the data was fully ratified by AEA.

Table: 2.5a Results of PM₁₀ Automatic Monitoring: Daily Mean and Annual Mean Objectives at Churchill Road

| Pollutant | Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 | 2006 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 74.4% Data Capture | 2007 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 92.5% Data Capture | 2008 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 94.9% Data Capture |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric) | Daily mean > 50 µg/m ³ | 14 | 5 | 3 |
| PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric) | Annual mean > 40 µg/m ³ | 0 | 0 | 0 |

The number of exceedances have fallen year on year. Monitoring at this site will continue to gather more data to be able to determine if there is a trend.

2.2.3 Sulphur Dioxide

Table 2. : Results of Sulphur Dioxide Monitoring

| Pollutant | Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 | 2006 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 98.6% Data capture | 2007 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 98.7% data capture | 2008 (Jan-Dec) Exceedances 96.8% Data capture |
|-----------------|--|---|---|---|
| Sulphur Dioxide | 15-minute mean > 266 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sulphur Dioxide | Hourly mean > 350 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sulphur Dioxide | Daily mean > 125 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |

To date no exceedances have been recorded.

2.2.4 Benzene

No monitoring took place as the first round of the review and assessment concluded that there were no significant sources of benzene in the borough or the neighbouring areas and there were no proposals for developments likely to emit the pollutant.

2.2.5 Other pollutants monitored

No other pollutants were monitored.

3 Road Traffic Sources

3.1 Narrow Congested Streets with Residential Properties Close to the Kerb

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified congested streets with a flow above 5,000 vehicles per day and residential properties close to the kerb, that have not been adequately considered in previous rounds of Review and Assessment.

3.2 Busy Streets Where People May Spend 1-hour or More Close to Traffic

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified busy streets where people may spend 1 hour or more close to traffic.

3.3 Roads with a High Flow of Buses and/or HGVs.

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with high flows of buses/HDVs.

3.4 Junctions

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified busy junctions/busy roads.

3.5 New Roads Constructed or Proposed Since the Last Round of Review and Assessment

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/proposed roads.

3.6 Roads with Significantly Changed Traffic Flows

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with significantly changed traffic flows.

3.7 Bus and Coach Stations

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no relevant bus stations in the District.

4 Other Transport Sources

4.1 Airports

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no airports in the District.

4.2 Railways (Diesel and Steam Trains)

4.2.1 Stationary Trains

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no locations where diesel or steam trains are regularly stationary for periods of 15 minutes or more, with potential for relevant exposure within 15m.

4.2.2 Moving Trains

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no locations with a large number of movements of diesel locomotives, and potential long-term relevant exposure within 30m.

4.3 Ports (Shipping)

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no ports or shipping that meet the specified criteria within the Local Authority area.

5 Industrial Sources

5.1 Industrial Installations

5.1.1 New or Proposed Installations for which an Air Quality Assessment has been Carried Out

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new or proposed industrial installations for which planning approval has been granted within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

5.1.2 Existing Installations where Emissions have Increased Substantially or New Relevant Exposure has been Introduced

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no industrial installations with substantially increased emissions or new relevant exposure in their vicinity within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

5.1.3 New or Significantly Changed Installations with No Previous Air Quality Assessment

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no new or proposed industrial installations for which planning approval has been granted within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

5.2 Major Fuel (Petrol) Storage Depots

There are no major fuel (petrol) storage depots within the Larne Borough Council area.

5.3 Petrol Stations

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no petrol stations meeting the specified criteria.

5.4 Poultry Farms

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no poultry farms meeting the specified criteria.

6 Commercial and Domestic Sources

6.1 Biomass Combustion – Individual Installations

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no biomass combustion plants in the Borough.

6.2 Biomass Combustion – Combined Impacts

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no biomass combustion plants in the Borough.

6.3 Domestic Solid-Fuel Burning

Larne Borough Council has assessed areas of significant domestic solid fuel use, and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

7 Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

Larne Borough Council confirms that there are no potential sources of fugitive particulate matter emissions in the District.

8 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

8.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

The assessment has indicated that there are no exceedences identified within the borough and the Air Quality objectives are being met.

8.2 Conclusions from Assessment of Sources

After carrying out a detailed assessment of road traffic sources, other transport sources, industrial sources, commercial and domestic sources and fugitive/ uncontrolled sources it has been concluded that there are no new or significant changes to potential sources of air pollutants within the borough.

8.3 Proposed Actions

The Update and Screening Assessment has identified that no Detailed Assessment is required for any of the pollutants.

Work is however going to continue in assessing the impact of domestic emissions from sulphur dioxide and particulate matter as we currently only have 3 years complete data for the current site at Churchill Road. A Progress Report will then be submitted in 2010 when the new data will be available to determine if there is a trend and if further monitoring is required at this site.

9 References

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2000
Department of the Environment's Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM. TG(03).

Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance LAQM.PGNI(03) (EHS)

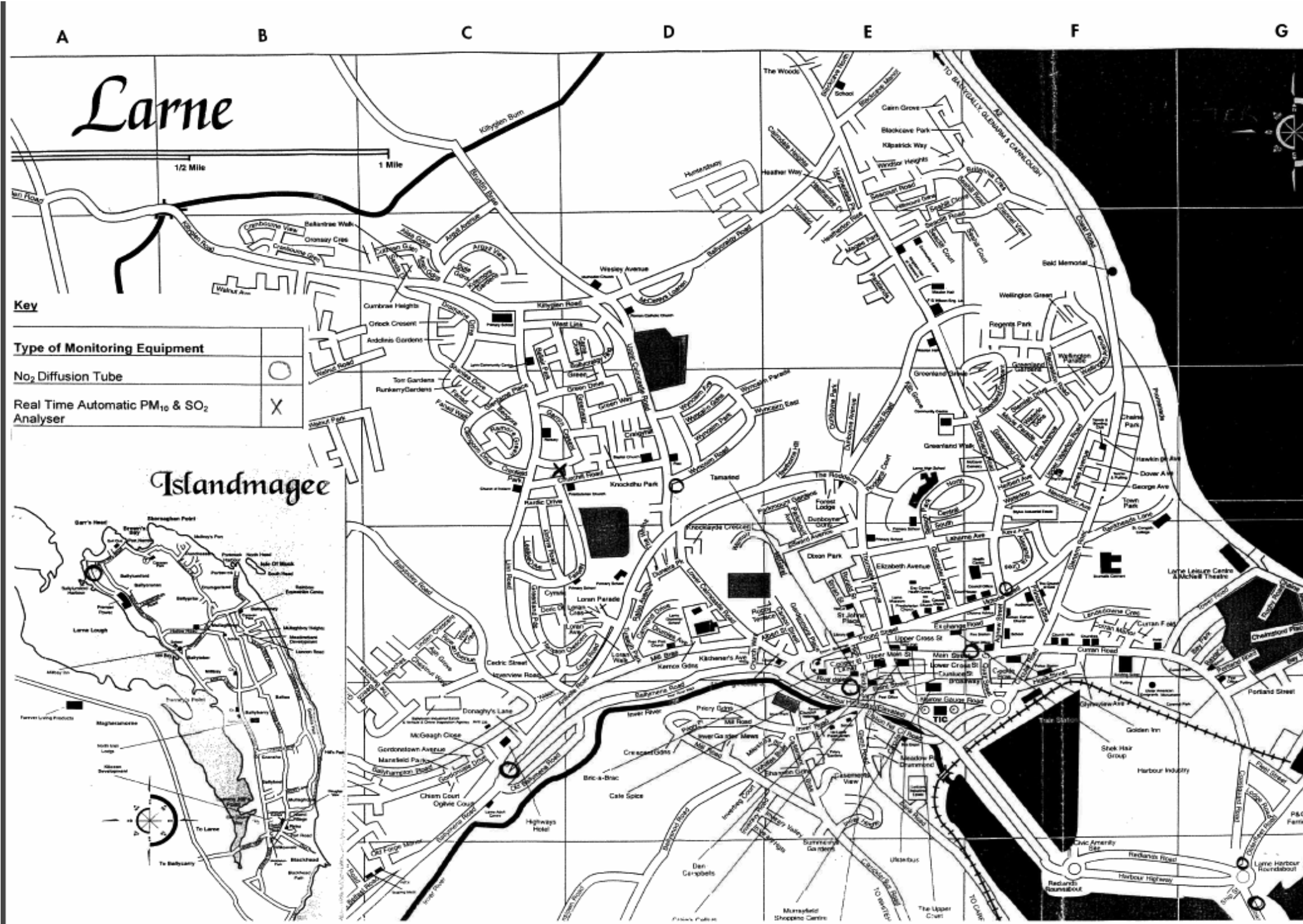
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Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM.TG (09)

Appendix A: Maps of Locations



Appendix B: WASP and Precision Data for Bureau Veritas

Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP): Summary of Results for 2006

Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Analysis

Laboratory: Bureau Veritas

The WASP scheme is an independent proficiency testing scheme operated by the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL). Each month a diffusion tube doped with nitrite is distributed to each participating laboratory; participants then analyse the tube and report the results to HSL. The nominal mass of nitrite on the doped tubes is different each month, and is intended to reflect the range encountered in actual monitoring.

For the purpose of diffusion tube QA/QC in the context of Local Air Quality Management, AEA Energy & Environment carry out an assessment of laboratory performance for each full calendar year. This was based on the following criteria, which were agreed with Defra and HSL:

1. Participating laboratories must complete at least 10 of the 12 monthly WASP rounds.
2. The year's single worst result is ignored: this makes some limited allowance for one-off problems with analytical equipment etc.
3. Each laboratory's monthly standardised results are then combined to give a standard uncertainty for the full year, expressed as a relative standard deviation (%RSD)
4. The RSD must be within 15%.

| Month | Jan-06 | Feb-06 | Mar-06 | Apr-06 | May-06 | Jun-06 | Jul-06 | Aug-06 | Sep-06 | Oct-06 | Nov-06 | Dec-06 | Mean |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| WASP Round | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | |
| Nominal Value, ug nitrite | 2.15 | 1.54 | 1.32 | 0.99 | 2.34 | 1.21 | 1.29 | 0.74 | 2.60 | 1.86 | 1.47 | 0.86 | |
| Lab Result, ug nitrite | 2.07 | 1.55 | 1.35 | 1.08 | 2.19 | 1.16 | 1.32 | 0.69 | 2.40 | 2.00 | 1.50 | 0.75 | |
| Standardised Result | 0.96 | 1.01 | 1.02 | 1.09 | 0.94 | 0.96 | 1.02 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 1.08 | 1.02 | 0.87 | 0.99 |

Mean Standardised result (actual result / nominal value) 0.99
Mean percentage under/over-estimation of analysis: -1.5%

Comparison with AEA performance criteria for Local Authority Support:

RSD of Standardised Results, ignoring worst value: 5.3%

This is within the performance target of 15%.

Comments:

This laboratory's WASP results met AEA Energy & Environment's performance criteria in 2006.

Checking Precision and Accuracy of Triplicate Tubes

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From the AEA group

| Diffusion Tubes Measurements | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Period | Start Date dd/mm/yyyy | End Date dd/mm/yyyy | Tube 1 µgm ⁻³ | Tube 2 µgm ⁻³ | Tube 3 µgm ⁻³ | Triplicate Mean | Standard Deviation | Coefficient of Variation (CV) | 95% CI of mean |
| 1 | 04/01/2006 | 02/02/2006 | 100.60 | 100.60 | 100.90 | 101 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 2 | 02/02/2006 | 01/03/2006 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 01/03/2006 | 05/04/2006 | 112.90 | 122.70 | 110.00 | 115 | 6.7 | 6 | 16.5 |
| 4 | 05/04/2006 | 03/05/2006 | 103.90 | 94.90 | 110.60 | 103 | 7.9 | 8 | 19.6 |
| 5 | 03/05/2006 | 31/05/2006 | 135.00 | 104.00 | 133.00 | 124 | 17.3 | 14 | 43.1 |
| 6 | 31/05/2006 | 28/06/2006 | 113.00 | 110.00 | 102.00 | 108 | 5.7 | 5 | 14.1 |
| 7 | 28/06/2006 | 03/08/2006 | 120.90 | 92.80 | 103.60 | 106 | 14.2 | 13 | 35.2 |
| 8 | 03/08/2006 | 05/09/2006 | 89.50 | 92.30 | 106.80 | 96 | 9.3 | 10 | 23.1 |
| 9 | 05/09/2006 | 04/10/2006 | 130.40 | 119.00 | 118.40 | 123 | 6.8 | 6 | 16.8 |
| 10 | 04/10/2006 | 01/11/2006 | 82.40 | 102.60 | 123.90 | 103 | 20.8 | 20 | 51.6 |
| 11 | 01/11/2006 | 29/11/2006 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 29/11/2006 | 04/01/2007 | 135.00 | 116.00 | 148.00 | 133 | 16.1 | 12 | 40.0 |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | |

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

| Automatic Method | | Data Quality Check | |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Period Mean | Data Capture (% DC) | Tubes Precision Check | Automatic Monitor Data |
| 94 | 97.1 | Good | Good |
| 93 | 99.2 | | Good |
| 111 | 91.8 | Good | Good |
| 112 | 95.2 | Good | Good |
| 113 | 94.5 | Good | Good |
| 107 | 99.3 | Good | Good |
| 115 | 97.9 | Good | Good |
| 80 | 99 | Good | Good |
| 119 | 97.6 | Good | Good |
| 125 | 99.3 | Poor Precision | Good |
| 143 | 95.1 | | Good |
| 122 | 99.7 | Good | Good |

Overall survey -->

Good precision Overall DC

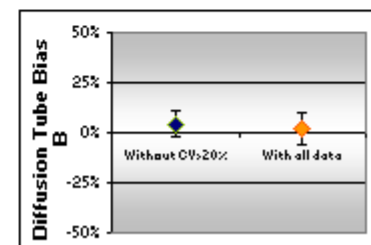
(Check average CV & DC from Accuracy calculations)

Site Name/ ID: Bureau Veritas

Precision 9 out of 10 periods have a CV smaller than 20%

| Accuracy (with 95% confidence interval) | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| without periods with CV larger than 20% | |
| Bias calculated using 9 periods of data | |
| Bias factor A | 0.96 (0.91 - 1.03) |
| Bias B | 4% (-3% - 10%) |
| Diffusion Tubes Mean: | 112 µgm ⁻³ |
| Mean CV (Precision): | 8 |
| Automatic Mean: | 108 µgm ⁻³ |
| Data Capture for periods used: | 97% |
| Adjusted Tubes Mean: | 108 (102 - 115) µgm ⁻³ |

| Accuracy (with 95% confidence interval) | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| WITH ALL DATA | |
| Bias calculated using 10 periods of data | |
| Bias factor A | 0.99 (0.92 - 1.07) |
| Bias B | 1% (-6% - 9%) |
| Diffusion Tubes Mean: | 111 µgm ⁻³ |
| Mean CV (Precision): | 9 |
| Automatic Mean: | 110 µgm ⁻³ |
| Data Capture for periods used: | 97% |
| Adjusted Tubes Mean: | 110 (102 - 119) µgm ⁻³ |



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Appendix C: NO₂ Diffusion Tube Monitoring Results

| | Average Monthly NO ₂ Concentration (µg/m ³) | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Location | | | | | | | |
| Month and Year | Antiville Rd/A8 (Grid Ref 3864 0212) | Riverdale (Grid Ref 3968 0249) | Main Street (Grid Ref 4016 0260) | Victoria Rd/Agnew Street (Grid Ref 4033 0285) | Upper Cairncastle Road (Grid Ref 3920 0323) | Larne Harbour Roundabout (Grid Ref 4123 0196) | Coastguard Road (Grid Ref 4131 0171) | Ballylumford Road (Grid Ref 4206 0203) |
| January 2005 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 22 | 17 | 20 | 15 | - |
| February 2005 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 29 | 18 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| March 2005 | 20 | 15 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| April 2005 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 16 |
| May 2005 | 18 | 26 | 28 | 24 | 18 | 24 | 21 | 20 |
| June 2005 | 35 | 39 | 29 | 33 | 25 | 27 | 21 | 20 |
| July 2005 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 20 |
| August 2005 | 13 | 11 | - | 22 | 8 | - | 13 | 16 |
| September 2005 | 21 | 14 | 14 | 31 | 12 | 19 | 8 | 13 |
| October 2005 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 24 | 23 | 14 | 46 | 13 |
| November 2005 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 9 |
| December 2005 | 24 | 17 | 36 | 29 | 24 | 24 | 16 | 17 |
| January 2006 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 62 | 22 | 16 | 12 | 18 |
| February 2006 | 22 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 12 | 14 |
| March 2006 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 5 |
| April 2006 | 16 | 16 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| May 2006 | 22 | 14 | 21 | 25 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 13 |
| June 2006 | 21 | - | 28 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 8 | - |
| July 2006 | 19 | - | 20 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 9 |
| August 2006 | 16 | 14 | 19 | 20 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| | Average Monthly NO ₂ Concentration (µg/m ³) | | | | | | | |
| | Location | | | | | | | |
| Month and Year | Antiville Rd/A8 (Grid Ref 3864 0212) | Riverdale (Grid Ref 3968 0249) | Main Street (Grid Ref 4016 0260) | Victoria Rd/Agnew Street (Grid Ref 4033 0285) | Upper Cairncastle Road (Grid Ref 3920 0323) | Larne Harbour Roundabout (Grid Ref 4123 0196) | Coastguard Road (Grid Ref 4131 0171) | Ballylumford Road (Grid Ref 4206 0203) |
| September 2006 | 22 | 14 | 23 | 28 | 24 | 19 | 9 | 13 |
| October 2006 | 19 | 15 | 16 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 13 |
| November 2006 | 17 | 15 | 26 | 28 | 6 | 15 | 35 | 17 |
| December 2006 | 29 | 22 | 19 | 25 | 25 | 16 | 9 | 10 |
| January 2007 | 21 | 13 | 23 | 24 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 20 |
| February 2007 | 37 | 23 | 29 | 24 | 18 | 21 | 11 | 15 |
| March 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| April 2007 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 11 |
| May 2007 | - | 11 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| June 2007 | 61 | 15 | 7 | - | 6 | 17 | 13 | 8 |
| July 2007 | 14 | 14 | - | 25 | 9 | 18 | 11 | 11 |
| August 2007 | 17 | 14 | 29 | 26 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 8 |
| September 2007 | 24 | 14 | - | 26 | 14 | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| October 2007 | 28 | 19 | 33 | - | 11 | 25 | 15 | 10 |
| November 2007 | 26 | 19 | - | 30 | 21 | 22 | 14 | 23 |
| December 2007 | 38 | 26 | 34 | - | 34 | 27 | 16 | 25 |

| | Average Monthly NO ₂ Concentration ((µg/m ³)) | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Location | | | | | | | |
| Month and Year | Antiville Rd/A8 (Grid Ref 3864 0212) | Riverdale (Grid Ref 3968 0249) | Main Street (Grid Ref 4016 0260) | Victoria Rd/Agnew Street (Grid Ref 4033 0285) | Upper Cairncastle Road (Grid Ref 3920 0323) | Larne Harbour Roundabout (Grid Ref 4123 0196) | Coastguard Road (Grid Ref 4131 0171) | Ballylumford Road (Grid Ref 4206 0203) |
| January 2008 | 34 | 44 | 31 | 40 | 25 | 42 | 21 | 20 |
| February 2008 | 31 | 21 | 31 | 37 | 32 | 23 | 18 | 19 |
| March 2008 | 30 | 16 | 29 | 33 | 20 | 21 | 10 | 22 |
| April 2008 | 26 | 20 | 32 | 32 | 23 | 28 | 14 | 14 |
| May 2008 | 32 | 24 | 37 | 37 | 35 | 31 | 27 | 13 |
| June 2008 | 25 | 17 | 27 | 32 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 19 |
| July 2008 | 24 | 15 | 25 | 11 | 19 | 23 | 13 | 14 |
| August 2008 | 27 | 19 | 30 | 33 | 21 | 20 | 9 | 12 |
| September 2008 | 33 | 26 | 28 | 43 | 23 | 26 | 15 | 19 |
| October 2008 | 33 | 14 | 24 | 38 | 19 | 22 | 10 | 17 |
| November 2008 | 25 | 17 | - | 31 | 21 | 24 | 14 | 26 |
| December 2008 | 42 | 29 | 38 | 41 | 33 | 30 | 14 | 25 |

NB Lambeth Scientific Services collected and analysed the data from January 2008 to March 2008. A new contract started with Bureau Veritas in April 2008.

Appendix D: Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

Adjustment Factor for Main Street Data

| Site | Annual Mean | Period Mean | Ratio |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Belfast | 31.90909 | 29.875 | 1.068087 |
| Londonderry | 18.72727 | 19 | 0.9856459 |
| | | | |
| | | Average | 1.026866 |

Adjustment Factor for other data

| Site | Annual Mean | Period Mean | Ratio |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Belfast | 31.90909 | 25.5 | 1.251337 |
| Londonderry | 18.72727 | 16 | 1.1704545 |
| | | | |
| | | Average | 1.210896 |