Craigavon Borough Council

Local Air Quality Progress Report

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Executive Summary

Under the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) regime, introduced by the Environment (NI) Order 2002, Craigavon Borough Council has a duty to review and assess local air quality against health-based, statutorily prescribed pollutant limits and to undertake measures aimed at reducing pollutant levels where appropriate.

The Council's Progress Report 2007, was appraised by the University of West England (UWE) on behalf of the Department of Environment's Environment and Heritage Service (EHS), and accepted unconditionally. It concluded that no further detailed assessment was required at this time for any of the pollutants reviewed and that there was currently no requirement for any statutory Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) to be declared.

Preparation of this Progress Report is prescribed in the timetable for reviews and assessments as set out in LAQM Policy Guidance (LAQM.PGNI(03)). The report has been produced in accordance with guidance detailed in Progress Report Guidance LAQM.PRGNI(04), and summarises the findings of the LAQM activities undertaken by the Council including the currently available air quality monitoring results for 2007.

Significant capital expenditure had previously been incurred for continuous automatic monitoring for PM_{10} , NO_2 & SO_2 . Results obtained over the years of active monitoring indicated that there was no negligible risk of exceeding prescribed standards, and it was recommended after the second round 'Review and Assessment' that monitoring at the automated sites within Craigavon <u>would not be</u> continued and the sites were deactivated. In due course, consideration may be given to relocation of the automatic monitors to other locations or local authorities that have more potential to be affected by the pollutants concerned.

The conclusion of this report confirms that for all the prescribed air pollutants, concentrations in the Borough are well within the statutory limits. However it is fully acknowledged that this favourable position is based upon a somewhat limited pool of currently available information. The Council will continue to participate fully in the ongoing LAQM Review & Assessment process, to ensure that local air quality across all parts of the Borough is managed in a way that effects compliance with health-based, statutory pollutant limits.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose and Role of Progress Reports

In 1995 the UK Government published its strategic framework for air quality management and established national strategies and policies on air quality. The Northern Ireland Environment Order came into force in January 2003 and implements the European Air Framework Directive 96/62EC and the UK Air Quality Strategy here in Northern Ireland.

Under the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) regime, councils are required to review present local air quality, make projections on future trends and assess whether the nationally prescribed objectives are likely to be achieved. Progress reports are required to be produced in the years when the authority is not carrying out updating and screening assessments or detailed assessments of air quality.

This progress report has been prepared as part of Craigavon Borough Council's responsibilities under the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 to "fill the gap" between three yearly rounds of review and assessment of local air quality. The progress report has been introduced into the local air quality management system, as a means of combating the 'stop-start' approach to environmental reporting and integrate the concepts of local air quality management into the routine of local authority operations.

It is intended that progress reports can assist the district councils in the following ways;

- By helping to retain a profile for LAQM within the council, including the retention of staff with knowledge of air quality issues.
- By providing a means for communicating air quality information to elected members and the public.
- By maximising the value of the investment in monitoring equipment.
- By making the next round of review and assessment that much easier, as there will be a readily available up-to-date source of information.
- By helping district councils respond to requests for up-to-date information on air quality.
- By providing information to assist in other policy areas, such as transport and land use planning.
- By providing a ready source of information on air quality for developers carrying out environmental assessments for new schemes.
- By demonstrating progress with implementation of air quality Action Plans and/or air quality strategies.
- By providing a timely indication of the need for further measures to improve air quality, rather than delaying until the next full round of review and assessment.

The overall aims of this progress report are to:

- Report progress on implementing local air quality management.
- Report progress in achieving and maintaining concentrations of prescribed pollutants below the air quality objectives.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Environment & Heritage Service guidelines as published in Progress Report Guidance LAQM.PRGNI(04), November 2004.

1.2 Air Quality Strategy Objectives

The following air quality objectives set out in the Air Quality Regulations (NI) 2003 provide the statutory basis for the system of Local Air Quality Management.

Pollutant	Objective	Measured as	To be achieved by
Benzene	3.25 μg/m ³	Running Annual Mean	31/12/2010
1,3-Butadiene	$2.25 \ \mu g/m^3$	Running Annual Mean	31/12/2003
Carbon monoxide	10.0 mg/m ³	Maximum daily running 8 Hour Mean	31/12/2003
Lead	0.5 µg/m ³	Annual Mean	31/12/2004
	$0.25 \mu\text{g/m}^3$	Annual Mean	31/12/2008
Nitrogen dioxide	$200 \ \mu g/m^3$ Not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year	1 Hour Mean	31/12/2005
	$40 \ \mu g/m^3$	Annual Mean	31/12/2005
Particles (PM ₁₀) (gravimetric) ^d	$50 \ \mu g/m^3$ Not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year	24 Hour Mean	31/12/2004
	$40 \ \mu g/m^3$	Annual Mean	31/12/2004
	266 μg/m ³ Not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year	15 Minute Mean	31/12/2005
Sulphur Dioxide	$350 \ \mu g/m^3$ Not to be exceeded more than 24 times per year	1 Hour Mean	31/12/2004
	$125 \ \mu g/m^3$ Not to be exceeded more than 3 times per year	24 Hour Mean	31/12/2004

Table 1: Air Quality Strategy Objectives

1.3 Conclusions of Previous Rounds of Review and Assessment

PM₁₀

Stage 1 of the second round of review and assessment completed in 2006, concluded that PM_{10} emissions were not significantly contentious. PM_{10} monitoring equipment had been installed at Lord Lurgan Park, it was deemed useful at that time to keep updated emissions data for PM_{10} , as it was considered one of the key pollutants with regards to road traffic emissions. With the M1 & M12 motorway links passing through the Craigavon Borough Council area, the monitoring of PM_{10} data was an essential element in ongoing assessment of local air quality in the area. However since 2006 the automatic monitoring station at Lord Lurgan Park has been decommissioned, as it was determined following the examination of historical monitoring data, that the likelihood of emissions breeching the objective limits for PM10 were negligible and therefore the cost of operating the site was not viable.

The Council's Progress Report 2007, was appraised by the University of West England (UWE) on behalf of the Department of Environment's Environment and Heritage Service (EHS), and accepted unconditionally. It concluded that no further detailed assessment was required for PM10 at this time and that there was currently no requirement for any statutory Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) to be declared.

SO_2

Stage 1 of the second round of review and assessment completed in 2006, concluded that SO_2 emissions did not require a further Stage 2/3 assessment on the basis of results gathered from the automatic monitoring station at Lord Lurgan Park.

Craigavon Borough Council no longer carries out monitoring for SO2.

NO_2

Stage 1 of the second round of review and assessment completed in 2006, concluded that NO_2 emissions did not require a further Stage 2/3 assessment on the basis of results gathered from diffusion tube monitoring and automatic monitoring at a number of sampling locations within the district.

The Council's Progress Report 2007, was appraised by the University of West England (UWE) on behalf of the Department of Environment's Environment and Heritage Service (EHS), and accepted unconditionally. It concluded that no further detailed assessment was required for NO2 at this time and that there was currently no requirement for any statutory Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) to be declared.

Other Prescribed Pollutants – Benzene, 1,3-Butadiene, Carbon Monoxide, and Lead

These pollutants were all screened out at the first stage of the first round of the review and assessment, as being insignificant in terms of potential for exceedence of prescribed standards. Consequently no monitoring of these pollutants has been initiated in the Borough.

2.0 New Monitoring Data

2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

Craigavon Borough Council carried out ambient monitoring of the following pollutants throughout 2007:

• NO₂ (by Automatic Air Monitoring Equipment & Diffusion Tube)

Pollutant	Equipment	Location	Eastings	Northings	Site Ref.	
	Nitrogen Dioxide Network of diffusion tubes managed by AEA Technology Diffusion Tube Diffusion Tube	Craigavon 5N, Town Hall, Union Street, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 8YD	308260	358250	82760 K	
		Craigavon 9N, West Street, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 3JY	301040	353760	82979 K	
		Craigavon 7N, 36 Ardboe Drive, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 8HP	308130	357830	82762 B	
NO ₂		AEA Technology	Craigavon 8N, 27 Ballyhannon Road, Portadown, Craigavon BT63 5SE	303170	354260	82763 B
		4 Cluandara, Derrymacash, Craigavon	304402	359301	82767	
		Castle Lane Public Toilets	308230	358450	82886	
		Ashgrove Community Centre	N/A	N/A	82881	
		Lord Lurgan Park	307980	359301	82880	

Table 2.1 : Air Quality Monitoring in Craigavon 2007

No other pollutants covered in the air quality strategy objectives are monitored in the Craigavon Borough Council.

2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

Following the Second Round 'Updating and Screening Assessment' 2006, Craigavon Borough Council has ceased operating all its automated monitoring stations at Lord Lurgan Park and Castle Lane, Lurgan. Data retrieved from the stations over a sustained period indicated that exceedences of the objective limits was unlikely at these locations and supported the council's view that monitoring was logistically and financially unnecessary. The council will examine the possibility of relocating the monitoring equipment to a more suitable location or to a local authority which has the potential to be affected by the pollutants concerned.

QA/QC

Craigavon Borough Council currently has no QA/QC contracts at this time.

2.1.2 NO₂ Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites

Craigavon Borough Council carries out monitoring of NO₂ by diffusion tubes at eight sites within its District, illustrated in Figure 4 Appendix A. The NO₂ diffusion tubes are prepared and analysed by Lambeth Environmental Laboratories. This laboratory takes part in the NO₂ Network QA/QC Field Intercomparison. The tubes are prepared by coating the grids in a 50% v/v solution of the absorbent, triethanolamine (TEA) in water. Analysis is carried out using a colorimetric technique.

Four of the sites are included in the UK NO_2 Network, but none of the sites were co-located with an automatic NO_2 analyser. Details are given in Table 2.1

Pollutant	Equipment	Location	Eastings	Northings	Site Ref.
		Craigavon 5N, Town Hall, Union Street, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 8YD	308260	358250	82760 K
		Craigavon 9N, West Street, Portadown, Craigavon BT62 3JY	301040	353760	82979 K
	Nitrogen Dioxide	Craigavon 7N, 36 Ardboe Drive, Lurgan, Craigavon BT66 8HP	308130	357830	82762 B
NO ₂	Network of diffusion tubes managed by AEA Technology Diffusion Tube	Craigavon 8N, 27 Ballyhannon Road, Portadown, Craigavon BT63 5SE	303170	354260	82763 B
		4 Cluandara, Derrymacash, Craigavon	304402	359301	82767
		Castle Lane Public Toilets	308230	358450	82886
		Ashgrove Community Centre	N/A	N/A	82881
		Lord Lurgan Park	307980	359301	82880

 Table 2.1.2: Diffusion Tube Monitoring Site Details in Craigavon

Roadside = 1-5m from kerb, urban background = at least 50m from the kerb of any major road.

2.1.3 SO₂ Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites

Craigavon Borough Council does not currently monitor for SO2 using diffusion tubes.

2.2 NEW MONITORING

No new monitoring sites have been set up, since the previous Updating and Screening Assessment. Craigavon Borough Council has discontinued monitoring NO2 emissions at the automatic monitoring station located at Castle Lane in Lurgan. Monitoring data recorded over the sampling period indicated that emissions of NO2 at this location were unlikely to exceed the objective limits and therefore sampling was discontinued pending relocation of the equipment to a more suitable site.

2.3 MONITORING RESULTS AND COMPARISON WITH AQS OBJECTIVES

2.3.1 PM₁₀ (Automatic Monitoring Station)

Craigavon Borough Council does not currently use automatic monitoring techniques for PM10. The information provided below is only for historical reference to previous years of monitoring.

Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006

Ratified data capture of 64.4% for PM_{10} was reported over the period 1st January to 31st December 2006. Data capture during this monitoring period did not meet the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period due to technical problems.

The DoE Northern Ireland objective value of 50 μ g/m³ based on daily gravimetric equivalent data was exceeded on 6 occasions during the period. The objective allows up to 35 exceedences in a year. The annual mean concentration of 22 μ g/m³ gravimetric equivalent was below the objective value of 40 μ g/m³.

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Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Daily Mean > 50 µg/m3	6	6
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Annual mean > 40 μ g/m3	0	-

Table 2.3.1 PM ₁₀ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park	- 1 st January 2006 to 31 st December 2006
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Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005

Ratified data capture of 94.1% for PM_{10} was reported over the period 1st January to 31st December 2005. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period due to technical problems.

The DoE Northern Ireland objective value of 50 μ g/m³ based on daily gravimetric equivalent data was exceeded on 3 occasions during the period. The objective allows up to 35 exceedences in a year. The annual mean concentration of 20 μ g/m³ gravimetric equivalent was below the objective value of 40 μ g/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Daily Mean > 50 µg/m3	3	3
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Annual mean > 40 µg/m3	0	-

Table 2.3.1 PM₁₀ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park – 1st January 2005 to 31st December 2005

<u>Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004</u>

Ratified data capture of 97% for PM_{10} was reported over the period 1st May to 31st October 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was no significant data loss across the period.

 PM_{10} concentrations were recorded in the DoE Northern Ireland LOW band throughout the period. The DoE Northern Ireland objective value of 50 µg/m³ based on daily gravimetric equivalent data was not exceeded during the period. The annual mean TEOM concentration of 13 µg/m³, when corrected to 17 µg/m³ gravimetric equivalent was below the objective value of 40 µg/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Daily Mean > 50 µg/m3	0	0
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Annual mean > 40 µg/m3	0	-

Table 2.3.2: PM₁₀ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park - 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004

2.3.2 SO₂ (Automatic Monitoring Station)

Craigavon Borough Council does not currently use automatic monitoring techniques for SO2. The information provided below is only for historical reference to previous years of monitoring.

Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006

Ratified data capture of 83% for SO₂ was reported over the period 1^{st} January to 31^{st} December 2006. Data capture during this monitoring period did not meet the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period due to technical problems.

 SO_2 concentrations were recorded in the DoE Northern Ireland LOW band throughout the period. The maximum 15 minute mean of 80 µg/m³ was below the DoE Northern Ireland 15 minute objective value of 266 µg/m³. The maximum hourly mean of 53 µg/m³ was below the objective value of 350 µg/m³. The maximum daily mean of 16 µg/m³ was below the objective of 125 µg/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Sulphur Dioxide	15-Minute Mean > 266 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly Mean > 350 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily Mean > 125 μ g/m ³	0	0

Table 2.3.3: SO₂ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park – 1st January to 31st December 2006

Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st January to 31st December 2005

Ratified data capture of 83% for SO₂ was reported over the period 1^{st} January to 31^{st} December 2005. Data capture during this monitoring period did not meet the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period due to technical problems.

 SO_2 concentrations were recorded in the DoE Northern Ireland LOW band throughout the period. The maximum 15 minute mean of 106 µg/m³ was below the DoE Northern Ireland 15 minute objective value of 266 µg/m³. The maximum hourly mean of 77 µg/m³ was below the objective value of 350 µg/m³. The maximum daily mean of 24 µg/m³ was below the objective of 125 µg/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Sulphur Dioxide	15-Minute Mean > 266 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly Mean > $350 \ \mu g/m^3$	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily Mean > 125 μ g/m ³	0	0

Table 2.3.3: SO₂ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park – 1st January to 31st December 2005

Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004

Ratified data capture of 95% for SO₂ was reported over the period 27^{th} October 2003 to 30^{th} April 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was no significant data loss across the period.

 SO_2 concentrations were recorded in the DoE Northern Ireland LOW band throughout the period. The maximum 15 minute mean of 80 μ g/m³ was below the DoE Northern Ireland 15 minute objective value of 266 μ g/m³. The maximum hourly mean of 67 μ g/m³ was below the objective value of 350 μ g/m³. The maximum daily mean of 29 μ g/m³ was below the objective of 125 μ g/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Sulphur Dioxide	15-Minute Mean > 266 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly Mean > $350 \mu g/m^3$	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily Mean > 125 μ g/m ³	0	0

Table 2.3.3: SO₂ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park - 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004

<u>Data Summary – Lord Lurgan Park 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004</u>

Ratified data capture of 95% for SO₂ was reported over the period 1^{st} May 2004 to 31^{st} October 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was no significant data loss across the period.

 SO_2 concentrations were recorded in the DoE Northern Ireland LOW band throughout the period. The maximum 15 minute mean of 74 µg/m³ was below the objective value of 266 µg/m³. The maximum hourly mean of 53 µg/m³ was below the objective value of 350 µg/m³. The maximum daily mean of 16 µg/m³ was below the objective of 125 µg/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Sulphur Dioxide	15-Minute Mean > 266 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly Mean > 350 μ g/m ³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily Mean > 125 μ g/m ³	0	0

Table 2.3.4: SO₂ exceedences at Lord Lurgan Park - 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004

Graphs 1 & 2 in Appendix C (pg 34 &35) illustrates the 15 Min Mean and Hourly concentrations as monitored at Lord Lurgan Park between 27th October 2003 to 31st October 2004.

2.3.3 NO₂ (Automatic Monitoring Station)

Craigavon Borough Council does not currently use automatic monitoring techniques for NO2. The information provided below is only for historical reference to previous years of monitoring.

Data Summary – Castle Lane, Lurgan 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006

Ratified data capture of 81.3% for NO_2 was reported over the period 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006. Data capture during this monitoring period did not meet the review and

assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period, due to technical problems.

NO₂ concentrations were recorded in the Defra LOW band throughout the period. The maximum hourly mean of 76 μ g/m³ was below the objective value of 200 μ g/m³. The mean daily concentration of 15 μ g/m³ was below the objective of 40 μ g/m³.

Table 2.3.5 : NO ₂ exceedences at Castle Lane, Lurgan -1^{st} January to 31^{st} December 2006			
Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual Mean > $40 \ \mu g/m^3$	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly Mean > 200 μ g/m ³	0	0

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Data Summary – Castle Lane, Lurgan 1st January to 31st December 2005

Ratified data capture of 86.6% for NO₂ was reported over the period 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period did not meet the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was significant data loss across the period due to technical problems.

NO₂ concentrations were recorded in the Defra LOW band throughout the period. The maximum hourly mean of 78 μ g/m³ was below the objective value of 200 μ g/m³. The mean daily concentration of 15 μ g/m³ was below the objective of 40 μ g/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual Mean > 40 μ g/m ³	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly Mean > $200 \mu g/m^3$	0	0

Table 2.3.5: NO₂ exceedences at Castle Lane, Lurgan -1^{st} January to 31^{st} December 2005

Data Summary – Castle Lane, Lurgan 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004

Ratified data capture of 99% for NO₂ was reported over the period 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. There was no significant data loss across the period.

NO₂ concentrations were recorded in the Defra LOW band throughout the period. The maximum hourly mean of 94 μ g/m³ was below the objective value of 200 μ g/m³. The mean daily concentration of 19 μ g/m³ was below the objective of 40 μ g/m³.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual Mean > 40 μ g/m ³	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly Mean > $200 \ \mu g/m^3$	0	0

Table 2.3.5: NO₂ exceedences at Castle Lane, Lurgan - 27th October 2003 to 30th April 2004

Data Summary –Castle Lane, Lurgan 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004

Ratified data capture of 91% for NO₂ was reported over the period 1^{st} May 2004 to 31^{st} October 2004. Data capture during this monitoring period met the review and assessment target of 90% for ratified data sets. Significant data loss during the period was:

• 16 days of NOx data deleted between 20th July and 4th August 2004 due to analyser fault.

NO₂ concentrations were recorded in the Defra LOW band throughout the period. The maximum hourly mean concentration of 53 μ g/m³ was below the objective value of 200 μ g/m³. The mean concentration of 11 μ g/m³ was below the objective of 40 μ g/m3.

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual Mean > 40 μ g/m ³	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly Mean > 200 μ g/m ³	0	0

Table 2.3.6: NO₂ exceedences at Castle Lane, Lurgan - 1st May 2004 to 31st October 2004

2.4.1 NO₂ (Diffusion Tube Monitoring)

NO₂ diffusion tube monitoring results have been bias corrected for NO2 from 2003 to 2007. Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations recorded by the diffusion tubes indicate that Nitrogen Dioxide concentrations currently comply with the annual mean Air Quality Strategy objective at all measurement locations.

Tables 1 to 4 in Appendix B, list the results for NO_2 diffusion tubes during 2003 to 2006.

2.5.1 SO₂ (Diffusion Tube Monitoring)

Craigavon Borough Council does not currently use diffusion tube monitoring techniques for SO2. The information provided below is only for historical reference to previous years of monitoring.

Sulphur Dioxide concentrations recorded by the diffusion tubes indicate that Sulphur Dioxide concentrations currently comply with the annual mean Air Quality Strategy objective at all measurement locations.

Recent studies have shown that the monitoring of SO_2 emissions by diffusion tube has raised questions about the limitations and accuracy of this method. Craigavon Borough Council has been advised by the University of West England help-desk, that the inaccuracies associated with this method may justify the cessation of any future SO_2 monitoring projects using diffusion tubes. Craigavon Borough Council ceased monitoring using SO2 diffusion tubes.

Tables 3 & 4 in Appendix B, List the results for SO₂ diffusion tubes during 2003 and 2004.

3.0 New Developments – Since the First Stage Review & Assessment

3.1 Industrial Processes

3.1.1 Part A Industrial Processes

No new Part A processes were authorised for operation. None of the existing Part A processes underwent significant changes likely to increase their emissions by 30% or more.

3.1.2 Part B Industrial Processes

No new Part B industrial processes were authorised in Craigavon. No previously existing Part B processes underwent significant changes likely to increase their emissions by 30% or more.

3.1.3 Other Industrial Processes

3.1.3.1 New landfill, Quarrying and Mineral Processes

No landfill, quarrying or mineral processes have started operation or significantly changed.

3.1.3.2 New Fuel Storage Depots

No new major fuel storage depots, either in or close to the Craigavon Borough, have been identified.

3.1.3.3 Small Boilers

Craigavon Borough Council are not aware of any significant changes to $>5MW_{(thermal)}$ fuel plants and processes.

3.1.4 Industrial Process Closures

Craigavon Borough Council has not identified any process closures within the borough.

3.2 Transport

3.2.1 New Road Developments

No new roads have been constructed or proposed since the previous Updating and Screening Report in February 2004.

3.2.2 Significant Changes to Existing Roads

Craigavon Borough Council identified no significant road layout changes or roadworks.

3.2.3 Newly Identified Public Exposure to Vehicle Emissions

No roads have been identified with annual average daily traffic flow (AADTF) greater than 10,000 vehicles per day, which have experienced large increases (25% or more) in traffic flow, since the previous Updating and Screening Report. Local Authorities are required to consider whether there are any of the following in their area, either new since the last Report, or newly identified:

- 1. Narrow congested streets meeting the following criteria:
 - Residential properties are within 5m of the kerb.
 - Average traffic speeds are 50kph or less.
 - The carriageway is less than 10m wide, and
 - AADTF is greater than 10,000.
- 2. Busy streets where people may spend 1 hour or more close to traffic (most likely in streets of shops, bars, cafes etc.), meeting the following criteria:
 - Public exposure for 1 hour or more within 5m of the kerb
 - AADT > 10,000 vehicles per day.

The Updating and Screening Assessment of March 2004 identified no roads in Craigavon meeting these criteria. There are no new, or newly identified streets meeting these criteria since the previous report.

3.2.4Other Transport Sources

As well as road vehicles, public exposure to emissions from planes, buses, trains, ships etc. must also be considered.

3.2.4.1 Trains

There are no new, or newly identified, locations where diesel locomotives are regularly stationary for five minutes or more and -

- There is potential for public exposure within 15m of the locomotives
- There are more than two occasions a day when diesel locomotives are stationary with engines running for more than 15 minutes.

3.2.4.2 Airports

There are no airports in Craigavon or neighbouring authorities that have a throughput of 5 million passengers per year and/or 500,000 tonnes of freight.

3.2.4.3 Bus Stations

The main bus stations within the Craigavon Borough have less than 1000 bus movements per day. There are no newly identified bus stations with more than 1000 bus movements

per day, and no bus stations where movements have increased to more than 1000 per day since the previous Updating and Screening Report.

3.2.4.4 Shipping

Craigavon is inland and has no ports with more than 5,000 shipping movements per year

3.3 Residential, Commercial and Public

3.3.1 New Housing Developments

There are no new housing developments proposed for the Craigavon Borough area that have full planning permission granted where there is the risk of a significant detrimental impact on air quality.

3.3.2 New Commercial Developments

There are no new commercial developments (e.g. retail parks, office blocks, leisure centres) proposed for the Craigavon Borough area where there is the risk of significant detrimental impact on air quality.

3.3.3 New Public Developments

New public developments such as schools, hospitals, stations, major car parks require consideration as they may impact on local traffic flow.

No new public developments have been confirmed since the previous Updating and Screening Assessment.

4.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

4.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

Since preparation of the Councils Progress Report of 2007, monitoring results indicate that concentrations of the most significant of the prescribed pollutants, NO_2 , PM_{10} & SO_2 are unlikely to exceed the statutory limits, particularly NO2, which is the only polluntant currently being monitored in Craigavon Borough at this time.

This Progress Report has not identified any sources that require further assessment. Therefore at this stage there is no need for Craigavon Borough council to proceed to a detailed assessment for any of the pollutants in advance of the scheduled Third Round of Reviews and Assessments.

4.2 **Recommendations**

Passive sampling by diffusion tube is a simple cost effective method of monitoring and tracking air quality in an area. It is recommended that the NO_2 monitoring should be continued, targeting areas that are most likely to be problematic. The diffusion tube survey will comply with the objectives and sampling methods as set out in LAQM TG(03).

Significant capital expenditure has already been incurred for continuous automatic monitoring for PM_{10} , $NO_2 \& SO_2$. Results obtained to date would indicate that there is no negligible risk of exceeding prescribed standards, and it was recommended after the second round 'Review and Assessment' that monitoring at the automated sites within Craigavon will not be continued since it was logistically and financially unnecessary. In due course, consideration may be given to relocation of the automatic monitors to other locations identified by future screening that have more potential to be affected by the pollutants concerned. With permission from the EHS (PEPG) the redundant NO2 automatic analyzer located at Castle Lane in Lurgan was borrowed by Newtownabbey Borough Council for the purposes of monitoring NO2 emission in their council area.

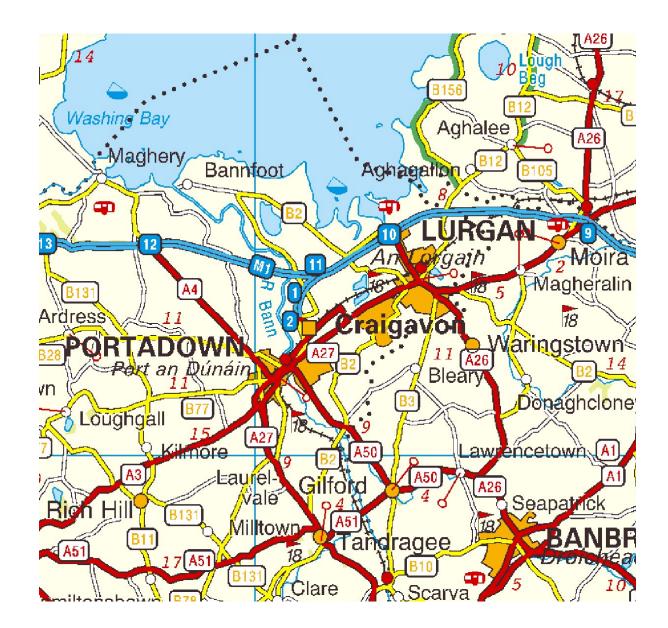
Craigavon Borough Council currently has its Air Quality Management Strategy in place and is working to fulfil the objectives that were initiated as part of the Strategy. The Strategy is currently at the end of its second year since being launched in March 2006 and the council has been involved in a successful 'Walk to School' campaign to highlight the issues of air pollution and road traffic caused by the school run. The council is also registered on the DOE Travelwise 'Carshare' scheme. Since local air quality management work by the council has to date indicated that the Borough enjoys a relatively good standard of air quality, it is anticipated that the strategy will focus on protecting this position for the future.

APPENDIX A

CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Local Air Quality Monitoring Maps





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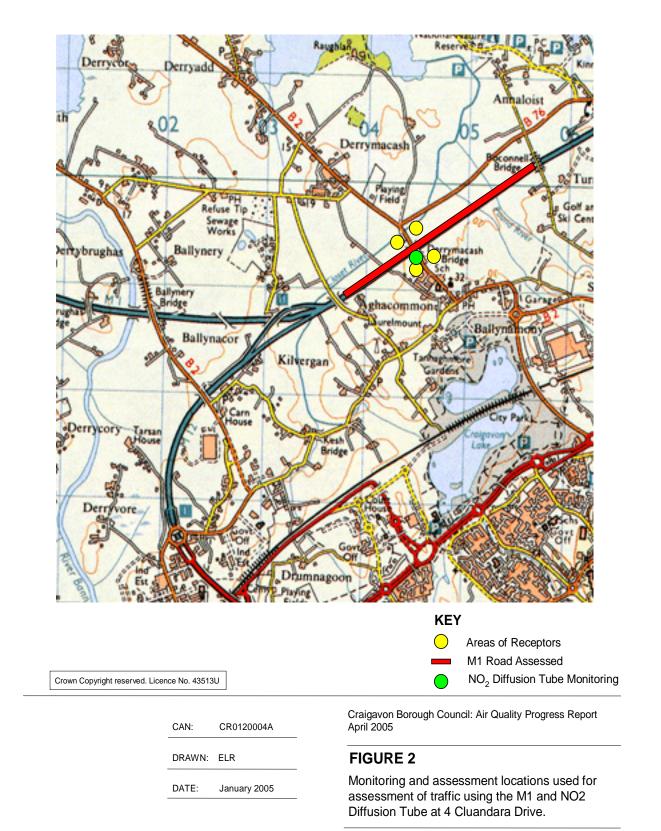
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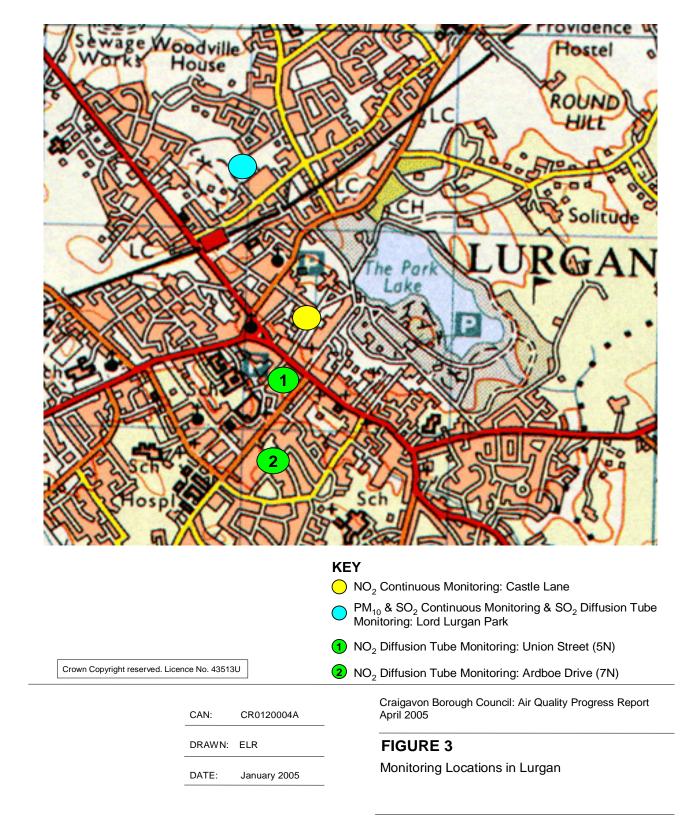
FIGURE 1

Craigavon Borough and surrounding road network

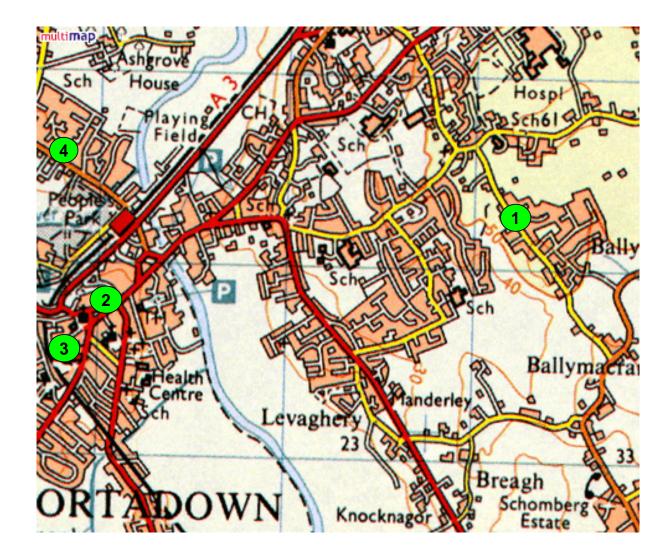
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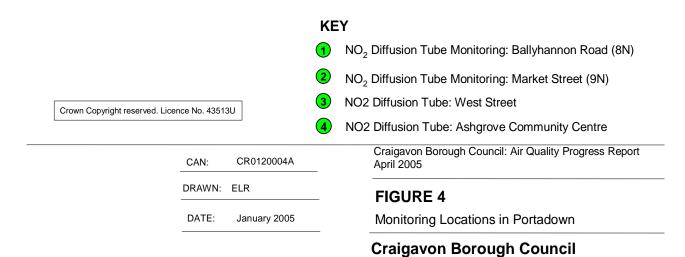


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APPENDIX B

PM₁₀, SO₂ & NOx DATA

CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL 2003 to 2007

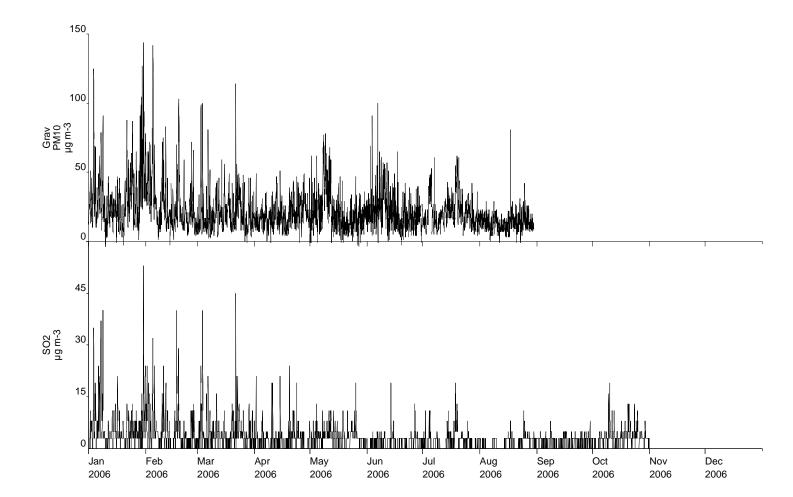
CRAIGAVON LORD LURGAN PARK

01 January to 31 December 2006 These data have been fully ratified by AEA Energy & Environment

POLLUTANT	PM ₁₀ *	SO ₂
Number Very High	-	0
Number High	-	0
Number Moderate	-	0
Number Low	-	28231
Maximum 15-minute mean	181 µg m ⁻³	80 µg m ⁻³
Maximum hourly mean	144 µg m ⁻³	53 µg m ⁻³
Maximum running 8-hour mean	117 µg m ⁻³	29 µg m ⁻³
Maximum running 24-hour mean	75 µg m ⁻³	17 µg m ⁻³
Maximum daily mean	65 µg m ⁻³	16 µg m ⁻³
Average	22 µg m ⁻³	3 µg m ⁻³
Data capture	64.4 %	78.9 %

 * PM_{10} corrected to 'gravimetric units' using a factor of 1.3. The instrument is a TEOM All mass units are at 20'C and 1013mb

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Daily mean > 50 μ g m ⁻³	6	6
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Annual mean > 40 μg m ⁻³	0	-
Sulphur Dioxide	15-minute mean > 266 μ g m ⁻³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly mean > 350 μ g m ⁻³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily mean > 125 µg m ⁻³	0	0



Craigavon Lord Lurgan Park Air Monitoring Hourly Mean Data for 01 January to 31 December 2006

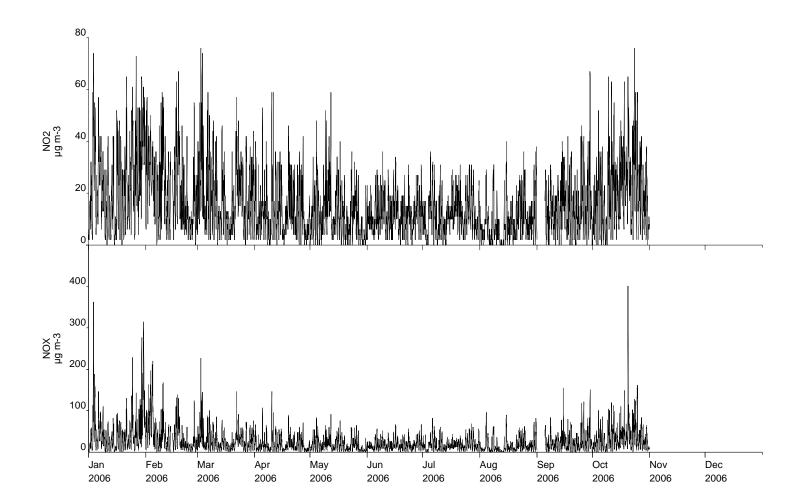
CRAIGAVON CASTLE LANE

01 January to 31 December 2006 These data have been fully ratified by AEA Energy & Environment

POLLUTANT	NO ₂	NO _X
Number Very High	0	-
Number High	0	-
Number Moderate	0	-
Number Low	7122	-
Maximum 15-minute mean	94 µg m⁻³	443 µg m ⁻³
Maximum hourly mean	76 µg m ⁻³	401 µg m⁻³
Maximum running 8-hour mean	63 µg m ⁻³	263 µg m ⁻³
Maximum running 24-hour mean	47 µg m⁻³	169 µg m ⁻³
Maximum daily mean	45 µg m ⁻³	152 µg m⁻³
Average	15 µg m ⁻³	25 µg m ⁻³
Data capture	81.3 %	81.3 %

All mass units are at 20'C and 1013mb NO_X mass units are NO_X as NO_2

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual mean > 40 µg m ⁻³	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly mean > 200 μ g m ⁻³	0	0



Craigavon Castle Lane Air Monitoring Hourly Mean Data for 01 January to 31 December 2006

Castle Lane Monitoring Results 2005

CRAIGAVON CASTLE LANE O1 January to 31 December 2005 These data are provisional from 01/11/2005 and may be subject to further quality

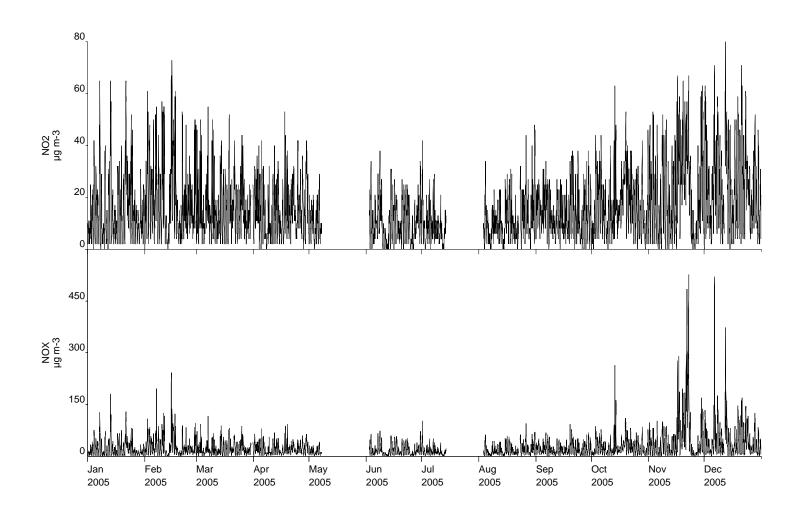
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POLLUTANT	NO ₂
Number Very High	0
Number High	0
Number Moderate	0
Number Low	7592
Maximum 15-minute mean	92 µg m⁻³
Maximum hourly mean	80 µg m⁻³
Maximum running 8-hour mean	61 µg m⁻³
Maximum running 24-hour mean	49 µg m⁻³
Maximum daily mean	42 µg m⁻³
Average	15 µg m⁻³
Data capture	86.7 %

All mass units are at 20'C and 1013mb NO_X mass units are NO_X as NO_2

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual mean > 40 µg m ⁻³	0	-
Nitrogen Dioxide	Hourly mean > 200 µg m ⁻³	0	0

Craigavon Castle Lane Air Monitoring Hourly Mean Data for 01 January to 31 December 2005



Lord Lurgan Park Monitoring Results 2005

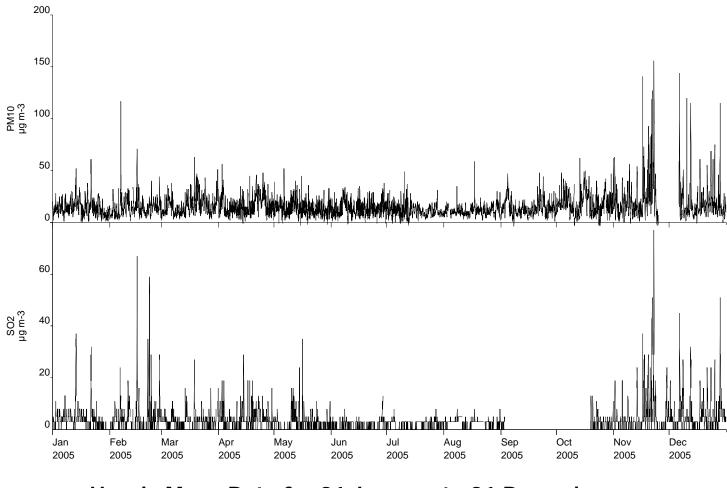
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POLLUTANT	PM ₁₀ +	SO ₂
Number Very High	0	0
Number High	0	0
Number Moderate	37	0
Number Low	8364	29710
Maximum 15-minute mean	208 µg m⁻³	106 µg m⁻³
Maximum hourly mean	156 µg m⁻³	77 µg m⁻³
Maximum running 8-hour mean	99 µg m⁻³	53 µg m⁻³
Maximum running 24-hour mean	61 µg m⁻³	25 µg m⁻³
Maximum daily mean	58 µg m⁻³	24 µg m ⁻³
Average	15 µg m⁻³	3 µg m⁻³
Data capture	94.2 %	83.0 %

+ PM ₁₀ instrument is a TEOM
All mass units are at 20'C and 1013mb
NO_X mass units are NO_X as NO_2

Pollutant	Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003	Exceedences	Days
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Daily mean > 50 μ g m ⁻³	3	3
PM ₁₀ Particulate Matter (Gravimetric)	Annual mean > 40 µg m ⁻³	0	-
Sulphur Dioxide	15-minute mean > 266 µg m ⁻³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Hourly mean > 350 µg m ⁻³	0	0
Sulphur Dioxide	Daily mean > 125 µg m ⁻³	0	0



Craigavon Lord Lurgan Park Air Monitoring

Hourly Mean Data for 01 January to 31 December 2005

Site No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ug m ⁻³							
Month								
Jan-07	20	21	20	20	15	19	12	20
Feb-07	27	28	17	12	15	NS	NS	NS
Mar-07	10	20	10	10	8	21	6	NS
Apr-07	14	23	5	8	8	9	7	15
May-07	9	20	7	5	6	5	6	12
Jun-07	NS	17	5	1	7	9	3	16
Jul-07	NS	18	5	6	4	11	4	14
Aug-07	16	19	11	12	12	13	11	21
Sep-07	23	22	11	9	10	8	10	20
Oct-07	NS	22	13	17	19	18	18	16
Nov-07	29	33	13	15	18	20	15	32
Dec-07	21	29	14	12	17	22	19	17
*Mean	20	24	12	12	13	15	11	20

Table 1: Craigavon District Council – Bias Adjusted Nitrogen Dioxide (N02) Results (January 2007 - December 2007)

*Mean Monthly Data is corrected for Bias

		Site Ref
1	Town Hall, Union Street	82760
2	West Street (Bakery)	82979
3	Ardboe Drive	82762
4	Ballyhannon Road	82763
5	Ashgrove Community Centre	82764
6	Castlelane Toilets	82765
7	Lord Lurgan Park	82766
8	Cluandara, Derrymacash	82767

Bias Adjustment Factor 2007 – 1.06 (Cm/Dm)

Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7	Site 8
	μg/m ³							
Month								
January	26	NS	NS	16	24	14	14	20
February	18	14	18	19	NS	22	25	11
March	17	7	11	14	9	7	22	8
April	11	16	17	15	15	16	15	16
May	14	3	9	13	14	5	19	9
June	13	6	8	13	7	3	17	7
July	14	6	12	10	7	6	15	7
August	17	5	11	17	6	8	17	7
September	13	5	14	11	7	3	15	NS
October	NS							
November	NS							
December	NS							
MEAN	16	8*	13*	14	11*	9	18	11*
BIAS MEAN	16	8	13	15	11	10	18	11
Estimated Annual Mean		8*	12*		10*			10*

Table 2 - Bias Adjusted NO₂ Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data 2006

*Calculated using the short term estimation procedure in BOX6.5, Section 6-8 of LAQM TG03

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5	Site 6	Site 7	Site 8
	μg/m ³							
Month								
January	19	21	15	13	7	19	15	11
February	23	24	21	13	14	21	10	29
March	19	19	10	10	12	11	11	12
April	16	16	13	15	9	8	12	11
May	27	28	26	20	19	29	22	32
June	32	29	NS	16	21	13	17	21
July								
August	6	1	4	3	3	5	3	4
September								
October	14	12	14	10	13	21	13	13
November	17	22	17	14	11	14	11	17
December	20	19	13	18	15	15	16	20

<u>Table 3 - Bias Adjusted NO₂ Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data 2005</u>

Site No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ug m ⁻³	ug m ⁻³	ug m ⁻³	ug m ⁻³	ug m⁻³	ug m ⁻³	ug m ⁻³	ug m ⁻³
Month								
Jan-04	37	41	31	23	6	18	21	26
Feb-04	11	13	14	10	9	30	11	19
Mar-04	13	11	9	6	12	15	19	13
Apr-04	11	16	6	5	6	4	6	11
May-04	24	27	18	9	11	15	9	12
Jun-04	17	22	26	24	26	26	25	33
Jul-04	5	11	5	5	5	8	6	8
Aug-04	18	5	14	6	6	16	9	12
Sep-04	23	4	9	8	9	15	13	9
Oct-04	25	22	15	11	14	14	26	14
Nov-04	25	4	13	17	16	19	14	19
Dec-04	26	25	19	13	10	18	16	23
*Mean	20	17	15	11	11	17	15	17

Table 4: Craigavon District Council – Bias Adjusted Nitrogen Dioxide (N02) Results (January 2004 - December 2004)

*Mean Monthly Data is corrected for Bias

		Site Ref
1	Town Hall, Union Street	82760
2	West Street (Bakery)	82979
3	Ardboe Drive	82762
4	Ballyhannon Road	82763
5	Ashgrove Community Centre	82764
6	Castlelane Toilets	82765
7	Lord Lurgan Park	82766
8	Cluandara, Derrymacash	82767

Bias Adjustment Factor 2004 – 1.08 (Cm/Dm)

Site No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	ug m ⁻³							
Month								
Jan-04	37	51	34	14	28	39	27	46
Feb-04	36	55	35	17	36	32	33	25
Mar-04	14	13	42	13	15	27	14	14
Apr-04	7	13	3	4	4	4	4	14
May-04	16	29	6	9	12	16	7	16
Jun-04	16	41	13	4	12	13	8	15
Jul-04	12	NS	5	NS	7	7	3	12
Aug-04	6	12	4	3	0	1	3	6
Sep-04	15	23	11	8	9	24	15	13
Oct-04	15	34	16	11	11	6	18	18
Nov-04	29	17	23	14	22	28	9	20
Dec-04	26	40	27	12	30	23	24	27
*Mean	19	30	18	10	15	18	14	19

Table 5: Craigavon District Council – Bias Adjusted Nitrogen Dioxide (N0₂) Results (January 2003 - December 2003)

*Mean Monthly Data is corrected for Bias

		Site Ref
1	Town Hall, Union Street	82760
2	West Street (Bakery)	82979
3	Ardboe Drive	82762
4	Ballyhannon Road	82763
5	Ashgrove Community Centre	82764
6	Castlelane Toilets	82765
7	Lord Lurgan Park	82766
8	Cluandara, Derrymacash	82767

Bias Adjustment	Factor 2003 – 1.05 (Cm/Dm)
NS = No Sample	

Site No.	1		2			3	4	•	5	-	6		7	-	8	
	ug m ⁻³	ppb	ug m ⁻³	ppb	ug m⁻³	ppb	ug m ⁻³	ppb								
Month																
Jan-03	13	5	12	4	6	2	8	3	13	5	7	3	10	4	7	3
Feb-03	17	6	13	5	29	11	11	4	4	1	7	2	19	7	7	3
Mar-03	4	2	8	3	14	5	8	3	25	9	26	10	9	3	7	3
Apr-03	19	7	10	4	NS	NS	13	5	14	5	8	3	6	2	9	3
May-03	7	2	11	4	NS	NS	NS	NS	9	3	7	3	8	3	8	3
Jun-03	10	4	19	7	10	4	9	3	13	5	15	6	7	3	5	2
Jul-03	8	3	6	2	12	4	8	3	9	4	6	2	11	4	11	4
Aug-03	8	3	7	3	14	5	16	6	7	3	14	5	8	3	10	4
Sep-03	9	3	6	2	12	5	14	5	14	5	14	5	9	3	11	4
Oct-03	10	4	13	5	7	2	NS	NS	17	7	16	6	12	5	14	5
Nov-03	12	4	19	7	NS	NS	11	4	8	3	7	3	22	8	4	1
Dec-03	9	3	5	2	6	2	18	7	12	4	4	2	7	3	7	3
Mean	11	4	11	4	12	4	12	4	12	5	11	4	11	4	8	3

Table 6 : Craigavon Borough Council - S0₂ Results (January 2004 - December 2004)

1	Lord
2	Ashg
3	Corcr
4	Mour
5	Lake
6	Ardbo
7	Castl
8	Kerna

	Site Ref
Lord Lurgan Park	82880
Ashgrove Community Centre	82881
Corcrain Community Centre	82882
Mourneview Community Centre	82883
Lake Street	82884
Ardboe Drive	82885
Castle Lane Toilets	82886
Kernan Hill	82887

NS = No Sample

Site No.	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
	ug m ⁻³	ppb	ug m ⁻³	ppb	ug m⁻³	ppb	ug m ⁻³	ppb								
Month																
Jan-03	12	4	6	2	10	4	13	5	13	5	7	3	8	3	7	3
Feb-03	17	6	13	5	29	11	11	4	4	1	7	2	19	7	7	3
Mar-03	4	2	8	3	14	5	8	3	25	9	26	10	9	3	7	3
Apr-03	19	7	10	4	-	-	13	5	14	5	8	3	6	2	9	3
May-03	7	2	11	4	NS	NS	NS	NS	9	3	7	3	8	3	8	3
Jun-03	10	4	19	7	10	4	9	3	13	5	15	6	7	3	5	2
Jul-03	8	3	6	2	12	4	8	3	9	4	6	2	11	4	11	4
Aug-03	8	3	7	3	14	5	16	6	7	3	14	5	8	3	10	4
Sep-03	9	3	6	2	12	5	14	5	14	5	14	5	9	3	11	4
Oct-03	10	4	13	5	7	2	NS	NS	17	7	16	6	12	5	14	5
Nov-03	12	4	19	7	NS	NS	11	4	8	3	7	4	22	8	4	1
Dec-03	9	3	5	2	6	2	18	7	12	4	4	2	7	3	7	3
Mean	10	4	10	4	13	5	12	5	12	5	11	4	11	4	8	3

Table 7 : Craigavon Borough Council - S0₂ Results (January 2003 - December 2003)

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	Site Ref
Lord Lurgan Park	82880
Ashgrove Community Centre	82881
Corcrain Community Centre	82882
Mourneview Community Centre	82883
Lake Street	82884
Ardboe Drive	82885
Castle Lane Toilets	82886
Kernan Hill	82887

NS = No Sample