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## **Progress Report Appraisal Report**

The Progress Report sets out new information on air quality obtained by Dungannon District Council as part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Review and Assessment Progress Report covers the **minimum requirements for reporting on monitoring and new local developments**. It also covers **some of the recommended additional elements including:**

- A log of relevant planning applications
- Information on local and regional air quality strategies
- Progress with the LTP

On the basis of the information provided by the local authority, the report is **accepted for monitoring data and new local developments**.

Following the completion of this report, Dungannon District Council should proceed to a detailed assessment for Dugannon Road in Coalisland. A DA report is also expected shortly for Newell Road in Dungannon, Charlemont Road in Moy and Stewartstown Road in Coalisland as these areas were identified in the 2010 PR as requiring additional assessment. Also the council should submit an Updating and Screening Assessment and Action Plan Progress Report by the end of April 2012.

### **Commentary**

The report is well structured and covers all of the minimum requirements and some of the recommended additional items of the information specified in the Guidance.

The following specific items are drawn to the local authority's attention to help inform future work. It is strongly recommended that the local authority note these items for future reporting purposes and amend their current report where appropriate:

1. TG (09) states that 'An urban background site should **not** be within: 30 metres of a very busy road (>30,000 vehicles/day) 20 metres of a busy road (10,000-30,000 vehicles/day) or 10 metres of any other road (<10,000 vehicles/day)'. The three urban background sites shown in Table 2.2, (Howard Primary School, Ardgannon and 11

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Bushvale) are all under 2 metres from a road. It is therefore suggested that these monitoring sites are either relocated to appropriate locations for urban background sites or they are quoted as roadside sites instead.

2. In Table 2.4a the years denoting when the diffusion tubes began monitoring state 2009; it is assumed that this is a typo given the data capture rates and if so this should be amended to 2010 prior to report publication.
3. The report provides the results of monitoring in 2010 only. In future reports it would be useful to include information on any trends in monitoring data where available.
4. Appendix A provides information on the diffusion tube bias adjustment factor that has been used. It appears that this paragraph has not been updated since the 2010 PR as the factor presented is different to that provided in Section 2.1.2. It is suggested that this is updated prior to final publication of the report.
5. If available, it is recommended that the following additional elements are included in future reports:
  - Information on air quality planning policies
  - Information on any Climate Change Strategies

This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Progress Report adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

**Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate – or by emailing the form to [reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com](mailto:reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com).**

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**Comments on appraisal/Further information:**