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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 places a statutory duty on local authorities to review and assess the air quality within their area and take account of Government Guidance when undertaking such work.

The 2011 Updating and Screening Assessment for Derry concluded that a Detailed Assessment was required at Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street and Spencer Road, due to 2010 measured exceedences of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) objective (DCC, 2011). Mouchel has been commissioned by Derry City Council to assess air quality at these locations.

The aim of this Detailed Assessment was to determine whether the Air Quality Strategy objectives were being exceeded at locations with relevant exposure and if so, the extent of the Air Quality Management Area(s) required. The Detailed Assessment has been undertaken in accordance with Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Local Air Quality Management (LAQM.TG09) methodologies and amended tools released in August 2012.

The findings of the Detailed Assessment are as follows:

1. NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube data from 2011 indicates no exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective at Strand Road. One of the monitoring sites is however within 10% of the air quality objective for this pollutant (37µg/m<sup>3</sup>).
2. Exceedences of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective were predicted through dispersion modelling along Strand Road. The contour map confirms exceedence at the façade of a number of properties.
3. NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube data from 2011 indicates an exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective at Lower Spencer Road.
4. Exceedences of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective were also predicted through dispersion modelling at Lower Spencer Road. The contour map confirms exceedence at the façade of a number of properties.
5. With respect to the hourly NO<sub>2</sub> objective, there are no monitoring sites or modelled results showing annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in excess of 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at any of the locations modelled and therefore it is unlikely that there will be any exceedences of the hourly NO<sub>2</sub> objective;
6. As a result of these findings it is recommended that the Council declare an AQMA for the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective encompassing properties listed in the report at Strand Road and Spencer Road locations.



# **1 Introduction**

Mouchel Ltd has been commissioned by Derry City Council (DCC) to undertake a Detailed Assessment (DA) of air quality at Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street, and Spencer Road. The various study areas are shown in Figure 1.

In 2011 the Council completed a Progress Report which concluded that a DA was required due to measured exceedences of the annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) objective (DCC, 2011) at these locations, as prescribed in the Air Quality Strategy (AQS). The aim of this DA is to determine if an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) is needed and to define the extent of exceedence of the NO<sub>2</sub> objective. It will be undertaken in accordance with current Technical Guidance of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (Defra) on Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) (LAQM.TG09) using updated data and tools.

## **1.1 Background**

The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (Defra, 2007) sets out a framework for air quality management, which includes a number of air quality objectives. National and international measures are expected to achieve these objectives in most locations, but where areas of poor air quality remain, air quality management at a local scale has a particularly important role to play.

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 places a statutory duty on local authorities to review and assess the air quality within their area and take account of Government Guidance when undertaking such work. The role of this process is to identify areas where it is unlikely that the air quality objectives will be achieved. These locations must be designated as AQMAs and a subsequent Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) developed in order to reduce pollutant emissions in pursuit of the objectives.

Technical Guidance for Local Air Quality Management (LAQM.TG09) (Defra, 2009) sets out a phased approach to the Review and Assessment process. This prescribes an initial Updating and Screening Assessment (USA), which all local authorities must undertake. It is based on a checklist to identify any matters that have changed since the previous round. If the USA identifies any areas where there is a risk that the objectives may be exceeded, which were not identified in the previous round, then the Local Authority should progress to a DA.

The purpose of the DA is to determine whether an exceedence of an air quality objective is likely and the geographical extent of that exceedence. If the outcome of the DA is that one or more of the air quality objectives are likely to be exceeded, then an AQMA must be declared. Subsequent to the declaration of an AQMA, a Further Assessment (FA) should be carried out to confirm that the AQMA declaration is justified; and that the appropriate area has been declared; to ascertain the sources contributing to the exceedence; and to calculate the magnitude of reduction in emissions required to achieve the objective. This information can be used to inform an AQAP, which will identify measures to improve local air quality.

## 1.2 Air Quality Objectives

The Government's Air Quality Strategy (Defra, 2007) provides air quality standards and objectives for key air pollutants, which are designed to protect human health and the environment. The 'standards' are set as concentrations below which health effects are unlikely even in sensitive population groups, or below which risks to public health would be exceedingly small. They are based purely upon the scientific and medical evidence of the effects of a particular pollutant. The 'objectives' set out the extent to which the Government expects the standards to be achieved by a certain date. They take account of the costs, benefits, feasibility and practicality of achieving the standards. It also sets out how the different sectors: industry, transport and local government, can contribute to achieving the air quality objectives.

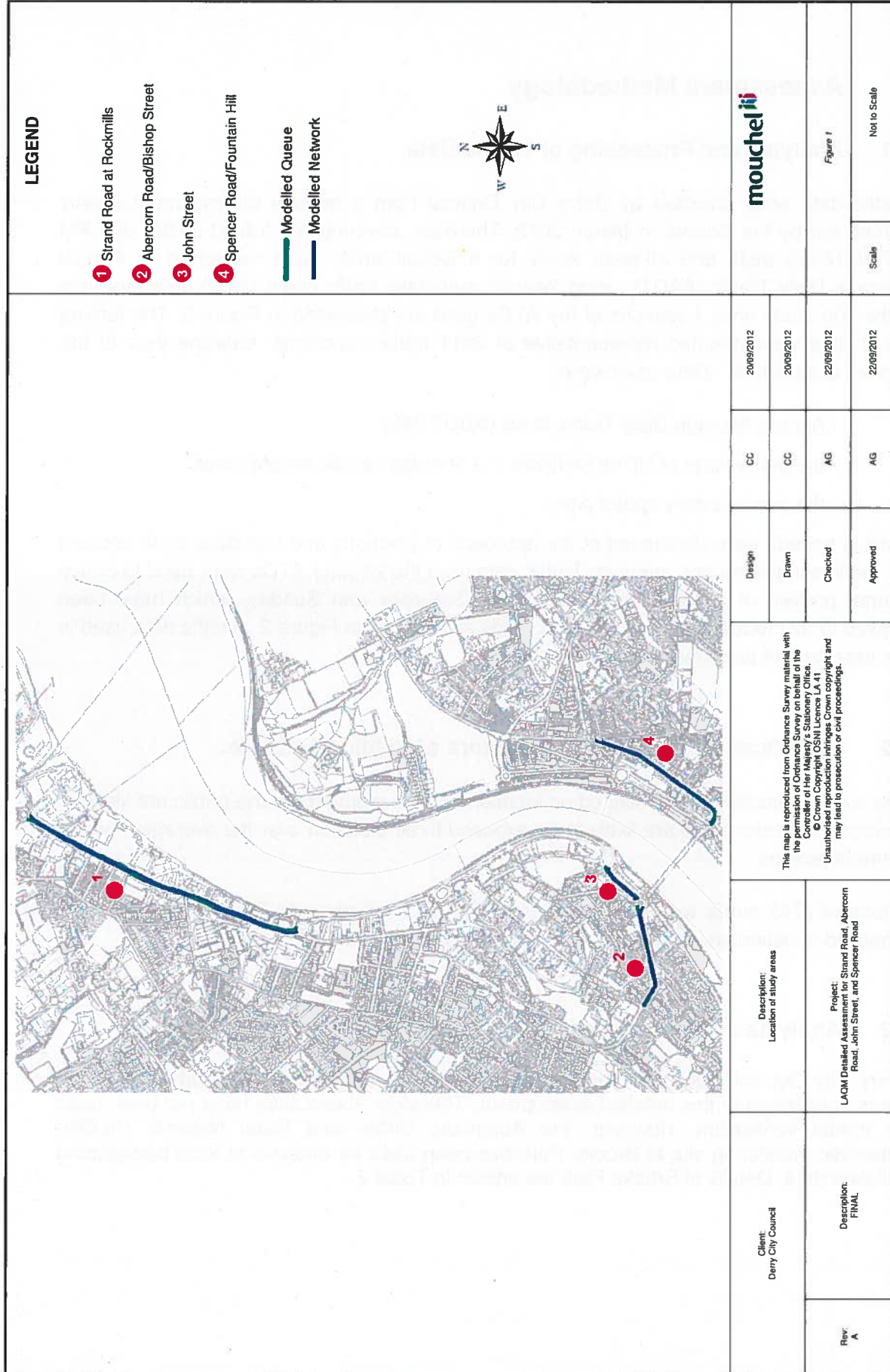
The air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in Northern Ireland are set out in the Air Quality Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 2003 (No. 342). Table 1 summarises the objectives which are relevant to this report. Appendix A provides a brief summary of the health effects of NO<sub>2</sub>.

The air quality objectives only apply where members of the public are likely to be regularly present for the averaging time of the objective (i.e. where people will be exposed to pollutants). For annual mean objectives, relevant exposure is limited to residential properties, schools, hospitals and care homes. The 1-hour objective applies at these locations as well as at any outdoor location where a member of the public might reasonably be expected to stay for 1 hour or more, such as shopping streets, parks and sports grounds, as well as some bus stations and railway stations that are not fully enclosed.

Measurements across the UK have shown that the 1-hour nitrogen dioxide objective is unlikely to be exceeded unless the annual mean concentration is greater than 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (Defra, 2009). Thus, exceedences of 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> as an annual mean nitrogen dioxide concentration are used as an indicator of potential exceedences of the 1-hour objective.

*Table 1 - Air Quality Objectives included in the Regulations for the purpose of Local Air Quality Management in Northern Ireland for NO<sub>2</sub>*

| Pollutant        | Time Period | Objective  | Date to be achieved by and maintained thereafter |
|------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Nitrogen Dioxide | 1-hour Mean | 200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year | 31 December 2005                                 |
|                  | Annual Mean | 40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>   | 31 December 2005                                 |



## **2 Assessment Methodology**

### **2.1 Analysis and Processing of Traffic Data**

Traffic data were provided by Derry City Council from a manual turning count survey carried out by the Council in March 2012. The data, covering AM (08:00-09:00) and PM (17:00-18:00) peak and off-peak hours for a typical week, were converted to Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT), using 24-hour automatic traffic count (ATC) data available within the study area. Locations of the ATCs used are presented in Figure 2. The turning count data were deemed representative of 2011 traffic conditions, baseline year of the current assessment. Data used were:

- i. Annual Average Daily Traffic flows (AADT 24h);
- ii. the percentage of HDVs (vehicles > 3.5t gross vehicle weight); and
- iii. the average daily speed (kph).

Vehicle speeds were decreased at the approach of junctions and roundabouts to account for traffic congestion and queuing. Traffic data from the 24-hour ATCs were used to derive diurnal profiles of traffic flows for weekday, Saturday and Sunday, which have been applied to all modelled roads. Modelled roads are shown on Figure 2. Traffic data used in the assessment are provided in Appendix B.

### **2.2 Identification of Relevant Receptors of Public Exposure**

The current assessment is focused on locations where members of the public are likely to be regularly present and are likely to be exposed to air pollution over the averaging period of the objectives.

A total of 2765 public exposure receptors were identified using NI Pointer data and then modelled to ascertain annual mean concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> within the study areas.

### **2.3 Analysis and Processing of Continuous Monitoring (CM) Data**

Derry City Council has two automatic monitoring sites measuring NO<sub>2</sub>, both outside the areas considered in this detailed assessment. Therefore, these sites have not been used for model verification. However, the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) automatic monitoring site at Brooke Park has been used for analysis of local background pollution data. Details of Brooke Park are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Brooke Park Continuous Monitoring Results (2007-2011)

| Location    | X, Y           | Year | NO <sub>x</sub> Annual Mean (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | NO <sub>2</sub> Annual Mean (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | No. of NO <sub>2</sub> hourly mean >200µg/m <sup>3</sup> | % Data Capture |
|-------------|----------------|------|--|--|--|----------------|
| Brooke Park | 242962, 417217 | 2007 | 18.0   | 12.6   | 0  | 89             |
|             |                | 2008 | 28.4   | 18.5   | 0  | 96             |
|             |                | 2009 | 23.5   | 15.8   | 0  | 97             |
|             |                | 2010 | 39.6   | 19.2   | 0  | 99             |
|             |                | 2011 | 20.7   | 16.0   | 0  | 100            |

## 2.4 Analysis and Processing of Passive Monitoring Data

Derry City Council manages a network of diffusion tubes measuring NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations across their area of jurisdiction.

Seven monitoring locations were within close proximity to the relevant exposure locations and the modelled road network. These were evaluated in terms of distance to the road sources modelled, site type, data quality, and data capture.

The diffusion tubes were prepared and analysed by Gradko in early 2010 and by Environmental Scientifics Group from April 2010 who used the 20% TEA in water preparation. It was necessary to adjust diffusion tube data to account for laboratory bias. DCC has co-located triplicate diffusion tubes with two of its automatic monitoring sites: Dale's Corner and Brooke Park. Results from 2011 have been bias adjusted using a local factor of 0.91 derived from the two co-located studies.

## 2.5 Processing of Background Concentrations

Local monitoring data and Defra's updated background pollutant maps were considered to determine appropriate NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> background concentrations for this assessment. Table 3 shows the comparison of background concentrations from Brooke Park AURN continuous monitoring site and the average of background levels in nearest 1km × 1km grid squares in 2011, as per national estimates. Backgrounds were adjusted following the latest Defra's guidance and tools.

National background levels varied from 22.3 to 9.7 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for NO<sub>x</sub> and from 15.6 to 7.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for NO<sub>2</sub>. For this assessment the background concentrations from Brooke Park have been used to better represent local conditions. This is considered to be a conservative approach.

*Table 3 - Background Concentrations within the study area*

| Source                | Location (NI OS Grid Coordinates) | Pollutant       | 2011 Background Value (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Brooke Park AURN Site | X 242962,<br>Y 417217             | NO <sub>x</sub> | 20.7                                       |
|                       |                                   | NO <sub>2</sub> | 16.0                                       |
| Defra Background Maps | 8 tiles (average value)           | NO <sub>x</sub> | 18.1                                       |
|                       |                                   | NO <sub>2</sub> | 13.1                                       |



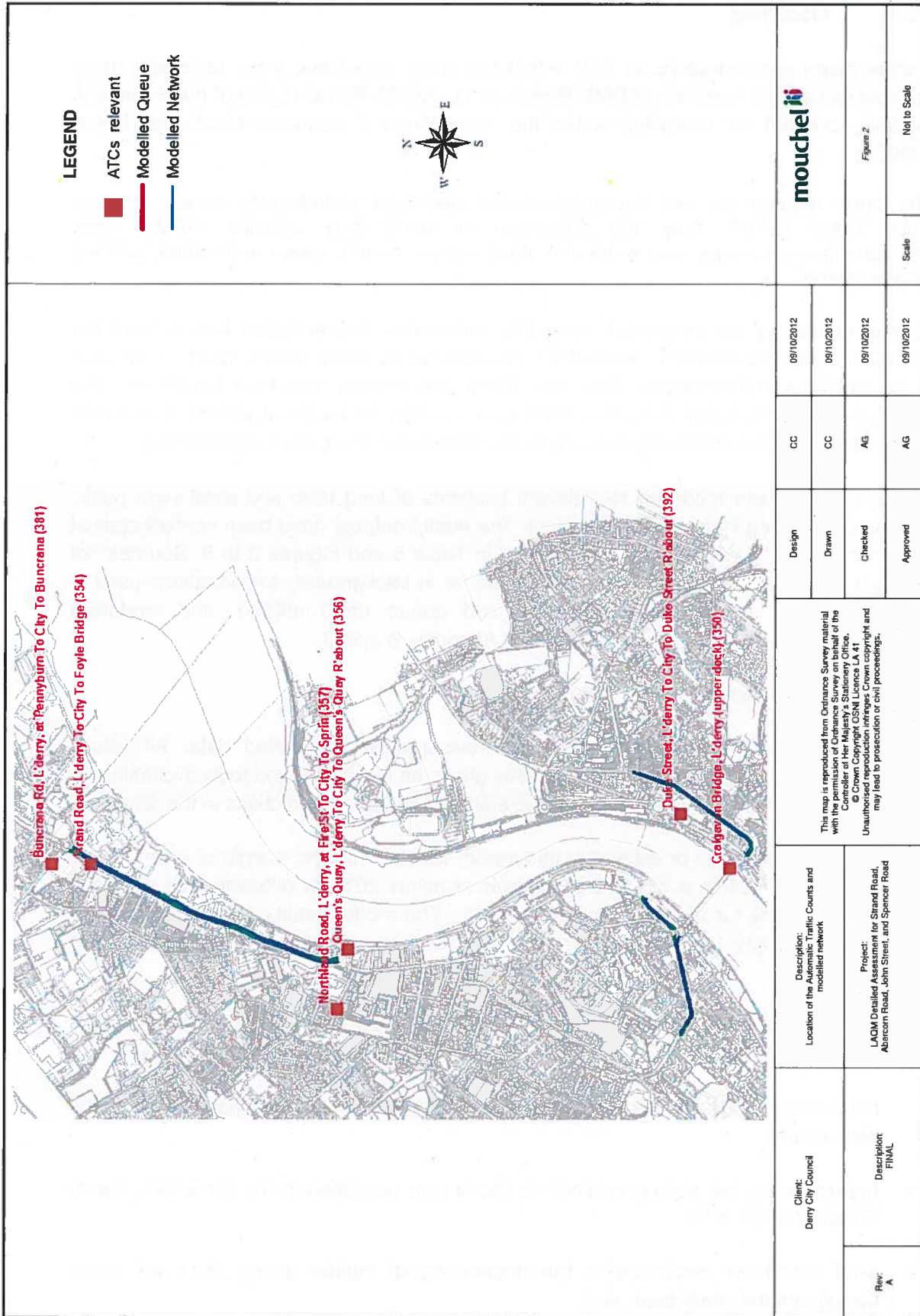


Figure 2 - Location of the Automatic Traffic Counts and modelled network

### 2.5.1 Modelling

Annual mean concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> within the study area have been assessed using detailed dispersion modelling (ADMS-Roads v3.1). ADMS-Roads is one of the dispersion models accepted for modelling within the Government's Technical Guidance (Defra, 2009).

The model requires the user to provide various input data, including the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) flow, the proportion of heavy duty vehicles (HDVs), road characteristics (including road width and street canyon height, where applicable), and the vehicle speed.

Vehicle emissions are calculated using this information and emission factors from the Emission Factor Toolkit (EFT, Version 5.1.3) published by Defra (Defra, 2012). A full year of hour-by-hour meteorological data from Derry with missing data from Lough Fea and Aldergrove Meteorological stations in 2011 were used in the model. Appendix C presents the wind rose for the meteorological conditions modelled in the current assessment.

Concentrations were modelled for relevant locations of long term and short term public exposure (including local monitoring sites). The model outputs have been verified against local diffusion tube measurements described in Table 5 and Figures 3 to 5. Sources not included explicitly in the model were accounted for in background concentrations used in the assessment. The input data (traffic and queue data) utilised, and modelling methodology are described in further detail in Appendix B and D.

### 2.5.2 Data Uncertainty

There is an element of uncertainty in all measured and modelled data. All values presented in this report are the best estimates given the input data and tools available, but uncertainties in the data might cause over-predictions or under-predictions in the results.

All of the measurements presented in this report have an intrinsic margin of error. Defra (2009) suggest that this is of the order of plus or minus 20% for diffusion tube data and plus or minus 10% for automatic measurements. The model results rely on traffic count data, and thus any uncertainties inherent in this data set will carry through to this assessment.

There will be additional uncertainties introduced because the modelling has simplified real-world processes into a series of algorithms. For example, it has been assumed that:

- i. the vehicle fleet within the study area will conform to the national (UK) average composition;
- ii. the emissions per vehicle conform to the factors published in the Emissions Factor Toolkit Version 5.1.3;
- iii. wind conditions measured at the meteorological station during 2011 will occur throughout the study area; and



- iv. the subsequent dispersion of emitted pollutants will conform to a Gaussian distribution over flat terrain.

An important step in the assessment is verifying the dispersion model against the measured data. By comparing the model results with actual measurements, data will be adjusted for any under or over-prediction.

The UK Government's Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG) has published a report on trends in primary NO<sub>2</sub> in the UK (AQEG, 2007). This examines evidence that shows that while NO<sub>x</sub> emissions have fallen in line with predictions made a decade previously, the composition of NO<sub>x</sub> has, in some urban environments, changed. This may have caused NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at some locations to fall less rapidly than was expected.

The latest guidance from Defra has been followed regarding NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> relationships.

These limitations to the assessment are considered when reviewing the results set out in the following Sections. The results are 'best estimates' and have been treated as such in the discussion.

### 3 Results

#### 3.1 Monitored NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations

Details of the diffusion tube data used in the current assessment are presented in Table 4. Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations measured at Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street, and Spencer Road for 2009, 2010 and 2011 are presented in Table 5. Concentrations measured for 2011 at these locations are shown in Figures 3 to 5.

*Table 4 - Diffusion tube site information for Spencer Road, John Street, Strand Road and Abercorn Road locations*

| Site Name        | Site Type | OS Grid Ref X | OS Grid Ref Y | 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) | Does this location represent worst-case exposure? |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| 63 Abercorn Road | Roadside  | 243166        | 416211        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 1.5  | Y   |
| 8 Abercorn Road  | Roadside  | 243422        | 416230        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 1.5  | Y   |
| 10 John St       | Roadside  | 243627        | 416308        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 2  | Y   |
| 12 John St       | Roadside  | 243602        | 416279        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 2  | Y   |
| 99 Strand Road   | Roadside  | 243522        | 417894        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 3  | Y   |
| Rockmills        | Roadside  | 243607        | 418037        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 4  | Y   |
| 70 Spencer Road  | Roadside  | 244011        | 416068        | NO <sub>2</sub>      | N        | Y (0m)  | 2  | Y   |

The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective is exceeded at one location, 70 Spencer Road, being within 10% of the objective at the remaining sites with the exception of Rockmills site which registered the lowest concentration across the four study areas (33.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup>).

2010 was considered a particularly bad pollution year and a significant increase is registered in relation to 2009 at all locations.

Comparing annual mean concentration values of 2009 against 2011, it is observed that concentrations increase in 2011 by 2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at Abercorn Road and by 3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at Spencer Road, with imperceptible changes at John Street and Strand Road. Rockmills registers a decrease of 3.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

The annual mean concentrations do not exceed 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> indicating no likely exceedences of the hourly mean objective for NO<sub>2</sub> within the four study areas.

Table 5 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations measured at the diffusion tube sites across the four study areas

| Location         | Data Capture<br>2011<br>(%) | Annual Mean NO <sub>2</sub> ( µg/m <sup>3</sup> - Bias Adjusted) |                                |                                |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                  |                             | 2009 (Bias Factor 0.93, Local)                                   | 2010 (Bias Factor 0.99, Local) | 2011 (Bias Factor 0.91, Local) |
| 63 Abercorn Road | 83                          | 36   | 47                             | 37.7                           |
| 8 Abercorn Road  | 25                          | 31   | 40                             | -                              |
| 10 John St       | 100                         | 37   | 47                             | 36.2                           |
| 12 John St       | 100                         | 37   | 48                             | 36.7                           |
| 99 Strand Road   | 75                          | 37   | 52                             | 36.8                           |
| Rockmills        | 83                          | 37   | 48                             | 33.5                           |
| 70 Spencer Road  | 92                          | 40   | 51                             | <u>42.8</u>                    |

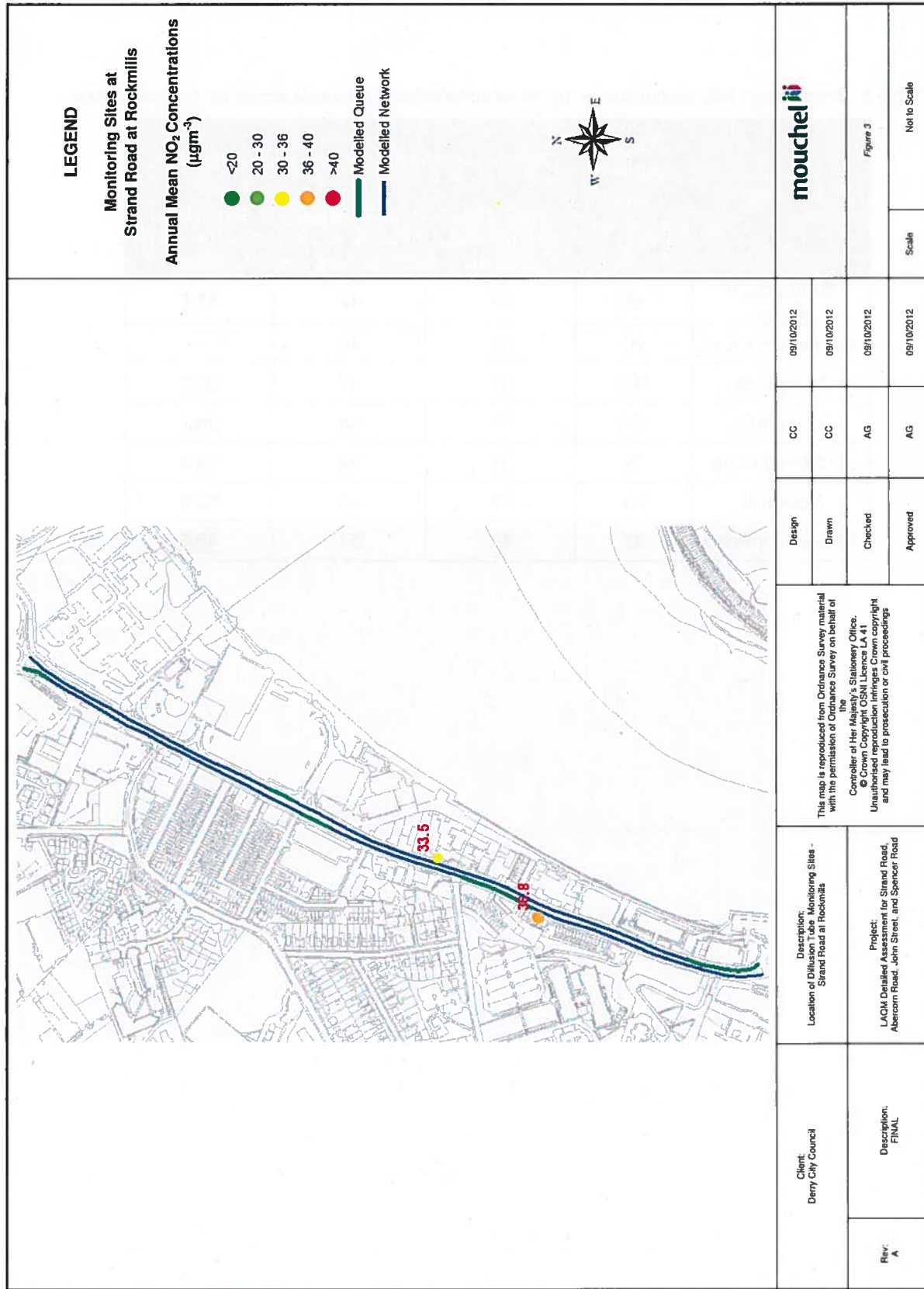


Figure 3 - Location of Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites - Strand Road at Rockmills

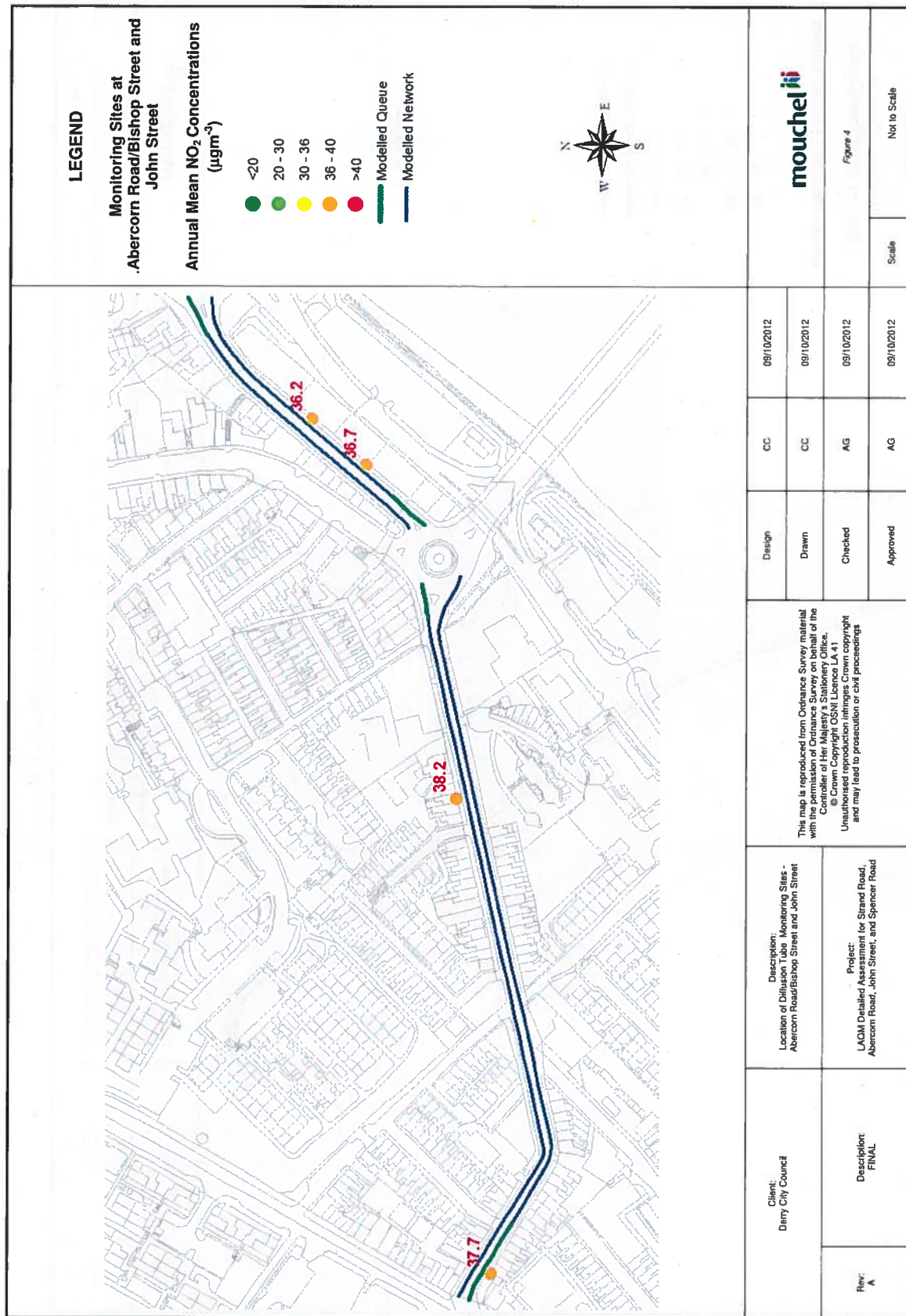


Figure 4 - Location of Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites - Abercorn Road/Bishop Street and John Street



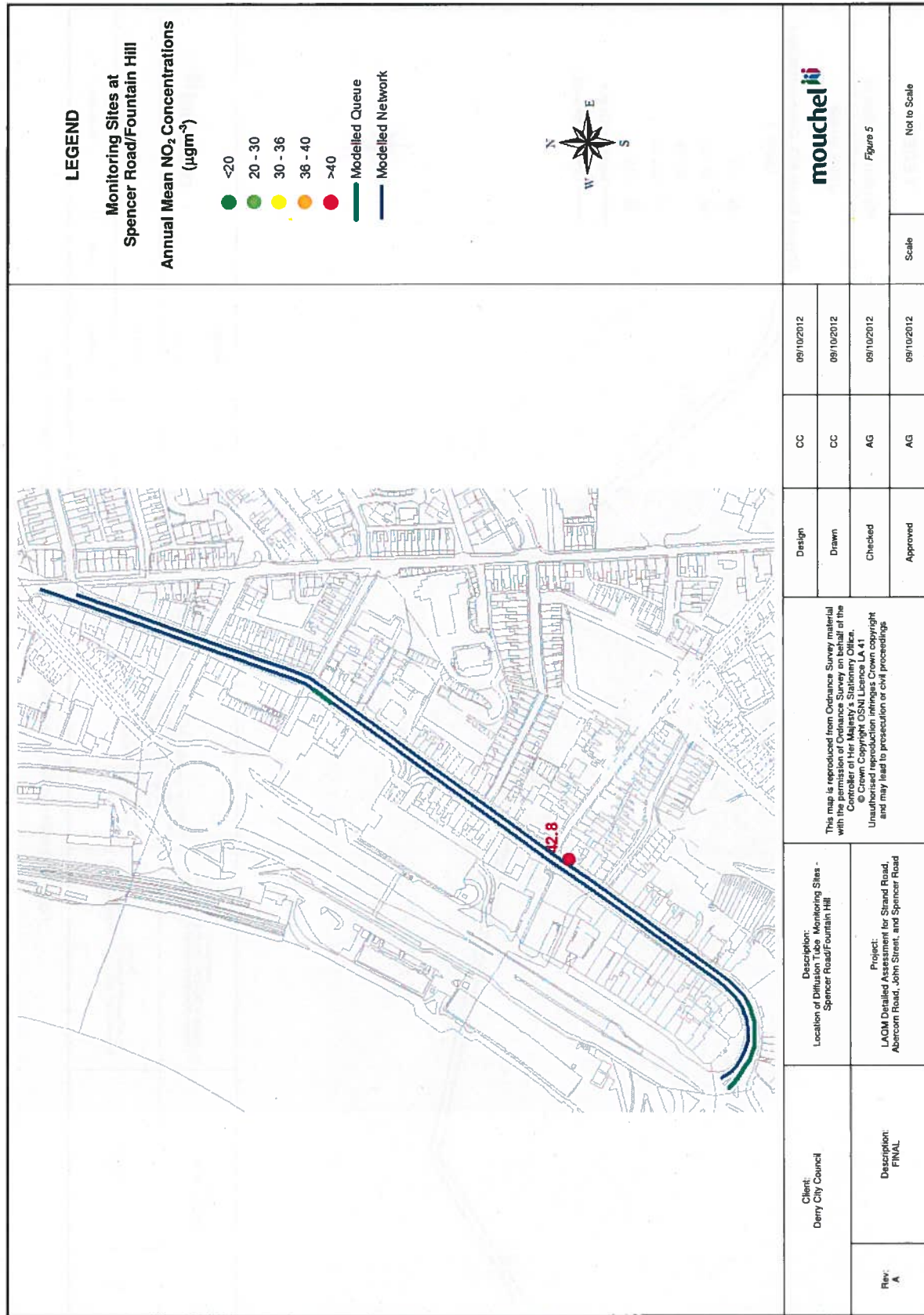


Figure 5 - Location of Diffusion Tube Monitoring Sites - Spencer Road/Fountain Hill

## 3.2 Modelled NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations

Annual average NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were predicted for 2011 at a number of receptors representing relevant public exposure, located at the façade of properties. Additionally, predictions were made to a 3m-grid spacing across the assessment areas to produce NO<sub>2</sub> concentration contours.

Predicted annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in 2011 at each of the receptor locations of Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street, and Spencer Road, are shown in Figures 6, 7, and 8.

In 2011, the annual mean objective is predicted to be exceeded at 21 receptors along Strand Road and one receptor along Spencer Road (Lower region). None of these receptors are predicted to experience concentrations exceeding 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, therefore the hourly mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective is not at risk of being exceeded at these locations.

Figures 9 to 14 show concentration isopleths along Spencer Road, John Street, Strand Road and Abercorn Road in 2011.

### 3.2.1 Strand Road

The model predicted exceedences of the AQS objective for NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean in 2011 at a number of properties along Strand Road.

Table 6 presents the receptors along Strand Road the annual mean objective is predicted to be exceeded in 2011. The maximum concentration value estimated is 51µg/m<sup>3</sup>, registered at receptor with Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) 187143118 which is located at the middle section of Strand Road.

Other properties along Strand Road are also very close to the AQS NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective. The model is slightly under predicting NO<sub>2</sub> in this area as seen in the verification results (Appendix D), suggesting that other façades along this Road would be within 10% or above the objective (i.e. 36µg/m<sup>3</sup> or above). Figures 9 and 10 confirm that the area of exceedence would encompass the properties highlighted below.

Table 6 - Modelled Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at locations exceeding the Air Quality Objective

| Postcode | UPRN      | X      | Y      | NO <sub>2</sub><br>µg/m <sup>3</sup> |
|----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| BT48 7PB | 187143118 | 243626 | 418105 | 51                                   |
| BT48 7NN | 185950092 | 243454 | 417636 | 48                                   |
| BT48 7NN | 185950090 | 243452 | 417621 | 47                                   |
| BT48 7PA | 185950053 | 243554 | 417957 | 44                                   |
| BT48 7PA | 185949801 | 243555 | 417960 | 44                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816304 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816307 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816301 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816308 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816302 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816303 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816306 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 187140442 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PW | 185816305 | 243677 | 418266 | 43                                   |
| BT48 7PA | 185949800 | 243541 | 417933 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7PL | 185849370 | 243719 | 418348 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7NU | 187131010 | 243532 | 417915 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7NU | 185983649 | 243527 | 417904 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7NU | 185950046 | 243527 | 417904 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7PL | 185512357 | 243719 | 418348 | 42                                   |
| BT48 7NU | 185949791 | 243519 | 417888 | 41                                   |
| BT48 7NU | 185949790 | 243516 | 417883 | 40*                                  |
| BT48 7NN | 185950089 | 243466 | 417661 | 40*                                  |
| BT48 7NT | 185512070 | 243571 | 417929 | 40*                                  |
| BT48 7NP | 185512055 | 243501 | 417847 | 36*                                  |

\* likely to be exceeding as well due to model uncertainty

### 3.2.2 Abercorn Road

No exceedences of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective are predicted at Abercorn Road in 2011. Figures 7 and 11 indicate that all receptors are below 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> with values predicted to be within the 30-40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> range.

### 3.2.3 John Street

No exceedences of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective are predicted at John Street in 2011. Figures 7 and 12 indicate that all receptors are below 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> with values predicted to be within the 30-40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> range.

### 3.2.4 Spencer Road

Exceedences of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective are predicted at Spencer Road in 2011. Figures 8, and 13 and 14 indicate location of receptors above 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> with the highest value predicted to be 41 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at receptor UPRN 185817506, located at the lower end of the road.



The model is slightly under predicting NO<sub>2</sub> in this area suggesting that other façades along this Road would be within 10% or above the objective. Figures 13 and 14 confirm that the area of exceedence would encompass the properties highlighted below.

| Postcode        | UPRN             | X             | Y             | NO <sub>2</sub><br>µg/m <sup>3</sup> |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>BT47 4AA</b> | <b>185817506</b> | <b>243902</b> | <b>415954</b> | <b>41</b>                            |
| BT47 6AA        | 185497060        | 243915        | 415960        | 39*                                  |
| BT47 6AA        | 185497069        | 243967        | 416007        | 39*                                  |
| BT47 6AA        | 185817515        | 243940        | 415969        | 38*                                  |
| BT47 6AA        | 185497096        | 243940        | 415969        | 38*                                  |
| BT47 6AA        | 185497097        | 243940        | 415969        | 38*                                  |
| BT47 6AA        | 185497052        | 243940        | 415969        | 38*                                  |

\* likely to be exceeding as well due to model uncertainty

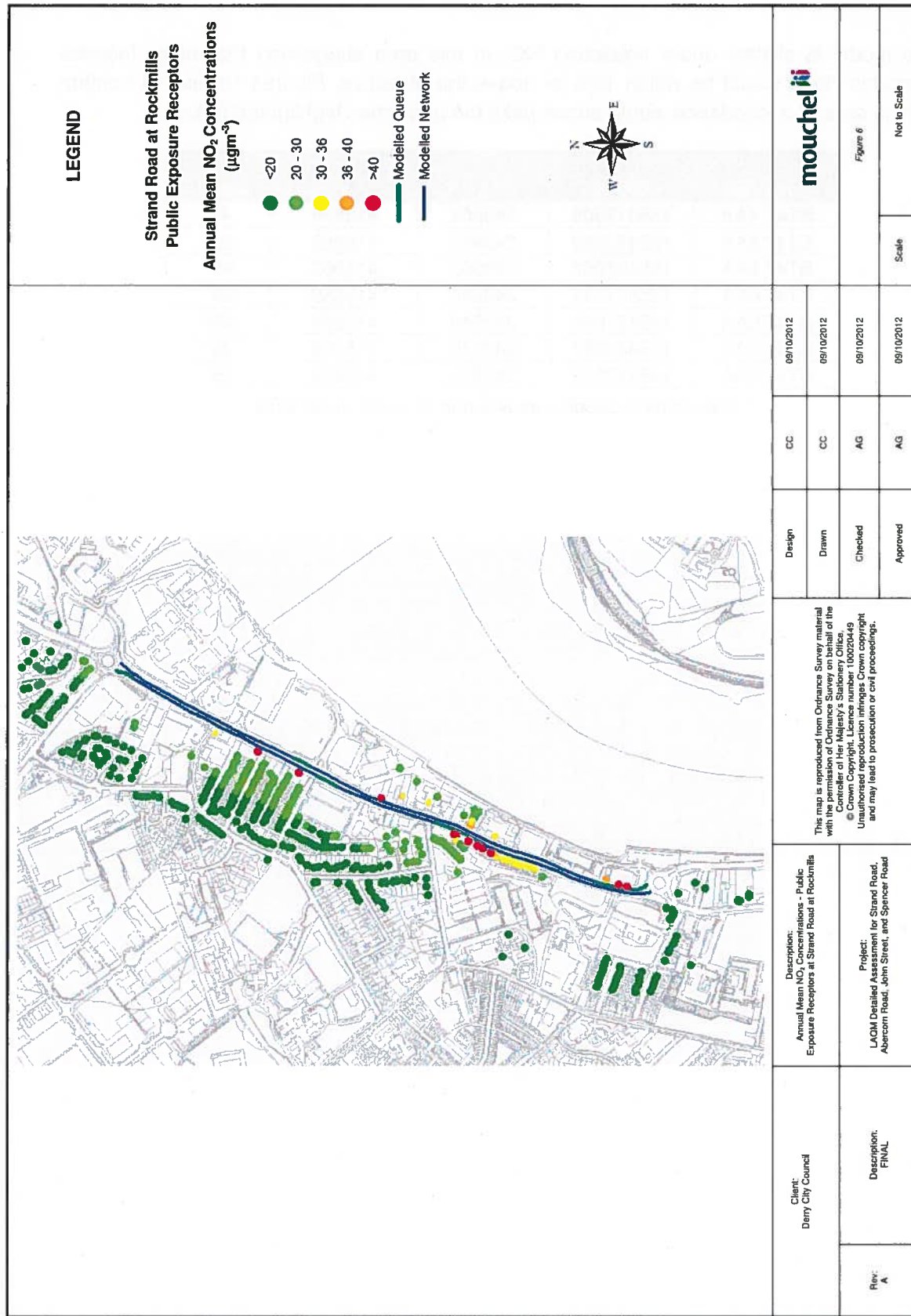


Figure 6 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Public Exposure Receptors at Strand Road at Rockmills

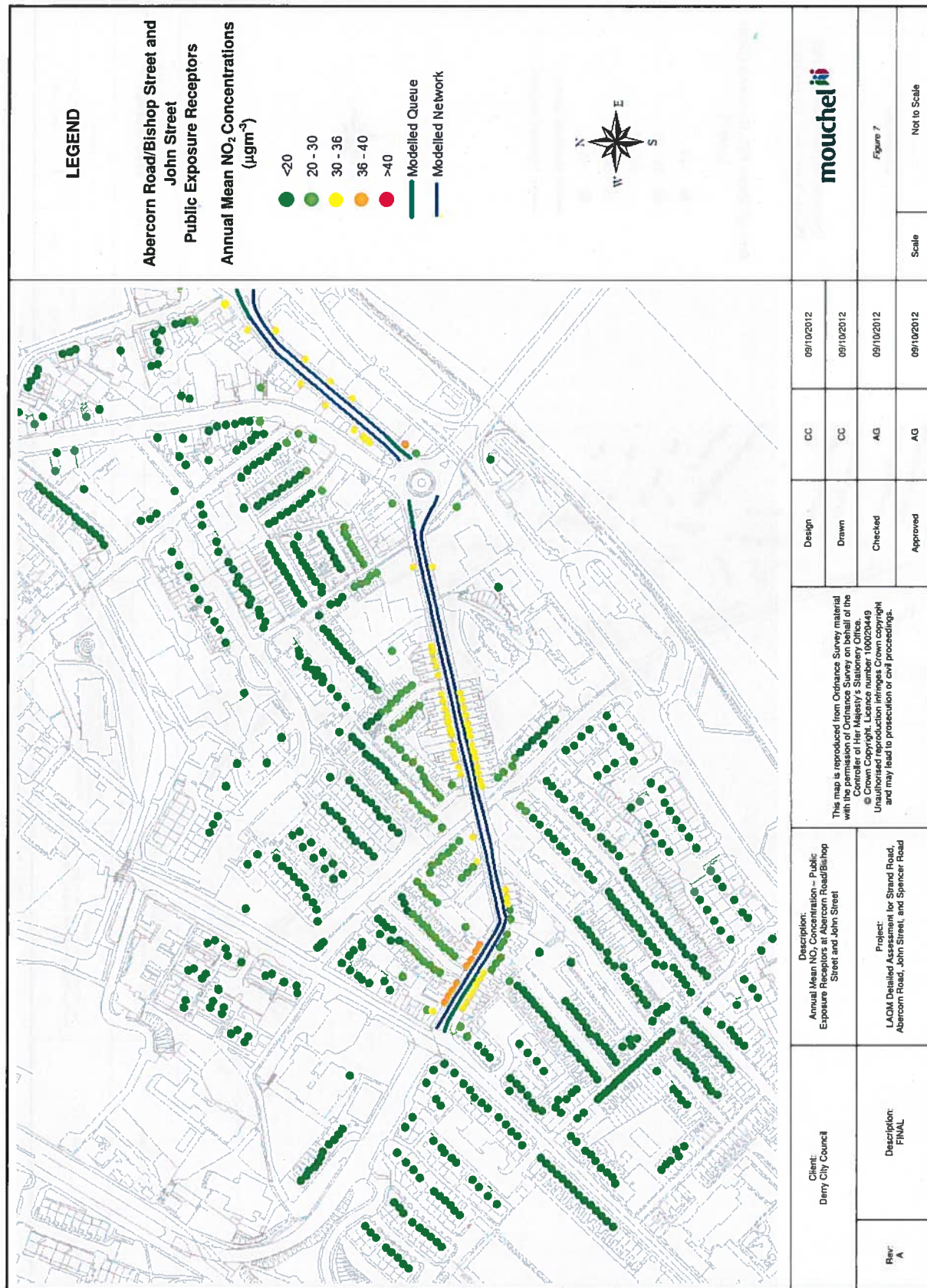


Figure 7 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Public Exposure Receptors at Abercorn Road/Bishop Street and John Street



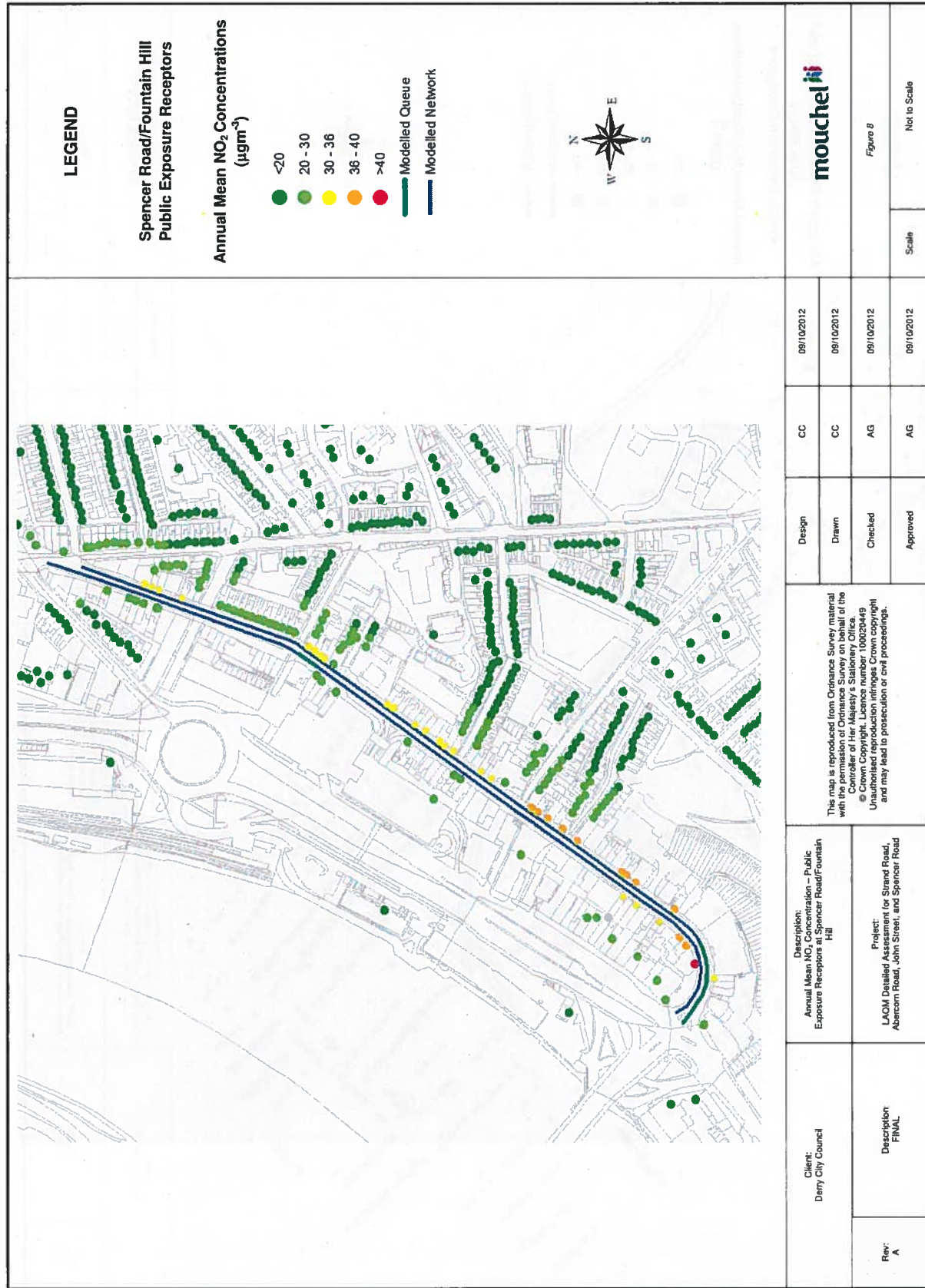


Figure 8 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration – Public Exposure Receptors at Spencer Road/Fountain Hill

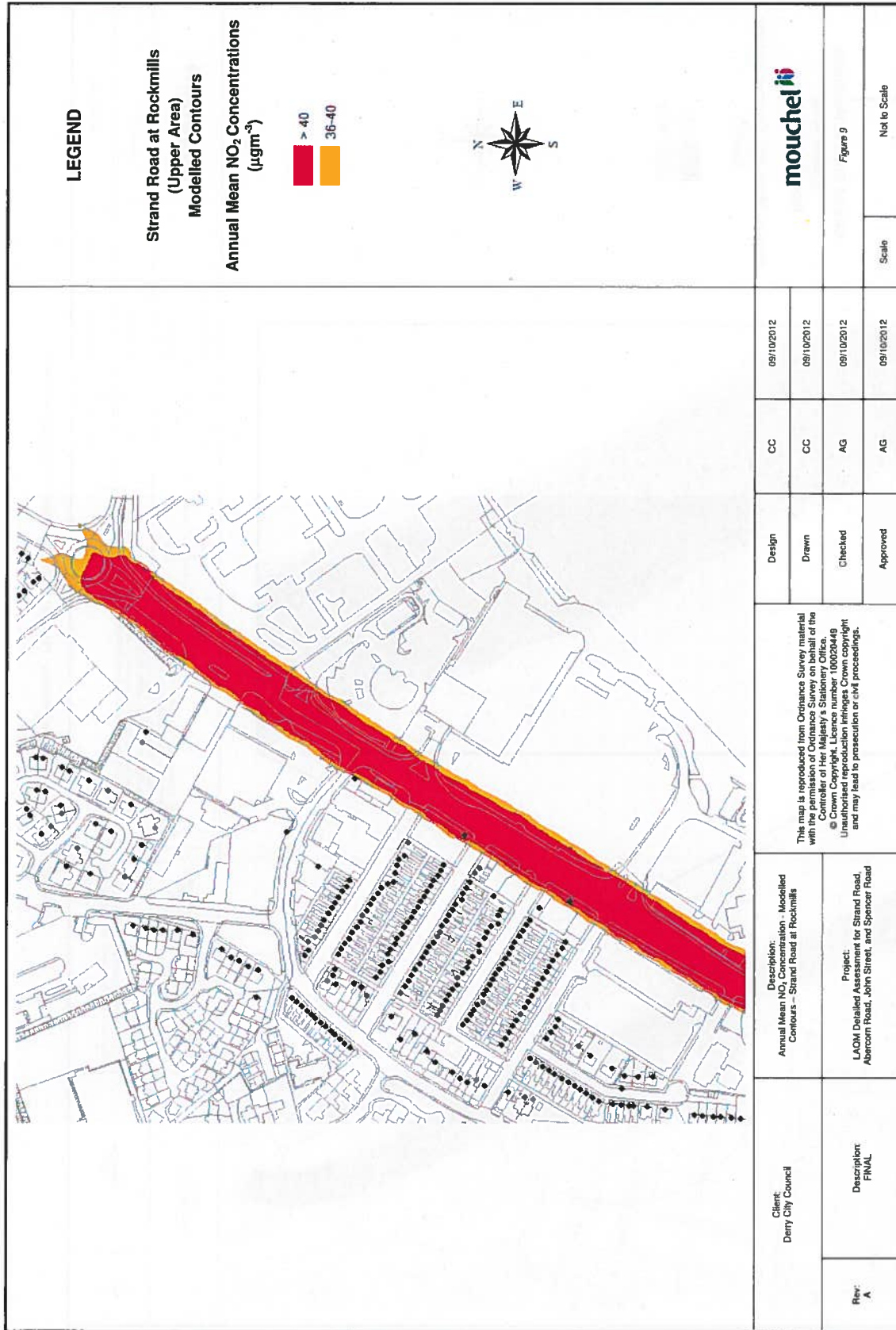


Figure 9 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - Strand Road at Rockmills



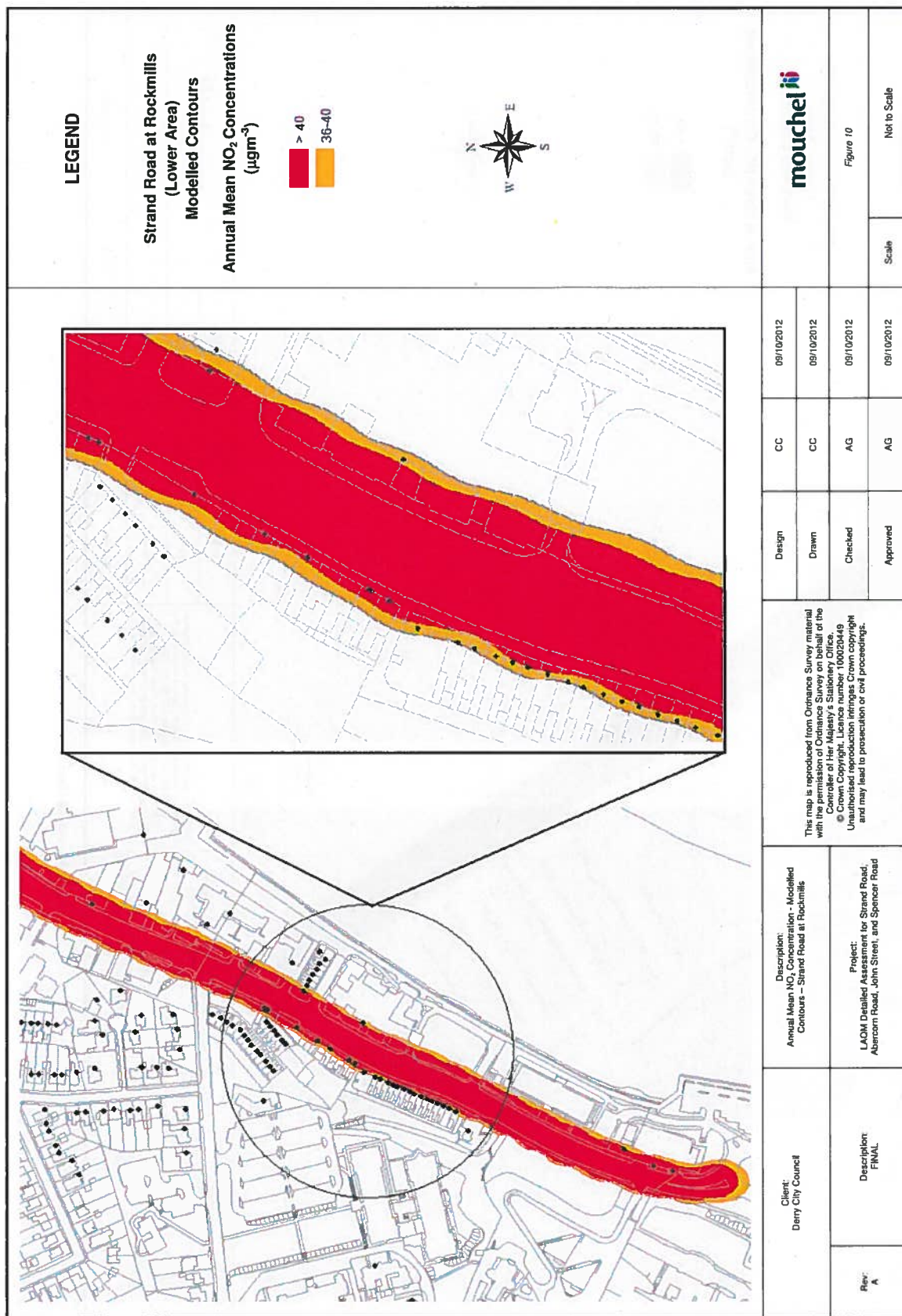


Figure 10 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - Strand Road at Rockmills (cont.)

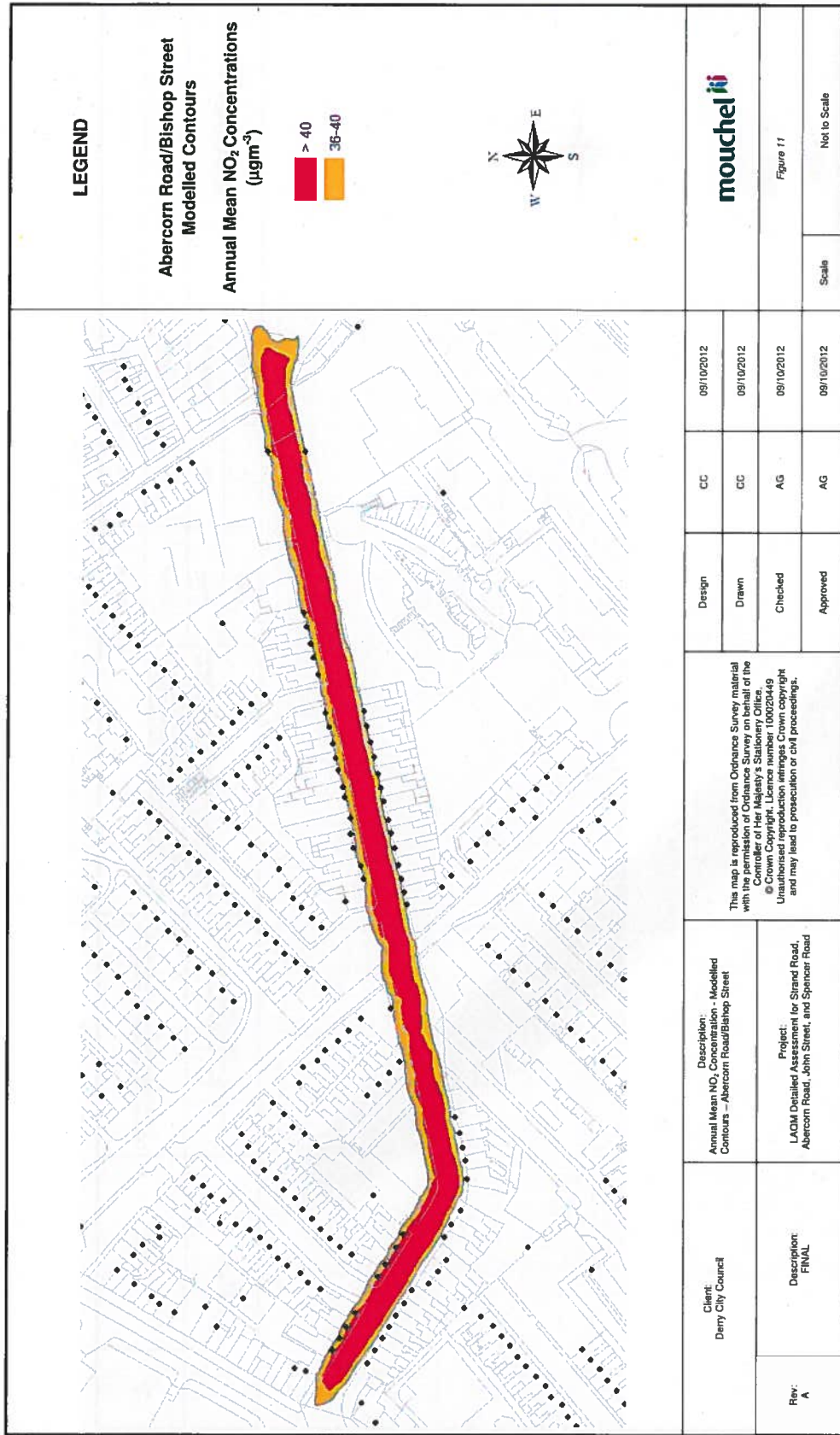


Figure 11 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - Abercorn Road/Bishop Street

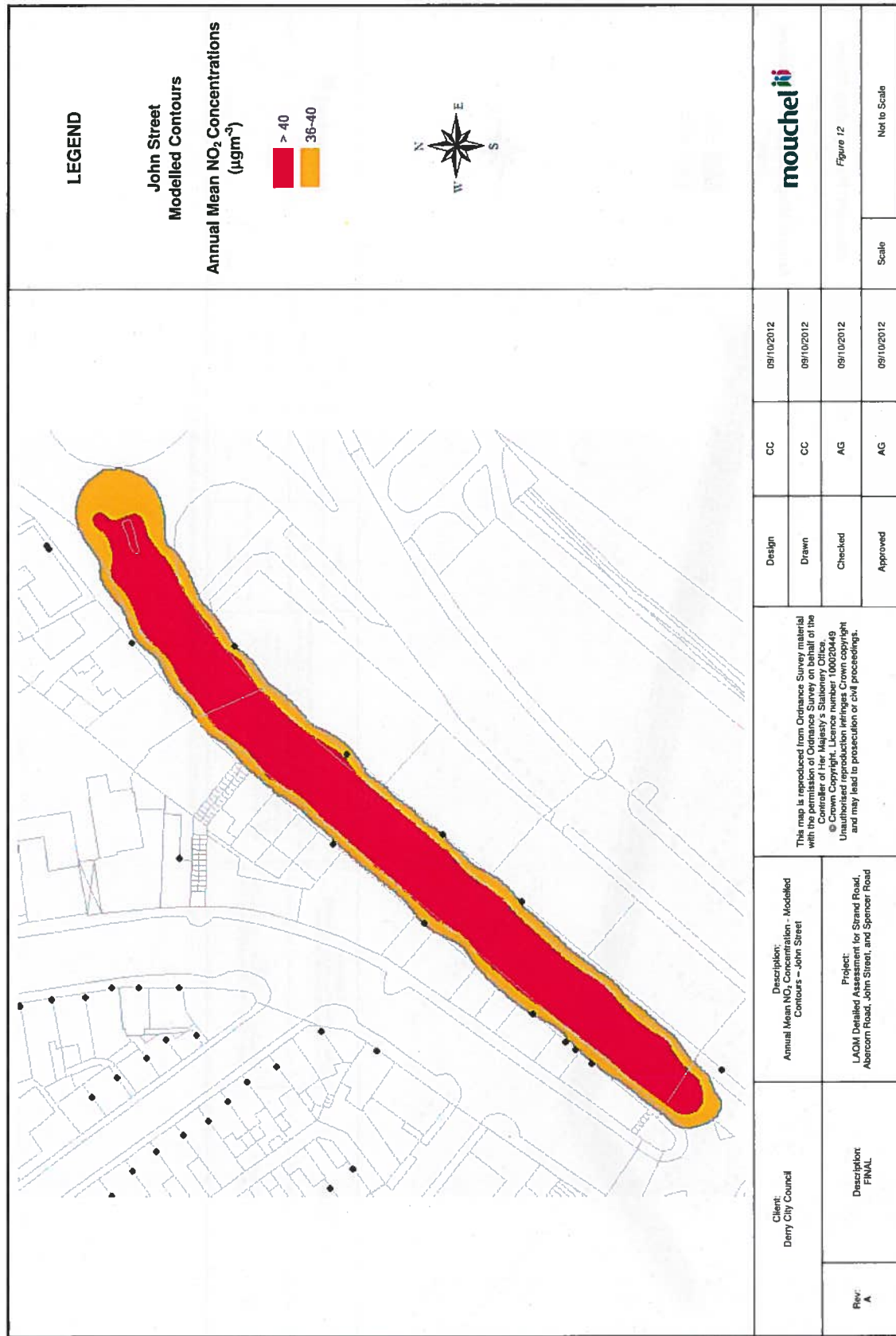


Figure 12 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - John Street



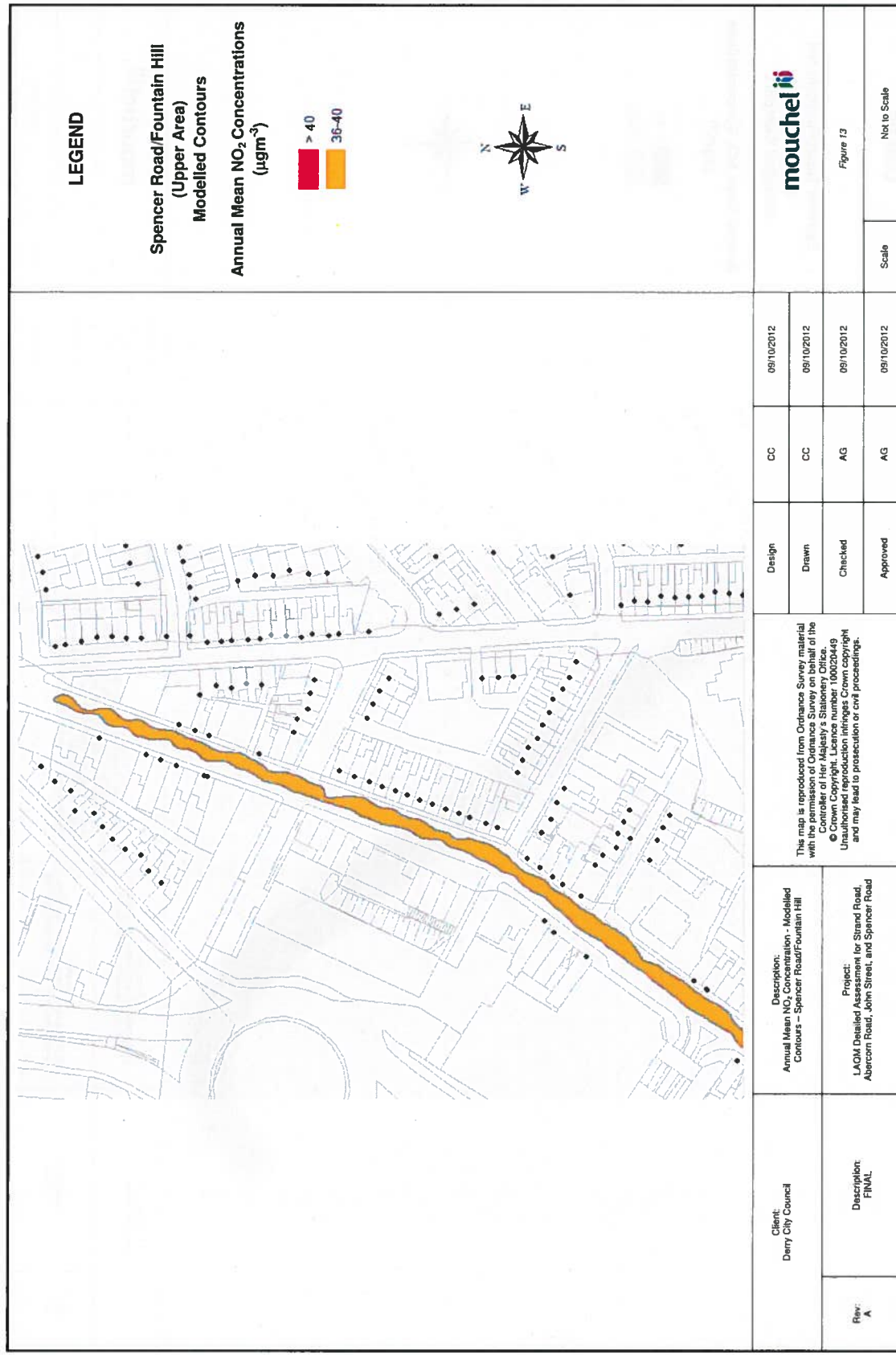


Figure 13 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - Spencer Road/Fountain Hill

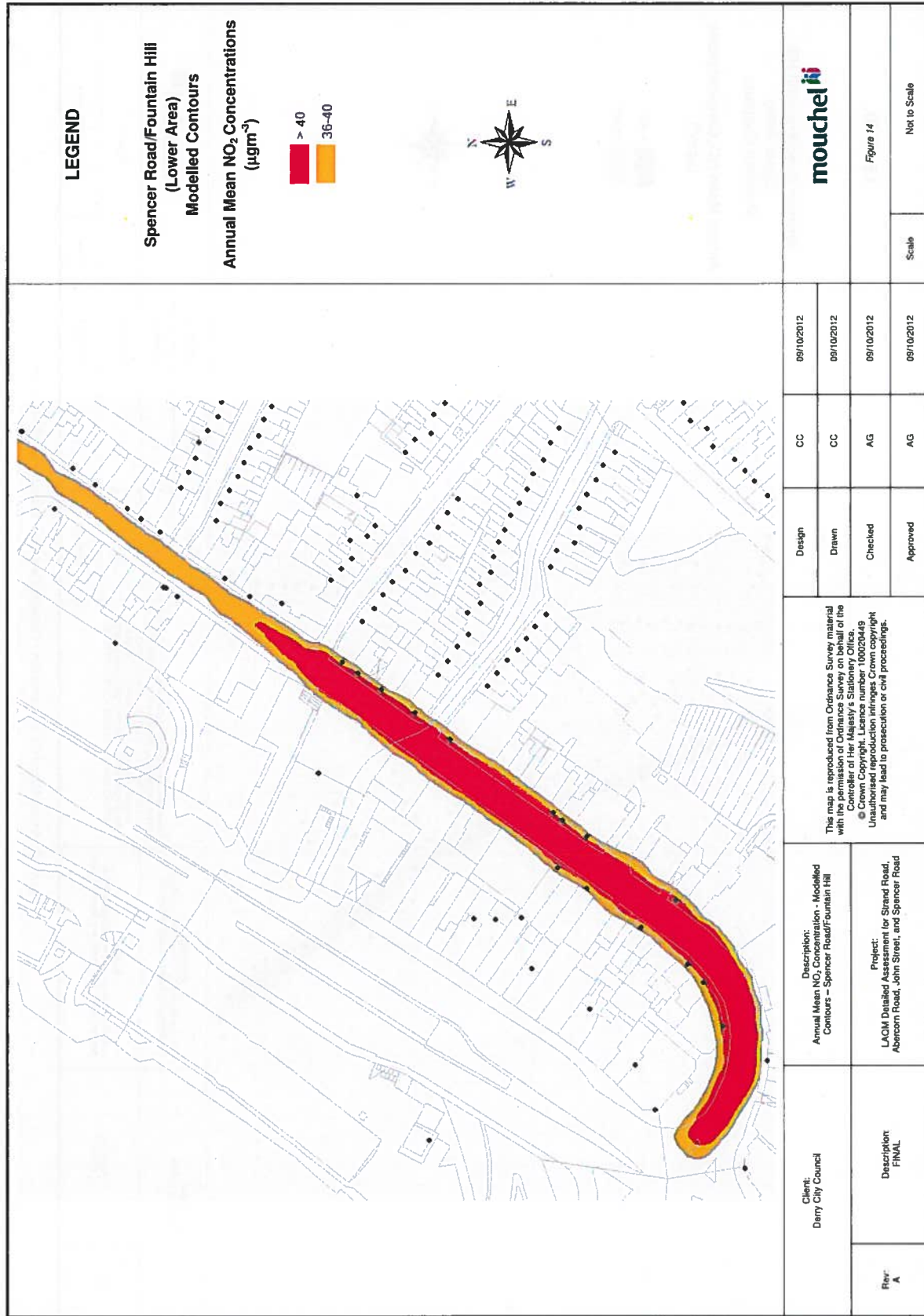


Figure 14 - Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentration - Modelled Contours - Spencer Road/Fountain Hill (cont.)

## 4 Conclusions and Recommendations

A Detailed Assessment of NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations along Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street, and Spencer Road has been carried out.

These areas were identified as being at risk of exceeding the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objectives in the Council's 2011 Progress Report. The Detailed Assessment has been carried out using a combination of measurements and detailed dispersion modelling, with the model results verified against the measurements.

The assessment has identified locations where the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective is being exceeded at locations of relevant exposure along Strand Road and Spencer Road.

None of these receptors modelled are predicted to experience concentrations exceeding 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, therefore the hourly mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective is not at risk of being exceeded.

It is therefore recommended that the Council declares an AQMA for the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective for these two locations.

This should cover, as a minimum, the area shown in Figures 9, 10 and 14 where locations with relevant exposure lie within the 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> contour for Strand Road and Spencer Road.

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## 6 Appendices

### 6.1 Appendix A - Summary of Health Effects of NO<sub>2</sub>

| Pollutant        | Main Health Effects   |
|------------------|---|
| Nitrogen Dioxide | Short-term exposure to high concentrations may cause inflammation of respiratory airways. Long-term exposure may affect lung function and enhance responses to allergens in sensitised individuals. Asthmatics will be particularly at risk (Defra, 2007a). |

## **6.2 Appendix B - Traffic Data**

### **6.2.1 Horizontal Road Alignment**

Road alignment was based around Ordnance Survey data. Those roads explicitly included in the modelling have been realigned to reflect the precise location of emission.

### **6.2.2 Traffic Data**

Traffic data for the study area have been produced Derry City Council. These traffic data have been used to calculate vehicle emission rates using the emission factor toolkit (EFT version 5.1.3) available online in the 'tools' section of Defra's LAQM support website (Defra, 2009b).

The traffic links, associated composition, flows and speeds in each assessment year are presented in Table 7 below. The traffic diurnal pattern derived for the four study areas is presented in Figure 15. The numbers represent the identification of the traffic count site and the text the direction each diurnal pattern corresponds to.



Table 7 - Summary of Traffic Characteristics Data – DCC Survey Data

| 1 UPPER ABERCORN ROAD Traffic Census Derry C C March 2012 |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          |            |
|---|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Link  | Cars | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Queues       | Length   | Time       |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      | No. Vehicles | Aver (m) | Aver (sec) |
| RD1a_AM   | 529  | 32   | 5     | 8     | 574   | 34        | 2699           | 0.012597258   | 15                         | 15                   | RD1aQ_AM     | 5        | 20         |
| RD1a_AMOP   | 361  | 57   | 0     | 12    | 430   |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   | RD1aQ_AMOP   | 5        | 20         |
| RD1a_PM   | 495  | 42   | 1     | 1     | 539   |           |                |               | 15                         | 15                   | RD1aQ_PM     | 12       | 48         |
| RD1a_PMOP   | 322  | 47   | 1     | 5     | 375   |           |                |               | 19                         | 19                   | RD1aQ_PMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD1a_SatAM  | 300  | 34   | 0     | 0     | 334   |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   | RD1aQ_SatAM  | 4        | 16         |
| RD1a_SunPM  | 437  | 9    | 0     | 1     | 447   |           |                |               | 20                         | 20                   | RD1aQ_SunPM  | -        | -          |
| RD1b_AM   | 326  | 27   | 1     | 3     | 357   | 17        | 2727           | 0.006233957   | 0.941560749                | 15                   | RD1bQ_AM     | -        | -          |
| RD1b_AMOP   | 385  | 55   | 0     | 5     | 445   |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   | RD1bQ_AMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD1b_PM   | 735  | 42   | 0     | 0     | 777   |           |                |               | 15                         | 15                   | RD1bQ_PM     | -        | -          |
| RD1b_PMOP   | 415  | 48   | 2     | 4     | 469   |           |                |               | 19                         | 19                   | RD1bQ_PMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD1b_SatAM  | 260  | 19   | 2     | 0     | 281   |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   | RD1bQ_SatAM  | -        | -          |
| RD1b_SunPM  | 381  | 17   | 0     | 0     | 398   |           |                |               | 20                         | 20                   | RD1bQ_SunPM  | 4        | 16         |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   |              | 6        | 26         |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 35         |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 75         |
| 2 LOWER ABERCORN ROAD Traffic Census Derry C C March 2012 |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          |            |
| Link  | Cars | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Queues       | Length   | Time       |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      | No. Vehicles | Aver (m) | Aver (sec) |
| RD2a_AM   | 531  | 54   | 4     | 6     | 595   | 28        | 2883           | 0.009712105   | 20                         | 20                   | RD2aQ_AM     | -        | -          |
| RD2a_AMOP   | 337  | 53   | 1     | 7     | 398   |           |                |               | 20                         | 20                   | RD2aQ_AMOP   | 5        | 20         |
| RD2a_PM   | 685  | 38   | 0     | 4     | 727   |           |                |               | 24                         | 24                   | RD2aQ_PM     | -        | -          |
| RD2a_PMOP   | 483  | 32   | 0     | 3     | 518   |           |                |               | 22                         | 22                   | RD2aQ_PMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD2a_SatAM  | 270  | 27   | 1     | 0     | 298   |           |                |               | 20                         | 20                   | RD2aQ_SatAM  | 5        | 20         |
| RD2a_SunPM  | 331  | 14   | 0     | 2     | 347   |           |                |               | 25                         | 25                   | RD2aQ_SunPM  | 4        | 16         |
| RD2b_AM   | 321  | 51   | 2     | 2     | 376   | 30        | 2216           | 0.013537906   | 1.162500579                | 20                   | RD2bQ_AM     | -        | -          |
| RD2b_AMOP   | 332  | 44   | 0     | 18    | 394   |           |                |               | 20                         | 20                   | RD2bQ_AMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD2b_PM   | 423  | 41   | 0     | 2     | 466   |           |                |               | 18                         | 18                   | RD2bQ_PM     | -        | -          |
| RD2b_PMOP   | 372  | 38   | 0     | 3     | 413   |           |                |               | 22                         | 22                   | RD2bQ_PMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD2b_SatAM  | 255  | 6    | 2     | 0     | 263   |           |                |               | 24                         | 24                   | RD2bQ_SatAM  | -        | -          |
| RD2b_SunPM  | 290  | 13   | 0     | 1     | 304   |           |                |               | 28                         | 28                   | RD2bQ_SunPM  | -        | -          |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               | 22                         | 22                   |              | 5        | 19         |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 10         |
|   |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 800        |

| 3 JOHN STREET Traffic Census Derry C C March 2012 |               |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |             |                |                      |      |
|---|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|------|
| Link  | Vehicle Class | Cars | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV | Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Freq |
| a   | RD3a_AM       | 589  | 29   | 22    | 14    | 654   | 126       | 2469           | 0.051032807   |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3a_AMOP     | 262  | 36   | 11    | 9     | 318   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3a_PM       | 319  | 13   | 14    | 2     | 348   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3a_PMOP     | 425  | 38   | 22    | 6     | 491   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3a_SatAM    | 267  | 10   | 10    | 11    | 298   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
| b   | RD3a_SunPM    | 345  | 10   | 3     | 2     | 360   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3b_AM       | 231  | 17   | 14    | 14    | 276   | 101       | 2372           | 0.042580101   | 4.680645399 | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
| b   | RD3b_AMOP     | 372  | 48   | 7     | 10    | 437   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3b_PM       | 471  | 20   | 16    | 5     | 512   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3b_PMOP     | 354  | 26   | 14    | 6     | 400   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3b_SatAM    | 365  | 26   | 6     | 2     | 399   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |
|   | RD3b_SunPM    | 336  | 5    | 6     | 1     | 348   |           |                |               |             | 25             | 25                   | 1200 |

| 4 LOWER SPENCER ROAD Traffic Census Derry C C March 2012 |               |      |      |       |       |       |           |                |               |             |                |                      |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|------|
| Link   | Vehicle Class | Cars | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV | Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Freq |
| a  | RD4a_AM       | 497  | 51   | 0     | 1     | 549   | 14        | 3306           | 0.004234725   |             | 16             | 16                   | 60   |
|  | RD4a_AMOP     | 505  | 52   | 1     | 8     | 566   |           |                |               |             | 16             | 16                   | 60   |
|  | RD4a_PM       | 607  | 64   | 0     | 0     | 671   |           |                |               |             | 14             | 14                   | 90   |
|  | RD4a_PMOP     | 540  | 65   | 0     | 1     | 606   |           |                |               |             | 16             | 16                   | 90   |
|  | RD4a_SatAM    | 469  | 39   | 0     | 1     | 509   |           |                |               |             | 16             | 16                   | 90   |
| b  | RD4a_SunPM    | 388  | 15   | 0     | 2     | 405   |           |                |               |             | 18             | 18                   | 60   |
|  | RD4b_AM       | 410  | 16   | 2     | 1     | 429   | 9         | 2490           | 0.003614458   | 0.392459129 | 20             | 20                   | 60   |
| b  | RD4b_AMOP     | 366  | 39   | 0     | 2     | 407   |           |                |               |             | 20             | 20                   | 60   |
|  | RD4b_PM       | 501  | 47   | 0     | 1     | 549   |           |                |               |             | 20             | 20                   | 60   |
|  | RD4b_PMOP     | 449  | 37   | 0     | 1     | 487   |           |                |               |             | 20             | 20                   | 60   |
|  | RD4b_SatAM    | 306  | 23   | 0     | 2     | 331   |           |                |               |             | 20             | 20                   | 60   |
|  | RD4b_SunPM    | 280  | 7    | 0     | 0     | 287   |           |                |               |             | 22             | 22                   | 60   |



| 5 UPPER SPENCER ROAD Traffic Census Derry C C March 2012 |                   |      |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          |            |
|--|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Link   | Vehicle Class     | Cars | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Queues       | Length   | Time       |
|  |                   |      |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      | No. Vehicles | Aver (m) | Aver (sec) |
| RD5a_AM  | Weekday a.m. peak | 570  | 69   | 0     | 3     | 642       | 11             | 1956          | 0.005623722                | 20                   | RD5aQ_AM     | 4        | 16         |
| RD5a_AMOP  | a.m. off-peak     | 315  | 27   | 0     | 0     | 342       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5aQ_AMOP   | 2        | 8          |
| RD5a_PM  | p.m. peak         | 235  | 18   | 0     | 1     | 254       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5aQ_PM     | 4        | 16         |
| RD5a_PMOP  | p.m. off-peak     | 273  | 27   | 0     | 1     | 301       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5aQ_PMOP   | 2        | 8          |
| RD5a_SatAM   | Saturday a.m.     | 210  | 12   | 0     | 6     | 228       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5aQ_SatAM  | 2        | 8          |
| RD5a_SunPM   | Sun p.m.          | 181  | 8    | 0     | 0     | 189       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5aQ_SunPM  | -        | -          |
| RD5b_AM  | Weekday a.m. peak | 333  | 34   | 1     | 6     | 374       | 15             | 2275          | 0.006593407                | 20                   | RD5bQ_AM     | -        | -          |
| RD5b_AMOP  | a.m. off-peak     | 424  | 24   | 0     | 0     | 448       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5bQ_AMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD5b_PM  | p.m. peak         | 390  | 21   | 2     | 1     | 414       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5bQ_PM     | -        | -          |
| RD5b_PMOP  | p.m. off-peak     | 264  | 32   | 0     | 5     | 301       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5bQ_PMOP   | -        | -          |
| RD5b_SatAM   | Saturday a.m.     | 334  | 23   | 0     | 0     | 357       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5bQ_SatAM  | -        | -          |
| RD5b_SunPM   | Sun p.m.          | 370  | 11   | 0     | 0     | 381       |                |               |                            | 20                   | RD5bQ_SunPM  | -        | -          |
|  |                   |      |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              | 3        | 11         |
|  |                   |      |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 42         |
|  |                   |      |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |          | 456        |

| 6 STRAND ROAD AT FLETCHER AVENUE Traffic Census Derry C C May 2012 |                   |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |             |            |            |
|--|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Link   | Cars              | Vans | Buses | HGV's | Total HGV | Total Vehicles | HGV/Total Veh | Total % HGV Ave Speed(mph) | Total Ave Speed(mph) | Queues       | Length      | Time       | Freq       |
|  |                   |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      | No. Vehicles | Aver (m)    | Aver (sec) | Aver (Sec) |
| RD6a_AM  | Weekday a.m. peak | 713  | 87    | 22    | 28        | 850            | 189           | 6356                       | 0.029735683          | 30           | RD6aQ_AM    | -          | -          |
| RD6a_AMOP  | a.m. off-peak     | 853  | 86    | 20    | 18        | 977            |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6aQ_AMOP  | -          | -          |
| RD6a_PM  | p.m. peak         | 1391 | 105   | 26    | 5         | 1527           |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6aQ_PM    | 24         | 110        |
| RD6a_PMOP  | p.m. off-peak     | 990  | 91    | 28    | 19        | 1128           |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6aQ_PMOP  | -          | -          |
| RD6a_SatAM   | Saturday a.m.     | 848  | 74    | 7     | 6         | 935            |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6aQ_SatAM | -          | -          |
| RD6a_SunPM   | Sun p.m.          | 894  | 35    | 7     | 3         | 939            |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6aQ_SunPM | -          | -          |
| RD6b_AM  | Weekday a.m. peak | 1269 | 117   | 21    | 16        | 1423           | 157           | 6317                       | 0.02485357           | 30           | RD6bQ_AM    | -          | -          |
| RD6b_AMOP  | a.m. off-peak     | 857  | 111   | 18    | 20        | 1006           |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6bQ_AMOP  | -          | -          |
| RD6b_PM  | p.m. peak         | 982  | 65    | 17    | 4         | 1068           |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6bQ_PM    | 24         | 110        |
| RD6b_PMOP  | p.m. off-peak     | 888  | 95    | 28    | 10        | 1021           |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6bQ_PMOP  | -          | -          |
| RD6b_SatAM   | Saturday a.m.     | 789  | 73    | 9     | 7         | 878            |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6bQ_SatAM | -          | -          |
| RD6b_SunPM   | Sun p.m.          | 905  | 9     | 6     | 1         | 921            |               |                            |                      | 30           | RD6bQ_SunPM | -          | -          |
|  |                   |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |             | 24         | 110        |
|  |                   |      |       |       |           |                |               |                            |                      |              |             |            | 180        |

| 7 STRAND ROAD AT MEADOWBANK AVENUE Traffic Census Derry C C May 2012 |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    |                      |
|--|----------|---------------|------|---------|-----------|----|---------|-----------|----|---------|-----------|----|----------------------|
| Link   | Cars     |               |      | Buses   |           |    | HGV's   |           |    | Total   |           |    | Total Ave Speed(mph) |
|  | Weekday  | a.m. peak     |      | Weekday | a.m. peak |    | Weekday | a.m. peak |    | Weekday | a.m. peak |    | 18                   |
| RD7a_AM  |          |               | 736  |         |           | 74 |         |           | 19 |         |           | 13 | 842                  |
| RD7a_AMOP  |          | a.m. off-peak | 851  |         |           | 83 |         |           | 16 |         |           | 8  | 956                  |
| RD7a_PM  |          | p.m. peak     | 1302 |         |           | 65 |         |           | 24 |         |           | 3  | 1394                 |
| RD7a_PMOP  |          | p.m. off-peak | 994  |         |           | 56 |         |           | 42 |         |           | 13 | 1105                 |
| RD7a_SatAM   | Saturday | a.m.          | 649  |         |           | 38 |         |           | 2  |         |           | 1  | 690                  |
| RD7a_SunPM   | Sun      | p.m.          | 866  |         |           | 35 |         |           | 6  |         |           | 1  | 908                  |
| RD7b_AM  | Weekday  | a.m. peak     | 1301 |         |           | 92 |         |           | 24 |         |           | 27 | 1444                 |
| RD7b_AMOP  |          | a.m. off-peak | 840  |         |           | 86 |         |           | 17 |         |           | 17 | 960                  |
| RD7b_PM  |          | p.m. peak     | 724  |         |           | 66 |         |           | 22 |         |           | 7  | 819                  |
| RD7b_PMOP  |          | p.m. off-peak | 793  |         |           | 71 |         |           | 27 |         |           | 14 | 905                  |
| RD7b_SatAM   | Saturday | a.m.          | 863  |         |           | 50 |         |           | 20 |         |           | 5  | 938                  |
| RD7b_SunPM   | Sun      | p.m.          | 841  |         |           | 30 |         |           | 6  |         |           | 2  | 879                  |
|  |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    | 17                   |
|  |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    | 8                    |
|  |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    | 34                   |
|  |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    | 49                   |
|  |          |               |      |         |           |    |         |           |    |         |           |    | 159                  |

| 8 STRAND ROAD AT PENNYBURN ROUNDABOUT Traffic Census Derry C C May 2012 |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    |                      |
|---|----------|---------------|------|---------|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|----|---------|-----------|----|----------------------|
| Link  | Cars     |               |      | Buses   |           |     | HGV's   |           |    | Total   |           |    | Total Ave Speed(mph) |
|   | Weekday  | a.m. peak     |      | Weekday | a.m. peak |     | Weekday | a.m. peak |    | Weekday | a.m. peak |    | 20                   |
| RD8a_AM   |          |               | 869  |         |           | 118 |         |           | 23 |         |           | 13 | 1023                 |
| RD8a_AMOP   |          | a.m. off-peak | 795  |         |           | 103 |         |           | 28 |         |           | 32 | 958                  |
| RD8a_PM   |          | p.m. peak     | 1644 |         |           | 124 |         |           | 31 |         |           | 2  | 1801                 |
| RD8a_PMOP   |          | p.m. off-peak | 1506 |         |           | 88  |         |           | 30 |         |           | 23 | 1647                 |
| RD8a_SatAM  | Saturday | a.m.          | 883  |         |           | 63  |         |           | 7  |         |           | 7  | 960                  |
| RD8a_SunPM  | Sun      | p.m.          | 1138 |         |           | 30  |         |           | 3  |         |           | 3  | 1174                 |
| RD8b_AM   | Weekday  | a.m. peak     | 1538 |         |           | 212 |         |           | 29 |         |           | 31 | 1810                 |
| RD8b_AMOP   |          | a.m. off-peak | 935  |         |           | 113 |         |           | 17 |         |           | 19 | 1084                 |
| RD8b_PM   |          | p.m. peak     | 1580 |         |           | 88  |         |           | 29 |         |           | 3  | 1700                 |
| RD8b_PMOP   |          | p.m. off-peak | 1245 |         |           | 96  |         |           | 22 |         |           | 7  | 1370                 |
| RD8b_SatAM  | Saturday | a.m.          | 1555 |         |           | 47  |         |           | 9  |         |           | 5  | 1616                 |
| RD8b_SunPM  | Sun      | p.m.          | 1236 |         |           | 30  |         |           | 8  |         |           | 2  | 1276                 |
|   |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    | 26                   |
|   |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    | 7                    |
|   |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    | 29                   |
|   |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    | 6                    |
|   |          |               |      |         |           |     |         |           |    |         |           |    | 168                  |

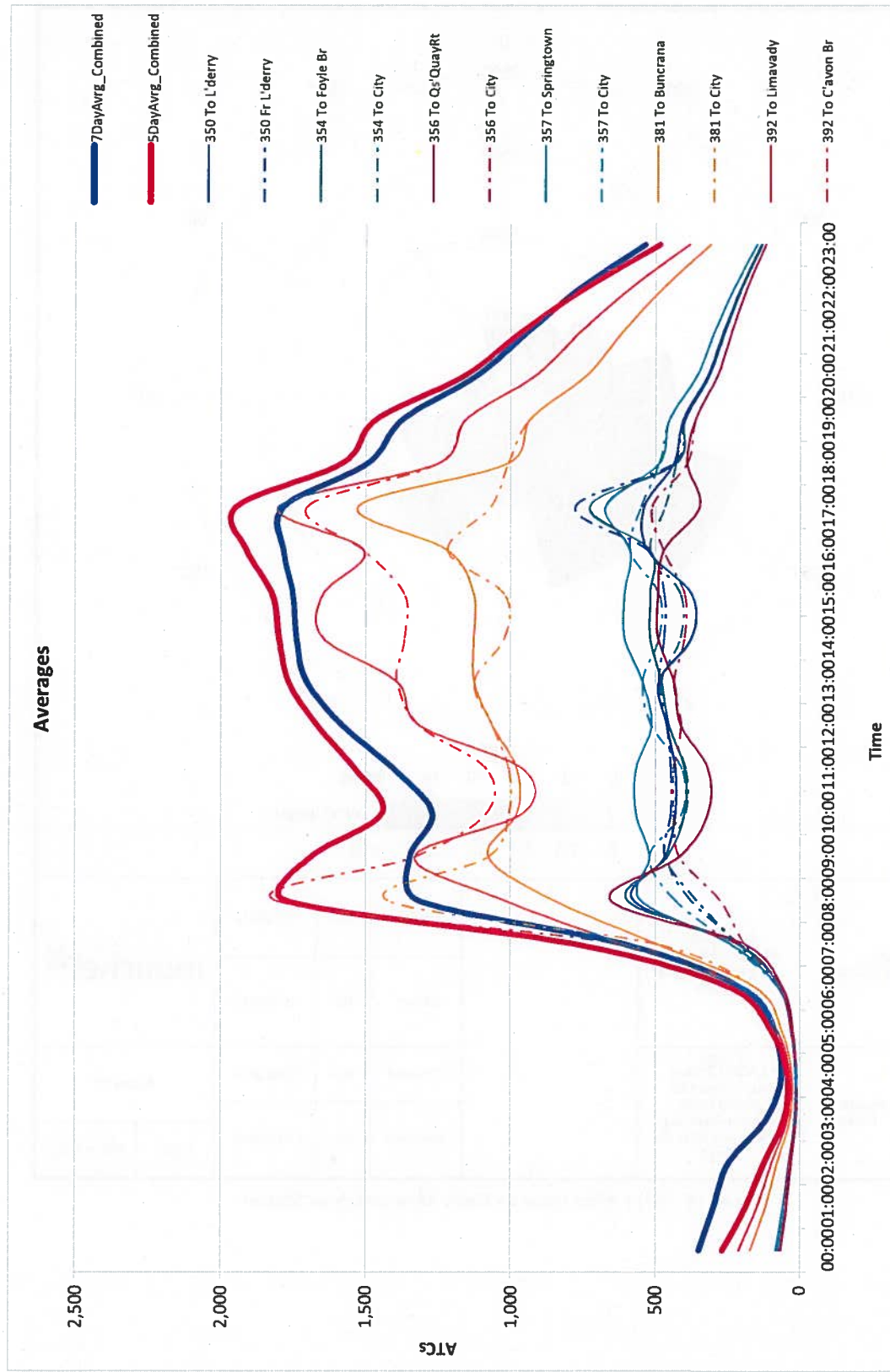


Figure 15 - Diurnal Pattern of Traffic for Strand Road, Abercorn Road, John Street, and Spencer Road

### 6.3 Appendix C - Meteorological Data

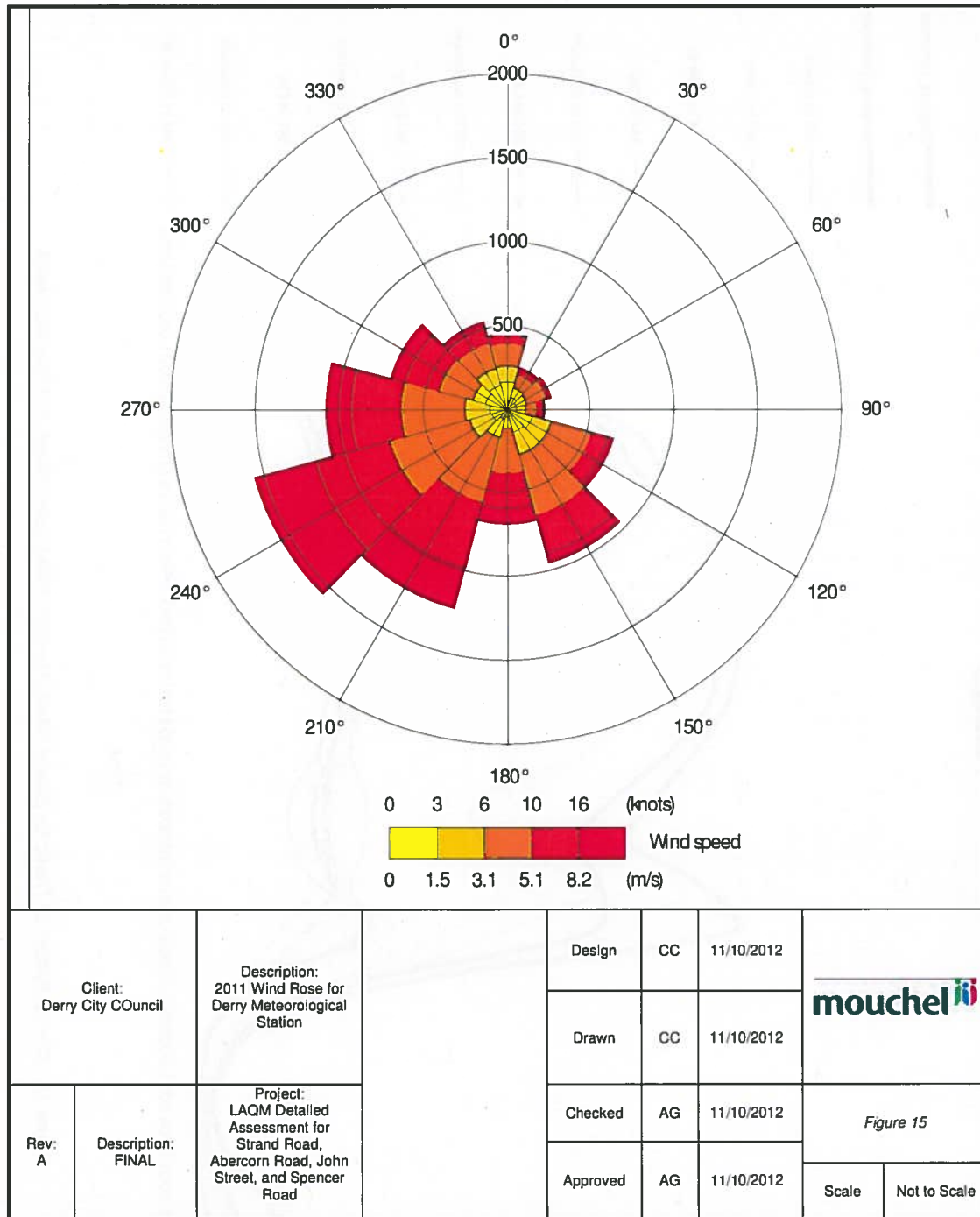


Figure 16 - 2011 Wind Rose for Derry Meteorological Station



## **6.4 Appendix D - Model Verification and Adjustment**

The comparison of modelled concentrations with local monitored concentrations is a process termed 'verification'. Model verification investigates the discrepancies between modelled and measured concentrations, which can arise due to the presence of inaccuracies and/or uncertainties in model input data, modelling and monitoring data assumptions. The following are examples of potential causes of such discrepancy:

- estimates of background pollutant concentrations;
- meteorological data uncertainties;
- traffic data uncertainties;
- model input parameters, such as 'roughness length'; and
- overall limitations of the dispersion model.

### **6.4.1 Model Precision**

Residual uncertainty may remain after systematic error or 'model accuracy' has been accounted for in the final predictions. Residual uncertainty may be considered synonymous with the 'precision' of the model predictions, i.e. how wide the scatter or residual variability of the predicted values compare with the monitored true value, once systematic error has been allowed for. The quantification of model precision provides an estimate of how the final predictions may deviate from true (monitored) values at the same location over the same period.

Suitable local monitoring data for the purpose of verification are available for concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> at the locations shown in section 3.1. These monitoring data have been used to validate the dispersion model prediction and obtain adjustment factors which can be applied to predictions of pollutant concentrations.

### **6.4.2 Model Performance**

An evaluation of model performance has been undertaken to establish confidence in model results. LAQM.TG(09) (Defra, 2009) identifies a number of statistical procedures that are appropriate to evaluate model performance and assess the uncertainty. The statistical parameters used in this assessment are:

- root mean square error (RMSE);
- fractional bias (FB); and
- correlation coefficient (CC).



A brief for explanation of each statistic is provided in Table 8, and further details can be found in LAQM.TG(09) Box A3.7.

Table 8 - Model Performance Statistics

| Statistical Parameter | Comments   | Ideal value |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>RMSE</b>           | <p>RMSE is used to define the average error or uncertainty of the model. The units of RMSE are the same as the quantities compared.</p> <p>If the RMSE values are higher than 25% of the objective being assessed, it is recommended that the model inputs and verification should be revisited in order to make improvements.</p> <p>For example, if the model predictions are for the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, if an RMSE of 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> or above is determined for a model it is advised to revisit the model parameters and model verification.</p> <p>Ideally an RMSE within 10% of the air quality objective would be derived, which equates to 4 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective.</p> | 0.01        |
| <b>FB</b>             | <p>It is used to identify if the model shows a systematic tendency to over or under predict.</p> <p>FB values vary between +2 and -2 and has an ideal value of zero. Negative values suggest a model over-prediction and positive values suggest a model under-prediction.</p>   | 0.00        |
| <b>CC</b>             | <p>It is used to measure the linear relationship between predicted and observed data. A value of zero means no relationship and a value of 1 means absolute relationship.</p> <p>This statistic can be particularly useful when comparing a large number of model and observed data points.</p>  | 1.00        |

These parameters estimate how the model results agree or diverge from the observations. These calculations have been carried out prior to, and after, adjustment and provide information on the improvement of the model predictions as a result of the application of the verification adjustment factors.

#### 6.4.3 Assessment Verification Methodology

The model outputs of road-NO<sub>x</sub> (i.e. the component of total NO<sub>x</sub> coming from road traffic) were compared with the measured road-NO<sub>x</sub> at the diffusion tube locations. Mouchel have then applied a two stage model Verification process in order to suitably correct any under or over estimations in the model, developing the method set out by Defra (2009) and taking into account the most recent guidance.

Total measured NO<sub>x</sub> was calculated from the measured NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at the monitoring locations using the recently updated NO<sub>x</sub> from NO<sub>2</sub> calculator available on

the Defra's LAQM website. The measured road-NO<sub>x</sub> contribution was then calculated as the difference between the total and the background value. The NO<sub>x</sub> roads adjustment factor was determined as the multiplier between the calculated (measured) road contribution and the model derived road contribution.

Detail of the verification process data is presented in Table 9.

Table 10 presents the model performance.

Figure 17 summarises the Modelled versus Monitored data used in this assessment.

Table 9 - Verification Summary Data

| Site ID | X      | Y      | Modelled Road NO <sub>x</sub> | Monitored NO <sub>x</sub> (Roads) - NAQIA NO <sub>x</sub> from NO2 Calculator TG(09) | Modelled Vs. Monitored NO <sub>x</sub> (Roads) % | Adjusted modelled NO <sub>x</sub> Roads | Background NO <sub>x</sub> | Background NO <sub>2</sub> | Monitored NO <sub>2</sub> | Monitored Road NO <sub>2</sub> | Modelled Road NO <sub>2</sub> | Modelled Vs. Monitored NO <sub>2</sub> (Roads) % | Adjusted modelled NO <sub>2</sub> Roads | Modelled vs. Monitored NO <sub>2</sub> (Roads) % | Modelled tot NO <sub>2</sub> | % Difference | Adjusted Total NO <sub>2</sub> | %Difference |
|---------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| AB1     | 243166 | 416211 | 19                            | 47   | -61%   | 77                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 38                        | 22                             | 32                            | 0.50   | 34                                      | 59%  | 50                           | 34%          | 54                             | 44          |
| JS1     | 243627 | 416308 | 5                             | 44   | -88%   | 22                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 36                        | 20                             | 11                            | -0.46  | 12                                      | -43%   | 28                           | -24%         | 30                             | -18         |
| JS2     | 243602 | 416279 | 11                            | 45   | -77%   | 43                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 37                        | 21                             | 20                            | -0.04  | 21                                      | 2%   | 37                           | 1%           | 40                             | 8           |
| S1      | 243522 | 417894 | 5                             | 45   | -90%   | 19                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 37                        | 21                             | 9                             | -0.56  | 10                                      | -53%   | 26                           | -30%         | 28                             | -25         |
| S2      | 243607 | 418037 | 5                             | 37   | -87%   | 20                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 34                        | 18                             | 10                            | -0.44  | 10                                      | -41%   | 26                           | -21%         | 28                             | -16         |
| SP1     | 244011 | 416068 | 5                             | 61   | -92%   | 20                                      | 21                         | 16                         | 43                        | 27                             | 10                            | -0.64  | 10                                      | -62%   | 26                           | -39%         | 28                             | -34         |
|         |        |        |                               | <b>Factor A</b>  | <b>4.09</b>                                      |   |                            |                            |                           |                                | <b>Factor B</b>               | <b>1.06</b>                                      |   |  | <b>Factor C</b>              | <b>1.07</b>  |                                |             |

Table 10 - Model Performance

|                          | No Adjustment | NO <sub>x</sub> Roads Adjustment | NO <sub>2</sub> Roads Adjustment | NO <sub>2</sub> Total Adjustment |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Adjustment Factor A      |               | 4.09                             |                                  |                                  |
| Adjustment Factor B      |               |                                  | 1.06                             |                                  |
| Adjustment Factor C      |               |                                  |                                  | 1.07                             |
| Correlation Co-efficient | 0.0           | 0.0                              | 0.0                              | 0.0                              |
| RMSE                     | 10.8          | 8.9                              | -                                | -                                |
| Fractional Bias          | 0.2           | 0.0                              | 0.1                              | 0.1                              |
| Within +-10%             | 1             | 1                                | 1                                | 1                                |
| Within +-10 to 25%       | 1             | 1                                | 2                                | 2                                |
| Within +- 25%            | 2             | 2                                | 3                                | 3                                |
| Greater +- 25%           | 4             | 4                                | 3                                | 3                                |

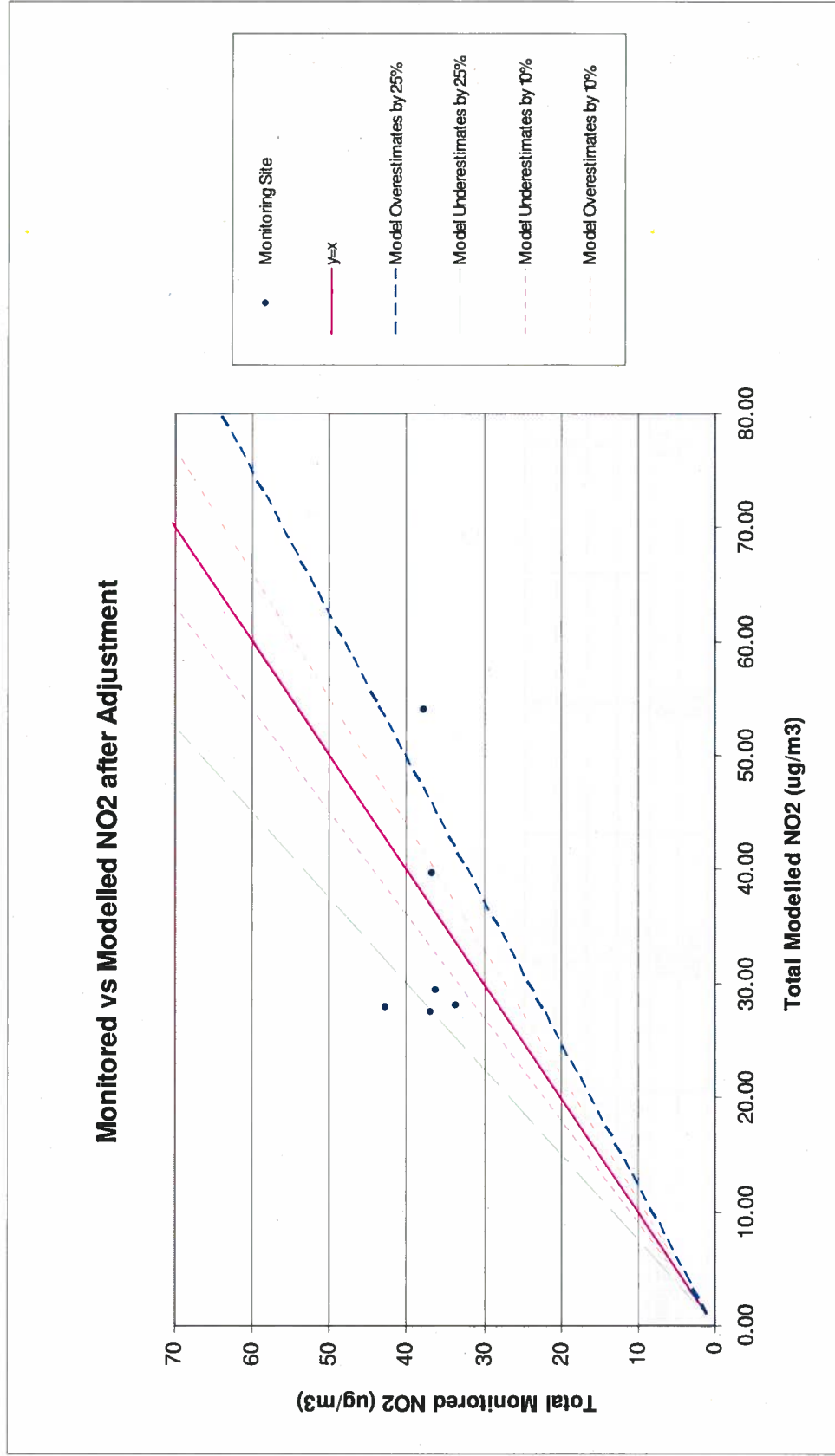


Figure 17 - Monitored versus Modelled after adjustment