



Progress Report

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1.0 PROGRESS REPORT

1.1 Policy Background

The UK Government published its strategic policy framework for air quality management in 1995 establishing both national strategies and policies on air quality issues. In Northern Ireland, the Environment (NI) Order 2002 came into operation in January 2003 which provided the framework for local air quality management (LAQM) across the province and implemented both the European Air Framework Directive 96/62 EC and the UK Air Quality Strategy. The Air Quality objectives set out in the Air Quality Regulations (NI) 2003 provides the statutory basis for the LAQM process and prescribes the air quality objectives for Northern Ireland.

1.2 Local Air Quality Management

Omagh District Council has in line with the technical guidance issued by DETR carried out the review and assessment approach to air quality on a phased approach as follows:-

Stage One Review

An initial screening of industrial, transportation and other sources of pollution that could have a significant impact within the district resulting in exceedances of the air quality objectives.

The Stage One report concluded that :-

- (i) No further investigation or action was required to be undertaken for the following pollutants:
 - Benzene
 - 1,3-Butadiene
 - Lead
 - Carbon Monoxide
- (ii) A stage 2/3 Review and Assessment was required for the following pollutants:
 - Nitrogen Dioxide

- Sulphur Dioxide
- Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

The First Stage Report for Omagh District Council was completed in September 2001

Second/Third Stage Review

A more focused examination of the three pollutants identified from Stage One was undertaken by way of a Stage Two/Three review utilising modelling exercises and reference to locally monitored air quality data.

The second/third stage report concluded that:

- **Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) (Second Stage)**

Assessment relied upon the application of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) model and local diffusion tube monitoring data. The results show that it is unlikely that either the annual mean or hourly NO₂ objectives will be exceeded at relevant receptor locations.

- **Particulate Matter PM₁₀ (Second Stage)**

Assessment for PM₁₀ arising from traffic sources at the respective road sections/junctions was undertaken using the DMRB model. The modelling predicted no exceedences of the PM₁₀ objective from traffic sources.

A number of fugitive emissions from industrial sources of PM₁₀ were examined as part of the Second Stage Assessment. Based on recent findings in GB and the results of local monitoring at a hard rock quarry it was considered that it was not necessary to proceed to a Third Stage Assessment in respect of these sources.

- **Sulphur Dioxide and Particulate Matter SO₂/ PM₁₀ (Second and Third Stage)**

The absence of reliable locally monitored data necessitated Omagh District Council to proceed directly to a Third Stage Assessment for SO₂ and PM₁₀ in respect of emissions from domestic sources and traffic sources. The assessments using appropriate modelling suggested that it is unlikely that there will be an exceedance of the SO₂ or PM₁₀ objectives in the modelled areas.

In conclusion the first round of Review and Assessment procedures indicated that there is no requirement to declare an Air Quality Management Area within the Omagh District Council Area.

1.3 An Updating and Screening Assessment

An Updating and Screening Assessment was completed in September 2006 in accordance with the methodology described in Technical Guidance LAQM TG (03) and subsequent update as issued by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs which furthered the work already achieved by the first round of review and assessment of air quality.

The Updating and Screening Assessment has concluded that for each of the prescribed pollutants, air quality objectives are likely to be met in the ODC area and that it is not necessary to proceed to the Detailed Assessment Stage. The report did however suggest that upon completion of the final phase of the through-pass further consideration of potential impact of the roadway should be undertaken.

1.4 Progress Report

Omagh District Council has various duties with respect to local air quality management (LAQM) but following Government consultation it was concluded that the process was in danger of being too “start-stop” and that gaps may occur between air quality reviews. Detailed Assessments are now required at intervals of three years whilst Progress Reports are to be produced in the intervening years. Omagh District Council provided a Progress Report in 2007 in accordance with Local Air Quality Management: Policy Guidance on Air Quality Progress Reports LAQM. PRG NI (04) issued under Art 16 of the Environment (NI) Order 2002.

1.5 Progress Report

The following Progress Report is provided in accordance with the previously advised legislation in order to ensure that air quality within the Omagh District is assessed on a yearly basis.

2.0 NEW MONITORING RESULTS

As previously outlined a focused monitoring programme to examine the impact of the final stage of Omagh distribution has commenced. Monitoring is being undertaken at three locations with the initial results indicating that compliance with the current air quality objectives should be met. (See Fig 1 for monitoring locations). However in order to provide a more meaningful representation of this potential impact it is intended that sampling period will run for 24 months.

The data obtained will assist in the verification of an appropriate dispersion modelling exercise eg DMRB

| NO₂ Survey Results | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Month | No1 | No 2 | No 3 |
| | µg/m ³ * | µg/m ³ * | µg/m ³ * |
| May 2008 | 2.7 2.53* | 31.26 29.38 | 21.28 20.00 |
| April 2008 | 17.21 16.17 | 34.61 32.53 | 23.48 22.07 |
| March 2008 | 19.30 18.14 | 26.05 24.48 | 16.87 15.85 |
| February 2008 | 28.20 26.50 | 28.86 27.12 | 21.58 20.28 |
| January 2008 | 30.90 29.04 | 31.91 29.99 | 16.77 15.76 |
| December 2007 | 39.21 36.85 | 32.86 30.88 | 22.28 20.94 |
| November 2007 | 41.26 38.78 | 38.48 36.17 | 21.95 20.63 |

Results in bold represent inter laboratory bias correction factor applied

* *subject to vandalism*

3.0 LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

- **Industrial developments**

The following represents the current processes operating under the IPC/PPC regime within the Omagh District area.

PPC REGISTER

PART A/B PROCESS

Poultry Units (PU)

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| PPC/A/PU/01 | Edwin Buchanan, 195 Gortin Road, Omagh, BT79 7JQ |
| PPC/A/PU/02 | Fred Charters, 29-41 Curr Road, Beragh, Omagh, BT79 0UW |
| PPC/A/PU/03 | Declan Grimes, 142 Camlough Road, Carrickmore, BT79 7BS |
| PPC/A/PU/04 | Christopher Rainey, 368 Curr Road, Ballygawley, Dungannon |
| PPC/A/PU/05 | Plunkett McGarrity, 15 Inishatieve Road, Carrickmore |
| PPC/A/PU/06 | Stephen Bell, 49 Garvaghy Hill, Garvaghy, Dungannon, BT70 2GF |
| PPC/A/PU/07 | Sean Kerr, Quarry Road, Carrickmore, BT79 9JX |
| PPC/A/PU/08 | Paul McAleer, 109 Kevlin Road, Omagh, BT78 1PL |
| PPC/A/PU//SU/09 | Declan Tierney, 180 Cloghfin Road, Sixmilecross |

Quarries (Q)

| | |
|------------|--|
| PPC/B/Q/01 | McGirr Brother, Eskra Quarry, 24 Eskra Road, Eskra, Omagh |
| PPC/B/Q/02 | Loughran Quarries, 144 Termon Road, Carrickmore, BT79 9HW |
| PPC/B/Q/03 | Crawford Quarries, Dromore Middle, Clogher, BT76 0UF |
| PPC/B/Q/04 | Northstore Quarries, 50 Quarry Road, Carrickmore |
| PPC/B/Q/05 | Tarmac Heavy Building Materials UK Ltd, 61 Drumscra Rd, Drumquin, BT78 4PB |
| PPC/B/Q/06 | Farrans Ltd, Mountfield Quarry, 22 Inisclan Road, Mountfield |
| PPC/B/Q/07 | Omagh Minerals, 56 Upper Botera Road, Omagh, BT78 5LH |

Animal Rendering (AR)

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| PPC/A/AR/01 | Omagh Meats, 52 Doogary Road, Omagh |
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Animal Feeds (AF)

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| PPC/A/AF/01 | Scotts Feeds, 9 Mountjoy Road, Omagh |
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Waste Water Treatment (WWT)

| | |
|--------------|---|
| PPC/A/WWT/01 | DRD Water Service, Lough Braden WTW Landfill, Drumquin, Omagh |
| PPC/A/WWT/02 | DRD Water Service, Omagh Sludge Treatment Plant, Rash Rd, Omagh |

PART C PROCESS

Cement Process (CM)

| | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| PPC/C/CM/01 | Neill Mullan & Sons |
|-------------|---------------------|

PPC/C/CM/02 McGarrity Brothers
PPC/C/CM/03 McCann Concrete
PPC/C/CM/04 Readymix Concrete, Cannon Hill, Omagh
PPC/C/CM/05 Readymix Concrete, Barony Road, Mountfield

Coating of Metals and Plastic Process (CMP)

PPC/C/CMP/01 Finley Hydrascreens, Gillygooley Road, Omagh

Carcass Incinerator (CI)

PPC/C/CI/01 DARD Veterinary Science Division, 43 Beltany Road, Coneywarren, Omagh

Dry Cleaners (DC)

PPC/C/DC/01 Cleanwell Drycleaners, 24 John Street, Omagh
PPC/C/DC/02 The Village Drycleaners, 85c Old Mountfield Road, Omagh
PPC/C/DC/03 Spick and Span Drycleaners, 36 Market Street, Omagh
PPC/C/DC/04 Ashfield Laundrette and Drycleaners, 9 Ashfield Terrace, Omagh

Petrol Stations (PV)

PPC/C/PV/01 Asda Petrol station, 31 Dromore Road, Omagh

There are no new significant industrial developments within the Omagh District Council area.

- **Retail/Residential Developments**

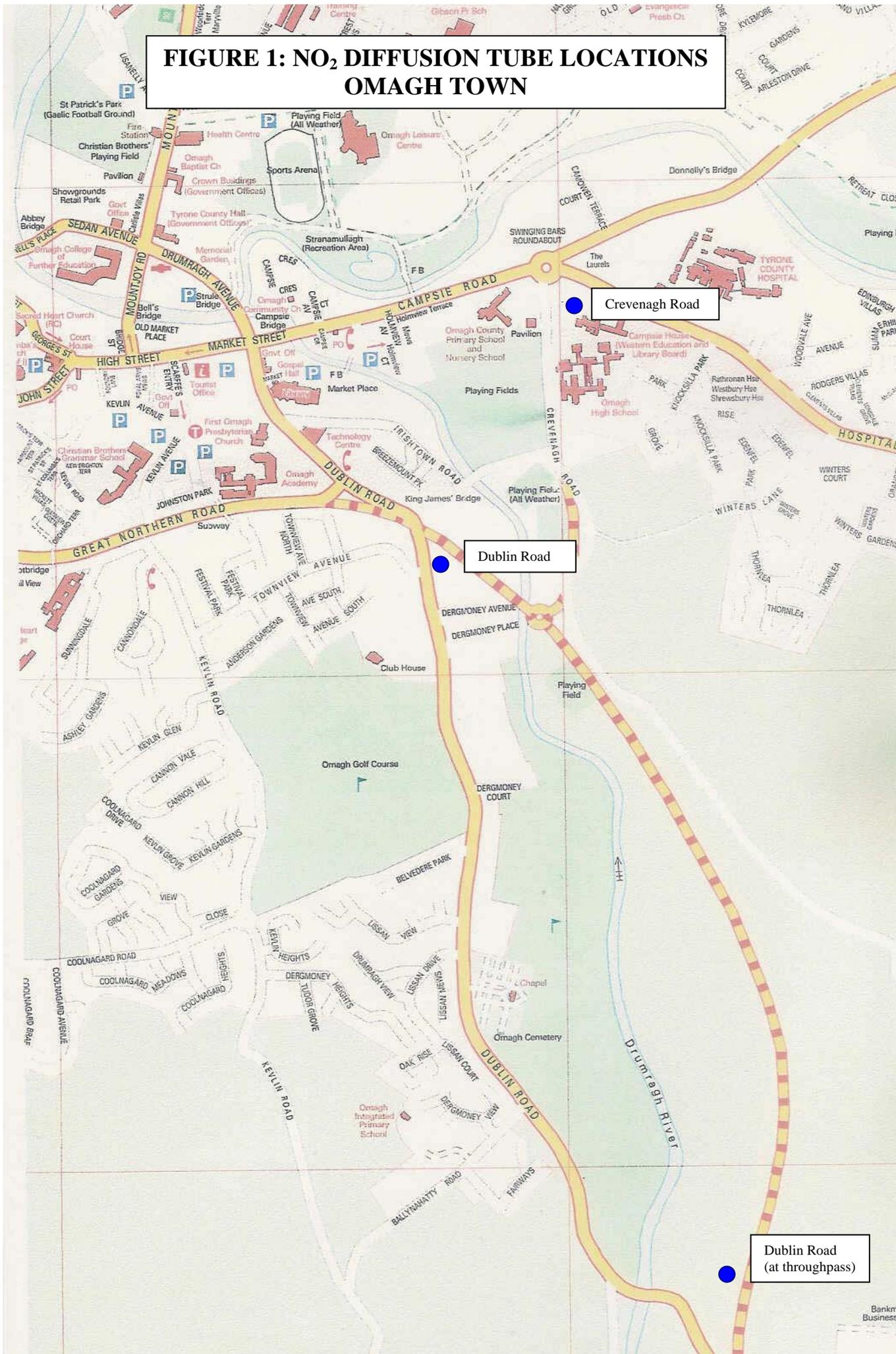
Housing development has continued to expand within the urban area with ongoing construction at Coolnagard, new estates at Mullaghmena, Glencam and Shergrim and proposed development on lands adjacent the through-pass at Crevenagh and Gortrush and at Ballinamullan.

These developments are all of a similar type and density of existing developments and are not expected to adversely affect air quality.

4.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Omagh District Council has not been required to declare an air Quality Action Area and consequently does not need to implement any Action Plans.

**FIGURE 1: NO₂ DIFFUSION TUBE LOCATIONS
OMAGH TOWN**



Crevanagh Road

Dublin Road

Dublin Road
(at throughpass)

