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Executive Summary

Newry Mourne and Down District Council has completed this 2020 Progress Report in accordance with the provisions of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the Northern Ireland Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance document. This 2020 Progress Report for Newry Mourne and Down District Council provides a review and assessment of all new or existing potential sources of air quality pollutants and a summary of air quality monitoring results for the calendar year 2019.

A Detailed Assessment has also been completed for the centre of Downpatrick. The Assessment suggests that there will not be an exceedance of the annual mean NO₂ Air Quality Objective where there is relevant exposure in Downpatrick. An Air Quality Management Area will not be declared in Downpatrick but monitoring will continue. Four of the 24 NO₂ diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and monitoring at all sites will continue during 2020 to assess if a Detailed assessment will be necessary on the AQMA.

The PM₁₀ daily mean objective was not exceeded within Canal Street, Newry. This location is within an existing Air Quality Management Area - Newry (Canal Street) Air Quality Management Order 2013. Monitoring at this site will continue into 2020 to assess if a Detailed assessment will be necessary on the AQMA.

This report has not identified any new sources with relevant exposure therefore it is not considered necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment based on potential sources.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of Local Authority Area

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area has a population of approximately 172,000. The area lies on the east coast of Ireland with its southern boundary forming part of the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The district's main settlement is Newry city which has a thriving commercial sector and with its proximity to the border with the Republic of Ireland it experiences fluctuations in cross border trade depending on the exchange rate between sterling and the euro. When the exchange rate is favourable shoppers from the Republic of Ireland visit Newry City with resultant increases in traffic volumes.

The area has two declared AQMAs Newry (Urban Centre) Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) (annual mean objective for NO₂) and Newry (Canal St) Air Quality Management Area (24 hour mean objective for PM₁₀).

In 2019 there were 2 air quality monitoring stations (AQMS) in operation, 1 in Newry city area and 1 in Downpatrick. The AQMS in Newry monitored PM₁₀ and NO₂ while the Downpatrick station monitored NO₂.

1.2 Purpose of Progress Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process as set out in the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents. The LAQM process places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where exceedances are considered likely, the local authority must then declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

For Local Authorities in Northern Ireland, Progress Reports are required in the intervening years between the three-yearly Updating and Screening Assessment reports. Their purpose is to maintain continuity in the LAQM process.

They are not intended to be as detailed as Updating and Screening Assessment Reports, or to require as much effort. However, if the Progress Report identifies the risk of exceedance of an Air Quality Objective, the Local Authority (LA) should undertake a Detailed Assessment immediately, and not wait until the next round of Review and Assessment.

1.3 Air Quality Objectives

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

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Table 1.1 – Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the purpose of LAQM in Northern Ireland

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		Date to be achieved by
	Concentration	Measured as	
Benzene	16.25 µg/m ³	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
	3.25 µg/m ³	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3-butadiene	2.25 µg/m ³	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon monoxide	10 mg/m ³	Running 8-hour mean	31.12.2003
Lead	0.50 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2004
	0.25 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2008
Nitrogen dioxide	200 µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
	40 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particulate matter (PM ₁₀) (gravimetric)	50 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	40 µg/m ³	Annual mean	31.12.2004
Sulphur dioxide	350 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
	125 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	266 µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005

1.4 Summary of Previous Review and Assessments

Title of Work	Summary of Report
USA (2004)	Potential exceedances of the NO₂ and PM₁₀ AQS objectives in the vicinity of several roads in Newry City centre
Detailed Assessment (2005)	<p>Concluded a risk of exceeding air quality objectives for NO₂ and PM₁₀ in Newry city centre. There was a high degree of uncertainty in the modelling results.</p> <p>Following discussions with the Environment and Heritage Service of the Department of Environment (NI), NMDC resolved to declare five AQMAs for the annual mean NO₂ objective and the 24-hour PM₁₀ objective</p>
USA (2006)	Concluded that the risk of the air quality objectives for NO₂ being exceeded outside existing AQMAs was negligible for all sources. In addition, the USA indicated that there was little likelihood of the 2004 air quality objectives for PM₁₀ being exceeded.
Further Assessment (2007)	<p>The results showed that NO₂ annual average concentrations within the AQMA were still likely to exceed the AQS objective along Canal Street, Water Street and Kilmorey Street in Newry City.</p> <p>Given the uncertainties in modelling PM₁₀, the focus of the further assessment and source apportionment study was therefore focused on NO_x and NO₂</p>
Further Modelling (2009)	<p>The model performance was improved from 2005 results.</p> <p>The results showed that NO₂ annual average concentrations within the AQMA were still likely to exceed the AQS objective along Canal Street, Water Street, Kilmorey Street, and a newly identified street, Sandy Street in Newry City.</p> <p>The model indicated that there was little likelihood of the 2004 air quality objectives for PM₁₀ being exceeded within Newry City.</p>

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	<p>The Council resolved to revoke existing 5 AQMAs and to declare one AQMA for the annual mean NO₂ objective covering all areas of possible exceedance - Newry (Urban Centre) AQM.</p>
USA (2009)	<p>As no new or significantly changed sources of pollutants were identified a further detailed assessment was not required.</p> <p>Newry and Mournne Council finalised the Action Plan for the Newry (Urban Centre) AQMA.</p>
Progress Report 2010	<p>The PM₁₀ AQ Objective was not breached during 2009. A new site was established at Canal Street in June 2009. This site recorded 21 exceedances of the daily mean objective for PM₁₀. The street had formally been declared an AQMA for PM₁₀ but this was revoked following further dispersion modelling results (Further Assessment 2009), which indicated that exceedance of PM₁₀ objective was not likely within Newry City. Monitoring of PM₁₀ has continued at this location. 2009 monitoring data found that a number of sites of relevant exposure breached the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide. All of these sites were within the existing AQMA.</p>
Progress Report 2011	<p>2010 monitoring data identified exceedances of the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³) for a number of streets within Newry City. These streets were within an existing Air Quality Management Area - Newry (Urban Centre) Air Quality Management Area for which there is an agreed Action Plan.</p> <p>Air quality monitoring results for NO₂ and PM₁₀ for 2010 were elevated from 2009 and it was argued that these increases were due mainly to the prevailing weather conditions during 2010 rather than as a result of new or increased sources of pollutants.</p>

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	<p>During 2010 air quality monitoring in Canal Street, Newry, monitored exceedances for the 1-hour mean objective ($200\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) for NO_2 at and for the 24-hour mean objective (50mgm^{-3}) for PM_{10}. It was concluded that a Detailed Assessment for the 1-hour mean objective for NO_2 and the 24-hour mean objective for PM_{10} at Canal Street, Newry was required.</p>
<p>Detailed Assessment 2011</p>	<p>As a result of the findings of Progress Report 2010 a Detailed Assessment was carried out to determine if risk of 1-hour mean objective for NO_2 and daily mean objective for PM_{10} being exceed for Canal Street, Newry. Findings of the assessment did not establish a risk for 1-hour mean objective for NO_2 being exceeded but there was a risk identified for the daily mean objective for PM_{10} being exceeded for Canal Street. It was recommended that an AQMA be declared in Canal Street for the daily mean objective for PM_{10}.</p>
<p>Progress Report 2013</p>	<p>The 2013 report identified the following issues;</p> <p>Exceedance in Annual Mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) ($40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) at Trevor Hill AQMS and Canal St AQMS. 15 of the 26 diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) ($40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Exceedance of hourly mean objective for (NO_2) ($200\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) at Canal St AQMS, at three diffusion sites in Newry Urban AQMA,(Canal Street and Kilmorey Street) the annual mean NO_2 level recorded by diffusion tubes exceeded $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.</p> <p>No exceedance of annual mean or daily mean objective for PM_{10}.</p> <p>These results were in contradiction to the conclusions drawn from the Detailed Assessment carried out in 2012 where it was concluded that there was no risk of the 1-hour mean</p>

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	<p>objective for NO₂ being exceeded in Newry AQMA but there was a risk identified for the daily mean objective for PM₁₀ being exceeded in Canal Street.</p> <p>It was not proposed to make any declaration in relation to a likelihood of an exceedance of the hourly mean objective for (NO₂) (200µg/m³) in Canal Street and Kilmorey Street but monitoring at both these locations has continued.</p>
<p>Further Assessment 2014</p>	<p>A further assessment of PM₁₀ concentrations within the Canal Street Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) was undertaken in early 2014. The further assessment involved a review of air quality monitoring data, dispersion modeling for road and domestic chimney sources and source apportionment. The assessment found that the PM₁₀ objective was exceeded in both 2012 and 2013 and recommended that the AQMA should remain and monitoring continue. Source apportionment of local emission found that ambient background concentrations contribute the largest proportion to the overall concentration followed by emissions from cars on local roads</p>
<p>Progress Report 2014</p>	<p>The 2014 Progress Report for the former Newry and Mourne District Council which contained 2013 monitoring data has identified the following:</p> <p>Exceedance of daily mean objective for PM₁₀ at Canal Street AQMS.</p> <p>Exceedance in Annual Mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³) at Trevor Hill AQMS and Canal St AQMS. 10 of the 28 diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³).</p> <p>Exceedance of hourly mean objective for (NO₂) (200µg/m³) at Trevor Hill AQMS and Canal St AQMS. A diffusion tube</p>

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	<p>site at Canal St in Newry Urban AQMA recorded an annual mean NO₂ level of 60 µg/m³ which is an indicator that the hourly mean objective (200µg/m³) may be exceeded.</p> <p>No exceedance of annual mean objective for PM₁₀.</p>
<p>Progress Report 2017</p>	<p>The 2017 Progress Report which contained 2016 monitoring data identified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No exceedance of annual mean objective for PM₁₀. • No exceedance of daily mean objective for PM₁₀. • 9 of the 24 diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³). • Exceedance of the annual mean objective for NO₂ at Market Street automatic station. • Council will proceed to a detailed assessment for the Market Street location.
<p>USA 2018</p>	<p>The USA 2018 report which contained monitoring data from 2017 identified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five of the 27 NO₂ diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) • Monitoring at all sites will continue into 2019 to assess if a Detailed assessment will be necessary on the AQMA. • The PM₁₀ daily mean objective was not exceeded within Canal Street, Newry. Monitoring at this site will continue into 2019 to assess if a Detailed assessment will be necessary on the AQMA. • Concentrations of NO₂ above the annual mean objective at Market Street Downpatrick were monitored. A detailed assessment for Market Street, Downpatrick will be carried out.

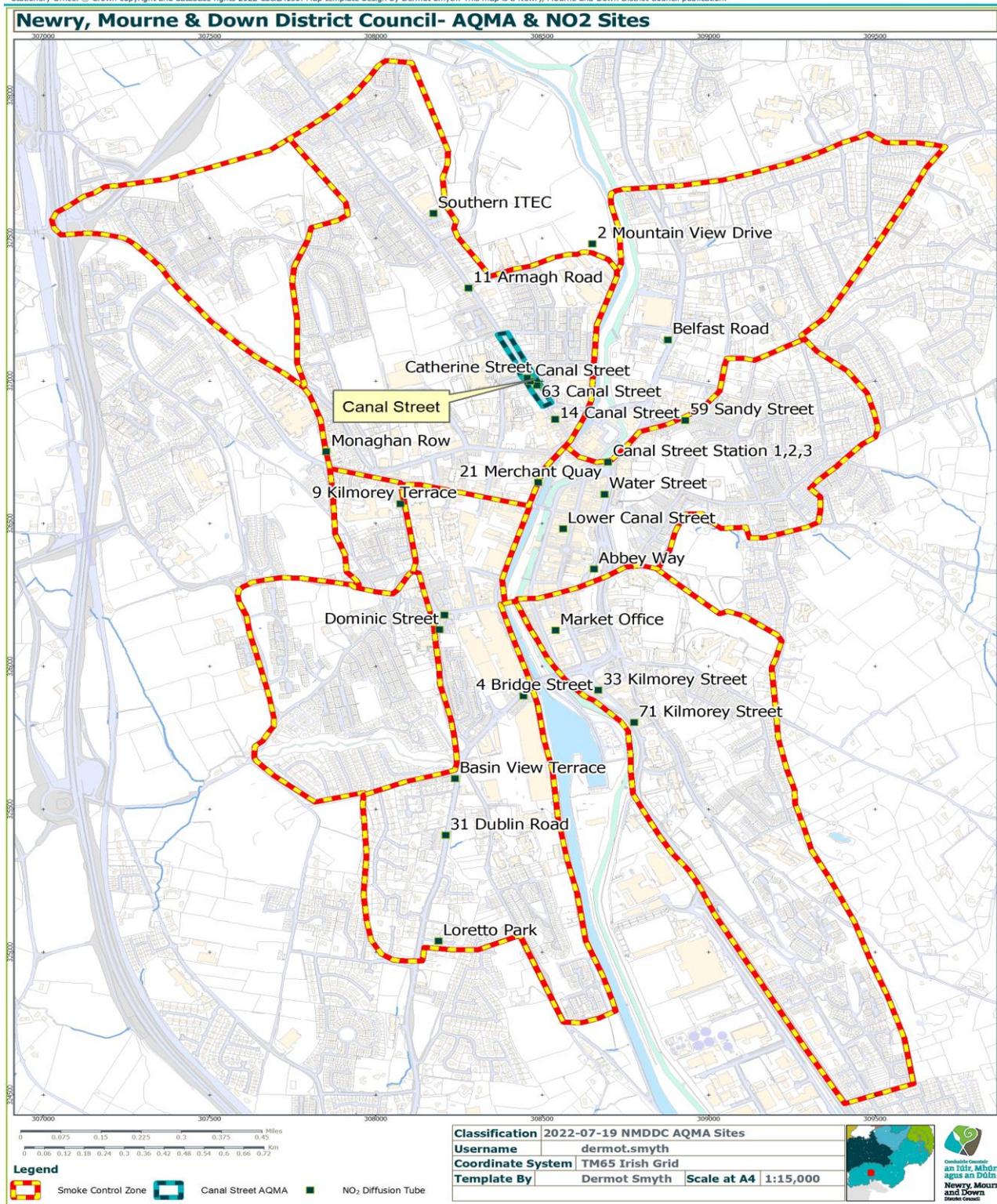
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Progress Report 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four of the 24 NO₂ diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and monitoring at all sites will continue into 2020 to assess if a Detailed assessment will be necessary on the AQMA.• The PM₁₀ daily mean objective was not exceeded within Canal Street, Newry.• This report did not identify any new sources with relevant exposure therefore it is not considered necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment based on potential sources.

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Figure 1.1 – Map of AQMA Boundaries

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2 New Monitoring Data

2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

The automatic monitoring stations within the district are National Environmental Technology Centre (NETCEN) type tested and approved analysers, which contain air-conditioned units to maintain the correct operating temperature. In April 2018 the Downpatrick NO₂ analyser was replaced.

In 2019 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had a QA/QC contract with Ricardo-AEA and Data Management contract with AQDM. QA/QC audits have been completed on the automatic monitoring equipment currently located within the Council area.

**Figure 2.1 – Map(s) of Automatic Monitoring Sites
Downpatrick**

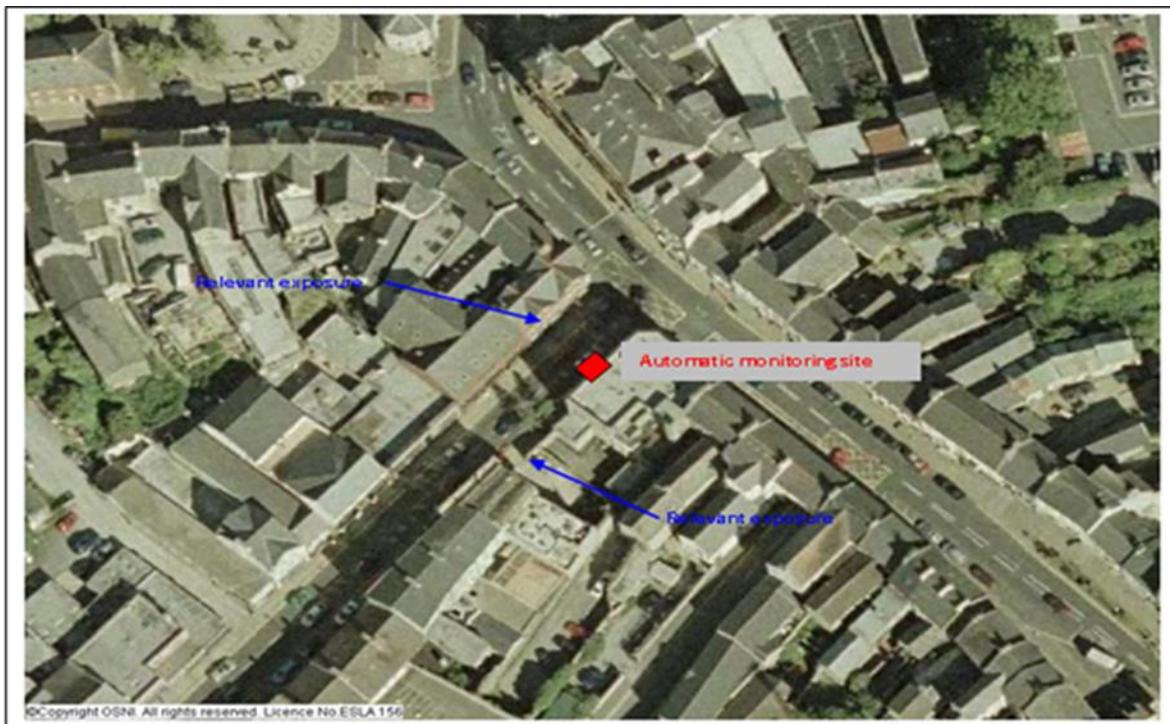


Figure 2.2- Newry Automatic Monitoring Station-Canal Street

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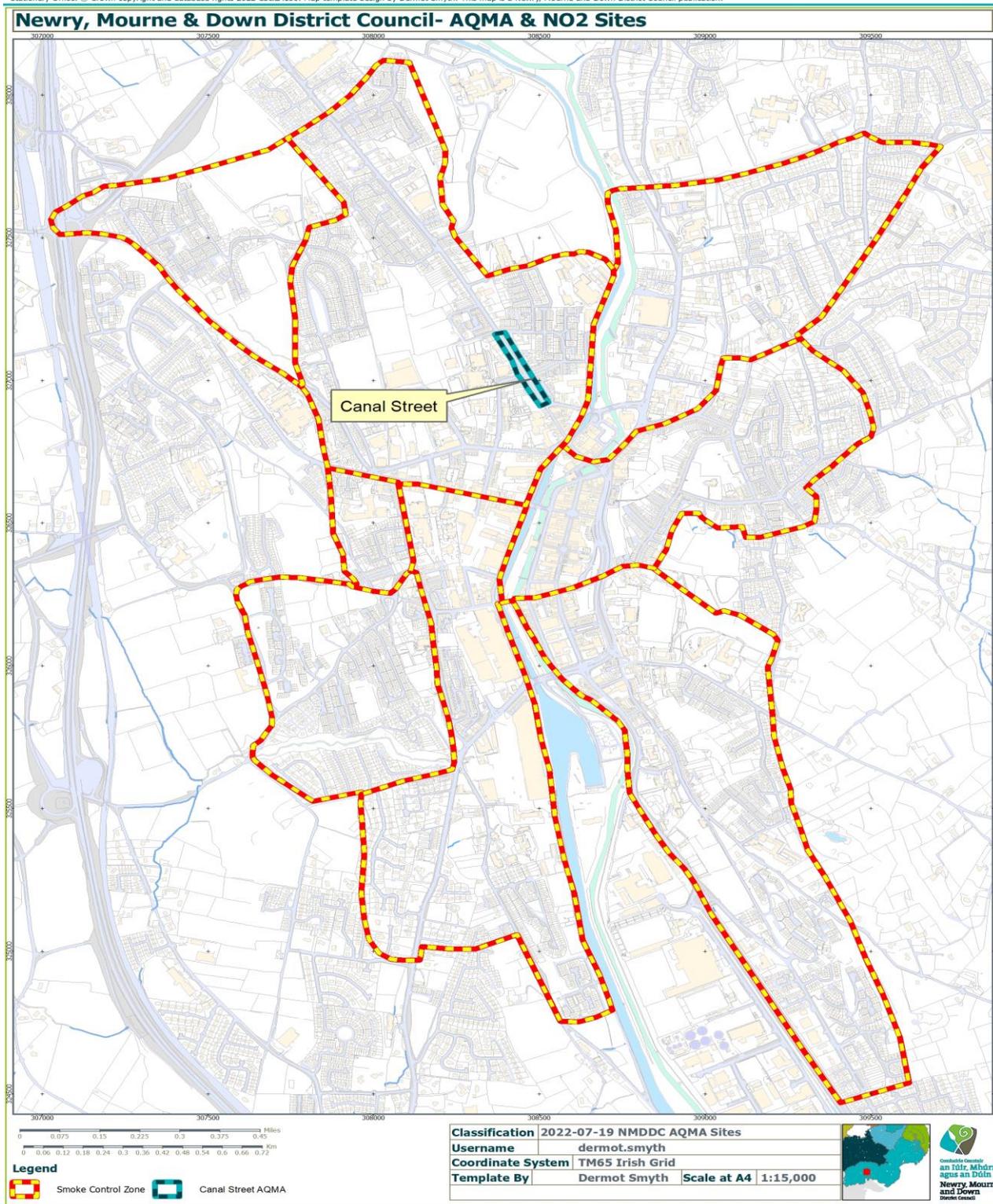


Table 2.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Inlet Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
CM1	Canal Street, Newry	Roadside	308485	326976	1.5	PM10 NO ₂	Y	N/A	Y(<1M)	3M	Y
CM2	Market Street, Downpatrick	Roadside	348655	344596	2	NO ₂	N	N/A	Y(10M)	1.5M	Y

2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

In the calendar year 2019 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council deployed 31 NO₂ diffusion tubes per month at 29 sites within its District. One site at Canal Street was a triplicate site. The NO₂ diffusion tubes used were prepared and analysed by Socotec using the 50% TEA in acetone method. The laboratory methods are currently UKAS accredited.

Figure 2.3 – Map(s) of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites-Downpatrick

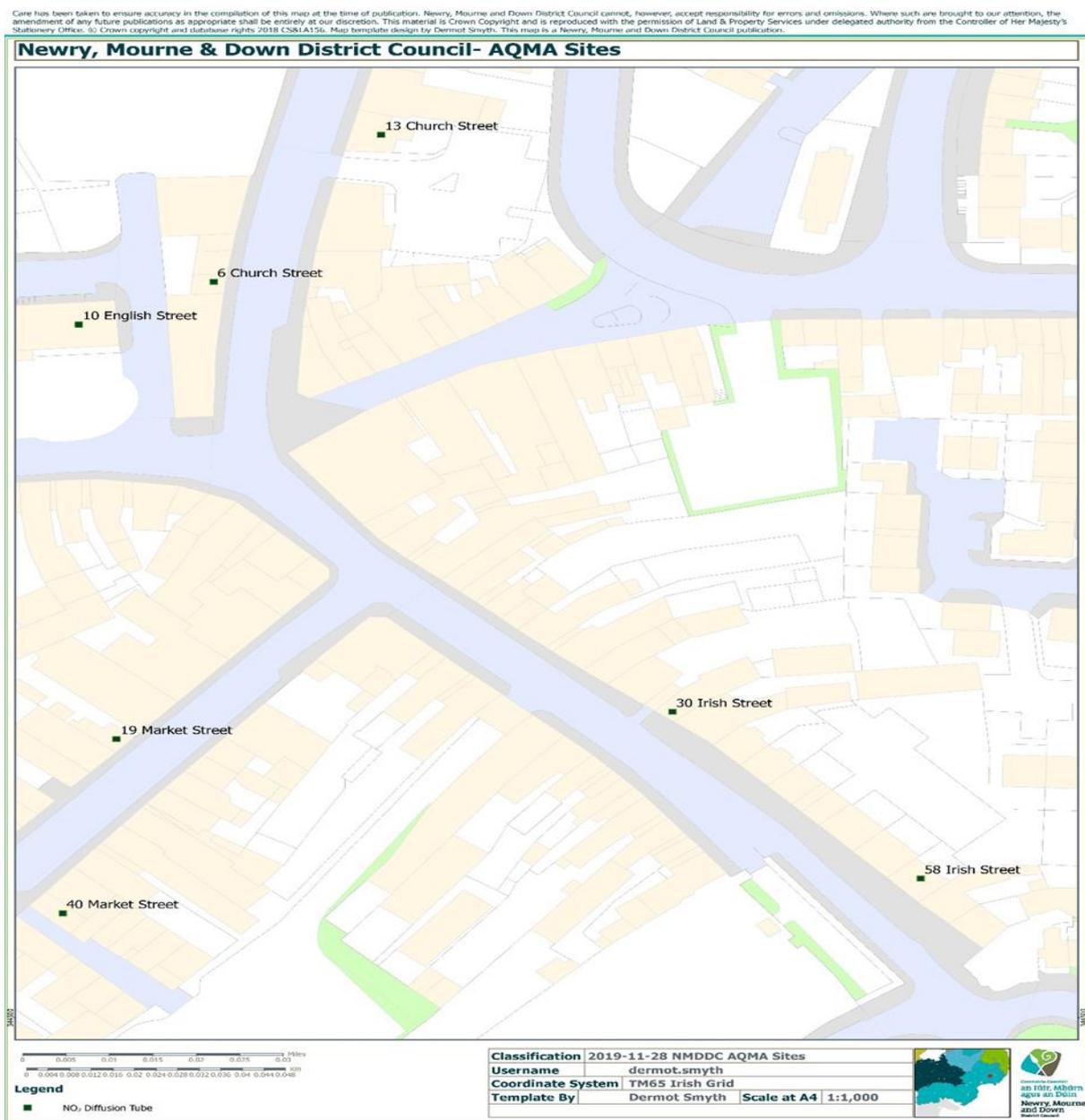


Table 2.2 – Details of Non- Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
83610	Monaghan Row	Urban background	307851	326751	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	N	50m	Y
84610	Lower Canal Street	Roadside	308562	326481	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87268	14 Canal Street	Roadside	308538	326864	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
87241 87252 87253	Canal Street Station 1,2,3	Roadside	308697	326715	2.5	NO ₂	Y	Y	Y	2m	Y
87242	63 Canal Street	Roadside	308483	326984	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
84609	Canal Street	Roadside	308463	326998	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
84611	Catherine Street	Roadside	308454	327009	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
87313	Southern ITEC	Roadside	308172	327586	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
87312	2 Mountain View Drive	Roadside	308650	327479	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
84649	59 Sandy Street	Roadside	308929	326861	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87314	Abbey Way	Roadside	308655	326340	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y

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Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
82651	Water Street	Roadside	308686	326602	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87085	Market Office	Urban Background	308539	326125	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	25m	Y
85064	33 Kilmorey Street	Roadside	308668	325916	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87088	71 Kilmorey Street	Roadside	308775	325803	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87089	4 Bridge Street	Roadside	308443	325896	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
87315	Loretto Park	Roadside	308188	325037	2.5	NO ₂	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
85070	Basin View Terrace	Roadside	308237	325606	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
85077	Dominic Street	Roadside	308190	326128	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	2m	Y
87369	11 Armagh Road	Roadside	308278	327324	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	3m	Y
87370	21 Merchant Quay	Roadside	308487	326643	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	3m	Y
87371	31 Dublin Road	Roadside	308209	325408	2.5	NO2	Y	N	Y	1m	Y
87397	30 Irish Street	Roadside	348718	344579	2.5	NO2	N	N	Y	3m	Y

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Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Reference	Y OS Grid Reference	Site Height (m)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Is Monitoring Co-located with a Continuous Analyser (Y/N)	Relevant Exposure? (Y/N with distance (m) from monitoring site to relevant exposure)	Distance to Kerb of Nearest Road (m) (N/A if not applicable)	Does this Location Represent Worst-Case Exposure?
87398	10 English Street	Roadside	348608	344679	2.5	NO2	N	N	Y	3m	Y
87399	6 Church Street	Roadside	348633	344690	2.5	NO2	N	N	N	3m	Y
87400	13 Church Street	Roadside	348664	344728	2.5	NO2	N	N	N	3m	Y
87401	19 Market Street	Roadside	348615	344572	2.5	NO2	N	N	Y	3m	Y
87402	40 Market Street	Roadside	348605	344527	2.5	NO2	N	N	N	3m	Y
87403	58 Irish Street	Roadside	348764	344536	2.5	NO2	N	N	Y	3m	Y

2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with Air Quality Objectives

The existing monitoring network consists of two continuous monitoring stations at Canal Street, Newry and Market Street, Downpatrick and 31 NO₂ diffusion tubes at 29 sites across Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

Automatic Monitoring Data

In 2019 the Council monitored NO₂ at two sites, Market Street, Downpatrick and Canal Street, Newry.

Table 2.3 – Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO₂: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % ^a	Valid Data Capture 2019 % ^b	Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³)				
					2015* ^c	2016* ^c	2017* ^c	2018* ^c	2019 ^c
Canal Street	Roadside	Y	99.4	99.4	-	-	33	40	43
Market Street	Roadside	N	98.8	98.8	34	44	47	47	43

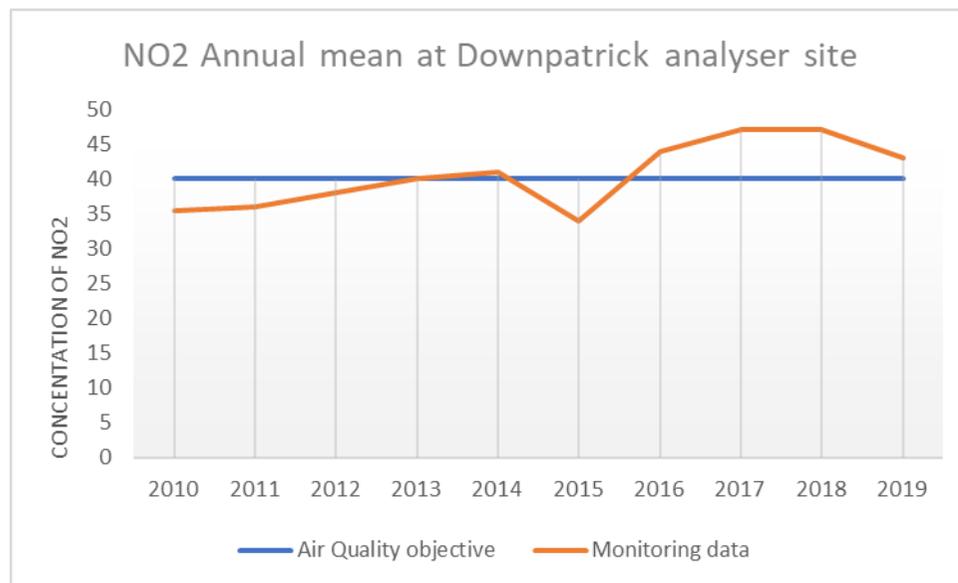
In bold, exceedance of the NO₂ annual mean AQS objective of 40µg/m³

^a i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

^b i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

^c Means should be “annualised” as in Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 of LAQM.TG16, if valid data capture is less than 75%

* Annual mean concentrations for previous years are optional

Figure 2.4 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations Measured at Automatic Monitoring Sites

The annual mean concentration of NO₂ as displayed in Figure 2.4 shows an upward trend in levels from 2010 to 2018 culminating in breaches of the air quality objective in 2016, 2017 and 2018. There was a decrease in levels in 2019 but this level was still a breach of the air quality objective. Where it has been identified that an air quality objective will be exceeded at a location with relevant public exposure (as in this case), the Council is required to undertake a Detailed Assessment following the guidance set out in the Technical Guidance document. Where a likely exceedance is identified, the assessment should be sufficiently detailed to determine both its magnitude and geographical extent. The Council will not declare an AQMA until a Detailed Assessment has been completed, submitted and assessed. For the purposes of this Detailed Assessment additional NO₂ diffusion tubes were placed along Market Street, Irish Street, English Street and Church Street, Downpatrick from January 2018. At the end of 2019 two years of monitoring has occurred permitting a detailed assessment to be completed and submitted along with this Progress Report.

Table 2.4 – Results of Automatic Monitoring for NO₂: Comparison with 1-hour Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % ^a	Valid Data Capture 2019 % ^b	Number of Hourly Means > 200µg/m ³				
					2015* ^c	2016* ^c	2017* ^c	2018* ^c	2019 ^c
Canal Street	Roadside	Y	99.4	99.4	-	-	0(147)	0	1
Market Street	Roadside	Y	98.8	98.8	0(117)	1	13	11	2

In bold, exceedance of the NO₂ hourly mean AQS objective (200µg/m³ – not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year)

^a i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

^b i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

^c If the data capture for full calendar year is less than 85%, include the 99.8th percentile of hourly means in brackets

* Number of exceedances for previous years is optional

Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data

Table 2.5 – Results of NO₂ Diffusion Tubes 2019

Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Triplicate or Co-located Tube	Full Calendar Year Data Capture 2019 (Number of Months or %) ^a	2019 Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³) - Bias Adjustment factor = 0.75 ^b
83610	Monaghan Row	Urban background	Y	N	12	11
84610	Lower Canal Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	34
87268	14 Canal Street	Roadside	Y	N	11	27.8
87241 87252 87253	Canal Street Station1,2,3	Roadside	Y	Y	12	39.1
87242	63 Canal Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	37.7
84609	Canal Street	Roadside	Y	N	11	50.5
84611	Catherine Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	35.8
87313	Southern ITEC	Roadside	Y	N	12	21.1
87312	2 Mountain View Drive	Roadside	Y	N	12	16.9
84649	59 Sandy Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	36.1
87314	Abbey Way	Roadside	Y	N	12	21.6
82651	Water Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	45.3
87085	Market Office	Urban background	Y	N	12	17.7
85064	33 Kilmorey Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	43.1
87088	71 Kilmorey Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	54.2
87089	4 Bridge Street	Roadside	Y	N	12	29.6
87315	Loretto Park	Roadside	Y	N	12	13.5
85070	Basin View Terrace	Roadside	Y	N	12	29.3
85077	Dominic Street	Roadside	Y	N	11	32.8
87369	11 Armagh Road	Roadside	Y	N	12	34.7
87370	21 Merchant Quay	Roadside	Y	N	12	29.3
87371	31 Dublin Road	Roadside	Y	N	12	34.4
87397	30 Irish Street	Roadside	N	N	11	26.8
87398	10 English Street	Roadside	N	N	11	21.0
87399	6 Church Street	Roadside	N	N	12	39.2
87400	13 Church Street	Roadside	N	N	12	25.2

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Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Triplicate or Co-located Tube	Full Calendar Year Data Capture 2019 (Number of Months or %) ^a	2019 Annual Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) - Bias Adjustment factor = 0.75 ^b
87401	19 Market Street	Roadside	N	N	12	32.3
87402	40 Market Street	Roadside	N	N	12	27.6
87403	58 Irish Street	Roadside	N	N	11	21.1

In bold, exceedance of the NO₂ annual mean AQS objective of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Underlined, annual mean > 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ hourly mean AQS objective

^a Means should be “annualised” as in Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 of LAQM.TG16, if full calendar year data capture is less than 75%

^b If an exceedance is measured at a monitoring site not representative of public exposure, NO₂ concentration at the nearest relevant exposure should be estimated based on the [NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator](https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/tools-monitoring-data/no2-falloff.html) (<https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/tools-monitoring-data/no2-falloff.html>), and results should be discussed in a specific section. The procedure is also explained in paragraphs 7.77 to 7.79 of LAQM.TG16.

Table 2.6 – Results of NO₂ Diffusion Tubes (2015 to 2019)

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³) - Adjusted for Bias ^a				
			2015 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.79)	2016 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.78)	2017 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.77)	2018 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.77)	2019 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.75)
83610	Monaghan Row	Y	15	12	12	14	11
84610	Lower Canal Street	Y	33	37	32	32	34
87268	14 Canal Street	Y	27	26	26	29	27.8
87241 87252 87253	Canal Street Station 1,2,3	Y	-	-	36	39	39.1
87242	63 Canal Street	Y	37	43	36	33	37.7
84609	Canal Street	Y			55	49	50.5
84611	Catherine Street	Y	39	56	39	39	35.8
87313	Southern ITEC	Y	-	23	24	23	21.1
87312	2 Mountain View Drive	Y	-	19	15	18	16.9
84649	59 Sandy Street	Y	40	41	40	39	36.1
87314	Abbey Way	Y	-	23	20	23	21.6
82651	Water Street	Y	48	46	50	49	45.3
87085	Market Office	Y	17	19	18	18	17.7
85064	33 Kilmorey Street	Y	51	50	52	49	43.1
87088	71 Kilmorey Street	Y	-	-	58	54	54.2
87089	4 Bridge Street	Y	31	33	30	31	29.6
87315	Loretto Park	Y	17	14	12	14	13.5
85070	Basin View Terrace	Y	34	34	34	34	29.3
85077	Dominic Street	Y	-	34	32	32	32.8
87369	11 Armagh Road	Y	-	-	39	39	34.7

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Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Annual Mean Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) - Adjusted for Bias ^a				
			2015 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.79)	2016 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.78)	2017 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.77)	2018 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.77)	2019 (Bias Adjustment Factor = 0.75)
87370	21 Merchant Quay	Y	-	-	32	29	29.3
87371	31 Dublin Road	Y	-	-	39	35	34.4
87397	30 Irish Street	N	-	-	-	28	26.8
87398	10 English Street	N	-	-	-	21	21.0
87399	6 Church Street	N	-	-	-	42	39.2
87400	13 Church Street	N	-	-	-	32	25.2
87401	19 Market Street	N	-	-	-	32	32.3
87402	40 Market Street	N	-	-	-	28	27.6
87403	58 Irish Street	N	-	-	-	23	21.1

In bold, exceedance of the NO₂ annual mean AQS objective of 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Underlined, annual mean > 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ hourly mean AQS objective

^a Means should be “annualised” as in Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 of LAQM.TG16, if full calendar year data capture is less than 75%

2.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

In 2019 the Council monitored PM₁₀ at Canal Street, Newry using a BAM PM10 analyser.

Table 2.7 – Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM₁₀: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % ^a	Valid Data Capture 2019 % ^b	Confirm Gravimetric Equivalent (Y or N/A)	Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m ³)				
						2015* ^c	2016* ^c	2017* ^c	2018* ^c	2019 ^c
Canal Street	Roadside	Y	96	96	Y	28	29	19	19	18

In bold, exceedance of the PM₁₀ annual mean AQS objective of 40µg/m³

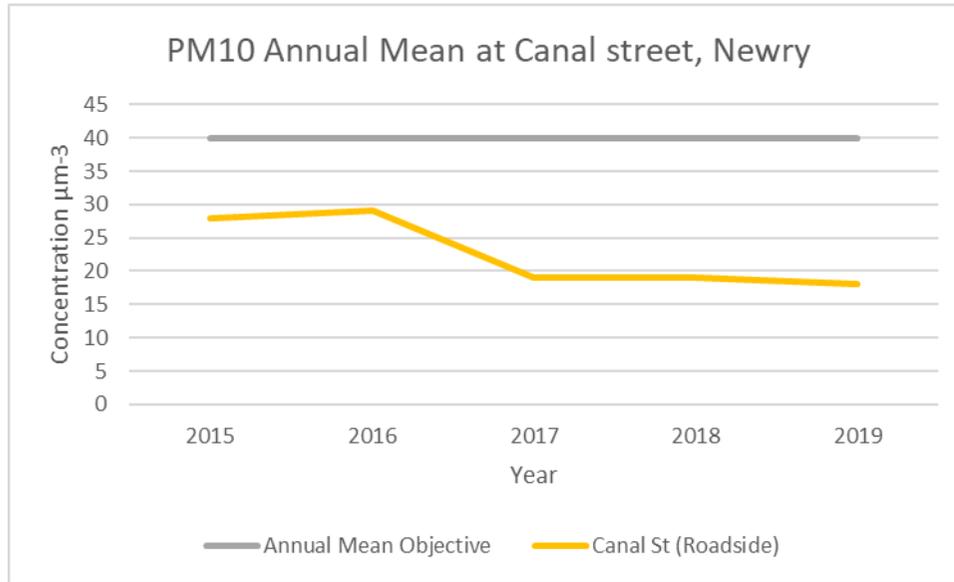
^a i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

^b i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

^c Means should be “annualised” as in Boxes 7.9 and 7.10 of LAQM.TG16, if valid data capture is less than 75%

* Annual mean concentrations for previous years are optional

Figure 2.5 – Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentrations



This figure demonstrates that the downward trend in PM₁₀ concentrations has continued in the last five years. If this continues a Detailed assessment will be carried out.

Table 2.8 – Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM₁₀: Comparison with 24-hour Mean Objective

Site ID	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period % ^a	Valid Data Capture 2019 % ^b	Confirm Gravimetric Equivalent (Y or N/A)	Number of Daily Means > 50µg/m ³				
						2015* ^c	2016* ^c	2017* ^c	2018* ^c	2019 ^c
Canal Street	Roadside	Y	96	96	Y	32	23	6	4	3

In bold, exceedance of the PM₁₀ daily mean AQS objective (50µg/m³ – not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year)

^a i.e. data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year

^b i.e. data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for six months the maximum data capture for the full calendar year would be 50%)

^c if data capture for full calendar year is less than 85%, include the 90.4th percentile of 24-hour means in brackets

* Number of exceedances for previous years is optional

2.2.3 Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)

In 2019 there was no monitoring of sulphur dioxide undertaken within the council area.

2.2.4 Benzene

In 2019 there was no monitoring of benzene undertaken within the council area.

2.2.5 Other Pollutants Monitored

In 2019 there were no other pollutants monitored within the council area.

2.2.6 Summary of Compliance with AQS Objectives

Newry Mourne and Down District Council has previously measured concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide above the annual mean objective at relevant locations, and **will proceed to a Detailed Assessment**, for the area at Market Street, Downpatrick.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's 2019 monitoring data also identified the following:

- No exceedance of annual mean objective for PM10.
- No exceedance of daily mean objective for PM10.
- 4 of the 27 diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³)

3 New Local Developments

Newry Mourne and Down District Council confirms that there are no new or newly identified local developments which may have an impact on air quality within the Local Authority area.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council confirms that all the following have been considered:

- **Road traffic sources**
- **Other transport sources**
- **Industrial sources**
- **Commercial and domestic sources**
- **New developments with fugitive or uncontrolled sources.**

4 Local / Regional Air Quality Strategy

Local authorities in Northern Ireland are responsible for reviewing the state of air quality in their district. To assist them with this process an air quality strategy(AQS) has been devised for the UK. This sets down standards and objectives for the air quality pollutants causing the problems and allows councils to review air quality in their area against these.

5 Planning Applications

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council can confirm that there have been no planning applications approved which it is considered will have a significant detrimental impact on the air quality within the district.

6 Air Quality Planning Policies

Responsibility for Planning lies with the local councils in Northern Ireland. The councils are responsible for:

- Local development planning
- Development Management
- Planning enforcement.

The Department of Infrastructure are responsible for:

- Determination of regionally significant and 'called in' planning applications.
- Regional Development Strategy
- Regional Planning Policy
- Planning Legislation
- Performance management
- Oversight and guidance for councils.

The Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland (SPPS) 'Planning for Sustainable Development' published in September 2015 consolidates the previous planning policy statements into one document and details strategic subject planning policy for a wide range of planning matters. It also sets out the strategic direction for the new councils to bring forward detailed operational policies within future local development plans. Annex A to SPPS highlights how the planning system can positively contribute to the improvement of air quality and in minimising its harmful impacts on health and wellbeing.

In administering its planning function councils must take account of the Regional Development Strategy 2035 (RDS) (2010), and the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) (2015), and any other policies or advice in guidance issued by the Department. The RDS represents the overarching regional planning framework, while the SPPS provides an overarching statement of the general planning principles underlying the planning system. Of particular relevance in the RDS is RG9: Reduce our carbon footprint and facilitate mitigation and adaption to climate change whilst improving air quality.

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This guidance includes several mitigation measures in relation to air quality, including:

- Reducing noise and air pollution from transport
- Developing strong linkages between policies for managing air pollution and climate change
- Protecting Air Quality Management Areas

The Council is currently working on a new Area Plan for its district and it is anticipated that this will be completed shortly.

7 Local Transport Plans and Strategies

Public transport in Northern Ireland is delivered mainly through the actions of the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHC) and its Translink operating subsidiaries; Metro, NI Railways and Ulsterbus. A key corporate aim is integration and co-ordination of services. Through the Ulsterbus Strategic Review (USR), Ulsterbus and Translink seek to establish a platform for change, which will create in Northern Ireland a network of services that is comparable with any modern transport system. This will result in the development of modern, efficient, reliable services that rival the private car in convenience, accessibility and value for money.

The Translink Strategy 'Get on Board' is a five year strategy which aims to deliver a transformation in public transport, providing integrated services which connect people, enhance the economy and improve the environment, enabling a thriving Northern Ireland.

8 Climate Change Strategies

In terms of Climate Strategy, Newry Mourne and Down District Council is developing a Local Climate Adaptation Plan for the Council. This should be published in draft during 2021.

9 Implementation of Action Plans

An Action Plan for the Newry (Urban Centre) AQMA was approved in April 2010. The Action Plan had planned actions which have assisted in reducing the levels of NO₂ levels from traffic and background emissions within the designated AQMA. It is recognised that many of these measures contributed towards the wider strategic objectives of sustainable development and tackling climate change. It is recognised that many of the actions have now been completed and are dated. Newry Mourne and Down District Council currently are reviewing their Action Plan and are working towards an Active Travel Masterplan which will be released during 2021. The current Action Plan has not been included in the main body of this Progress Report for those reasons (appendix C).

The monitoring by diffusion tubes in 2019 does show marginal downward trends in the annual mean NO₂ level within some streets which previously exceeded this air quality objective. It could therefore be argued that the current Action Plan measures, actual and proposed, have created the building blocks for reducing levels of NO₂ within these areas. The introduction of an Active Travel Masterplan in 2021 will lead to further improvements.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and other stakeholders continue to make the case for the Newry Southern Relief Road, which when implemented, has the potential to provide traffic relief to Newry City centre with the consequent improvements in local air quality. However, even if a decision to undertake this scheme was approved today it would take several years before it would open to traffic and therefore we cannot rely on this as the ultimate solution.

10 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

10.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has measured concentrations of NO₂ above the annual mean objective at Market Street, Downpatrick outside of an AQMA and will be submitting an additional Detailed Assessment, for the area around Market Street Downpatrick. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. 2019 monitoring data also identified the following:

- No exceedance of annual mean objective for PM₁₀.
- No exceedance of daily mean objective for PM₁₀.
- 4 of the 27 diffusion tubes located within Newry City Centre exceeded the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) (40µg/m³).

10.2 Conclusions relating to New Local Developments

There have been no new industrial installations or new commercial or fugitive source emissions within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area in 2019.

Newry City and Downpatrick have smoke control areas. All new developments within these areas are required to comply with the restrictions within the smoke control areas in relation to the use of authorised fuels.

10.3 Other Conclusions

Section 9 of this report provides an update on the current Air Quality Action Plan. It is important that the Council review this Action Plan and during 2021 work will commence on an Active Travel Masterplan which will lead to actions which will further improve air quality.

10.4 Proposed Actions

Newry Mourne and Down District Council will be submitting a Detailed assessment for the Market Street area in Downpatrick.

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Results within Newry city centre will be monitored during 2020 to ascertain the need for the current AQMA and Council will then proceed to Detailed Assessment.

11 References

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

Local Authority Air Quality Support website <http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/>

Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (TG16)

Appendices

Appendix A: Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) Data

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

The diffusion samples were analysed in accordance with SOCOTEC's standard operating procedure ANU/SOP/1015. This method meets the guidelines set out in DEFRA's 'Diffusion Tubes for Ambient NO₂ Monitoring: Practical Guidance.'

The tubes were prepared by spiking acetone:triethanolamine (50:50) onto grids prior to the tubes being assembled. The tubes are desorbed with distilled water and the extract analysed using a segmented flow autoanalyzer with ultraviolet detection. Please note:

- (i) As set out in the practical guidance, the results were initially calculated assuming an ambient temperature of 11°C, the reported values have been adjusted to 20°C to allow for direct comparison with EU limits.
- (ii) The reported results from the laboratory were not bias adjusted.

The National Bias Adjustment Factor for Socotec in 2019 was found to be 0.75 Cm/Dm. (see screenshot).

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Spreadsheet". The spreadsheet is used for adjusting PM10 data based on laboratory bias. It includes a table with the following columns: Analysed By, Method, Site, Local Authority, Length of Study (months), Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (ug/m), Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (ug/m), Bias (B), Tube Precision, and Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm). The table lists data for several sites, including Slocotec Didcot, Swanssea Council, Knowsley MBC, and North Lincolnshire Council. An overall factor of 0.78 is calculated for 42 studies.

Analysed By	Method	Site	Local Authority	Length of Study (months)	Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (ug/m)	Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (ug/m)	Bias (B)	Tube Precision	Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm)
2741	50% TEA in acetone	2019	R Swanssea Council	12	32	24	35.6%	G	0.74
2742	50% TEA in acetone	2019	UB Swanssea Council	12	17	13	31.0%	G	0.76
2743	50% TEA in acetone	2019	R Knowsley MBC	12	46	37	23.5%	G	0.81
2744	50% TEA in acetone	2019	UB North Lincolnshire Council	12	22	15	47.5%	G	0.68
3357	50% TEA in acetone	2019	Overall Factor (42 studies)					Use	0.78

PM Monitoring Adjustment

The data from the PM₁₀ monitor was subject to QA/QC inspection by Ricardo AEA for the 2019 monitoring period.

Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

No short-term to long term data adjustments were required.

QA/QC of automatic monitoring

During 2019 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council had a QA/QC contract with Ricardo AEA. AQDM acted as the Data Management contractor. QA/QC audits have been completed on the automatic monitoring equipment currently located within the Council area.

QA/QC of diffusion tube monitoring

SOCOTEC is assessed annually by UKAS to establish conformance of the Laboratory Quality Procedures. In the AIR PT intercomparison scheme for comparing spiked Nitrogen Dioxide diffusion tubes, SOCOTEC currently holds the highest rank of a Satisfactory laboratory.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council QA/QC procedure ensures that the diffusion tubes are handled and stored in accordance with SOCOTEC Diffusion Tube Instruction Manual for exposure and location.

Diffusion Tube Annualisation

All diffusion tube monitoring locations within Newry Mourne and Down District Council recorded data capture of 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data. In addition, any sites with a data capture below 25% do not require annualisation.

Diffusion tube distance correction.

No distance correction was required to be applied.

Appendix B: Monthly diffusion tube results 2019

site details	Measurement Period												Average	bias 0.75
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
82651-ALEXANDER HANNA Newry water st 6n	62.5	56.6	72.5	55.5	65.8	52.3	51.3	55.1	61.4	62.5	80.8	48.9	60.43	45.32
83610- Newry 11 monaghan row	18	14.2	13.2	15	13.5	11.7	9.9	9.5	14.8	18	25.3	14.3	14.78	11.09
84609- Newry 13n canal street	71	67.2	67.3	78.1	55.7	65.3	61	53.5	67.9	71	86.5	62.8	67.275	50.47
84610- Newry 14n lower canal street	49.8	42.1	38.2	56.8	48.2	45	36.6	32.5	41.4	49.8	67.2	38.1	45.475	34.11
84611- Newry 15n catherine street	52.5	58.4	43.5	50.6	46	43.4	38.1	35.7	43.9	52.5	58.4	50	47.75	35.81
84649- Newry 19n 59 sandy street	54.3	22.6	57.1	56.1	45.8	39.8	39.3	43	45.8	54.3	62.3	56.4	48.067	36.05
85064- Newry 23n 33 kilmorey street	59	59	67.7	41.5	56.6	53.5	49.9	55.5	55.9	59	71.9	59.3	57.4	43.05
85070- Newry 29n basin view terrace	44.7	41.3	41.3	43.6	43	41.2	34.3	35.2	15.9	44.7	56.3	40.5	40.167	30.13
85077- Newry 36n dominic/patrick st	45	45.2	47.6	42.8	42.1	37.3	n/a	30.7	45	45	59.6	40.3	43.69	32.77
87085- Market office	28	26.1	20.5	26.2	18.6	16.5	16.4	17.9	23.1	28	35.9	26.1	23.61	17.71
87088- 71 kilmorey street	77.1	65	71	92.4	82.8	67.3	62	55.7	69.7	77.1	93.7	54.1	72.325	54.24
87089- 4 bridge street 1	45.7	39.1	34.9	47.7	38.3	32.4	32.3	34.2	35.7	45.7	50.1	38.2	39.525	29.64
87241- A q station 1 canal street	60.6	40.1	46.1	68.3	63.2	54	42.3	34.2	51.4	60.6	70.5	34.6	52.158	39.12
87252- A q station 2 canal st	59.6	41.6	47.3	65.1	57.2	56.4	40.4	36.8	45.2	59.6	77.1	38.1	52.033	39.02
87253- A q station 3 canal st	56.7	50.8	45.9	71.2	61.1	56.4	38.3	29.5	50.9	56.7	76.5	44.9	53.242	39.93
87242-63 Canal St 63 canal street	58.1	39.6	43.3	64.8	56.1	48.4	41.2	31.5	45.9	58.1	77.9	38	50.242	37.68
87268- 14 canal street newry	36.6	44.7	31.1	44.9	n/a	35.5	30.9	27.3	37	36.6	50.8	31.6	37	27.75
87312- 2 mountain view drive	26.9	22.9	20.3	25.2	19.2	17.9	15.2	15	21.1	26.9	38.1	21.6	22.525	16.89
87313- Southern itec	33	31.1	26	28.1	25.8	24.3	20.3	20	25.5	33	43.2	27.3	28.133	21.1
87314- Abbey way	35.2	42.5	17.7	31.3	26.9	22	20.1	18.1	24.2	35.2	46.9	25	28.758	21.57
87315- Loretto park	21	19.4	17.9	16.3	18.7	13.1	11.1	12	16.4	21	31.1	17.4	17.95	13.46
87369- Newry armagh rd 11n	54.2	53.2	48.6	49.6	42.6	41.8	37	40.5	45.9	54.2	39.1	49.2	46.325	34.74
87370- Newry merchants quay n21	45.6	38.1	39.4	37.1	40.3	33.5	30.1	31.4	38.3	45.6	52.4	36.9	39.058	29.29
87371- Newry dublin rd 31n	48.6	40.3	47.8	51.9	45.7	45.2	39.1	42.5	43.5	48.6	54	43	45.85	34.39
87397-50M IRISH STREE Nb1s1	46.5	26.8	34	33.5	35.5	34.5	n/a	22.8	31.8	46.5	48.2	32.5	35.69	26.77
10 English Street	30.5	33.5	17.1	27.6	21.4	18.1	n/a	21.7	22.1	30.5	56.6	29	28.01	21.01
6 Church Street	63.1	42.3	54.6	39.4	50.6	45.1	43.8	47.9	49.3	63.1	69.6	58.8	52.3	39.23
13 Church Street	44.6	29.5	30.3	42.5	39.2	16.5	29.8	26.4	32.4	44.6	34.5	33.2	33.625	25.22
19 Market Street	50.8	26.6	48.9	39.9	41.9	38	34.5	37.1	39.5	50.8	61.2	48	43.1	32.33
40 Market Street	41.6	37.7	31	44.9	37.1	31.2	28.9	29.9	36.5	41.6	50.2	31.1	36.81	27.61
58 Irish Street	33.9	25.6	25.6	22.1	29.3	36.8	n/a	18.4	22.7	33.9	38.7	22.7	28.15	21.11

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Appendix C -Air Quality Action Plan

No.	Measure	Focus	Lead Authority	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Indicator	Target Annual Emission Reduction in the AQMA	Progress to Date	Progress in Last 12 Months	Estimated Completion Date
1	DBFO 2 - A1 Beech Hill – Cloghogue. Project	Reduce traffic entering city centre thereby reducing emissions	Road Service	2007 - 2010	2008 - 2010	Completion of road	Not known	New road open to traffic July 2010	Complete	Complete
2	Expanded Strategic Road Improvement Programme 2015 – Southern Relief Road	Reduce traffic entering city centre thereby reducing emissions	Road Service	2011 onwards	Not determined	DRD Road Service to identify preferred route for the Southern Relief Road by 2011. Estimated Cost of scheme £100 - 210 million (depending on preferred route - Newry Southern Relief Road Feasibility Study Report August 2009)	Not known	The Department announced the Preferred Route in October 2018. Subsequent will help finalise the design used for the technical Scheme Assessment Reports, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the draft Statutory Orders.	Ongoing	Not known
3	Review signage displayed under Traffic Weight Restriction (Newry) Order (NI) 1992 and to raise awareness of TRO among motorists	Enforce provisions of TRO in Canal Street thereby reducing emissions from HGV's using this street	PSNI	Ongoing	Ongoing	Compliance with TRO	Not known	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
4	Proposed improvements to walking facilities in Newry City, as detailed in the SRTP Technical Supplement for Newry, by 2015.	Improve walking facilities thereby encourage walking as an alternative mode of transport to private car	Road Service	2002 - 2015	2007 - 2015	Improved walking facilities	Not known	Provision of new footpaths in Newry City Centre (Hill St, Monaghan St, Merchant Quay) as part of ongoing Public Realm Schemes.	Complete	Complete

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No.	Measure	Focus	Lead Authority	Planning Phase	Implementation Phase	Indicator	Target Annual Emission Reduction in the AQMA	Progress to Date	Progress in Last 12 Months	Estimated Completion Date
5	Proposed improvements to cycling facilities in Newry City, as detailed in the SRTP Technical Supplement for Newry, by 2015.	Improve cycling facilities thereby encourage cycling as an alternative mode of transport to private car	Road Service	2002 - 2015	2007 - 2015	Improved cycling facilities	Not known	Provision of cycle paths and cycle stands along Merchants Quay. Introduction of approximately 15 new cycle stands across Newry city centre.	Not known	Ongoing
6	Park and Share Facilities to be provided at Beech Hill and Cloghogue of A1	Encourage car sharing thereby reducing number of single occupancy vehicles using city	Road Service	2002 - 2015	2007 - 2015	Establishing park and share facilities	Not known	As part of DBFO 2 - A1 Beech Hill - Cloghogue. Project Park and Share facilities established at Sheepbridge and Cloghogue (25 spaces each)	Complete	Complete
7	Replace Ulsterbus Newry Fleet with new less polluting vehicles in accordance with Translink Environmental Statement	Reduce emissions from public transport in the AQMA	Translink	2007 - 2013	2007 - 2013	To achieve an average road fleet age of 8 years and a retirement age of 12 years for coaches and 18 years for buses by 2013.	Not known	As of Feb 2014, average road fleet age of 5.87 years and oldest vehicle in use is 12.74 years.	Ongoing	Ongoing

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8	Improved bus stops and customer information	Encourage greater use of public transport against use of private vehicles thereby reducing emissions from private vehicles	Translink	2002 - 2015	2007 - 2015	Improvement to existing bus stops and increase to number of bus stops	Not known	From 07/08 to 08/09 there was a 10% increase in passenger numbers using Ulster bus, 08/09 to 09/10 saw a further 7% increase however, from 09/10 to 10/11 there has been an 8% reduction in passenger numbers.	Ongoing	Ongoing
9	Provision of network of natural gas in Newry City	Providing natural gas as an alternative fuel over other fuels such as oil and coal which have higher emission rates of NO2	Firmus	Ongoing	Ongoing	Increased uptake of natural gas customers in Newry City	Not known	There are 2837 domestic properties converted to Firmus Energy Gas Network across the Newry area.	Ongoing	Ongoing
10	NIHE Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme	Improve energy efficiency of NIHE homes in AQMA thereby reducing energy consumption & emissions	NIHE	2018- 2021	NIHE's 2018/21 Energy Efficiency Programme includes 16 schemes at a cost of £8.9m.	Increased number of housing stock with improved energy efficiency and cleaner heating systems	Not known	Of the NIHE properties within Newry City 265 properties have gas-heating system and 737 have oil-heating system.	Ongoing	Ongoing
11	Extension of Council ISO 14001 management system	Reduce the impact of Council services on the environment, including air quality. The Council, by leading by example, will encourage other businesses within the Council area to implement their own environmental management system	Council	2004 - 2011	2004 - 2011	Maintenance of ISO 14001 accreditation.	Not known	The council has not maintained the accreditation	No progress in the last 12 months.	No progress in the last 12 months.

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12	Establish a Workplace Travel Plan for NMDC	Reduce emissions from Council travel	Council	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2015	Achievement of targets set within Council Travel plan	Not known	Council purchased its first electric vehicle for use by an Enforcement Officer and installed an electric charging point at the Monaghan Row site. Further replacement of council fleet with less polluting vehicles, increased number of employees part of Cycle scheme	Active Travel Plan nearing completion	The council continue to use an electric vehicle for enforcement officer. The council have launched a new Cycle 2 Work Scheme and are encouraging employees to take part in the scheme. Active Travel plan expected in 2021.