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Executive Summary

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 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. This Updating and Screening Assessment is a requirement of the Fifth Round of Review and Assessment and is a requirement for all local authorities. The report has been undertaken in accordance with the Technical Guidance LAQM.TG (09) and associated tools (as updated in 2010).

This Updating and Screening Assessment considers all new monitoring data and assesses the data against the Air Quality Strategy objectives. It also considers any changes that may have an impact on air quality.

Hertsmere Borough Council have carried out all past rounds of Review and Assessment. They have declared six Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) in their Borough and amendments to these along with other recommendations were discussed in the 2010 Detailed Assessment.

Recommended actions related to the findings of monitoring data collected in 2011 are presented below:

- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM039 on Shenley Road,
 Borehamwood;
- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM099, HM100, HM101 and HM117, HM118, HM119 on Bushey High Street;
- Relocate the monitoring at Hartspring Lane to a location of relevant exposure;
- Carry out the actions proposed in the 2010 Detailed Assessment
 - Extend AQMA6, High Street/Potters Bar Bus Garage;
 - Extend AQMA5, Elstree Crossroads;
 - Extend AQMA4, Hartspring Lane, Bushey;
 - Declare a new AQMA in Radlett.
- Declare an AQMA at The Broadway, Potters Bar.

Recommended actions related to the assessment of sources within the Borough are summarised below:

- Shenley Road, Borehamwood has been identified as a narrow and congested street requiring a Detailed Assessment. This will be carried out in relation to the Detailed Assessment around HM039 as mentioned above.
- Two new busy junctions have been identified close to the area recommended to be declared as an AQMA in Radlett. These should be included in the Further Assessment of the area to determine the full extent of the AQMA.
- Monitoring should be carried out at the junction of Allum Lane and Elstree Hill North as DMRB predictions highlighted a potential area of exceedence of the annual mean NO₂ objective. If monitoring at the façade highlights exceedences of the AQS objectives, a Detailed Assessment should be carried out.
- The biomass boiler in Borehamwood should be assessed in the next round of review and assessment when more details are known.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of Local Authority Area

The area of Hertsmere Borough Council is in the south of Hertfordshire and combines attractive countryside with thriving towns and villages. The London Borough of Barnet, The London Borough of Harrow, The London Borough of Enfield, St Albans City and District Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Watford Borough Council and Three Rivers District Council border it. Hertsmere covers an area of 39 square miles; the 100,000 people who live in Hertsmere are concentrated in the Borough's four main towns of Borehamwood, Bushey, Potters Bar and Radlett. Hertsmere boasts expansive beautiful green belt countryside dotted with attractive villages and wide tracts of unspoilt agricultural landscape.

At present Hertsmere Borough Council has six declared Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs); four of which are motorway related and two of which are related to local traffic. The M1, M25 and A1(M) surround Hertsmere, as a result most of Hertsmere's poor air quality is related to traffic emissions.

1.2 Purpose of Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy (AQS) 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 exceedences are considered likely, the local authority must then declare an AQMA and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

The objective of this Updating and Screening Assessment (USA) is to identify any matters that have changed which may lead to risk of an air quality objective being exceeded. A checklist approach and screening tools are used to identify significant new sources or changes and whether there is a need for a Detailed Assessment

(DA). The USA report should provide an update of any outstanding information requested previously in Review and Assessment reports.

1.3 Air Quality Objectives

The air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in England are set out in the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 (SI 928), The Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (SI 3043), and are shown in Table 1. This table shows the objectives in units of microgrammes per cubic metre $\mu g/m^3$ (milligrammes per cubic metre, mg/m^3 for carbon monoxide) with the number of exceedences in each year that are permitted (where applicable).

Table 1- Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the Purpose of LAQM in England

| | Air Quality | Objective | Date to be |
|--|---|------------------------|-------------|
| Pollutant | Concentration | Measured as | achieved by |
| Benzene | 16.25 <i>µ</i> g/m³ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2003 |
| Delizerie | 5.00 <i>µ</i> g/m ³ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2010 |
| 1,3-Butadiene | 2.25 <i>µ</i> g/m ³ | Running annual mean | 31.12.2003 |
| Carbon monoxide | 10.0 mg/m ³ | Running 8-hour mean | 31.12.2003 |
| Land | 0.5 <i>μ</i> g/m ³ | Annual mean | 31.12.2004 |
| Lead | 0.25 <i>µ</i> g/m ³ | Annual mean | 31.12.2008 |
| Nitrogen dioxide | 200 µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year | 1-hour mean | 31.12.2005 |
| | 40 <i>µ</i> g/m ³ | Annual mean | 31.12.2005 |
| Particles (PM ₁₀) (gravimetric) | 50 μg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 24-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 40 <i>µ</i> g/m ³ | Annual mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 350 µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year | 1-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| Sulphur dioxide | 125 µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year | 24-hour mean | 31.12.2004 |
| | 266 µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year | 15-minute mean | 31.12.2005 |

1.4 Summary of Previous Review and Assessments

Hertsmere Borough Council has completed all rounds of the review and assessment procedure and has now entered the fifth round of reports.

Table 2 - Previous Reports

| Year | Round | Report | Outcome |
|------|-------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 2006 | 3 | Updating and Screening Assessment | No further actions |
| 2007 | 3 | Detailed Assessment | AQMA to be declared at The Broadway, Potters Bar for NO ₂ . This was picked up from a previous report. |
| 2008 | 3 | Progress Report | Joint 2007 and 2008. Catch up on late reports. |
| 2009 | 4 | Updating and Screening Assessment | Recommended that Detailed Assessment for NO ₂ be carried out to determine extension of Elstree Crossroads and Hartspring Lane AQMA's. Also Detailed Assessment at High Street/Southgate Road, Potters Bar; Watling Street/Aldenham Road, Radlett and Watling Street/Park Road, Radlett. |
| 2009 | 4 | Revised Action Plan | Some points concluded, some dropped. |
| 2010 | 4 | Detailed Assessment | Report carried out. |
| 2010 | 4 | 2009 Progress Report | Completed – conclusions below |
| 2011 | 4 | 2010 Progress Report | Completed – conclusions below |

The first report in the fourth round was the Council's Updating and Screening Assessment of May 2009; it concluded that exceedences of annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) continue to occur in the Hertsmere's six AQMA's (Figure's 1 to 6) and in the emerging AQMA at The Broadway, Potters Bar. Actions arising from the 2009 USA were implemented during 2009 and are discussed in the 2010 Progress Report.

The 2010 Detailed Assessment conclusions and recommendations were:

The AQMA at High Street/Potters Bar Bus Garage should be amended as exceedences of the annual mean NO₂ objective are only being found adjacent to the existing AQMA and not within in. Further monitoring is needed at 169-183 High Street, Potters Bar. It was also recommended that investigation was

- undertaken to find out whether there were any relevant receptors at the Hall and Police Station near the High Street/Hatfield Road Junction.
- Monitoring at the High Street/Southgate Road junction, Potters Bar should be continued:
- The AQMA at Elstree Crossroads should be expanded as the modelling predicted widespread exceedances of the annual mean NO₂ objective outside the AQMA. Monitoring at 1-3 Elstree Hill North should be undertaken to assess compliance with annual mean objective;
- An AQMA should be declared at Watling Street/Park Road junction, Radlett and along Watling Street towards the Aldenham Road junction because of the exceedences predicted.
- The AQMA related to the M1 at Hartspring Lane, Bushey should be expanded as the modelling predicted exceedances of the annual mean NO₂ objective.

The 2010 Progress Report then generated the following actions;

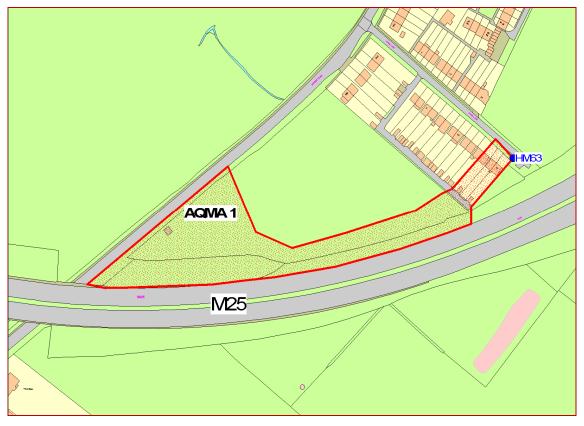
- Continue additional monitoring of NO₂ at relevant receptor locations at High Street Bushey and Watling Street/Aldenham Road junction, Radlett; and
- Implement the conclusions of the 2010 Detailed Assessment as discussed above.

The outcomes of the Progress Report 2011 were:

- Twenty-two sites exceeded the annual mean NO₂ objective in 2010. Six were within current AQMAs, 2 were at The Broadway, Potters Bar, as identified in the 2007 Detailed Assessment. The majority of remaining sites were in the area covered in the 2010 Detailed Assessment.
- The final exceedance sites were on Bushey High Street and Shenley Road, Borehamwood. The Bushey High Street site does not have any relevant exposure. The Shenley Road site does have relevant exposure and will be considered in this report to determine the need for Detailed Assessment.
- It will be necessary to review the need to declare an AQMA at the Broadway,
 Potters Bar following the recommendations of the 2007 Detailed Assessment.
- The actions from the 2010 Detailed Assessment should be carried out. This
 includes changes to the AQMA6 at High Street/Potters Bar Bus Garage,
 AQMA5 at Elstree Crossroads and AQMA4 at Hartspring Lane, Bushey. The

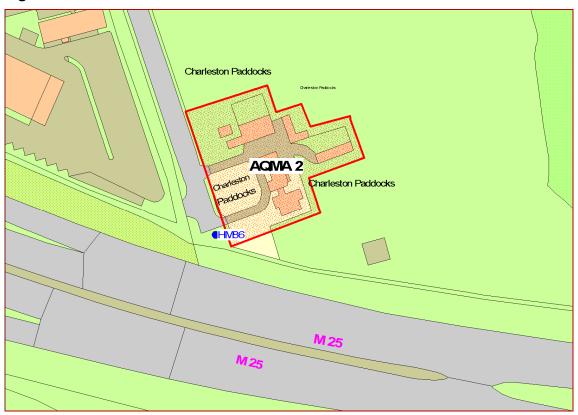
recommendations also include declaring a new AQMA on Watling Street, Radlett between the Park Road and Aldenham Road junctions.





An area comprising the domestic properties 23-27 Dove Lane and the caravan site off the A1000 Barnet Road, near the M25.

Figure 2 - Hertsmere AQMA 2



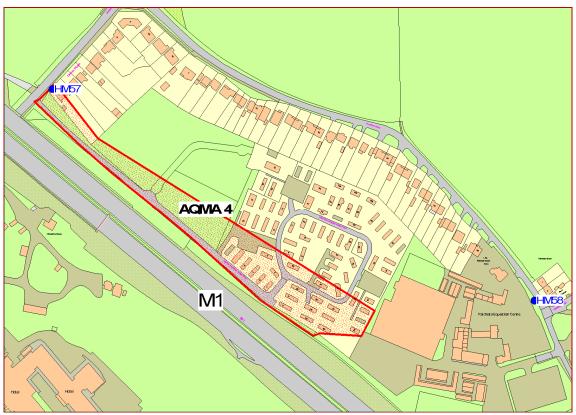
An area comprising the domestic property known as Charleston Paddocks, St Albans Road, South Mimms, Potters Bar, near the M25.

Figure 3 - Hertsmere AQMA 3



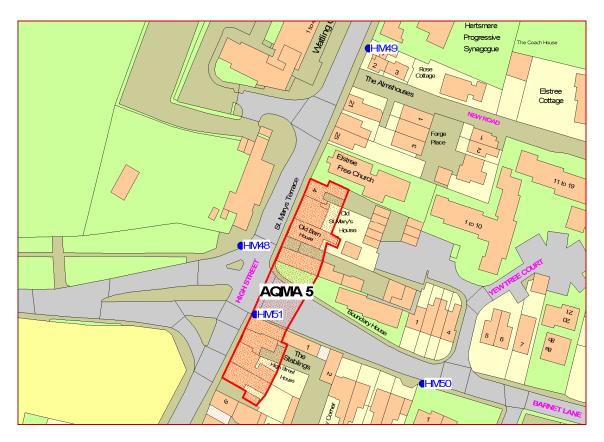
An area comprising properties 31 – 39 Blanche Lane South Mimms near the M25.

Figure 4 - Hertsmere AQMA 4



An area comprising the domestic properties 12 Grove Place, Hartspring Lane, Aldenham and caravans numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 60 within Winfield Caravan site, Hartspring Lane, near the M1 at Bushey.

Figure 5 - Hertsmere AQMA 5



An area comprising domestic dwellings within eight properties on the east side of the A5183 High Street, Elstree either side of the junction with the A411 Barnet Lane.

Figure 6 - Hertsmere AQMA 6



An area comprising domestic dwellings within properties between numbers 133 to 167 High Street on the east side of the High Street opposite the bus garage Potters Bar.

2 New Monitoring Data

2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

During 2011 Hertsmere Borough Council had one urban background continuous monitor located in Hertswood Upper School, Thrift Farm Lane, Borehamwood. There has been continuous monitoring of nitrogen dioxide, PM₁₀ and ozone concentrations at the Hertswood site since 2006. Previously, from 2001, the continuous monitoring station was based at Furzehill School, Furzehill Road, Borehamwood. A NOx chemiluminescent analyser and a TEOM PM₁₀ monitor were used.

The site was closed in March 2011 due to budget constraints.

Prior to the closure Hertsmere Borough Council carried out fortnightly routine calibrations, the results were sent to King's College, London. A six monthly audit was carried out by the National Physics Laboratories. The station was included in the Herts and Beds Air Pollution Monitoring Network, which is operated by Air Quality Data Management. All data are checked and ratified by the operator prior to release. Hertsmere Borough Council had the station serviced by contractors Supporting U.

Figure 7 - Location of Borehamwood Continuous Monitoring Station

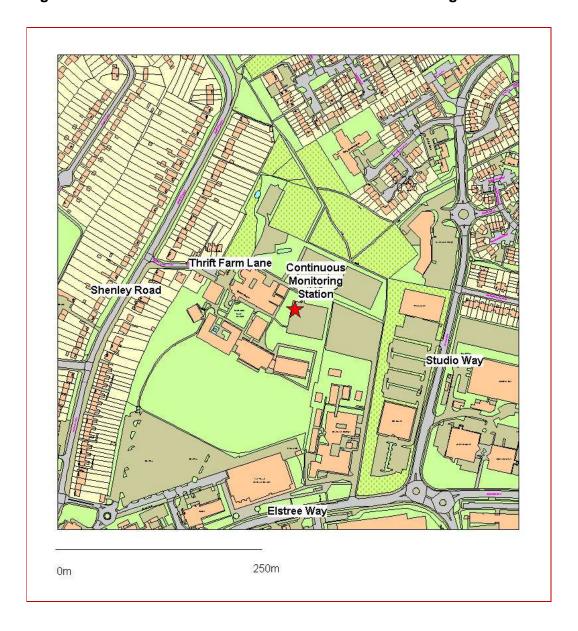


Table 3 - Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

| Site Name | Site Type | X OS GridRef | Y OS Grid Ref | Pollutants Monitored | In AQMA? | Monitoring Technique | Relevant Exposure? | Distance to kerb of nearest road | Does this location represent worst-case exposure? |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Hertswood School, Borehamwood | Urban background | 520147 | 197357 | PM ₁₀ NOx, NO ₂ Ozone | N | TEOM, chemiluminescent | Y – 0m | N/A | N |

2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

During 2011, Hertsmere Borough Council undertook passive monitoring for NO_2 across the Borough using 66 diffusion tubes. There are three duplicate sites and twelve triplicate sites across the Borough.

Diffusion tubes at three locations in the Borough have been closed in 2011. These are:

- HM051 Elstree Crossroads 4 removed duplicate tube;
- HM046 and HM047 AQMS closed so co-located triplicate tubes no longer needed; and
- HM077 and HM078 The Broadway, Potters Bar 2

Results from these tubes have been annualised and reported in the results sections.

The diffusion tubes are supplied and analysed by Gradko utilising 20% Triethanolamine (TEA) in water preparation method. Gradko participate in the Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP) for NO₂ diffusion tube analysis and the Annual Field Inter-Comparison Exercise. The lab follows the procedures set out by the Harmonisation Practical Guidance.

Hertsmere, prior to the closure of Borehamwood continuous monitor had a colocation study in place. Due to the closure of the automatic monitoring site the local bias adjustment factor for 2011 cannot be calculated. Therefore the bias adjustment factor for 2011 has been taken from the LAQM national bias adjustment spreadsheet¹ for this laboratory and methodology. This was calculated as 0.89 (update March 2012) based on 26 studies.

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¹ http://lagm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/bias-adjustment.html

Figure 8 - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

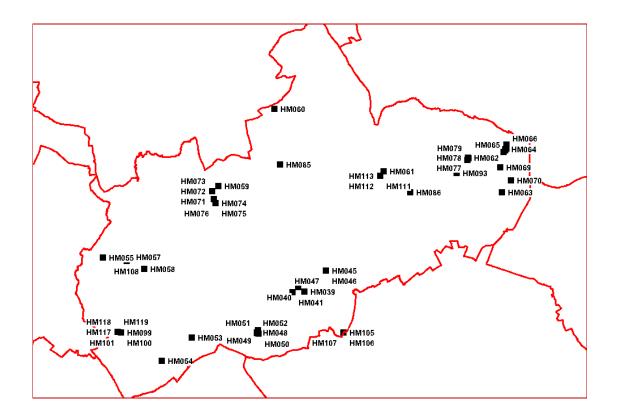


Table 4 - Details of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

| Site Code | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | 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? |
|-----------|--|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| HM039 | Shenley Road | K | 519406 | 196645 | NO_2 | N | Y - 9.7m | <1m | Υ |
| HM040 | Essex Road, Borehamwood | К | 519200 | 196800 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | Υ |
| HM041 | Boulevard, Borehamwood | K | 519021 | 196619 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM045 | AQMS 1 | В | 520147 | 197357 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 17.7m | N/A | N |
| HM046 | AQMS 2 | В | 520147 | 197357 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 17.7m | N/A | N |
| HM047 | AQMS 3 | В | 520147 | 197357 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 17.7m | N/A | N |
| HM048 | Elstree Crossroads 1 | K | 517798 | 195272 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | Υ |
| HM049 | Elstree Crossroads 2 | K | 517843 | 195338 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 4.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM050 | Elstree Crossroads 3 | K | 517862 | 195226 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.5m | <1m | Y |
| HM051 | Elstree Crossroads 4 | K | 517803 | 195249 | NO ₂ | Υ | Y - 0.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM052 | Elstree Crossroads 5 | K | 517803 | 195249 | NO ₂ | Υ | Y - 0.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM053 | Caldecote Lane, Bushey Heath | В | 515600 | 195100 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 2.9m | N/A | Y |
| HM054 | High Road, Bushey | К | 514600 | 194300 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 15.9m | <1m | Y |
| HM055 | Highwood Avenue, Bushey Garages | В | 512600 | 197800 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 36.7m | N/A | N |
| HM057 | Hartspring Lane, Bushey | K | 513516 | 197818 | NO ₂ | Y | Y - 10.0m | <1m | Y |

| Site Code | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | 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? |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| HM058 | Pegmire Lane, Aldenham | К | 514000 | 197400 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | Y |
| HM059 | Aldenham Grove, Radlett | K | 516500 | 200200 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 8.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM060 | Bell Lane, London Colney | K | 518400 | 202800 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM061 | Blanche Lane, South Mimms | K | 522100 | 200700 | NO ₂ | Y | Y - 32.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM062 | The Broadway Potters Bar 1 | K | 524945 | 201163 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 7.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM063 | Dove Lane, Potters Bar | K | 526100 | 200000 | NO ₂ | Y | Y - 12.9m | <1m | Y |
| HM064 | Bus Garage 1, Potters Bar | K | 526207 | 201452 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | Y |
| HM065 | Hatfield Road, Potters Bar | K | 526252 | 201597 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 5.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM066 | Bus Garage 2, Potters Bar | K | 526245 | 201458 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 8.4m | <1m | Y |
| HM067 | Bus Garage 3, Potters Bar | K | 526211 | 201400 | NO ₂ | Y | Y - 0.5m | <1m | Y |
| HM068 | Bus Garage 4, Potters Bar | K | 526211 | 201400 | NO ₂ | Y | Y - 0.5m | <1m | Y |
| HM069 | Southgate Road, Potters Bar | K | 526033 | 200838 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 14.0m | <1m | Y |
| HM070 | Park Avenue, Potters Bar | К | 526400 | 200400 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 7.8m | <1m | Y |
| HM071 | Park Road 1, Radlett | R | 516295 | 200035 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 4.0m | 1m | Y |
| HM072 | Park Road 2, Radlett | R | 516295 | 200035 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 4.0m | 1m | Y |
| HM073 | Park Road 3, | R | 516295 | 200035 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 4.0m | 1m | Y |

| Site Code | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | 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? |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| | Radlett | | | | | | | | |
| HM074 | 301 Watling Street 1, Radlett | R | 516406 | 199621 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 10.8m | 3m | N |
| HM075 | 301 Watling Street 2, Radlett | R | 516406 | 199621 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 10.8m | 3m | N |
| HM076 | 301 Watling Street 3, Radlett | R | 516406 | 199621 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 10.8m | 3m | N |
| HM077 | The Broadway Potters Bar 2 | К | 524945 | 201163 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 7.0m | <1m | Υ |
| HM078 | The Broadway Potters Bar 3 | К | 524945 | 201163 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 7.0m | <1m | Υ |
| HM079 | 11 The Broadway Potters Bar 1 | R | 524973 | 201140 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.0m | 4m | N |
| HM080 | 11 The Broadway Potters Bar 2 | R | 524973 | 201140 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.0m | 4m | N |
| HM081 | 11 The Broadway Potters Bar 3 | R | 524973 | 201140 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 6.0m | 4m | N |
| HM082 | 10 Baker Street Potters Bar 1 | R | 524922 | 201079 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.8m | 2.8m | N |
| HM083 | 10 Baker Street Potters Bar 2 | R | 524922 | 201079 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.8m | 2.8m | N |
| HM084 | 10 Baker Street Potters Bar 3 | R | 524922 | 201079 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.8m | 2.8m | N |

| Site Code | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | 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? |
|-----------|--|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| HM085 | Andrew Close, Shenley | В | 518595 | 200936 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 4.1m | N/A | N |
| HM086 | Charleston Paddocks, South Mimms | M/way | 522997 | 199991 | NO ₂ | Υ | N | 48.2m | N |
| HM093 | 103 Baker Street, Potters Bar | R | 524557 | 200638 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 15.7m | 4m | N |
| HM099 | High Street 1, Bushey | K | 513210 | 195257 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM100 | High Street 2, Bushey | K | 513210 | 195257 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM101 | High Street 3, Bushey | K | 513210 | 195257 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM102 | Aldenham Road 1, Radlett | К | 516350 | 199762 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.00m | <1m | N |
| HM103 | Aldenham Road 2, Radlett | К | 516350 | 199762 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.00m | <1m | N |
| HM104 | Aldenham Road 3, Radlett | К | 516350 | 199762 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 9.00m | <1m | N |
| HM105 | Elstree Park 1 | R | 520738 | 195272 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 25.5m | N/A | N |
| HM106 | Elstree Park 2 | R | 520738 | 195272 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 25.5m | N/A | N |
| HM107 | Elstree Park 3 | R | 520738 | 195272 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 25.5m | N/A | N |
| HM108 | Hartspring Lane 1, Bushey | К | 513397 | 197677 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM109 | Hartspring Lane 2, Bushey | K | 513397 | 197677 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |

| Site Code | Site Name | Site Type | X OS Grid Ref | Y OS Grid Ref | 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? |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|--|---|
| | Hartspring Lane 3, | | | | NO ₂ | N | | | |
| HM110 | Bushey | K | 513397 | 197677 | 1102 | | N | <1m | N |
| HM111 | 9 Blanche Lane 1, South Mimms | К | 521987 | 200555 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM112 | 9 Blanche Lane 2, South Mimms | K | 521987 | 200555 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM113 | 9 Blanche Lane 3, South Mimms | К | 521987 | 200555 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM114 | Parkside 1, Potters Bar | R | 526161 | 201358 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 21.3m | 4m | N |
| HM115 | Parkside 2, Potters Bar | R | 526161 | 201358 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 21.3m | 4m | N |
| HM116 | Parkside 3, Potters Bar | R | 526161 | 201358 | NO ₂ | N | Y - 21.3m | 4m | N |
| HM117 | 44 High Street 1, Bushey | К | 513098 | 195287 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM118 | 44 High Street 2, Bushey | K | 513098 | 195287 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |
| HM119 | 44 High Street 3, Bushey | К | 513098 | 195287 | NO ₂ | N | N | <1m | N |

2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with Air Quality Objectives

2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide

Automatic Monitoring Data

The automatic monitoring station located at Hertswood School, Borehamwood was closed during March 2011 due to budget cuts. The 2011 results have been annualised for the period in operation as shown in Table 5. The results have risen slightly since 2010, however with such a short period of monitoring the result should be viewed with caution. The annual mean was still below the objective level and no exceedences of the hourly mean (200µg/m³) were recorded in 2011.

Trend analysis is not included as the site of the monitoring station changed location in 2006 from Furzehill School, Furzehill Road to the location at Hertswood School, Thrift Lane, Borehamwood. The past four years have shown a fairly consistent level of results around 25µg/m³.

Table 5 - Results of Automatic Monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

| | | | | Valid Data Capture for | Valid Data | Annual Mean Concentration μg/m³ (% data capture for the year) | | | |
|---------|---|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Site ID | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | period of monitoring % | Capture 2011 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| HM4 | Hertswood School, Borehamw ood | Urban Backgroun d | N | 99 | 25 | 25 (84) | 27 (98) | 25 (97) | 29 (25) |

Table 6 - Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with 1-hour mean Objective

| | | | | Valid Data Capture for | Valid Data | Number of Exceedences of Hourly Mean (200 μg/m³) | | | |
|---------|---|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|------|------|------|
| Site ID | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | period of monitoring % | Capture 2011 % | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| HM4 | Hertswood School, Borehamw ood | Urban Backgroun d | N | 99 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data

Monitoring across the Borough identified exceedences of the annual mean objective for NO_2 at seventeen locations during 2011. This is a reduction of five locations from 2010 results. Results from 2008 – 2011 are shown in Table 8.

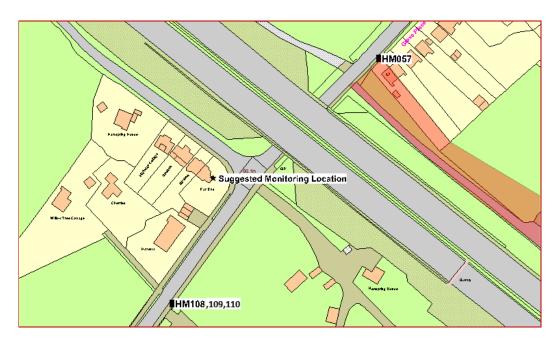
Diffusion tube monitoring in the Borough during 2011 identified thirteen locations outside of current AQMAs where the Air Quality Objectives for annual mean NO₂ were being exceeded. Three of these sites were not at sites of relevant exposure these were located at the Bus Garage, Potters Bar (HM064), Hartspring Lane (HM108,109,110) and Bushey High Street (HM099,100,101).

The site at the Bus Garage (HM064) will not need a Detailed Assessment to be carried out at this time due to lack of relevant exposure. However the conclusions of the 2010 Detailed Assessment are yet to be implemented which would increase the AQMA in this area. Those conclusions should be implemented in the area around the High Street/ Potters Bar Bus Garage.

The site at Hartspring Lane (HM108,109,110) does not need a Detailed Assessment as the tube is not at a site of relevant exposure. Also, the area was investigated in the 2010 Detailed Assessment. The recommendation of the 2010 DA to expand AQMA 4 is yet to be implemented. The Council should also consider moving this monitoring site to a point of relevant exposure closer to the M1 such as Far End House shown in Figure 9.

One site at Bushey High Street (HM099,100,101) is not a site of relevant exposure. However, as monitored levels are very close to the annual mean objective level of $40\mu g/m^3$ at the nearby monitoring point (HM117,118,119) and there are relevant receptors along this road, it is recommended that a Detailed Assessment is carried out for this area to confirm if an AQMA is required. Similarly, as an exceedence of the annual mean objective was recorded at HM039 on Shenley Road, it is recommended that a Detailed Assessment of this area is carried out.





The majority of the remaining ten sites which were exceeding outside of the AQMAs are in the areas assessed by the 2007 and 2010 Detailed Assessments.

The monitoring at Elstree Crossroads (HM049, HM050, HM051, HM052) confirms the need to extend AQMA 5 as recommended in the 2010 Detailed Assessment.

Monitoring at High Street, Potters Bar (HM065) and Southgate Road/High Street Junction (HM069) confirms the need to extend AQMA 6 as recommended in the 2010 Detailed Assessment.

The 2011 Progress Report included a conclusion to review the necessity to declare and AQMA at The Broadway, Potters Bar following the recommendations in the 2007 Detailed Assessment. Based on the 2011 monitoring results it is recommended that an AQMA is declared as all the results in the area have been consistently high and within 10% of the annual mean objective for the past four years.

The 2010 Detailed Assessment recommended that an AQMA be declared on Watling Street in Radlett between the junctions with Park Road and Aldenham Road. Based on the monitoring in 2011, it is recommended that this AQMA should be declared due to the continued high levels of NO₂ in the area.

The sites in the Borough which are within 10% of the annual mean objective have also been investigated. All are either already in an AQMA or are in areas which have been modelled in the 2010 Detailed Assessment.

Analysis of UK continuous NO_2 monitoring data has shown that it is unlikely that the hourly mean NO_2 objective, of 18 hourly means over $200\mu g/m^3$, would be exceeded where the annual mean objective is below $60\mu g/m^3$. The highest value monitored in the Borough was $55.2\mu g/m^3$ therefore, the NO_2 hourly mean AQS objective is expected to be met at all relevant locations.

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² Analysis of the relationship between annual mean nitrogen dioxide concentration and exceedences of the 1-hour mean AQS Objective – AEA - 2008

Table 7 - Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes in 2011

| Site code | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Triplicate or Collocated | Data capture 2011 (months) | Data with less than 9 months has been annualised | Annual mean concentration (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| HM039 | Shenley Road | K | N | NA | 12 | Υ | 47.3 |
| HM040 | Essex Road, Borehamwood | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 25.1 |
| HM041 | Boulevard, Borehamwood | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 33.4 |
| HM045,046,047 | AQMS 1,2,3 | В | N | Triplicate & collocated | 6 | Y | 23.6 |
| HM048 | Elstree Crossroads 1 | К | N | NA | 11 | Y | 39.9 |
| HM049 | Elstree Crossroads 2 | К | N | NA | 12 | Υ | 52.2 |
| HM050 | Elstree Crossroads 3 | K | N | NA | 12 | Y | 52.3 |
| HM051,052 | Elstree Crossroads 4,5 | К | N | Duplicate | 6,12 | Y | 45.1 |

| Site code | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Triplicate or Collocated | Data capture 2011 (months) | Data with less than 9 months has been annualised | Annual mean concentration (bias factor = 0.89) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| HM053 | Caldecote Lane, Bushey Heath | В | N | NA | 12 | Y | 20.7 |
| HM054 | High Road, Bushey | K | N | NA | 12 | Υ | 28.0 |
| HM055 | Highwood Avenue, Bushey Garages | В | N | NA | 12 | Y | 20.9 |
| HM057 | Hartspring Lane, Bushey | К | Y | NA | 12 | Y | 43.6 |
| HM058 | Pegmire Lane, Aldenham | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 30.6 |
| HM059 | Aldenham Grove, Radlett | K | N | NA | 12 | Y | 19.4 |
| HM060 | Bell Lane, London Colney | K | N | NA | 10 | Y | 31.5 |
| HM061 | Blanche Lane, South Mimms | К | Y | NA | 12 | Y | 46.9 |

| Site code | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Triplicate or Collocated | Data capture 2011 (months) | Data with less than 9 months has been annualised | Annual mean concentration (bias factor = 0.89) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| HM063 | Dove Lane, Potters Bar | К | Y | NA | 12 | Υ | 43.2 |
| HM064 | Bus Garage 1, Potters Bar | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 51.7 |
| HM065 | Hatfield Road, Potters Bar | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 49.9 |
| HM066 | Bus Garage 2, Potters Bar | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 41.4 |
| HM067,068 | Bus Garage 3,4, Potters Bar | К | N | Duplicate | 12 | Y | 39.4 |
| HM069 | Southgate Road, Potters Bar | К | N | NA | 12 | Y | 54.7 |
| HM070 | Park Avenue, Potters Bar | К | N | NA | 11 | Y | 37.2 |

| Site code | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Triplicate or Collocated | Data capture 2011 (months) | Data with less than 9 months has been annualised | Annual mean concentration (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| HM071,072,073 | Park Road 1,2,3, Radlett | R | N | Triplicate | 11 | Y | 44.6 |
| HM074,075,076 | 301 Watling Street 1,2,3, Radlett | R | N | Triplicate | 11,10,11 | Y | 34.7 |
| HM062,077,078 | The Broadway 2,3, Potters Bar | К | N | Triplicate | 12,6,6 | Y | 43.6 |
| HM079,080,081 | 11 The Broadway 1,2,3, Potters Bar | R | N | Triplicate | 12 | Y | 33.4 |
| HM082,083,084 | 10 Baker Street 1,2,3, Potters Bar | R | N | Triplicate | 12,12,11 | Y | 37.5 |
| HM085 | Andrew Close, Shenley | В | N | NA | 11 | Y | 24.0 |
| HM086 | Charleston Paddocks, South Mimms | M/way | Y | NA | 11 | Y | 55.2 |

| Site code | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Triplicate or Collocated | Data capture 2011 (months) | Data with less than 9 months has been annualised | Annual mean concentration (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| HM093 | 103 Baker Street, Potters Bar | R | N | NA | 12 | Y | 31.6 |
| HM099,100,101 | High Street 1,2,3, Bushey | K | N | Triplicate | 12,12,11 | Y | 45.8 |
| HM102,103,104 | Aldenham Road 1,2,3, Radlett | K | N | Triplicate | 4,4,1 | Y | 40.5 |
| HM105,106,107 | Elstree Park, 1,2,3, Borehamwood | R | N | Triplicate | 12 | Υ | 30.4 |
| HM108,109,110 | Hartspring Lane 1,2,3, Bushey | К | N | Triplicate | 12 | Υ | 40.2 |
| HM111,112,113 | 9 Blanche Lane 1,2,3, South Mimms | K | N | Triplicate | 12 | Y | 28.8 |
| HM114,115,116 | Parkside 1,2,3, Potters Bar | R | N | Triplicate | 12,10,11 | Υ | 37.1 |
| HM117,118,119 | 44 High Street 1,2,3, Bushey | К | N | Triplicate | 12,11,11 | Υ | 39.9 |

Table 8 - Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (2008 to 2011)

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| HM039 | Shenley Road | 52 | 52 | 57 | 47.3 |
| HM040 | Essex Road, Borehamwood | 29 | 29 | 28 | 25.1 |
| HM041 | Boulevard, Borehamwood | 38 | 36 | 36 | 33.4 |
| HM045,046,047 | AQMS 1,2,3 | 28 | 27 | 26/26/26 | 23.6 |
| HM048 | Elstree Crossroads 1 | 41 | 39 | 45 | 39.9 |
| HM049 | Elstree Crossroads 2 | 45 | 42 | 48 | 52.2 |
| HM050 | Elstree Crossroads 3 | 56 | 53 | 55 | 52.3 |
| HM051,052 | Elstree Crossroads 4,5 | 58 | 56/55 | 57/55 | 45.1 |

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|-----------|--|---|---|--|---|
| HM053 | Caldecote Lane, Bushey Heath | 24 | 24 | 25 | 20.7 |
| HM054 | High Road, Bushey | 33 | 31 | 32 | 28.0 |
| HM055 | Highwood Avenue, Bushey Garages | 24 | 24 | 26 | 20.9 |
| HM057 | Hartspring Lane, Bushey | 46 | 43 | 47 | 43.6 |
| HM058 | Pegmire Lane, Aldenham | 32 | 31 | 29 | 30.6 |
| HM059 | Aldenham Grove, Radlett | 25 | 21 | 21 | 19.4 |
| HM060 | Bell Lane, London Colney | 35 | 32 | 35 | 31.5 |

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| HM061 | Blanche Lane, South Mimms | 54 | 47 | 49 | 46.9 |
| HM063 | Dove Lane, Potters Bar | 45 | 43 | 41 | 43.2 |
| HM064 | Bus Garage 1, Potters Bar | 62 | 50 | 49 | 51.7 |
| HM065 | Hatfield Road, Potters Bar | 48 | 47 | 47 | 49.9 |
| HM066 | Bus Garage 2, Potters Bar | 45 | 39 | 41 | 41.4 |
| HM067,068 | Bus Garage 3,4, Potters Bar | 43 | 40/38 | 43/43 | 39.4 |
| HM069 | Southgate Road, Potters Bar | 57 | 47 | 55 | 54.7 |

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| HM070 | Park Avenue, Potters Bar | 30 | 36 | 34 | 37.2 |
| HM071,072,073 | Park Road 1,2,3, Radlett | 50 | 49/45/46 | 50/48/49 | 44.6 |
| HM074,075,076 | 301 Watling Street 1,2,3, Radlett | 38 | 36/38/38 | 38/40/40 | 34.7 |
| HM062,077,078 | The Broadway 2,3, Potters Bar | 48 | 42/45/44 | 46/46/47 | 43.6 |
| HM079,080,081 | 11 The Broadway 1,2,3, Potters Bar | 45 | 40/43/40 | 40/45/42 | 33.4 |
| HM082,083,084 | 10 Baker Street 1,2,3, Potters Bar | 38 | 40/39/35 | 39/39/40 | 37.5 |
| HM085 | Andrew Close, Shenley | 25 | 25 | 27 | 24.0 |

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| HM086 | Charleston Paddocks, South Mimms | 55 | 42 | 52 | 55.2 |
| HM093 | 103 Baker Street, Potters Bar | 34 | 36 | 30 | 31.6 |
| HM99,100,101 | High Street 1,2,3, Bushey | - | 48/45/47 | 48/49/50 | 45.8 |
| HM102,103,104 | Aldenham Road 1,2,3, Radlett | - | 37/37/35 | 40/41/40 | 40.5 |
| HM105,106,107 | Elstree Park, 1,2,3, Borehamwood | - | 31/32/31 | 32/34/32 | 30.4 |
| HM108,109,110 | Hartspring Lane 1,2,3, Bushey | - | 30/33/34 | 44/45/44 | 40.2 |
| HM111,112,113 | 9 Blanche Lane 1,2,3, South Mimms | - | 30/27/31 | 35/35/34 | 28.8 |

| Site code | Location | Annual mean concentration 2008 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2009 Bias factor 0.9 | Annual mean concentration 2010 bias factor 0.92 | Annual mean concentration 2011 (bias factor = 0.89) |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| HM114,115,116 | Parkside 1,2,3, Potters Bar | - | 41/43/39 | 40/39/44 | 37.1 |
| HM117,118,119 | 44 High Street 1,2,3, Bushey | - | 39/44/25 | 44/47/44 | 39.9 |

2.2.2 PM₁₀

 PM_{10} was monitored in the Borough at the continuous monitoring location until it was decommissioned in March 2011. Due to the short monitoring period the data has been annualised. However due to the lack of background PM_{10} monitoring within the region with which this result can be annualised, the regional background trend across the year are not clear. Due to this, both the annualised and non-annualised results have been presented. As the PM_{10} levels have not been exceeded at this site there is no need to carry out a Detailed Assessment.

Table 9 - Results of Automatic Monitoring of PM₁₀: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

| Site ID | Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Valid Data Capture for period of monitoring % | Valid Data Capture 2011 % | Annual Mean Concentration μg/m³ (9 data capture for the year) 2008 2009 2010 201 | | m³ (% | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| HM4 | Hertswood School, Borehamwood | Urban Background | N | 99 | 25 | 17 (82) | 19 (94) | 19 (97) | 10 (25) 16 * |

^{*}Non-annualised 2011 PM₁₀ result.

Table 10 - Results of Automatic Monitoring for PM10: Comparison with 24-hour mean Objective

| Location | Site Type | Within AQMA? | Valid Data Capture for period of monitoring % | Valid Data Capture | Number of Exceedences of daily mean objectives (90th percencile of daily mean PM10 concentration if data capture <90%) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|--|------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | | 2011 % | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Hertswood School, Borehamwood | Urban Background | N | 99 | 25 | 4 (30.3) | 3 | 1 (29.7) | 7 (31) |

2.2.3 Sulphur Dioxide

Hertsmere Borough Council does not monitor sulphur dioxide.

2.2.4 Benzene

Hertsmere Borough Council does not monitor for Benzene.

2.2.5 Other pollutants monitored

Continuous monitoring for ozone was undertaken at the background monitoring location. However due to the closure of the continuous monitoring station in March 2011, the data for Ozone is not valid. In previous years the AQS objectives for Ozone have been exceeded.

Odour and dust complaints are handled by the Environmental Health Pollution Team as reactive complaints.

2.2.6 Summary of Compliance with Air Quality Strategy Objectives

A number of sites continue to exceed the AQS objectives for NO₂ outside of current AQMAs. All of these sites excluding HM039 on Shenley Road and the two sites on Bushey High Street (HM099,100,101 and HM117,118,119) were assessed in the 2007 and 2010 Detailed Assessments. The conclusions of the 2010 Detailed Assessment will not change due to the findings in this report. Therefore the council should move forward with the following recommendations:

- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM039 on Shenley Road;
- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM099,100,101 and HM117,118,119 on Bushey High Street;
- Relocate the monitoring at Hartspring Lane to a location of relevant exposure;
- Carry out the actions proposed in the 2010 Detailed Assessment
 - Extend AQMA6, High Street/Potters Bar Bus Garage;
 - Extend AQMA5. Elstree Crossroads:
 - Extend AQMA4, Hartspring Lane, Bushey;
 - Declare a new AQMA in Radlett (further information on an AQMA in Radlett in section 3).
- Declare an AQMA at The Broadway, Potters Bar following the recommendations in the 2007 Detailed Assessment.

Hertsmere Borough Council has measured concentrations of NO_2 above the annual mean objective at relevant locations outside of the AQMA, and **will need to proceed to Detailed Assessments**, for Shenley Road and High Street, Bushey.

3 Road Traffic Sources

3.1 Narrow Congested Streets with Residential Properties Close to the Kerb

Hertsmere Borough Council have identified one new narrow and congested street. This is Shenley Road in Borehamwood. Relevant exposure has been identified in this area. The monitoring in this area (HM039) has also confirmed the need to carry out a Detailed Assessment of annual mean NO₂ levels in this area.

Hertsmere Borough Council has identified congested streets with a flow above 5,000 vehicles per day and residential properties close to the kerb, new or not adequately considered in previous rounds of Review and Assessment, and **will need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment**.

3.2 Busy Streets Where People May Spend 1-hour or More Close to Traffic

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified busy streets where people may spend 1 hour or more close to traffic.

3.3 Roads with a High Flow of Buses and/or HGVs.

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with high flows of buses/HDVs.

3.4 Junctions

Hertsmere Borough Council have identified the following busy junctions which have not been previously identified in previous assessment:

- Shenley Hill and Watling Street, Radlett;
- Theobald Street and Watling Street, Radlett; and
- Allum Lane with Watling Street and Elstree Hill North in Elstree.

The 2010 Detailed Assessment recommended that an AQMA was declared on Watling Street, Radlett between and including the Park Road and Aldenham Road junctions. The Shenley Hill/Watling Street junction is adjacent to the Aldenham Road/Watling Street junction, and the Theobald Street/Watling Street junction is slightly further to the south. As it has already been recommended that an AQMA is declared in Radlett, it is recommended that these two additional junctions should be included in the further assessment of the area undertaken to confirm the extent of the AQMA. Should the assessment indicate that exceedances are likely around these junctions, they should be included in the Radlett AQMA.

The area around the junction between Allum Lane, Watling Street and Elstree Hill North has been assessed using DMRB screening methodology. The results were verified using the nearest diffusion tube on Elstree Road (HM049), and as such, modelled results were adjusted by a factor of 2.7. The predicted concentration at the façade of the closest residential property to the junction was 54.28µg/m³. Due to this potential exceedence of the annual mean objective for NO₂, it is recommended that monitoring be placed at property facades around this junction. Should monitored exceedences be recorded, a Detailed Assessment should be carried out. Alternatively, this junction could be included in a Further Assessment for the Elstree Crossroads AQMA (AQMA 5) with a view to including both junctions in the AQMA.

Hertsmere Borough Council has assessed new/newly identified junctions meeting the criteria in Section A.4 of Box 5.3 in TG(09), and concluded that it will be necessary to proceed to a Detailed/ Further Assessment for NO₂.

3.5 New Roads Constructed or Proposed Since the Last Round of Review and Assessment

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new/proposed roads.

3.6 Roads with Significantly Changed Traffic Flows

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with significantly changed traffic flows.

3.7 Bus and Coach Stations

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no relevant bus stations in the Local Authority area.

4 Other Transport Sources

4.1 Airports

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new airports in the Local Authority area.

4.2 Railways (Diesel and Steam Trains)

4.2.1 Stationary Trains

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no locations where diesel or steam trains are regularly stationary for periods of 15 minutes or more, with potential for relevant exposure within 15m.

4.2.2 Moving Trains

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no locations with a large number of movements of diesel locomotives, and potential long-term relevant exposure within 30m.

4.3 Ports (Shipping)

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no ports or shipping that meet the specified criteria within the Local Authority area.

5 Industrial Sources

5.1 Industrial Installations

5.1.1 New or Proposed Installations for which an Air Quality Assessment has been Carried Out

During 2011 it came to the Council's attention that in there are two permits issued by the Environment Agency for synthetic bone manufacture at a bone substitute synthesis facility within the Borough. The permits are issued to Apatech Ltd Centennial Avenue, Centennial Park, Elstree, Hertfordshire WD6 3TJ. The installations include permission for emissions to air. Permit EA/PPC/GP3330LG lists the oven and disc mill as emission points to air. Permit EA/PPC/GP3330LG identifies 'drying of product' and 'milling of product' as sources of emissions to air with the emissions being ammonia and particulates respectively. All emissions to air are required to meet the insignificant criteria as assessed using the H1 assessment tool and therefore contribute less than 1% of the long term environmental standard.

Hertsmere Borough Council has assessed new/proposed industrial installations, and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

5.1.2 Existing Installations where Emissions have Increased Substantially or New Relevant Exposure has been Introduced

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no industrial installations with substantially increased emissions or new relevant exposure in their vicinity within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

5.1.3 New or Significantly Changed Installations with No Previous Air Quality Assessment

During 2011 new Part B permits were issued by the local authority for waste oil burners in the Borough of Hertsmere. These are listed below with some details. Due

to their size and nature of operation, neither of the installations are predicted to cause a breach of any of the air quality objectives.

- Local Authority permit issued to C.A.M Unit 1A, Cranborne Road Industrial Estate, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 3JN for a waste oil burner with a net rated thermal input of <0.4MW.
- Local Authority permit issued to, JTT Autotech Limited, Hollies Way Industrial Estate, 218 High Street, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 5BJ for a waste oil burner with a net rated thermal input of <0.4MW.

During 2011 new permits were issued by the Environment Agency for several industrial installations in the Borough of Hertsmere. These are listed below with some details. None of the installations are predicted to cause a breach of any of the air quality objectives.

02/02/2011 – permit (EPR/FP3699LC) granted by Environment Agency for Reviva Composting Limited, Elstree Hill South, Elstree, Hertfordshire, WD6 3BL. No emissions to air, but quarterly bioaerosol monitoring is required for the first year and biannual thereafter.

01/09/2011 – permit (EPR/ZP3190VN) granted by Environment Agency for M E C Grab Services Limited, The Conifers, Elton Way A41, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 8HD. Permitted activities include storage of certain wastes, recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds, recycling/reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents, recycling/reclamation of other inorganic compounds. A variation to this permit was issued on 21 December 2011 to allow for onsite crushing and screening. Dust emissions from fugitive and uncontrolled sources in relation to waste handling can give rise to elevated PM₁₀ concentrations, however, in accordance with Box 5.10 of TG(09), as no concerns have been raised about dust from the site, there is no need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no new or proposed industrial installations for which planning approval has been granted within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority requiring Detailed Assessment.

5.2 Major Fuel (Petrol) Storage Depots

There are no major fuel (petrol) storage depots within the Local Authority area.

5.3 Petrol Stations

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no petrol stations meeting the specified criteria.

5.4 Poultry Farms

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no poultry farms meeting the specified criteria.

6 Commercial and Domestic Sources

6.1 Biomass Combustion – Individual Installations

Hertsmere Borough Council approved a planning application that grants permission for a straw and woodchip burning boiler to be installed. The boiler will heat the domestic house at Crossoaks Farm, Crossoaks Lane, Well End, Borehamwood, WD6 5PH. It is not currently known what the capacity of this boiler will be.

As it is not currently known what the capacity will be, it cannot be assessed at this time. This installation will be assessed when the capacity of the boiler is known. As the boiler is for a domestic property it is not expected to have an adverse effect on its surroundings.

Hertsmere Borough Council has assessed the biomass combustion plant, and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment at present, but this will be reviewed when more information is available.

6.2 Biomass Combustion – Combined Impacts

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no biomass combustion plants in the Local Authority area.

6.3 Domestic Solid-Fuel Burning

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no areas of significant domestic fuel use in the Local Authority area.

7 Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

Hertsmere Borough Council confirms that there are no potential sources of fugitive particulate matter emissions in the Local Authority area.

8 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

8.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

Monitoring across the Borough identified seventeen exceedences of the annual mean objective for NO_2 during 2011. This is a reduction of five locations from 2010 results. Results from 2008 – 2011 are shown in Table 8.

A number of amendments to current AQMAs are recommended based on the findings of 2011 monitoring data and previous Detailed Assessments. These are summarised in the proposed actions section.

8.2 Conclusions from Assessment of Sources

Pollution from traffic is the main cause of high pollution levels in the Borough. The need for two new Detailed Assessments has been identified due to roads or junctions with residential exposure and possible exceedences that have not been assessed in past air quality reporting.

No new Detailed Assessments are required for any industrial developments. The biomass installation should be considered in future reporting once further details are gathered.

A summary of proposed actions related to the assessment of sources within the Borough is provided in the proposed actions section below.

8.3 Proposed Actions

Recommended actions related to the findings of monitoring data collected in 2011 are presented below:

- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM039 on Shenley Road,
 Borehamwood:
- Carry out a Detailed Assessment in the area around HM099, HM100, HM101 and HM117, HM118, HM119 on Bushey High Street;
- Relocate the monitoring at Hartspring Lane to a location of relevant exposure;

- Carry out the actions proposed in the 2010 Detailed Assessment
 - Extend AQMA6, High Street/Potters Bar Bus Garage;
 - Extend AQMA5, Elstree Crossroads;
 - Extend AQMA4, Hartspring Lane, Bushey;
 - Declare a new AQMA in Radlett.
- Declare an AQMA at The Broadway, Potters Bar.

Recommended actions related to the assessment of sources within the Borough are summarised below:

- Shenley Road, Borehamwood has been identified as a narrow and congested street requiring a Detailed Assessment. This will be carried out in relation to the Detailed Assessment around HM039 as mentioned above.
- Two new busy junctions have been identified close to the area recommended to be declared as an AQMA in Radlett. These should be included in the Further Assessment of the area to determine the full extent of the AQMA.
- Monitoring should be carried out at the junction of Allum Lane and Elstree Hill North as DMRB predictions highlighted a potential area of exceedence of the annual mean NO₂ objective. If monitoring at the façade highlights exceedences of the AQS objectives, a Detailed Assessment should be carried out.
- The biomass boiler in Borehamwood should be assessed in the next round of review and assessment when more details are known.

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Appendices

Appendix A: QA/QC Data

Appendix B: DMRB Calculations

Appendix A: QA:QC Data

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

The bias adjustment factor for 2011 has been taken from the LAQM national bias adjustment spreadsheet³ for this laboratory methodology. This was calculated as 0.89 (update March 2012) based on 26 studies.

Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use

Hertsmere, prior to the closure of Borehamwood continuous monitor had a colocation study in place. Due to the closure of the automatic monitoring site the local bias adjustment factor for 2011 cannot be calculated. Therefore the bias adjustment factor for 2011 has been taken from the LAQM national bias adjustment spreadsheet⁴ for this laboratory methodology.

PM Monitoring Adjustment

No PM adjustment was necessary for this report. Data for PM was only available for three months of the year due to the closure of the continuous monitoring site.

Short-term to Long-term Data adjustment

Annualisation of diffusion tubes which has less than nine months of data capture was carried out. Also annualisation of the three months of continuous monitoring data was carried out.

Continuous monitoring annualisation

| | Average |
|---|---------|
| Mean of site to be annualised / µg/m ³ | 33.50 |
| Data Capture / % | 24.45 |
| Average Annualisation Factor | 0.88 |
| Annualised Mean / μg/m ³ | 29.37 |

QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring

Prior to the closure of the automatic monitoring station, Hertsmere Borough Council carried out fortnightly routine calibrations, the results were sent to King's College, London. A six monthly audit was carried out by the National Physics Laboratories.

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³ http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/bias-adjustment.html ⁴ http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/bias-adjustment.html

The station was included in the Herts and Beds Air Pollution Monitoring Network, which is operated by Air Quality Data Management. All data are checked and ratified by the operator prior to release. Hertsmere Borough Council had the station serviced by contractors Supporting U.

QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

The diffusion tubes are supplied and analysed by Gradko utilising 20% Triethanolamine (TEA) in water preparation method. Gradko International Ltd currently holds UKAS accreditation and participates in the Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP) for Benzene and NO₂ diffusion tube analysis and the NO₂ Annual Field Inter-Comparison Exercise. These provide strict performance criteria for participating laboratories to meet, thereby ensuring NO₂ concentrations reported are of a high calibre. The WASP calculations were reviewed in 2010-2011 such that the z-scores for laboratories rather than a value judgement were provided. The criteria against which to determine laboratory performance is the percentage of results which met a z-score <± 2 (satisfactory). Assuming there is no systematic error in analysis 19 out of 20 z-scores (95%) should meet the 'satisfactory' creation. For the rounds which occurred during 2011 Gradko scored 100% for the first three trials; however, performance reduced during the analysis of the final round to 37.5%. The tube precision for the NO₂ Annual Field Inter-comparison at Marylebone Road was rated as 'Good'

Appendix B: DMRB Calculations

Input Data

| Location/ Receptor | Oct I Doc | Background Concentrations | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| | Grid Ref | Year | NO ₂ | PM ₁₀ | | | |
| Α | 517883.3, 195859.8 | 2011 | 29 | 16 | | | |

| Location/ Receptor | Link number | Distance | Traffic flow | & speed | Traffic composition | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | from link centre to receptor (m) | AADT (combined, veh/day) | Annual average speed (km/h) | Road type (A,B,C,D) | Total % LDV (<3.5t GVW) | Total % HDV (>3.5t GVW) | |
| Α | 1 | 12 | 14763 | 48 | А | 95 | 5 | |
| | 2 | 28 | 12254 | 20 | В | 95 | 5 | |

Verification

Verification was carried out based on HM049 on Elstree Road, south of the junction in question. An adjustment factor of 2.701 was derived and applied to the modelled NOx results before putting these into the NOx to NO_2 converter to derive total NO_2 for the junction.

Model Verification and Adjustment

| Site | Background NO₂ (µg/m³) | Background NO _x (µg/m³) | Monitored Total NO ₂ (μg/m³) | Monitored Road Contribution NO _x (µg/m³) | Modelled Road Contribution NO _x (µg/m³) | Ratio of Monitored Road NO _x /Modelled Road NO _x | Adjustment Factor for Modelled Road Contribution | Adjusted Modelled Road Contribution NO _x (µg/m³) | Adjusted Modelled Total NO _x (µg/m³) | Modelled Total NO ₂ (μg/m³) | Monitored Total NO ₂ (μg/m³) | % Difference NO ₂ [(Modelled - Monitored)/ Monitored] |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| HM049 | 29 | 45 | 52.2 | 56.7 | 21.0 | 2.7 | 2.701 | 56.7 | 101.7 | 52.2 | 52.2 | 0% |

Maps of Locations

Map of Junction between Allum Lane, Watling Street and Elstree Hill North

