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Executive Summary

The monitoring reported within the 2012 Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment for West Oxfordshire District Council does not indicate any additional areas of general concern with regard to air quality.

Within the District there are no industrial developments with air pollution implications and any development proposals have been considered with regard to their potential to increase traffic pollution in the AQMAs and other areas.

Chipping Norton AQMA

The Chipping Norton Air Quality Action Plan, as accepted by Defra, proposed the introduction of a Weight Limit for HGVs and re-routing of HGV traffic (primarily targeting the Vale of Evesham / SE England two way flow).

The proposal has the objective of reducing HGV traffic density on the A44 through Chipping Norton by routing traffic further to the West on the A40 to access the Vale of Evesham from the South. This measure would involve 'de-priming' the A44 (currently a Primary Route for HGVs) and associated modification to signage.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) commissioned advanced feasibility work for the implementation of the lorry management measures including consultation with neighbouring Counties and costing of proposals. This was expected to be complete by end of FY 2009 / 10. Confirmation of this and a schedule for implementation is still awaited.

Currently, additional consultation with neighbouring Counties and financial constraints within OCC budgets have further delayed plans to implement this Action Plan.

However, the WODC Climate Change Action Plan (Apr 2011), incorporating the Green Travel Plan (Feb 2011), addresses some of the additional air quality mitigation measures within the Air Quality Action Plan.

Witney AQMA

The Draft Action Plan for the Witney AQMA, having been deferred for a significant period pending the outcome of the Cogges Link Road (CLR) Planning Application by OCC, was approved by WODC Cabinet in December 2010. A period of public consultation was conducted throughout February 2011.

The Draft Action Plan for the Witney AQMA was written with the assumption that the CLR would proceed as per the Planning Consent. There remain further procedural stages to be concluded after which the Draft Action Plan and the results of the public consultation will be reviewed to produce an Action Plan (which should include the latest dispersion modelling) for consideration and approval by WODC Cabinet and OCC and in due course submitted to Defra.

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1. The Council uses the Report template but, for ease of reading does include some

repetition of presented data and some information, which could not be isolated from a

PDF report on data ratification and validation, is presented as a screen capture within the

appendices.

2. Table 2.3 has been modified to include only those diffusion tube monitoring sites

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of Local Authority Area

West Oxfordshire is one of the most attractive parts of Britain, lying to the north of the River Thames, to the west of the city of Oxford and including the eastern edge of the Cotswolds, part of the District is designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It is a rural district covering 714 km² with a population of 110,300* spread across a large number of relatively small settlements, totalling 83 parishes.

[* Updated projection for West Oxfordshire – Greater London Authority, Data Management and Analysis Group, published May 2011.]

Situated in a prime central location, there are excellent communications to most parts of the country via the A40/M40 and the A34 roads. There are railway stations at Charlbury, Hanborough and Kingham with regular services to London and Birmingham.

It has a rich architectural and historic heritage ranging from Cotswold stone cottages to the splendour of Blenheim Palace, a World Heritage site.

As can be expected from the above, tourism is buoyant and is a main contributor to the district's vibrant economy. The business sector is made up of a healthy mixture of high technology, small and medium enterprises and unemployment is (in normal times) less than 1%. The area faces no major social problems and crime figures are amongst the lowest in the country.

1.2 Purpose of Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), 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 exceedences 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.

The objective of this Updating and Screening Assessment 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. 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 1.1. 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 1.1 Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the purpose of LAQM in England

	Air Quality Objective				
Pollutant	Concentration	Measured as	achieved by		
Benzene	16.25 <i>µ</i> g/m³	Running annual mean	31.12.2003		
Denzene	5.00 <i>µ</i> g/m³	Running annual mean	31.12.2010		
1,3-Butadiene	2.25 <i>µ</i> g/m³	Running annual mean	31.12.2003		
Carbon monoxide	10.0 mg/m ³	Running 8-hour mean	31.12.2003		
Load	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 μ g/m ³ , 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

Two AQMA declarations have been made in the District because the annual nitrogen dioxide objective in the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 was unlikely to be met by December 2005 and the cause of this was believed to be traffic related.

The areas are detailed in Figures 1.1 and 1.3 below and were declared on 7th February 2005 (date of order). The development of the action plans began for both areas and a continuous monitoring site established in Chipping Norton. This site has been in operation since March 2006. The original continuous monitoring site in Witney had to be decommissioned because the site was sold. However, another site in that area was established and continuous monitoring resumed in April 2009.

Figure 1.2 is the remodelled Witney AQMA as completed in 2011. This did not indicate any significant variation but did address a previous anomaly regarding the boundary of the AQMA.

Oxfordshire County Council outlined a number of traffic management options which needed looking at in more detail to investigate their feasibility and impact on air quality so that a cost benefit analysis could be applied to each option. The County employed consultants to appraise the traffic management options and the results were used by the District Council's air quality consultants to model and predict their impact on air quality.

With regard to Chipping Norton, the Air Quality Action Plan was accepted by Defra in early 2009.

In Witney, the approved traffic management option is the subject of some remaining procedural stages. A draft of the proposed Action Plan has been approved by Cabinet and a period of public consultation completed, results of which will be reviewed when the final Action Plan is compiled.

Note: Data is presented throughout in units of $\mu g/m^3$. This addresses the comment in Appraisal Report PR3-546.

Figure 1.1 Map of AQMA Boundaries - Witney

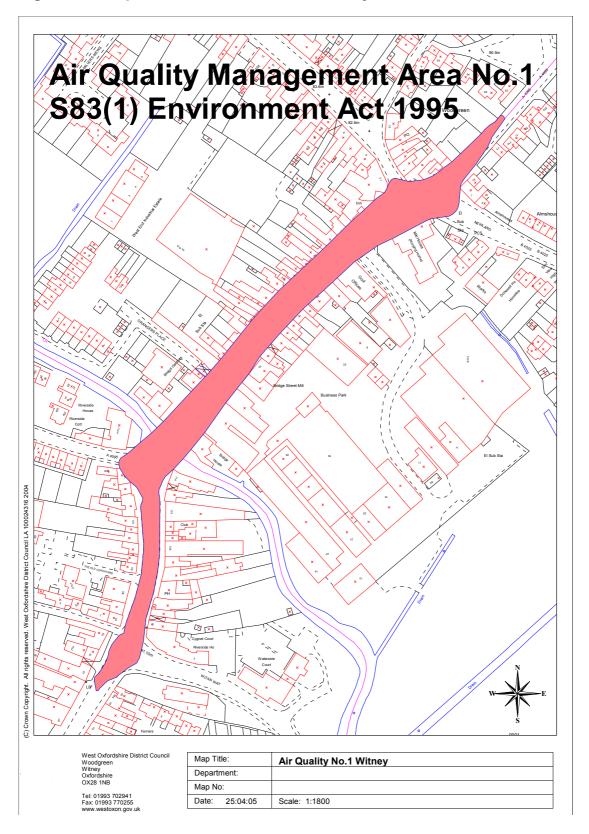


Figure 1.2 Map of AQMA Boundaries – Witney (2011 Update)

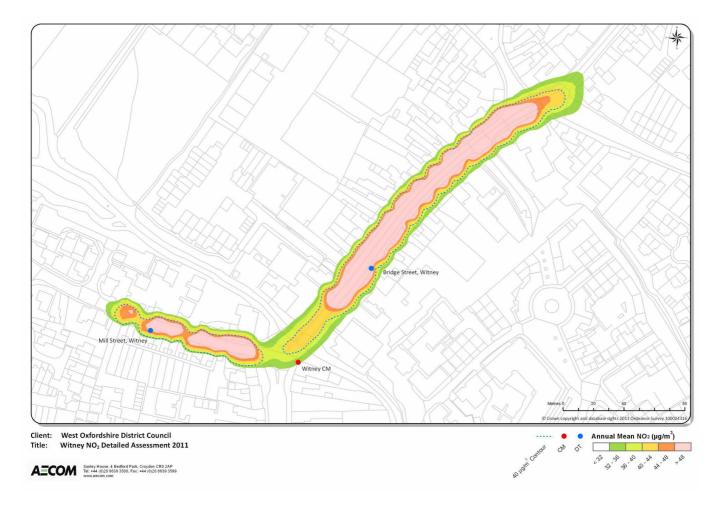
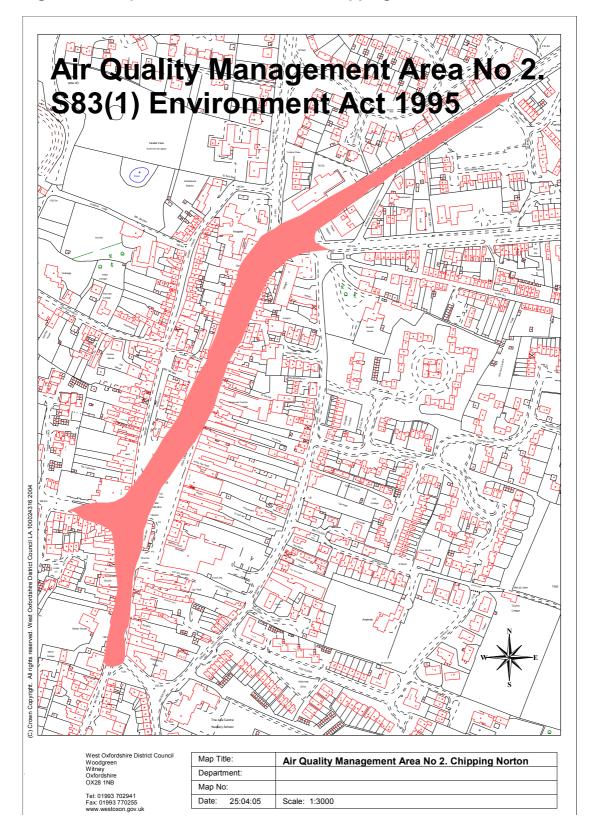


Figure 1.3 Map of AQMA Boundaries - Chipping Norton



2 New Monitoring Data

2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

AQMA No 1 - Witney

Continuous monitoring of nitrogen dioxide began in Newland, Witney in August 2001 and continued there until April 2005. When this site was sold, the original API, a chemiluminescent NOx continuous analyser, was relocated to Chipping Norton. A similar but newer model was established (May 2009) at a new location on Bridge Street within the Witney AQMA (the location is shown on the plan at Figure 2.1). Calibration checks of the instrumentation are made every two weeks by the LA and six monthly service and calibration work was carried out by Enviro Technology plc.

Service reports for 2011 have been routine but there was a computer hard drive failure at the data collection point (resulting in the loss of over three months of recorded data). All the data is ratified and validated by AECOM Limited. Data was collected during the period January 2011 to December 2011.

In 2010, WODC was awarded a Defra AQ Grant to update the modelling of the AQMA – this was commenced in May 2011. Any change to the AQMA boundary, as previously declared, will be used to further develop the Action Plan to improve air quality in Witney.

Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations

Period	Annual Mean NO ₂ Concentration / μg/m ³	Hourly Exceedences
2011 Annual Mean	27.9 * (30.2 Measured)	0

^{*} Period-adjusted Annual Mean (it is important to keep in mind the low data capture and the uncertainty associated with estimating the annual mean concentration)

AQMA No 2 - Chipping Norton.

A monitoring station was established in Chipping Norton to monitor nitrogen dioxide using the chemiluminescent analyser relocated from Witney. This was done to carry out further assessment work in response to the declaration of AQMA No 2 (the location is shown on the plan at Figure 2.2). The analysis of previous results helped formulate the Chipping Norton AQMA Action Plan which was accepted by Defra

Continuing Monitoring is an integral part of the plan as submitted. Financial constraints have delayed further the necessary consultation and technical investigation required prior to installation and implementation of recommended mitigation measures.

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Calibration checks of the instrumentation are made every two weeks by the LA and six monthly service and calibration work is carried out by Enviro Technology plc. Service reports have been far from routine due to various unrelated failures and, following the 2010 data capture rate for this analyser which was much improved, 2011 data capture has been disappointing. A new servicing contractor, SupportingU Ltd, was appointed in November 2011. All the data is ratified and validated by AECOM Limited

The data collected in the period January 2011 to December 2011 inclusive has been ratified and validated and is summarised in the table below.

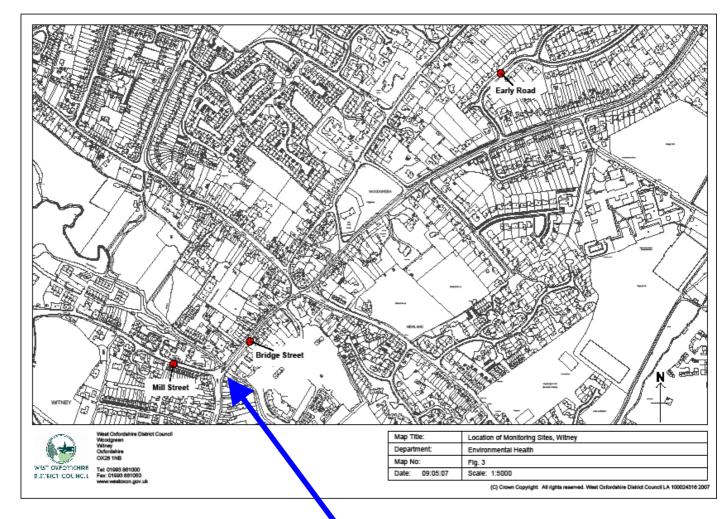
Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations

Period	Annual Mean NO ₂ Concentration / μg/m ³	Hourly Exceedences	
2011 Annual Mean	38.3 * (41.9 Measured)	5	

^{*} Period-adjusted Annual Mean (it is important to keep in mind the low data capture and the uncertainty associated with estimating the annual mean concentration)

Figure 2.1 Map of Automatic Monitoring Site - Witney

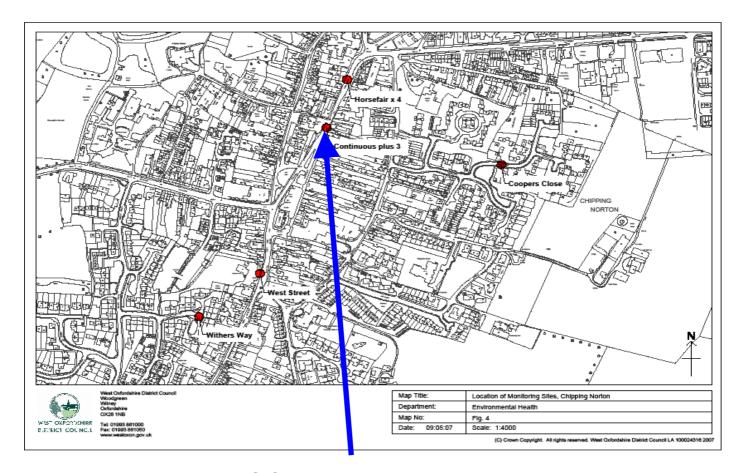
WITNEY



A Q Continuous Monitor

Figure 2.2 Map of Automatic Monitoring Site – Chipping Norton

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 Table 2.1
 Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site Name	Site Type	OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA ?	Relevant Exposure?	Distance to kerb of nearest road	Worst- case Location?
Chipping Norton	Urban Roadside	431404 227206	NO ₂	Y	Y (2.0m to facade)	0.5m	N
Witney	Urban Roadside	435768 210177	NO ₂	Y	Y (0.5m to facade)	2.0m	N

2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Nitrogen Dioxide monitoring by Diffusion Tube.

Diffusion tubes are exposed for approximately 4 weeks before being sent for analysis to Harwell Scientifics at Didcot. The Overall Bias Adjustment factor available from the AEA spreadsheet v03.12, where a bias adjustment figure is provided for the participating laboratories for the period 2011, was 0.84. Additionally, a Bias Adjustment Factor of 0.76, was calculated using the AEA Spreadsheet for Calculation of Diffusion Tube Precision and Accuracy and the raw NO2 concentrations measured by the Chipping Norton Co-Location study diffusion tubes.

Table 2.1.2 and Appendices B and C detail the results of the monitoring across the district adjusted for laboratory bias. It shows that 'Bridge Street' and 'Mill Street' in Witney and 'Horsefair', '31, High Street' and the mean of the three co-located diffusion tubes in Chipping Norton currently exceed the objective concentration and these sites lie within the Air Quality Management Areas that were declared in March 2005. All other sites and areas were within the objective limits.

[Note that the diffusion tube at 31, High Street was moved at the half year point, due to permanent building construction changes, and relocated for the remaining period at 17, Horsefair]

Furthermore, with the exception of two roadside diffusion tube sites in Burford, and the now relocated site at 17 Horsefair in Chipping Norton, all other remaining sites (30) were more than one standard deviation (SD = 4 i.e. $36 \,\mu\text{g/m}^3$ or less) below the objective limit.

Sites reported as exceptions last year, two in Woodstock and another in Bladon, are now also more than one standard deviation below the objective limit.

Table 2.2 Details of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites - Within AQMAs

Annual Mean NO₂ / μg/m³ (2011) in **Witney** (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mean NO ₂ / μg/m ³		
	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)	
Bridge Street	48.8	54.0	
Mill Street	41.1	45.4	

Annual Mean NO_2 / $\mu g/m^3$ (2011) in **Chipping Norton** (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mear	η NO ₂ / μg/m ³
Location	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)
Horsefair	54.3	60.0
31 High Street *	37.4	41.3
Co-Location	37.5	41.5
Triplicate Mean		
5 Horsefair	24.2	26.8
7 Horsefair	24.2	26.7
West Street	28.5	31.5
17 Horsefair *	34.0	37.5

^{[*} The diffusion tube at 31 Horsefair was moved at the half year point, due to permanent building construction changes, and relocated for the remaining period at 17 Horsefair]

Note: Data in this table addresses the comment in Appraisal Report PR3-546. All are representative of relevant exposure – those in bold exceed 40 $\mu g/m^3$

Table 2.3 Details of Non- Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site Name	Site Type	OS Grid Ref	In AQMA ?	Relevant Exposure?	Distance to kerb of nearest road	Worst- case Location?
As detailed	Roadside or Background as specified	Listed at Appendix D	As per tables above	Appropriate to area within 3m	Generally within 3m or on building facade	Appropriate to area

For more detail see Appendices B, C and D

The diffusion tubes are supplied by Harwell Scientifics and analysed in accordance with Harwell Scientifics SOP HS/WI/1015, issue 14. This method meets the guidelines set out in Defra's 'Diffusion Tubes for Ambient NO₂ Monitoring: Practical Guidance.'

The tubes (from a specified batch) are prepared by spiking acetone: triethanolamine (50:50) on to the grids prior to the tubes being assembled.

The Overall Bias Adjustment factor available from the AEA spreadsheet v3.12, where a bias adjustment figure is provided for the participating laboratories for the period 2011 was 0.84. A Bias Adjustment Factor, 0.76, was calculated using the AEA Spreadsheet for Calculation of Diffusion Tube Precision and Accuracy and the raw NO2 concentrations measured by the Chipping Norton Co-Location study diffusion tubes.

In the WASP inter-comparison scheme for comparing spiked Nitrogen Dioxide diffusion tubes, Harwell Scientifics is currently ranked as a **Category Good** laboratory

Ratification of the WODC data was completed by AECOM Limited in April 2012.

2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with AQ Objectives

Automatic AQ Monitoring Station – Chipping Norton

The data collected in the period January 2011 to December 2011 inclusive has been ratified and validated and is summarised in the table below.

Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations

Period	Annual Mean NO ₂ Concentration / μg/m ³	Hourly Exceedences >200 µg/m³	
2011 Annual Mean	38.3 * (41.9 Measured)	5 (182.9 μg/m³)**	

Note: Based on 53.1 % data capture

Automatic AQ Monitoring Station – Witney

The data collected in the period January 2010 to December 2010 inclusive has been ratified and validated and is summarised in the table below.

Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations

Period	Annual Mean NO ₂ Concentration / μg/m ³	Hourly Exceedences >200 µg/m³	
2011 Annual Mean	27.9 * (30.2 Measured)	Nil (100.2 μg/m ³)**	

Note: Based on 68.5% data capture

^{*} Period-adjusted Annual Mean (it is important to keep in mind the low data capture and the uncertainty associated with estimating the annual mean concentration)

^{** 99.8&}lt;sup>th</sup> %ile

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^{** 99.8&}lt;sup>th</sup> %ile

Diffusion Tube Site Monitoring

At Appendices B and C are details of the results of the monitoring across the district adjusted for laboratory bias. It shows that 'Bridge Street' and 'Mill Street' in Witney and 'Horsefair' and '31,High Street' in Chipping Norton and the mean of the three colocated diffusion tubes in Chipping Norton currently exceed the objective concentration and these areas lie within the Air Quality Management Areas that were declared in March 2005. All other areas were within the objective limits.

[Note that the diffusion tube at 31, High Street was moved at the half year point, due to permanent building construction changes, and relocated for the remaining period at 17, Horsefair]

Furthermore, with the exception of two roadside diffusion tube sites in Burford, and the now relocated site at 17 Horsefair in Chipping Norton, all other remaining sites (30) were more than one standard deviation (SD = 4 i.e. $36 \mu g/m^3$ or less) below the objective limit.

Sites reported as exceptions last year, two in Woodstock and another in Bladon, are now also more than one standard deviation below the objective limit.

Annual Mean NO₂ / µg/m³ (2010) in Witney (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mean NO ₂ / μg/m ³			
	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)		
Bridge Street	48.8	54.0		
Mill Street	41.1	45.4		

Annual Mean NO_2 / $\mu g/m^3$ (2011) in Chipping Norton (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mean NO ₂ / μg/m ³			
Location	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)		
Horsefair	54.3	60.0		
31 High Street	37.4	41.3		
Co-Location	37.5	41.5		
Triplicate Mean				

The results, overall, do not indicate any additional areas of concern requiring a detailed assessment.

2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide

The measured annual mean concentration is greater than 40 µg/m³ within parts of the Chipping Norton AQMA (Horsefair) and within or at the boundary of the Witney AQMA.

The Chipping Norton data includes both automatic monitoring and diffusion tube monitoring. The automatic monitoring returned a Mean Pollution Concentration of $38.3 \mu g/m^3$ this was based on a 53.1% data capture.

The Chipping Norton AQMA (Horsefair) site has not recorded more than 18 1-hour means above 200 μg/m³ (actual number is 5), and the 99.8th percentile of 1-hour mean concentrations is 182.9 μg/m³.

Data from the continuous monitoring station within the Witney AQMA achieved 68.5% capture rate. The 1-hour mean was not exceeded and the 99.8^{th} percentile of 1-hour mean concentrations is $100.2 \, \mu g/m^3$.

The Witney AQMA has been reassessed and the inclusion of the Mill Street diffusion tube site within its boundary has been confirmed following an update of the dispersion modelling in May 2011. Different modelling makes it difficult to reconcile the two similar but different presentations and overlaying one upon the other doesn't truly reflect the current boundary as per the later assessment. It is proposed to maintain the AQMA boundary, as originally declared, whilst noting the inclusion of the minor extension along Mill Street.

[The Witney AQMA Review was submitted to Defra upon completion - see Figures 1.1 & 1.2 and References at Section 9]

The monitoring site locations are representative of relevant public exposure.

Automatic Monitoring Data

Table 2.4 Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with Annual Mean Objective

	With		Data Capture for full	Annual mean concentrations (μg/m³)			
Site ID	Location	Within AQMA?	calendar year 2011 %	2008	2009	2010	2011
AQMA 1	Witney	Y	68.5	N/A	32.7*	33.0	27.9*
AQMA 2	Chipping Norton	Y	53.1	39.8	39.6	45.3	38.3*

^{*}Mean was "annualised" as monitoring was not carried out for the full year.

Table 2.5 Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide: Comparison with 1-hour Mean Objective

		Within	Data Capture for full	Number of Exceedences of hourly mean (200 μg/m³)			
Site ID	Location	AQMA? C	calendar year 2011 %	2008	2009	2010	2011
AQMA 1	Witney	Y	68.5	N/A	0* (105.0)	0 (105.9)	0 (100.2)
AQMA 2	Chipping Norton**	Y	53.1	5 (178.6)	4 (174.5)	6 (172.8)	5 (182.9)

^{*}Mean was "annualised" as monitoring was not carried out for the full year - the 99.8th percentile of hourly means in brackets are included for comparison only.

Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data

The full data set (monthly mean values) is at Appendix C.

Table 2.6 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes - Witney

Annual Mean NO₂ / µg/m³ (2011) in Witney (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mean NO ₂ / μg/m ³			
	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)		
Bridge Street	48.8	54.0		
Mill Street	41.1	45.4		

^{**}Exceptionally, it is possible for a vehicle to be parked close to the automatic monitor and, in the worst case, with the exhaust closest to it and the engine running this is the likely cause of exceedences. This remains however 'Relevant Exposure' as this would be within 2m of the façade of a hotel or residential premises.

Table 2.7 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes - Chipping Norton

Annual Mean NO_2 / $\mu g/m^3$ (2011) in Chipping Norton (Bias Adjusted – Local v National)

Location	Annual Mean NO ₂ / μg/m ³			
Location	Local (0.76)	National (0.84)		
Horsefair	54.3	60.0		
31, High Street then	37.4 / 34.0	41.3 / 37.5		
17 Horsefair **				
Co-Location	37.5	41.5		
Triplicate Mean				

^{**}July 2011 on: Relocated due to building works at site

The national bias adjustment factor applied in USA 2012 to the annual means is 0.84

All of the above are located within AQMAs.

All other areas were within the objective limits. Furthermore, with the exception of two roadside diffusion tube sites in Burford, all other sites (30) were more than one standard deviation (SD = 4 i.e. $36 \mu g/m^3$ or less) below the objective limit.

See Appendix B for % data capture of other Diffusion Tubes

2.2.2 Summary of Compliance with AQS Objectives

Andrew Ward has examined the results from monitoring in the district. Concentrations outside of the AQMA are all below the objectives at relevant locations, therefore there is no need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

Table 2.8 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes in 2011

[Presented here are the sites within AQMAs. For other locations see Appendices B, C and D]

Site ID	Location	Site Type	Within AQMA?	Triplicate or Co- located Tube	Data Capture 2011 (Number of Months or %)	Data with less than 9 months has been annualised (Y/N)	Confirm if data has been distance corrected (Y/N)	Annual mean concentration (Bias Adjustment factor = 0.84)
1	Bridge Street	Roadside	Y	N	100%	N/A	N	54.0
2	Mill Street	R	Y	N	100%	N/A	N	45.4
17	Horsefair	R	Y	N	100%	N/A	N	60.0
	31 High Street then **17				5 months		N	
33	Horsefair	R	Υ	N	6 months	N/A		41.3 / 37.5
26	Co- Location	Б	Y	V	1000/	NI/A	N	40.6
36	Co-	R	Y	Y	100%	N/A	N	42.6
37	Location 2	R	Y	Y	100%	N/A		42.5
	Co- Location						N	
38	3	R	Υ	Υ	100%	N/A		39.4

^{**} July 2011 on: Relocated due to building works at site

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Table 2.9 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (2007 to 2011)

			Annual mean concentration (adjusted for bias) μg/m³					
			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Sit		Within	(Bias	(Bias	(Bias	(Bias	(Bias	
e		AQMA	Adjustment	Adjustment	Adjustment	Adjustment	•	
_	O:4 a T a						Adjustment	
ID	Site Type	?	Factor = 0.81)	Factor = 0.74) *	Factor = 0.81)	Factor = 0.85)	Factor = 0.84)	
1	Bridge Street	Y	50	43	52.4	56.3	54.0	
2	Mill Street	Y	43	42	45.0	44.5	45.4	
_	0 0	<u> </u>			10.0			
17	Horsefair	Υ	70	59	63.8	66.4	60.0	
17		I	70	33	03.0	00.4	00.0	
	31 High Street							
	then **							
33	17 Horsefair	Y	43	43	46.1	45.6	41.3 / 37.5	
	Co-Location 1							
			44	40			42.6	
36		Υ	• •				12.0	
30	Co-Location 2	'						
	CO-LOCATION 2		40	4.4			40.5	
1			40	41			42.5	
37		Υ			44.6 ***	45.4 ***		
	Co-Location 3							
			45	38			39.4	
38		Y						
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^{*} Locally derived bias factor.

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^{**} July 2011 on: Relocated due to building works at site *** Triplicate mean

3 Road Traffic Sources

3.1 Narrow Congested Streets with Residential Properties Close to the Kerb

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no new / newly identified congested streets with a flow above 5,000 vehicles per day and residential properties close to the kerb, that have not been adequately considered in previous rounds of Review and Assessment.

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

Andrew Ward 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.

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no new / newly identified roads with high flows of buses / HDVs.

3.4 Junctions

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no new / newly identified busy junctions / busy roads.

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

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no new / proposed roads.

3.6 Roads with Significantly Changed Traffic Flows

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no new / newly identified roads with significantly changed traffic flows.

3.7 Bus and Coach Stations

Andrew confirms that there are no relevant bus stations in the Local Authority area.

4 Other Transport Sources

4.1 Airports

RAF Brize Norton is a military base involved in the transportation of freight and personnel. It is located within 1000m of residential properties and therefore the significance with regard to local air pollution was investigated previously

Above 10 million passengers per year is considered significant which is equivalent to 1,000,000 tonnes of freight.

Operations at RAF Brize Norton are low (compared with commercial civilian airports) and substantially below the 10mppa threshold that requires a more detailed assessment.

Previously, Defra advised that as operations at the base were well below the threshold they did not warrant further investigation. As suggested, some monitoring in the vicinity of the military base was conducted. This was reported in subsequent annual reviews and the results were consistent with other background levels in the vicinity.

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no airports in the Local Authority area other than RAF Brize Norton (information provided above).

4.2 Railways (Diesel and Steam Trains)

4.2.1 Stationary Trains

Andrew Ward 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

Andrew Ward 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)

Andrew Ward 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

Dust Monitoring for Neighbourhood Nuisance

Burford Quarry, previously operated by Enstone Breedon is now operated by Smith and Sons of Bletchington. Within the quarry is a Cement and Lime process permitted under Part 1 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. As part of the planning consent, a range of dust monitoring and control measures were required. There was a period (between July 2005 and March 2006) of PM10 emission monitoring using an OSIRIS portable infra red light scattering device located near residential property. The results of this monitoring showed that the objective limit was exceeded over 4 days of the 99 days of monitoring. As a proportion, this translated to a rate of 15 days exceedence of the 24-hour objective limit per year. The objective states that 35 days are permissible and therefore it was predicted that the objective would be complied with at this location.

The site operators conduct dust monitoring around the site using a Frisbee Dust Gauge and monitoring using the OSIRIS has discontinued. The general dust monitoring carried out around the site on behalf of the company shows concentrations that fall within the recommended limit of 200mg/m²/day.

The site currently does not generate complaints of dust nuisance during the continuing operations and dust monitoring levels arising from the quarry site are within acceptable limits.

At one further site, Whitehill Quarry, Burford, operated by the same company as Burford Quarry, recent assessment of monitored dust levels were within acceptable limits. This action was prior to applying for a Permit to operate which is still pending favourable economic factors.

Smith and Sons also operating at Gill Mill, Ducklington, instructed DustScan Ltd to conduct a baseline dust assessment for an EIA for a proposed extension to the quarry. PM₁₀, directional and deposited dust, and weather were monitored at Gill Mill quarry. PM₁₀ concentrations were well below the NAQS limit for the entire study period and average directional dust flux was generally low and was unlikely to have been at levels associated with adverse public reaction due to its visibility or soiling effects.

Neil Shellard 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 other those potential site developments referred to above.

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

Andrew Ward 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

Andrew Ward 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.

5.2 Major Fuel (Petrol) Storage Depots

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

5.3 Petrol Stations

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no petrol stations meeting the specified criteria.

5.4 Poultry Farms

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no poultry farms meeting the specified criteria.

6 Commercial and Domestic Sources

6.1 Biomass Combustion – Individual Installations

Andrew Ward confirms that there is no biomass combustion plant in the Local Authority area.

6.2 Biomass Combustion – Combined Impacts

Andrew Ward confirms that there is no biomass combustion plant in the Local Authority area.

6.3 Domestic Solid-Fuel Burning

Andrew Ward confirms that there are no areas of significant domestic fuel use in the Local Authority area.

7 Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

Andrew Ward 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

No additional exceedences have been identified.

There are no significant trends to report.

8.2 Conclusions from Assessment of Sources

The proposed Witney Cogges Link Road will not adversely affect Air Quality along its route and a beneficial improvement within the Witney AQMA is expected.

Located within Witney town centre there is a major combined residential and commercial development completed in 2009. 'Marriotts Walk' includes major retail and recreational outlets and some 140 residences.

This development is assessed as having no material impact on traffic flow and density within or through the AQMA.

8.3 Proposed Actions

The Updating and Screening Assessment has not identified the need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment for any pollutant.

The next course of action is to submit the 2013 Progress Report

9 References

Witney AQMA Review – 'West Oxfordshire District Council Air Quality Detailed Assessment for Nitrogen Dioxide 2011' – AECOM Ltd – November 2011

WODC Data Ratification - 'Continuous and Diffusion Tube Monitoring Report' April 2012 – AECOM Ltd

Oxfordshire Traffic Flows 2010 - 'Table A - 'Annual Average Daily Traffic Oxfordshire County Council,

Oxfordshire Traffic Flows 2009 - *'Table B – Summary of Manual Classified Counts'* Oxfordshire County Council,

Appendices

Appendix A: QA/QC Data

Appendix B: Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data (% data

capture)

Appendix C: Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data (monthly

mean values)

Appendix D: Diffusion Tube Location Data

Appendix A: QA:QC Data

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors and Factor from Local Co-location Studies

Diffusion tubes are exposed for approximately 4 weeks before being sent for analysis to the supplier, Harwell Scientifics at Didcot. The Overall Bias Adjustment factor available from the AEA spreadsheet v3/12, where the bias adjustment figure provided for the participating laboratories for the period 2011 is 0.84. A Bias Adjustment Factor, of 0.76, was calculated using the AEA Spreadsheet for Calculation of Diffusion Tube Precision and Accuracy and the raw NO2 concentrations measured by the Chipping Norton Co-Location study diffusion tubes.

QA/QC of diffusion tube monitoring - Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use

Both local and national Bias Adjustment Factors were available. The national factor has been used because of the 'below ideal' data capture rate (53%) of the automatic analyser within the Chipping Norton AQMA.

This is below the UK NAQS recommended capture rate of 90% and the EU Directive for NO2 which specifies a 75% data capture threshold for assessing compliance with limit and guidance values. Reliability had improved during 2010 and the data captured was assessed to be reliable and representative however for 2011 the reduced capture rate was due to equipment outages.

QA/QC of automatic monitoring

Calibration checks of the instrumentation are made every two weeks by the LA and six monthly service and calibration work has hitherto been carried out by Enviro Technology plc. From November 2011 and April 2012 respectively, the Chipping Norton and Witney sited analysers will be serviced by SupportingU Ltd. All the data is ratified and validated by AECOM Limited.

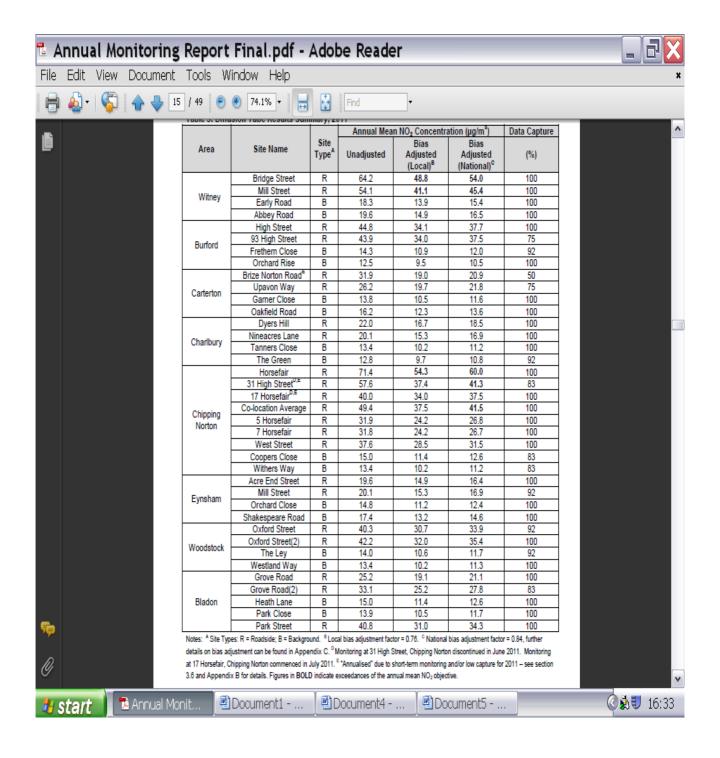
Appendix B: Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data (% data capture)

Diffusion T	ube
Results	
Summary.	2011

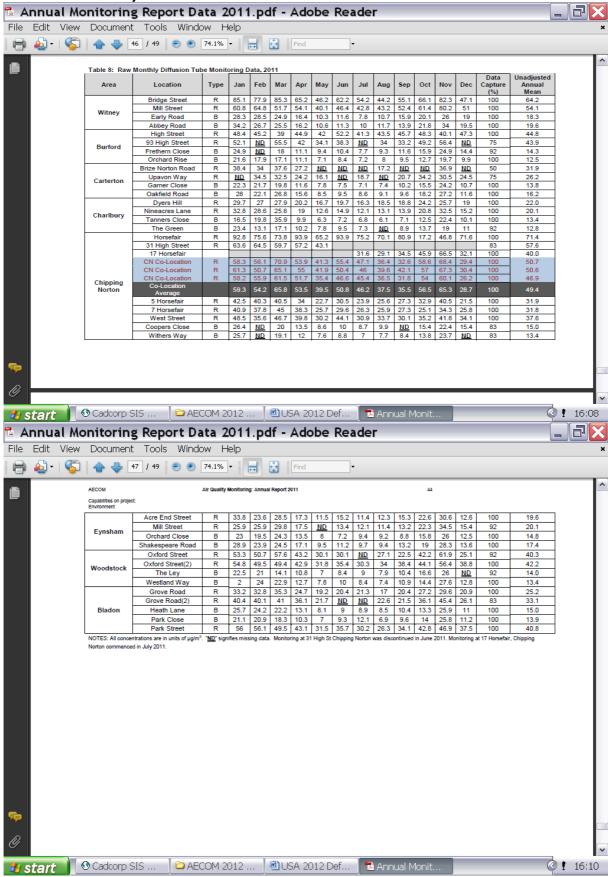
Summary, 2011				_			
Area	Site Name	Site Type	(al Mean NC ration (μg/r		Data Capture
		Una		ısted	Bias Adjusted (Local)	Bias Adjusted (National)	(%)
Witney	Bridge Street	F	₹	64.2	48.8	54.0	100
Mill Street	R	5	4. I		41.1	45.4	100
Early Road	В	I	8.3		13.9	15.4	100
Abbey Road	В	I	9.6		14.9	16.5	100
Burford	High Stre	eet F	3	44.8	34.1	37.7	100
93 High Street	R	4	13.9		34.0	37.5	75
Frethern Close	В	I	4.3		10.9	12.0	92
Orchard Rise	В	I	2.5		9.5	10.5	100
Carterton	Brize Norton		3	31.9	19.0	20.9	50
Upavon Way	Road E R		26.2		19.7	21.8	75
Garner Close	В	ı	3.8		10.5	11.6	100
Oakfield Road	В	ı	6.2		12.3	13.6	100

Charlbury	Dyers Hill	R	22.0	16.7	18.5	100
Nineacres Lane	R	20	.1	15.3	16.9	100
Tanners Close	В	13	.4	10.2	11.2	100
The Green	В	12	.8	9.7	10.8	92
Chipping	Horsefair	R	71.4	54.3	60.0	100
Norton 31 High Street	R		57.6	37.4	41.3	83
17 Horsefair	R		40.0	34.0	37.5	100
Co-location Average	R		49.4	37.5	41.5	100
5 Horsefair	R		31.9	24.2	26.8	100
7 Horsefair	R		31.8	24.2	26.7	100
West Street	R		37.6	28.5	31.5	100
Coopers Close	В		15.0	11.4	12.6	83
Withers Way	В		13.4	10.2	11.2	83
Eynsham	Acre End Street		R 19.6	14.9	16.4	100
Mill Street	R		20.1	15.3	16.9	92
Orchard Close	В		14.8	11.2	12.4	100
Shakespeare Road	В		17.4	13.2	14.6	100

Woodstock	Oxford Street	R 40.3	30.7	33.9	92
Oxford Street(2)	R	42.2	32.0	35.4	100
The Ley	В	14.0	10.6	11.7	92
Westland Way	В	13.4	10.2	11.3	100
Bladon	Grove Road	R 25.2	19.1	21.1	100
Grove Road(2)	R	33.1	25.2	27.8	83
Heath Lane	В	15.0	11.4	12.6	100
Park Close	В	13.9	10.5	11.7	100
Park Street	R	40.8	31.0	34.3	100



Appendix C: Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data (monthly mean values)



Appendix D: Diffusion Tube Location Data

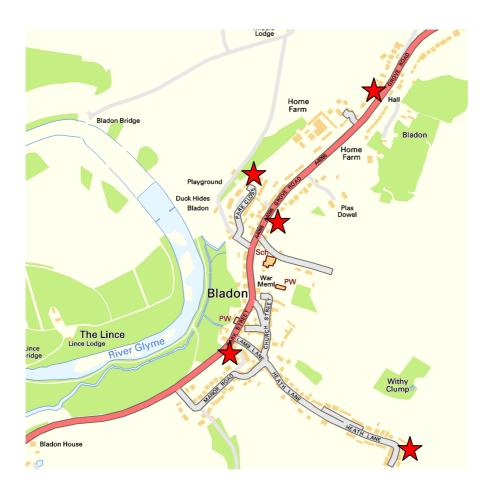
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Bridge Street, Witney	435816 210239
Mill Street, Witney	435671 210198
Early Rd., Witney	436339 210806
Abbey Rd., Witney	434596 209210
High St, Burford	425187 212431
(N) 93 High Street, Burford (S)	425156 212197
(S) Frethern Cl, Burford	425406 211678
Orchard Rise, Burford	425447 211949
Brize Norton Rd, Carterton	428254 206902
Upavon Way, Carterton	428467 207442
Garner Close, Carterton	427415 208234
Oakfield Road, Carterton	427687 206254
Dyers Hill, Charlbury	435585 219620
Nineacres Lane,	435654 219763
Charlbury Tanners Close, Charlbury	435945 219324
The Green, Charlbury	436138 219973
Horsefair, Chipping Norton	431425 227275
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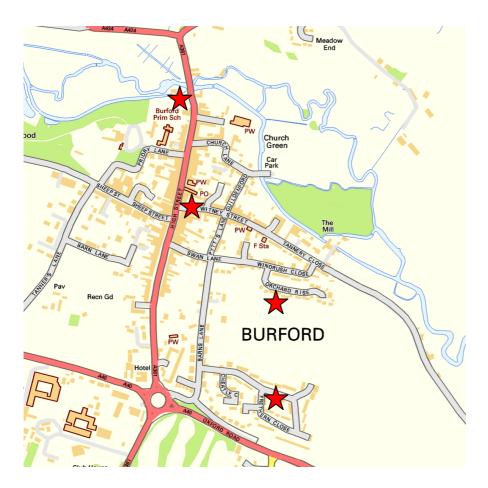
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Norton West Street, Chipping	431300 226959
Norton Coopers Close, Chipping	431694 227156
Norton Withers Way, Chipping	431207 226877
Norton Acre End Street, Eynsham	442950 209301
Mill Street, Eynsham	443309 209573
Orchard Close, Eynsham	443632 209356
Shakespeare Rd, Eynsham	442856 209781
Oxford Street, Woodstock	444592 216763
(E) Oxford Street(2),	444526 216851
Woodstock (W) The Ley, Woodstock	445131 216615
Westland Way,	444212 217270
Woodstock Grove Road, Bladon	444871 214983
Grove Road(2), Bladon	445190 215353
Heath Lane, Bladon	445227 214402
Park Close, Bladon	444851 215094
Park Street, Bladon	444791 214681

OS Grid References are included to assist third parties who require the precise location of diffusion tubes for modelling purposes. Enlarged mapping of locations is included for illustrative purposes

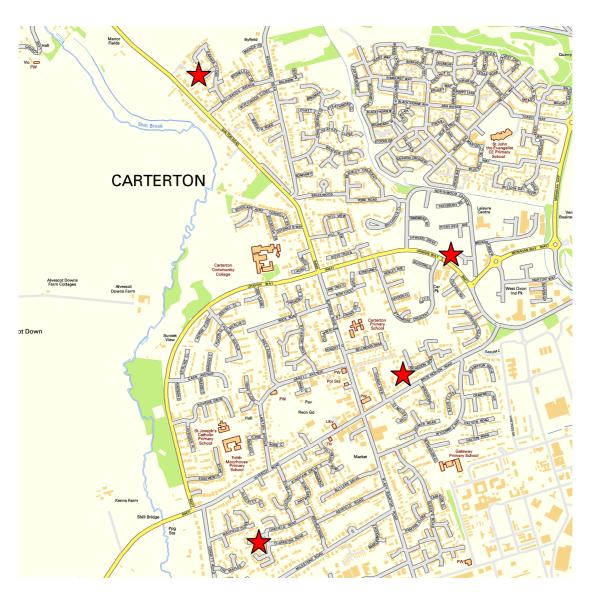
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BURFORD



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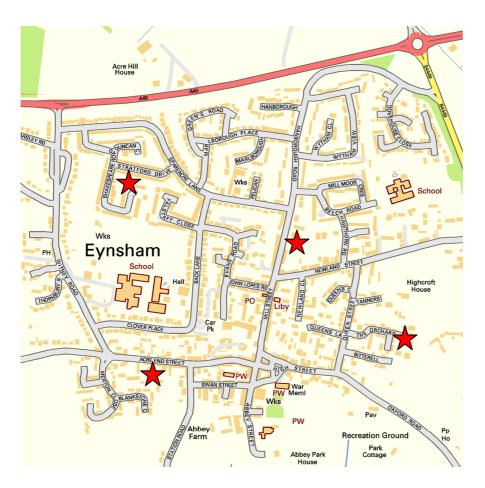
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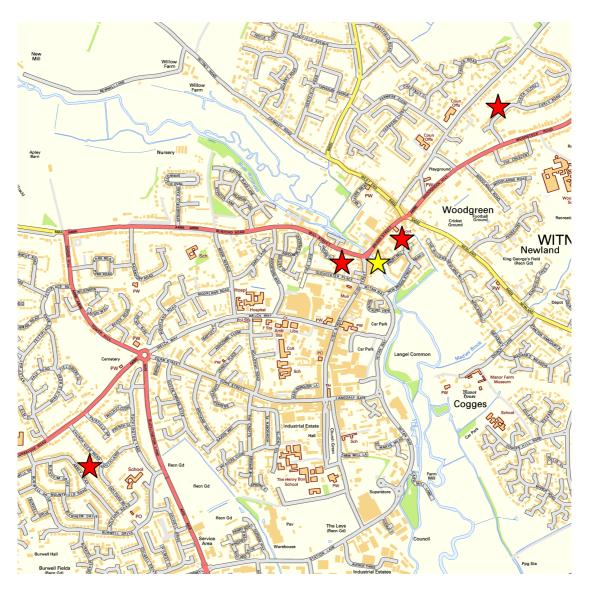
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Diffusion tubes co-located with NOx Analyser



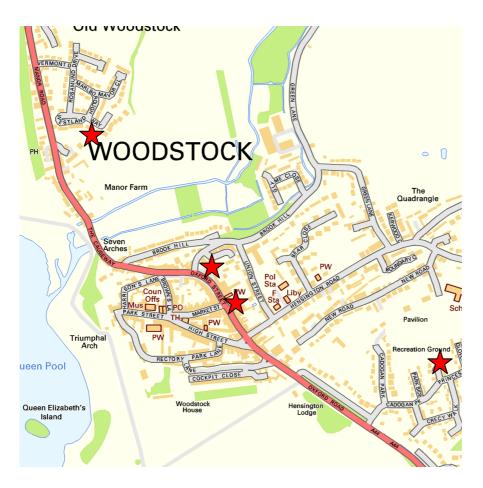
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WITNEY



NOx Analyser



WOODSTOCK