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# **Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area**

## Air Quality in Rugby Borough Council

Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children, the elderly, and those with existing heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues because areas with poor air quality are also often less affluent areas<sup>1,2</sup>.

The mortality burden of air pollution within the UK is equivalent to 28,000 to 36,000 deaths at typical ages<sup>3</sup>, with a total estimated healthcare cost to the NHS and social care of £157 million in 2017<sup>4</sup>.

The main pollutants of concern in Rugby, as in most areas of the UK, are associated with road traffic, in particular nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter (PM) at locations close to busy, congested roads where people may live, work or shop. Previous Review and Assessment reports and local knowledge have identified areas where UK Air Quality Strategy (AQS) objectives may be exceeded. Rugby Borough Council (RBC) declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in 2004 for exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective. This area covers the whole urban area of Rugby bounded by the southern boundary with Daventry District Council, the A5, the M6, minor roads west of Long Lawford, the A45 and M45 (https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/aqma/details?aqma\_ref=267#109).

Monitoring data for 2020 showed a continuation of an overall decreasing trend in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations since 2016. Concentrations in 2020 decreased at all monitoring locations in compared to 2019. There were no exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective in 2020, with a highest annual mean concentration of 33.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>. The reduced

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Health England. Air Quality: A Briefing for Directors of Public Health, 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defra. Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defra. Air quality appraisal: damage cost guidance, July 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Public Health England. Estimation of costs to the NHS and social care due to the health impacts of air pollution: summary report, May 2018

NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in 2020 are likely to be in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated government restrictions.

### **Actions to Improve Air Quality**

Whilst air quality has improved significantly in recent decades, and will continue to improve due to national policy decisions, there are some areas where local action is needed to improve air quality further.

The 2019 Clean Air Strategy<sup>5</sup> sets out the case for action, with goals even more ambitious than EU requirements to reduce exposure to harmful pollutants. The Road to Zero<sup>6</sup> sets out the approach to reduce exhaust emissions from road transport through a number of mechanisms; this is extremely important given that the majority of AQMAs are designated due to elevated concentrations heavily influenced by transport emissions.

Key actions to target sources of pollution within the area over the past reporting year include the approval of the new Taxi Policy, which sets out exhaust emission standards for all new vehicles from March 2021, and all existing vehicles from January 2022. In addition, RBC has continued its work alongside Coventry and Warwickshire Air Quality Alliance, a partnership comprising Environmental Health, Public Health, Planning and Transport officers from the Coventry and Warwickshire local authorities to implement the air quality aims of the Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021.

## **Conclusions and Priorities**

During 2020, there were no exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective. The highest recorded annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 33.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> at S2 (not within AQMA). The highest measured annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration within the Rugby AQMA was 28.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> at S54. However, it is likely concentrations during 2020 were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the Council will continue to monitor closely before considering any changes to AQMAs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Defra. Clean Air Strategy, 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> DfT. The Road to Zero: Next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering our Industrial Strategy, July 2018

RBC' priorities for the coming year are:

- An Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document<sup>7</sup> has been developed for publication. This will provide guidance to planners outlining what type of developments require Air Quality Assessments and what mitigation is suitable to minimise the negative impacts on air quality, thereby implementing policy HS5:1 of the Local Plan<sup>8</sup>. This is now due to go to cabinet for approval in June 2021.
- 2. In February 2021 Warwickshire County Council (WCC) put out a public consultation to seek views of residents and businesses to help refresh the Council's Local Transport Plan<sup>9</sup>. The current Local Transport Plan is scheduled to go through until 2026 but is now felt to be outdated due to a number of factors, notably the shift in attitudes towards fighting climate change and the response to COVID-19. Following the consultation and analysis of its findings, RBC will incorporate any updated policy that will directly affect air quality.
- 3. A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan will be completed during 2021/22 and will include an updated cycling development network plan, including improvements to the town centre to Rugby Gateway development cycle route. This work is being funded by the Government's Active Travel Fund and developer contributions.
- 4. WCC has recently secured capital funding to expand its traffic monitoring and surveying capabilities and support evidence-based decision making in the County's approach to tackling climate impacts and air quality management. This includes a strategic asset management review and replacement programme focusing on cycle counters, AQMA traffic counters and cordon monitoring sites, and the purchase of air quality modelling software to support scheme development, facilitate option assessments and prioritisation, and to inform development assessments and wider Local Plan air quality assessments. This will allow WCC to monitor the effectiveness of schemes and initiatives in tackling air quality issues and identify the impact of development proposals on air quality.
- 5. WCC will deliver improvements to the A426 Avon Mill roundabout and the junction of Hunter's Lane with Newbold Road. This will reduce congestion on the currently very

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> RBC. Draft Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document, February 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> RBC. Local Plan 2011-2031, June 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> WCC. Local Transport Plan (LTP3). April 2011.

congested A426 corridor and will provide additional crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists which will improve access to Rugby Town Centre via sustainable modes. WCC is currently working with the Department for Transport (DfT) and Midlands Connect to progress the scheme towards Outline Business Case stage by the end of 2021/22.

- 6. As part of the Rail Strategy 2019-2034<sup>10</sup>, WCC will work in partnership with other organisations including DfT, Network Rail, Train Operating Companies, Midlands Connect, Transport for West Midlands (TFWM) and West Midlands Rail Executive, to develop proposals for new stations and services in Warwickshire. This includes the proposed Rugby Parkway station at Houlton, close to M1 J18, which will provide a convenient point of access to the rail network from the surrounding area, promoting sustainable travel and drawing traffic away from the existing town centre rail station. The timescale for delivery is 2019-2026. Further proposals for Rugby rail station interchange will improve highway infrastructure to facilitate better access to the station by all modes, enabling a shift to pedestrian and cycle travel to the station.
- 7. WCC is actively working on behaviour change through the safer travel team (who not only work with schools, but also key employment sites) and two travel plan officers have been employed to take this work forward and assist with behavioural change to both active modes and public transport. Use of public transport has been particularly badly hit due to the COVID pandemic and the travel plan work will assist in its recovery. WCC is also providing Bikeability courses to both school students and adults. This is a national programme to increase skills and confidence for cyclists and enable more trips to be made by bicycle.
- 8. RBC are aiming to compete a new updated Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) by the end of 2021.

## Local Engagement and How to get Involved

The general public can take simple measures to help improve air quality, the main ones being, where possible, making short trips and journeys on foot or by bike instead of by car, or using public transport. Car sharing with colleagues, or with other parents on the school run, are some other examples of ways to reduce traffic congestion. Other measures are listed below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> WCC. Rail Strategy 2019-2034. February 2020.

- Purchasing low-emission electric and/or hybrid vehicles, with government funding and grants available;
- Upgrading boilers to newest and most efficient gas condensing boilers with lowest nitrous oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) (and carbon) emissions;
- Renewable energy generation via solar photovoltaics or wind turbine installation (although the individual effect on air quality is minor and non-local);
- Reducing the use of open fires and wood-burning stoves;
- Ensuring only permitted appliances and fuels are burnt in the 'Smoke Free Zone' across the urban area; and
- Following sustainable practices.

Further information can be found on the Council's website<sup>11</sup>, and Defra's Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) website<sup>12</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Rugby Borough Council Air Pollution website: <u>https://www.rugby.gov.uk/info/20021/pollution/217/air\_pollution</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Defra LAQM website: <u>http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/</u>

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# **1 Local Air Quality Management**

This report provides an overview of air quality in Rugby Borough Council (RBC) during 2020. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) 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 UK Air Quality Strategy (AQS) objectives are likely to be achieved. Where an exceedance is considered likely the local authority must 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 AQS objectives. This Annual Status Report (ASR) is an annual requirement showing the strategies employed by RBC to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

The statutory AQS objectives applicable to LAQM in England are presented in Table E.1.

# 2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

### **Air Quality Management Areas**

AQMAs are declared when there is an exceedance or likely exceedance of an AQS objective. After declaration, the authority should prepare an AQAP within 12 months setting out measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of compliance with the objectives.

A summary of AQMAs declared by RBC can be found in Table 2.1. The table presents a description of the one AQMA that is currently designated within RBC. Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs provides maps of AQMA and also the air quality monitoring locations in relation to the AQMA. The AQS objective pertinent to the current AQMA designation is the nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) annual mean.

AQMA Name	Date of Declaration	Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives	One Line Description	Is air quality in the AQMA influenced by roads controlled by Highways England?	Level of Exceedance: Declaration	Level of Exceedance: Current Year	Name and Date of AQAP Publication	Web Link to AQAP
Rugby AQMA (NO2)	16/12/2004	NO₂ Annual Mean	The area covers the whole urban area of Rugby bounded by the southern boundary with Daventry District Council, A5, M6, minor roads to the west of Long Lawford, A45 and M45.	YES	59.3 μg/m³	28.5 μg/m³	Rugby Borough Council AQAP, 2010	http://aqma.defra.gov.uk/ action-plans/RugbyBC% 20AQAP%202010.pdf

#### Table 2.1 – Declared Air Quality Management Areas

⊠ Rugby Borough Council confirm the information on UK-Air regarding their AQMA(s) is up to date.

☑ Rugby Borough Council confirm that all current AQAPs have been submitted to Defra.

# Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Rugby Borough Council

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR concluded the report was well structured, detailed, and provided the information specified in the Guidance. The following comments were provided, which have been addressed in this year's report:

1. Clarity is required around locations S54, S54a, and S54b as per paragraph 3. *The original S2 has been decommissioned, with S54a now renamed S2 and S54b renamed S54.* 

2. Distance correction has been completed at every diffusion tube location. Distance correction should only be completed at monitoring sites that have an annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration greater than  $36 \ \mu g/m^3$  and the relevant exposure is within 20m of the monitoring location. *Distance correction was not required at any monitoring locations in 2020 as no locations exceeded an annual mean of 36 \mu g/m^3.* 

3. The maps provided within the ASR present all monitoring sites, labelled as referenced in the results tables, however it would be useful to have more detailed local maps presenting clusters of sampling locations more clearly than they are currently annotated. *Additional maps have been provided to show monitoring locations more clearly.* 

4. Generally, the report is very good, provides a great deal of information and acts as a good first point of reference for concerned members of the Public. The Council should continue their hard work in developing partnerships and improving local air quality.

RBC has taken forward a number of direct measures during the current reporting year of 2020 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.2. 21 measures are included within Table 2.2, with the type of measure and the progress RBC have made during the reporting year of 2020 presented. Where there have been, or continue to be, barriers restricting the implementation of the measure, these are also presented within Table 2.2.

More detail on these measures can be found in the Action Plan for Rugby Borough Council<sup>13</sup>, Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021<sup>14</sup>, RBC's Local Plan 2011 – 2031<sup>8</sup> and Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document<sup>7</sup>. Key completed measures are:

- The Cabinet approved the new Taxi Policy in 2020, which includes exhaust emission standards. The exhaust emission standard is critical to the level of pollutants emitted. To improve air quality and reduce emissions, standards relating to exhaust emissions will be introduced as follows:
  - a) From 1 March 2021, any new application for a hackney carriage vehicle which is to be licensed for the first time must be new ultra-low emission or zero emission capable. This is defined as a vehicle emitting less than 50 gCO<sub>2</sub>/km and capable of travelling at least 70 miles without emissions at all.
  - b) From 1 January 2022, all new and existing private hire vehicles will need to be up to three year old Euro 4 petrol or Euro 6 diesel engines. These vehicles are capable of being licensed for 10 years, however once the vehicle is over six years old, the licence must be renewed every six months.
- RBC has continued its work alongside Coventry and Warwickshire Air Quality Alliance, a partnership comprising Environmental Health, Public Health, Planning and Transport officers from the Coventry and Warwickshire local authorities to implement the air quality aims of the Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021<sup>14</sup>. The Strategy provides:
  - a) Practical solutions to promote behaviour shifts and initiatives that reduce car journeys and promote physical activity, including in school and workplace environments;
  - b) More 'active' travel infrastructure solutions with increased cycle ways, and improved public transport infrastructure;
  - c) Evidence of designing in health through planning processes; and
  - d) Exploration of wider opportunities for improving fleet vehicles, and green procurement opportunities.

Our priorities for the coming year are:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> RBC. 2010 Air Quality Progress Report and Action Plan Progress Report for Rugby Borough Council, May 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Coventry and Warwickshire. Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021. July 2017.

- An Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document<sup>7</sup> has been developed for publication. This will provide guidance to planners outlining what type of developments require Air Quality Assessments and what mitigation is suitable to minimise the negative impacts on air quality, thereby implementing policy HS5:1 of the Local Plan<sup>8</sup>. This is now due to go to cabinet for approval in June 2021.
- 2. In February 2021 Warwickshire County Council (WCC) put out a public consultation to seek views of residents and businesses to help refresh the Council's Local Transport Plan<sup>9</sup>. The current Local Transport Plan is scheduled to go through until 2026 but is now felt to be outdated due to a number of factors, notably the shift in attitudes towards fighting climate change and the response to COVID-19. The initial consultation is categorised into five themes with residents and businesses being invited to give their views around them. These are:
  - a) Environment: How the refreshed plan can encourage and promote sustainable travel;
  - b) Economy: How it will provide the infrastructure to attract and retain investment into the county;
  - c) Place: How it will help to create an attractive place;
  - d) Wellbeing: How the stress of being on the transport network can be alleviated; and
  - e) Road safety: How road accidents and casualties can be reduced.

Following the consultation and analysis of its findings, Cabinet will be asked to approve the drafting of a revised plan which will also go to consultation before going to the County Council for approval prior to being published in 2022.

- 3. A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan will be completed during 2021/22 and will include an updated cycling development network plan. A first phase of improvement to the town centre to Rugby Gateway development cycle route is being delivered in 2020/21 to 2021/22. This involves a new Toucan crossing over the A426 Leicester Road and provision of traffic calming on Brownsover Lane to make this lightly trafficked road more attractive for cycling. This work is being funded by the Government's Active Travel Fund and developer contributions. A later phase to improve the connection between Boughton Road and the town centre will be developed subject to feasibility work and funding.
- 4. WCC has recently secured capital funding to expand its traffic monitoring and surveying capabilities and support evidence-based decision making in the County's approach to tackling climate impacts and air quality management. This includes a strategic asset

management review and replacement programme – focusing on cycle counters, AQMA traffic counters and cordon monitoring sites, and the purchase of air quality modelling software to support scheme development, facilitate option assessments and prioritisation, and to inform development assessments and wider Local Plan air quality assessments. This will allow WCC to monitor the effectiveness of schemes and initiatives in tackling air quality issues and identify the impact of development proposals on air quality. Air quality modelling software will allow WCC, in conjunction with its extensive suite of traffic models, to model the impacts of proposed schemes and initiatives on air quality in and around Rugby.

- 5. WCC will deliver improvements to the A426 Avon Mill roundabout and the junction of Hunter's Lane with Newbold Road. This will reduce congestion on the currently very congested A426 corridor and will provide additional crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists which will improve access to Rugby Town Centre via sustainable modes. The scheme is located on the A4071/A426 corridor in Rugby which has been designated by DfT as part of the Major Road Network (MRN) comprising the busiest and most economically-important local authority managed 'A' roads in England. Identified by Midlands Connect, the sub-National Transport Body for the pan-Midlands area, as one of seven regional priority schemes for delivery during MRN Period 1 (2020-2025), a Strategic Outline Business Case for the scheme was submitted to DfT in July 2019. WCC is currently working with DfT and Midlands Connect to progress the scheme towards Outline Business Case stage by the end of 2021/22.
- 6. As part of the Rail Strategy 2019-2034<sup>10</sup>, WCC will work in partnership with other organisations including DfT, Network Rail, Train Operating Companies, Midlands Connect, TFWM and WM Rail Executive, to develop proposals for new stations and services in Warwickshire. This includes the proposed Rugby Parkway station at Houlton, close to M1 J18, which will provide a convenient point of access to the rail network from the surrounding area, promoting sustainable travel and drawing traffic away from the existing town centre rail station. The timescale for delivery is 2019-2026. Further proposals for Rugby rail station interchange will improve highway infrastructure to facilitate better access to the station by all modes, enabling a shift to pedestrian and cycle travel to the station.
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the COVID pandemic and the travel plan work will assist in its recovery. WCC are also providing Bikeability courses to both school students and adults. This is a national programme to increase skills and confidence for cyclists and enable more trips to be made by bicycle.

8. RBC is aiming to compete a new updated AQAP by the end of 2021.

The principal challenges and barriers to implementation that RBC anticipates facing are predominantly in the form of planning applications for developments that may impact negatively on existing air quality, as is the case for most local authorities. There have been several recently completed major developments in Rugby, along with a considerable number of large-scale developments in the pipeline and numerous smaller developments. The most significant planning applications and allocations in the Local Plan are listed below:

- 1. Coton Park East;
- 2. Long Lawford for around 150 dwellings off the Coventry Road;
- 3. Gala & Cemex House, Evreux Way;
- 4. Land to the north of Ashlawn Road;
- 5. Urban Expansion South West of Rugby;
- 6. Former Cattle Market, Rugby;
- 7. R19/1496 117 Newbold Road, Rugby;
- 8. R19/1528 Butler's Leap, Clifton Road, Rugby;
- 9. R18/1466 Former Herbert Gray College, Little Church St, Rugby; and
- 10. R19/1164 Oakfield Recreation Ground, Bilton Road, Rugby.

The following developments are either under construction or are completed / occupied:

- 1. Rugby Radio Station (Sustainable Urban Extension);
- 2. Rugby Gateway (Eden Park);
- 3. Leicester Road/Technology Drive; and
- 4. Cawston Extension.

See Appendix G: Summary of Planning Applications for more details on the planning applications and developments in Rugby.

Progress on the following measures has been slower than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic (further details are provided in Appendix F: Impact of COVID-19 upon LAQM:

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- 1. Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document;
- 2. Behaviour Change Intervention Project; and
- 3. Coventry and Warwickshire car share scheme.

Whilst the measures stated above and in Table 2.2 will help to contribute towards compliance, RBC anticipates that further additional measures not yet prescribed will be required in subsequent years to achieve compliance and enable the revocation of Rugby AQMA, once concentrations have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Recent exceedances outside of the AQMA in Shilton (in 2018 and 2019) may need further investigation to determine if an AQMA is required in the area should these also return in 2021 / 2022.

### Table 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Estimated / Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performanc e Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
A	Rugby Western Relief Road (RWRR)	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	2010	Completed September 2010	wcc	WCC	-	-	-	Completed	12%	Implementati on of the scheme in full	The road was fully opened to traffic in September 2010.	N/A
В	Warwick Street Gyratory Improvements	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	2014	Completed May 2015	wcc	WCC	-	-	-	Completed	N/A	Implementati on of the scheme in full	The major improvement to the Gyratory was completed in May 2015.	N/A
С	Improvements to Church Street/ North Street	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	2018	Ongoing	wcc	wcc	-			Implement ation	N/A	Implementati on of the scheme in full	A scheme to extend the pedestrianised area of the town centre on Church Street/North Street was previously developed and consulted upon, however it was jointly agreed by Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council not to implement the scheme at that time. The Borough Council is now considering a number of public realm improvements as part of a wider strategy for the town centre, which for this area would supersede the previously developed proposals for Church Street/North Street.	The timescales for implementation of the scheme have changed as a result of the further consultation, which has been carried out on the revised proposal.
D	Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement within Rugby Borough	Traffic Management	Other	2005-2006	2006	WCC	WCC		-		Completed	N/A	Implementati on of the scheme in full	Scheme fully implemented in 2006	Since the commencement of Decriminalisation of Parking (now referred to as Civil Parking Enforcement CPE) on 02/10/06 in Rugby, the introduction of parking charges on some town centre streets together with a high level of enforcement has resulted in less vehicles being parked on the streets and less congestion, and therefore emissions, due to inconsiderate parking.
E	Re-routing traffic - Lorry Route Maps and agreements	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	N/A	N/A	wcc	wcc	-	-	-	Planning	N/A	Reduction in complaints regarding inappropriate lorry movements	An initial Advisory Lorry Route Map for the County was produced in 2005. This was subsequently revised and reissued in 2009. HGV routing agreements are stipulated through the planning process with WCC.	

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F	Variable Message Signing	Traffic Management	UTC, Congestion management, traffic reduction	2009	Completed in 2009	WCC	WCC	-	-		Completed	N/A	Implementati on of the scheme in full	Scheme fully implemented in 2009	Evidence from other towns in Warwickshire that Variable Message Signing reduces the unnecessary distance travelled by vehicles looking for parking spaces. In Rugby town centre the impact of Variable Message Signing may have been masked by overall reductions in road traffic brought about by the opening of RWRR and road infrastructure improvements to the Warwick Street Gyratory.
G	Improve the Borough Council Fleet (interims of emissions)	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Company Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	-	Ongoing	RBC	RBC	-			Implement ation	N/A	N/A	Euro 6 is now the latest technology with no further advancement on the horizon. Currently the Euro 6 vehicles we have consists of 13 x refuse freighters', 1 x road sweeper 1 x highways tipper and 7 x housing vans/tippers 3.5t. All replacement vehicles will be Euro 6.	Euro 6 is the most advanced technology available and is anticipated to deliver NO <sub>x</sub> emissions reductions.
н	Improve Bus Emissions	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Promoting Low Emission Public Transport	-	Ongoing	RBC/WCC	RBC/WC C		-		Implement ation	N/A	N/A	Urban Quality Bus Corridor improvements have been made on routes between the Town Centre and Lower Hillmorton/Long Lawford, between Woodlands and the Town Centre, and on the Inter-Urban route between Rugby and Coventry. Finance has been provided through developers of committed planning developments.	A lack of resources by the bus operators. However, the update older public service vehicles with those of the latest technologies should result in measurable emissions reductions of NO <sub>x</sub> and PM <sub>10</sub> .
1	Cycling	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of cycling	-	Ongoing	wcc	WCC	-	-		Implement ation	N/A	Increase in cycling as a result of individual scheme implementati on	The basis of a cycle network has been delivered in phases over the last 15 years, using a combination of on and off-carriageway routes. Additional routes will come forward as resources permit and in conjunction with new development. WCC and RBC provide cycle training for young people and adults who are keen to improve their cycle skills. Cycle facilities have been provided as part of RWRR. The Leicester Road viaduct Connect2 scheme opened in 2014. The A428 Lawford Road cycleway between Long Lawford and the RWRR was completed in 2014. A bid to the DfT's Cycle Safety fund was successful for a scheme to extend this cycleway from the RWRR to the Town Centre. The extension was completed in 2015.	
к	Workplace Travel Plans	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	-	N/A	wcc	wcc	-	-	-	Implement ation	N/A	Number of Travel Plans agreed with existing employers	Workplace Travel Plans are secured through a S106 agreement as part of new development.	

					Estimated /							Reduction		
Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performanc e Indicator	Progre
													and as part of new development	
L	School Travel Plans and Safer Routes to School	Promoting Travel Alternatives	School Travel Plans	-	N/A	WCC	wcc	-	-	-	Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in the number of car-based journeys to school	The majority of Local Au Borough now have a S
М	Public Transport Strategy, including the Bus Strategy	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Other	-	N/A	wcc	wcc	-	-		Implement ation	N/A	Increase in bus patronage	Ongoing implementation make up the Public Trans Strategy, Passenger Rail Strategy, Public Transp Public Transport
N	Travel Awareness Campaigns	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Personalised Travel Planning	-	N/A	wcc	WCC	-	-	-	Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in the number of car-based journeys being made within the Borough	Ongoing implementat Behaviour Strategy and
0	Energy efficiency improvements to Rugby housing & the reduction of fuel poverty.	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Low Emissions Strategy	-	N/A	RBC	RBC		-	-	Implement ation	N/A	HECA report published March 2017, and will be updated at two yearly intervals	Across the borough we se • Worked with our partner energy adv • Organised advice sess library, flu clinics, Childrer Drop- • Held training sessions fo and volue • Provided media coverag in Tenant Times; twitte weather, energy savings issued to front-line s orga • Sent mail out to 1970 ho information about ECO fur plus support availa • Held presentation for loca Energy Efficiency Standa about new Carbon M • Carried out initial feasi H Council tenants hav improvemer • Electric to gas conve

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thority run schools within the school Travel Plan in place.	
of the various strategies which port Strategy, including the Bus Strategy, Community Transport ort Information Strategy and Interchange Strategy.	
on of the Changing Travel other relevant LTP strategies.	
have provided the following rvices: , Act on Energy, to provide an rice phone line; ions held at the Town Hall & 's Centres and Older People's n session; front-line staff and community ntary workers; with Press Releases; articles r posts on coping with cold tips, etc.; cold weather alerts staff and 100 community nisations; useholds in the Benn area with ding for energy improvements, ole from Act on Energy; al landlords about the Minimum urds and provided information Monoxide legislation; and bility assessment for District eating re benefitted from these nts and services: ersions for 173 properties; ors to 2000 properties with	DECC statistics show that CO <sub>2</sub> emissions by domestic use (Units kt CO <sub>2</sub> ) have reduced from 215.7 in 2009 to 213.3 in 2013, a per capita reduction from 21.8 to 19.8. We aim to reduce CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in the housing sector to 172.6kt CO <sub>2</sub> of 2009 (215.7kt CO <sub>2</sub> ) levels by 2020. This will be equivalent to a 20% reduction.

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													windows and doors; • Central heating renewals – 235 gas to gas upgrades; • Since April 2013 to date, 607 upgrades to boilers were carried out as planned maintenance. The Council is budgeting £3.1m for upgrading older boilers, with another 390 planned conversion up to 2021; • Energy advice session held for tenants at Woodside Travellers Site; and • mail out to Sheltered Tenants and High Rise Residents about Warm Home Discount.	
Р	Control Of Industrial Emissions	Environment al Permits	Measures to reduce pollution through IPPC Permits going beyond BAT	-	N/A	RBC	RBC -	-		Implement ation	N/A	100% compliance improvement s	42 Permitted Industrial Pollution Process (100% inspections completed) achieved 100% compliance improvements.	100% compliance improvements achieved.
Q	Emissions from Domestic and Commercial Sources	Environment al Permits	Other	-	N/A	RBC	RBC -			Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in complaints	Low priority. Low number of complaints.	Designated smoke Control Area (chimneys) and section 79 of the EPA 1990 actively implemented where problems are identified.
R	Control of Bonfires	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	-	N/A	RBC	RBC -			Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in complaints	Low priority. Low number of complaints.	Section 79 of the EPA 1990 actively implemented where problems are identified.
S	Planning Development and Planning Applications	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	-	Adoption June 2019	RBC	RBC -		-	Implement ation	N/A	N/A	In June 2019 the Rugby Borough Council Local Plan 2011 – 2031 was approved. This introduced Policy HS5: Traffic Generation and Air. Development throughout the Borough of more than 1,000 sqm of floorspace or 10 or more dwellings or development within the Air Quality Management Area (see Appendix 8) that would generate any new floorspace must: 1. Achieve or exceed air quality neutral standards; or 2. Address the impacts of poor air quality due to traffic on building occupiers, and public realm or amenity space users by reducing exposure to and mitigating their effects, proportionate to the scale of the development. This can be achieved using design solutions that include: • Orientation and layout of buildings, taking into account building occupiers, public realm and amenity space users; • Appropriate abatement technologies; and • Urban greening appropriate for providing air quality benefits. 3. Where air quality neutral standards are not met, measures to offset any shortfall will be required,	Draft Air quality and Planning SPD submitted to Cabinet in March. Due to coronavirus pandemic this has not yet been approved. Due for approval June 2021 Supersedes previous SPDs and brings in Policy HS:5 of the Local Plan 2011 -2013.

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Estimated / Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performanc e Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
														according to the following hierarchy: • On-site measures; then • Off-site measures; then • Financial contributions.	
U	Promotion of Practical Guidance for use of open fires and wood burning stoves in domestic settings	Public Information	Via Internet	2020	Ongoing	RBC	RBC	-	-	-	Implement ation	N/A	N/A	RBC are planning a promotion campaign using promotional guidance provided by DEFRA in relation to open fires and wood burning stoves. This will be done via the web page and social media communication platforms.	Website continually updated with latest guidance.
v	Promotion of Car Share Scheme	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Personalised Travel Planning	2021	Ongoing	RBC/WCC	RBC/WC C	-	-		Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in the number of car-based journeys being made within the Borough	There is car share scheme operating across Coventry and Warwickshire. RBC looking at options for staff to join the scheme as an organisation with internal promotion though emails and updates. Promotion of the scheme externally via the website and Social Media platforms.	
w	Draft Taxi Policy	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Taxi Licensing conditions	2021	Ongoing	RBC	RBC	-			Implement ation	N/A	Reduction in emissions from taxis	Rugby Borough Council's Licensing Team are drafting a Taxi Policy for 2020 which will include exhaust emission standards.	Taxi Policy past by Cabinet 2020.

# PM<sub>2.5</sub> – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and/or Concentrations

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG16 (Chapter 7), local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less). There is clear evidence that PM<sub>2.5</sub> has a significant impact on human health, including premature mortality, allergic reactions, and cardiovascular diseases.

The Public Health Outcomes Framework (see <u>https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework</u>) includes an indicator relating to the impact of particulate pollution on human health. Indicator D01 – Fraction of mortality attributable to particulate air pollution provides an estimation of the mortality burden associated with long-term exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> as a percentage of the annual deaths from all causes in those aged 30+. The D01 indicator value for Rugby is 5.2% in 2019. This is comparable to the regional average for the West Midlands (5.3%) and the national English average (5.1%).

RBC is taking the following measures to address PM<sub>2.5</sub>: Measure U in the AQAP involves the promotion of practical guidance on use of wood burners.

# 3 Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives and National Compliance

This section sets out the monitoring undertaken within 2020 by RBC and how it compares with the relevant AQS objectives. In addition, monitoring results are presented for a five-year period between 2016 and 2020 to allow monitoring trends to be identified and discussed.

## Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

#### 3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

RBC does not undertake automatic (continuous) monitoring. The Council previously had a continuous particulate monitor at Parkfield Road. This was decommissioned in December 2017 due to consecutive years of low pollutant concentrations.

Local authorities do not have to report annually on the following pollutants: 1,3 butadiene, benzene, carbon monoxide and lead, unless local circumstances indicate there is a problem.

#### 3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

RBC undertook non-automatic (i.e. passive) monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> at 53 sites during 2020, including one co-located triplicate site. Table A.1 in Appendix A presents the details of the non-automatic sites.

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Appendix D. Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) for the diffusion tubes, including bias adjustments and any other adjustments applied (e.g. annualisation and/or distance correction), are included in Appendix C.

## **Individual Pollutants**

The air quality monitoring results presented in this section are, where relevant, adjusted for bias, annualisation (where the annual mean data capture is below 75% and greater than 25%), and distance correction. Further details on adjustments are provided in Appendix C.

#### 3.1.3 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Table A.2 in Appendix A compare the ratified and adjusted monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the AQS objective of 40  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>. Note that the concentration data presented represents the concentration at the location of the monitoring site, following the application of bias adjustment, as required (i.e. the values are exclusive of any consideration to fall-off with distance adjustment).

For diffusion tubes, the full 2020 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. Note that the concentration data presented in Table B.1 includes distance corrected values, only where relevant. Please note that diffusion tube site S2 (3 Church Street) was previously named S54a in last year's ASR, and has replaced the monitoring location along A423 Marston Lay.

During 2020, there were no exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective. The highest recorded annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 33.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> at S2 (3 Church Street). This is a reduction from 2019, where there were two exceedances and a maximum concentration of 45.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>, also at S2 (formerly S54a). The monitoring location S2, located on the junction of Church Road and Bulkington Road in Shilton, north of Coventry, has exceeded the AQS objective three times between 2016 and 2020, and with the exception of 2017 has recorded the highest annual mean concentrations in the borough. However, S2 is not currently located within the AQMA. As such, the Council will continue to closely monitor this site for changes in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

There were no monitoring locations which saw an annual mean greater than  $60 \ \mu g/m^3$ . This indicates it is unlikely that the 1-hour mean AQS objective for NO<sub>2</sub> was exceeded at any monitoring sites.

S54 (formerly S54b) was the other site to exceed the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective in 2019. S54 is located at the roadside of Warwick Street gyratory system near the town centre and is within the existing AQMA. Concentrations here have been declining since 2016, albeit with some fluctuations around the trend. 2020 has seen the lowest annual mean concentration of 28.5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>, almost 10  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> lower than the previous minimum of 38.7  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2018. The longer term improvements can in part be attributed to major improvement works occurring to the gyratory system as part of the AQAP, which was completed in May 2015, but the sharp decline compared to 2019 is most likely due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Other monitoring sites which have shown notable improvements are S24 (in Dunchurch Square) and S49 (on the roundabout between Whitehall Road and Hillmorton Road). Both sites are within the AQMA. S24 fell below the AQS objective for the first time in 2019, and has fallen below 10% of the AQS objective in 2020.

Overall, between 2019 to 2020 all monitoring locations across Rugby Borough Council have seen a reduction in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, showing a continuation of a decreasing trend since 2016. However, it should be noted that most monitoring locations showed a notable drop between 2019 and 2020, and this is likely due to the impact of COVID-19 and associated travel restrictions.

#### 3.1.4 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)

Rugby Borough Council ceased PM<sub>10</sub> (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm or less) monitoring in December 2017. Monitoring at the Parkfield Road location was originally commenced to investigate particulate matter concentrations at sensitive receptors near to the Cemex Climafuel facility, but there were no monitored exceedances of the PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean or short-term mean AQS objectives after several years of monitoring.

#### 3.1.5 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

Rugby Borough Council ceased PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring at the Parkfield Road location in December 2017, as there were no monitored exceedances of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual mean target value after several years of monitoring.

# **Appendix A: Monitoring Results**

### Table A.1 – Details of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S1	10 Newbold Road, Opp Shops	Kerbside	449000	277178	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	0.5	No	2.5
S2	3 Church St, Shilton	Roadside	440416	284401	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.5
S3	69 School Street	Urban Background	447316	276162	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	15.0	No	2.5
S4	Wolston School drainpipe	Urban Background	441131	275648	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	90.0	No	2.5
S5	High Street Ryton A45 post by subway	Kerbside	438642	274418	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	25.0	0.5	No	2.5
S6	2 West Field Road	Urban Background	449671	274795	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	10.0	No	2.5
S7	68 Cymbiline Way	Urban Background	448863	272786	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	10.0	No	2.5

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S8	Newbold Rd opp Benn Hall	Kerbside	450138	275557	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	10.0	1.0	No	2.5
S9	(Argule Street) Cambridge St	Roadside	451187	275334	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	5.0	No	2.5
S10	Webb Ellis Pub, Corporation Street	Roadside	450069	275040	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	5.0	No	2.5
S11	15 Oliver Street	Roadside	449787	275224	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	5.0	No	2.5
S12	Boughton Leigh School, Hollowell Way	Urban Background	451445	277245	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	56.0	No	2.5
S13	Avon Mill Pub, Newbold Road	Roadside	450088	276229	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	15.0	3.0	No	2.5
S14	Binley Woods, Village Hall	Urban Background	439450	277523	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	20.0	No	2.5
S15	Lawford/Jubile St, Arnies Batch	Kerbside	449168	275411	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	0.5	No	2.5
S16	A45 Citrus Hotel	Roadside	436867	275275	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	19.0	No	2.5

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S26	Lawport Rd Flats Former Simms Scrapyard	Roadside	448999	275505	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	12.0	No	2.5
S27	Leamington Rd Ryton lamp post	Roadside	449435	275543	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	7.0	2.5	No	2.5
S28	Parkfield Rd No: 256	Roadside	449011	276329	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	2.0	No	2.5
S29	Avon Valley School	Urban Background	449575	276540	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	35.0	No	2.5
S30	Murray Rd bus stop near Train station	Kerbside	451107	275838	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	0.5	No	2.5
S31	Wood Street opp Myson house	Roadside	450848	275849	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	3.0	No	2.5
S32	Railway Terrace Station Bar	Roadside	450750	275547	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	3.0	No	2.5
S33	Albert Street Alma Lodge Hotel	Roadside	450510	275355	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	3.0	No	2.5

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S34	Regent Street Lampost Near Oxfam	Roadside	450405	275329	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	3.0	No	2.5
S35	Church Street Town Fryer	Roadside	450444	275236	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	3.0	No	2.5
S36	Whitehall Road junction with Clifton roundabout	Roadside	450870	275043	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	12.0	3.0	No	2.5
S37	Lower Hillmorton Rd	Roadside	450897	275059	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	5.0	2.0	No	2.5
S38	Clifton Rd before Railway line	Kerbside	451868	275501	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	9.0	0.5	No	2.5
S39	Clifton Rd Roundabout Murry Rd	Roadside	450852	275116	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	5.0	No	2.5
S40	Drury Lan Bugby Tapp	Roadside	450181	275029	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	5.0	No	2.5

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S41	Bilton Rd Big Yellow House	Roadside	450010	274998	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	15.0	No	2.5
S42	Bilton Rd near Crow Pie Pub	Roadside	448855	274352	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	10.0	5.0	No	2.5
S43	Dunchurch Gyratory Residential	Roadside	450162	274898	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	4.0	3.0	No	2.5
S44	Ashlawn Rd/Barby Lane	Roadside	453394	273633	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	15.0	2.0	No	2.5
S45	Bretford Electricity Pole near 3 Avon Cottage	Roadside	442963	277071	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	11.0	3.0	No	2.5
S46	Oxford Rd Ryton Belvedere	Kerbside	437555	274561	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	30.0	1.0	No	2.5
S47	Regent Place	Kerbside	450445	275495	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	5.0	0.5	No	2.5
S48	North Street o/s Natwest	Roadside	450304	275314	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	2.0	No	2.5

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
S49	Lesley Souter House Whitehall rd Hillmorton Rd	Roadside	450864	274896	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	13.0	3.0	No	2.5
S50	Tesco Express Bilton bus stop	Roadside	448169	273625	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	18.0	3.0	No	2.5
S51	Brays Close Brinklow	Roadside	443433	279208	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	6.0	3.0	No	2.5
S52	Green Man Dunchurch	Roadside	448537	271195	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	1.0	3.0	No	2.5
S53	Coventry Road, West Dunchurch	Roadside	448361	271334	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	1.5	No	2.5
S54	Rugby School Lampost 6	Roadside	450269	274998	NO <sub>2</sub>	Yes - Rugby AQMA	0.0	1.5	No	2.5
S55	Main St Stretton	Roadside	445004	281330	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	5.0	2.0	No	2.5

#### Notes:

(1) Om if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on the façade of a residential property).

(2) N/A if not applicable.

Table A.2 – Annual Mean N	92 Monitoring Results:	Non-Automatic	Monitoring	(µg/m³)
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Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
S1	449000	277178	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	18.8	17.8	17.6	16.2	13.5
S2	440416	284401	Roadside	100.0	100.0	47.1	37.6	46.1	45.5	33.5
S3	447316	276162	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	15.5	12.2	14.2	13.1	9.5
S4	441131	275648	Urban Background	92.3	92.3	14.0	12.3	12.1	10.4	8.2
S5	438642	274418	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	28.5	25.0	24.0	23.5	16.4
S6	449671	274795	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	16.3	14.1	14.9	13.6	10.4
\$7	448863	272786	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	13.2	10.4	11.6	11.7	8.6
S8	450138	275557	Kerbside	92.3	92.3	33.6	29.3	30.0	28.0	26.9
S9	451187	275334	Roadside	100.0	100.0	23.3	15.9	15.8	16.3	11.8
S10	450069	275040	Roadside	90.4	90.4	41.0	34.8	30.8	35.7	25.7
S11	449787	275224	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.3	21.8	21.8	22.6	16.2
S12	451445	277245	Urban Background	92.3	92.3	25.8	21.3	19.6	20.9	14.3

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
S13	450088	276229	Roadside	100.0	100.0	39.5	36.5	34.8	33.5	26.7
S14	439450	277523	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	18.2	14.7	15.1	16.8	10.9
S15	449168	275411	Kerbside	90.4	90.4	28.3	25.6	26.9	25.1	22.1
S16	436867	275275	Roadside	100.0	100.0	22.8	18.2	19.6	18.8	13.5
S17, S18, S19	431271	266404	Roadside	100.0	100.0	20.8	17.0	18.4	17.4	12.7
S20	450137	275849	Roadside	100.0	100.0	32.4	26.7	27.8	26.0	19.5
S21	451698	273273	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.2	22.2	22.5	22.2	15.5
S22	452403	273567	Roadside	92.3	92.3	24.4	20.8	21.3	20.7	15.1
S23	452672	273633	Roadside	100.0	100.0	25.1	21.7	21.0	21.8	14.4
S24	448496	271244	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	47.1	40.7	43.3	38.5	27.3
S25	448414	271175	Roadside	100.0	100.0	34.5	28.0	29.3	25.4	19.0
S26	448999	275505	Roadside	100.0	100.0	22.4	18.3	19.1	18.7	14.5
S27	449435	275543	Roadside	92.3	92.3	27.5	21.3	18.2	21.2	14.4

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
S28	449011	276329	Roadside	100.0	100.0	19.7	16.1	17.2	16.7	11.7
S29	449575	276540	Urban Background	75.0	75.0	21.7	18.7	19.8	21.0	16.3
S30	451107	275838	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	36.4	32.3	34.5	33.0	20.8
S31	450848	275849	Roadside	100.0	100.0	29.7	26.1	27.3	24.7	21.3
S32	450750	275547	Roadside	90.4	90.4	30.4	28.2	29.3	27.4	21.1
S33	450510	275355	Roadside	100.0	100.0	25.4	21.6	22.4	22.2	15.7
S34	450405	275329	Roadside	80.8	80.8	27.8	25.5	24.8	23.1	15.2
S35	450444	275236	Roadside	92.3	92.3	32.3	28.4	31.7	31.0	19.9
S36	450870	275043	Roadside	100.0	100.0	35.3	29.5	28.9	29.8	24.2
S37	450897	275059	Roadside	75.0	75.0	30.1	24.1	23.9	25.2	20.7
S38	451868	275501	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	29.9	25.7	26.5	25.1	17.1
S39	450852	275116	Roadside	90.4	90.4	30.0	25.9	27.9	26.2	19.6
S40	450181	275029	Roadside	82.7	82.7	34.7	30.5	26.5	28.3	22.1

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
S41	450010	274998	Roadside	100.0	100.0	27.4	23.0	25.7	24.8	17.8
S42	448855	274352	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.2	20.7	22.8	21.2	15.5
S43	450162	274898	Roadside	100.0	100.0	31.1	25.2	25.9	26.3	19.1
S44	453394	273633	Roadside	100.0	100.0	29.8	23.8	27.4	23.6	17.5
S45	442963	277071	Roadside	90.4	90.4	26.7	22.5	22.5	23.8	16.3
S46	437555	274561	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	39.3	36.5	36.7	35.3	26.3
S47	450445	275495	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	35.2	30.8	32.6	29.5	20.2
S48	450304	275314	Roadside	92.3	92.3	37.5	34.3	31.0	34.1	23.1
S49	450864	274896	Roadside	100.0	100.0	36.6	43.7	34.0	30.0	20.6
S50	448169	273625	Roadside	90.4	90.4	25.3	21.5	22.9	21.3	16.8
S51	443433	279208	Roadside	100.0	100.0	32.4	28.3	29.4	28.1	19.0
S52	448537	271195	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.0	20.9	20.8	20.9	14.1
S53	448361	271334	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.6	20.1	21.8	21.8	13.7

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2020 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
S54	450269	274998	Roadside	100.0	100.0	45.5	43.3	38.7	41.6	28.5
S55	445004	281330	Roadside	100.0	100.0	25.3	20.6	20.8	21.4	13.5

☑ Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG16.

Diffusion tube data has been bias adjusted.

Reported concentrations are those at the location of the monitoring site (bias adjusted and annualised, as required), i.e. prior to any fall-off with distance correction.

#### Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as  $\mu g/m^3$ .

Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean AQS objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> are shown in **bold**.

NO<sub>2</sub> annual means exceeding 60  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean AQS objective are shown in <u>bold</u> and underlined.

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been "annualised" as per LAQM.TG16 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

Concentrations are those at the location of monitoring and not those following any fall-off with distance adjustment.

(1) Data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) Data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%).







Figure A.2 – Trends in Kerbside Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations













# Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2020

Table B.1 – NO <sub>2</sub>	2020 Diffusion	<b>Tube Results</b>	$(\mu g/m^3)$
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DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted (0.77)	Annual Me Distanc Corrected Neares Exposur
S1	449000	277178	24.8	18.7	7.7	15.9	12.8	12.3	10.3	15.7	20.1	17.2	27.4	26.8	17.5	13.5	-
S2	440416	284401	64.6	49.8	43.3	28.0	34.4	39.1	27.4	45.2	43.7	43.9	52.5	50.8	43.6	33.5	-
S3	447316	276162	17.9	14.8	13.4	11.6	8.0	8.8	6.3	9.4	11.1	12.5	16.2	18.7	12.4	9.5	-
S4	441131	275648	15.5	10.1	3.7	9.2	6.9	6.8	-	11.8	9.8	10.6	15.3	17.0	10.6	8.2	-
S5	438642	274418	30.2	21.2	23.8	18.3	15.3	17.0	14.1	18.3	23.3	22.0	25.6	27.1	21.4	16.4	-
S6	449671	274795	18.8	13.9	14.8	12.5	9.7	8.7	6.8	9.9	14.7	13.7	18.6	20.7	13.6	10.4	-
S7	448863	272786	17.1	11.9	11.7	8.5	6.4	6.2	5.5	7.2	9.5	10.7	20.5	18.5	11.1	8.6	-
S8	450138	275557	44.8	41.7	29.9	28.3	22.6	-	18.5	30.2	29.7	64.1	35.8	38.1	34.9	26.9	-
S9	451187	275334	25.4	14.1	16.2	11.4	9.8	9.9	8.3	12.0	14.6	16.0	21.3	24.3	15.3	11.8	-
S10	450069	275040	48.4	36.1	29.3	29.3	25.4	30.0	20.4	33.5	36.2	37.2	41.3		33.4	25.7	-
S11	449787	275224	32.8	23.5	19.1	16.8	13.4	14.6	12.8	17.0	19.1	19.0	31.3	32.7	21.0	16.2	-
S12	451445	277245	28.0	21.6	10.4	12.6	10.0	10.5		18.0	17.9	17.3	32.2	26.0	18.6	14.3	-
S13	450088	276229	49.9	48.2	31.4	20.3	23.2	27.8	29.5	30.6	37.8	38.4	44.6	33.8	34.6	26.7	-
S14	439450	277523	23.2	15.9	14.8	10.4	8.8	8.5	7.8	10.1	13.5	14.4	21.7	20.9	14.2	10.9	_
S15	449168	275411	53.3	40.1	33.5	19.6		22.8	8.9	22.8	28.0	22.1	34.9	30.1	28.7	22.1	-
S16	436867	275275	20.7	17.7	18.7	16.6	14.6	14.1	12.6	14.8	19.9	17.1	21.6	22.5	17.6	13.5	-
S17	431271	266404	28.5	19.8	17.6	12.7	9.2	10.0	8.6	13.4	15.7	16.5	25.1	24.6	-	-	-
S18	431271	266404	26.5	17.5	17.4	13.1	9.1	9.6	8.7	13.7	17.1	16.1	20.8	23.1	-	-	-
S19	431271	266404	27.9	18.1	17.6	11.9	11.1	10.6	7.3	11.7	16.8	17.6	23.6	24.2	16.5	12.7	-
S20	450137	275849	39.8	26.0	27.2	23.9	16.7	19.1	10.5	23.5	25.9	22.1	30.6	38.4	25.3	19.5	-
S21	451698	273273	32.6	26.5	17.7	13.9	12.2	14.7	11.9	17.4	21.9	21.6	23.8	26.9	20.1	15.5	-
S22	452403	273567	28.8		18.1	14.2	13.8	15.1	11.4	15.9	19.9	20.8	30.2	27.6	19.6	15.1	-
S23	452672	273633	25.6	20.1	19.0	16.1	12.4	13.7	11.0	14.6	20.1	17.9	26.1	27.7	18.7	14.4	-
S24	448496	271244	51.4	45.7	23.5	24.8	25.1	32.5	30.4	34.5	40.7	42.4	33.4	41.8	35.5	27.3	-

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DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted (0.77)	Annual Me Distanc Corrected Neares Exposui
S25	448414	271175	36.9	25.6	23.8	15.1	15.0	17.6	18.1	22.3	29.1	28.0	29.4	35.2	24.7	19.0	_
S26	448999	275505	25.4	17.4	18.8	12.0	14.5	14.4	13.3	17.9	19.8	15.7	28.3	29.0	18.9	14.5	-
S27	449435	275543	31.9	21.5	15.8	-	11.3	13.7	11.9	14.3	20.1	15.9	23.4	26.1	18.7	14.4	-
S28	449011	276329	21.9	18.1	11.8	13.9	9.4	10.5	13.7	12.9	13.2	15.1	21.2	20.1	15.2	11.7	-
S29	449575	276540	35.4	31.0	-	-	-	1.0	8.3	17.4	18.1	17.6	30.5	31.3	21.2	16.3	-
S30	451107	275838	40.8	26.2	26.1	27.2	24.0	27.8	17.1	32.1	32.0	30.5	1.4	38.9	27.0	20.8	-
S31	450848	275849	71.4	25.9	21.2	22.8	18.6	18.4	12.9	22.6	21.9	25.5	32.9	38.0	27.7	21.3	-
S32	450750	275547	40.4	28.3	26.9	19.7	19.9	19.2	17.4	24.1	30.2	-	37.2	37.8	27.4	21.1	-
S33	450510	275355	33.9	23.2	19.8	14.9	11.4	11.6	12.4	17.6	20.9	22.0	27.5	30.1	20.4	15.7	-
S34	450405	275329	32.2	21.2	21.3	13.8	13.2	12.5	14.1	17.4	20.4	-	31.2	-	19.7	15.2	-
S35	450444	275236	45.2	-	10.9	20.1	18.9	18.2	19.1	25.0	30.3	30.3	34.6	32.2	25.9	19.9	-
S36	450870	275043	40.5	37.0	27.2	23.7	20.9	27.6	21.2	27.5	33.7	35.8	39.4	42.1	31.4	24.2	-
S37	450897	275059	38.3	-	18.2	-	15.5	0.6	32.7	-	29.0	33.2	34.7	39.3	26.8	20.7	-
S38	451868	275501	35.1	23.8	21.4	19.4	16.9	15.2	16.5	19.5	23.6	23.1	25.7	27.0	22.3	17.1	-
S39	450852	275116	36.6	29.1	25.1	18.5	16.1	17.9	16.8	-	27.1	26.9	33.4	32.2	25.4	19.6	-
S40	450181	275029	41.0	28.6	25.4	-	20.0	21.0	20.6		29.5	29.8	36.4	35.3	28.8	22.1	-
S41	450010	274998	28.9	22.5	23.8	19.7	17.9	19.5	13.7	21.1	27.6	24.0	30.5	28.5	23.1	17.8	-
S42	448855	274352	26.8	19.2	21.9	18.1	15.6	15.7	11.5	18.2	21.7	22.1	24.8	25.8	20.1	15.5	-
S43	450162	274898	30.2	22.9	23.2	19.4	18.9	21.9	15.5	23.2	30.2	27.4	40.8	23.9	24.8	19.1	-
S44	453394	273633	28.9	24.1	22.3	20.8	19.4	18.5	15.8	22.8	25.1	21.2	25.3	28.5	22.7	17.5	-
S45	442963	277071	40.0	25.4	20.7	13.2	12.6	16.9	14.2	18.4	21.8	21.7	27.9	-	21.2	16.3	-
S46	437555	274561	45.0	30.0	32.7	28.7	28.8	32.5	23.7	34.9	38.8	34.9	38.1	41.9	34.2	26.3	-
S47	450445	275495	37.2	24.6	25.5	19.6	20.8	22.5	16.4	28.6	29.9	26.5	33.2	30.4	26.3	20.2	-
S48	450304	275314	52.1	33.0	28.1	-	18.5	19.0	19.7	25.0	30.4	32.5	37.5	33.6	29.9	23.1	_
S49	450864	274896	43.7	34.7	20.9	11.4	19.9	22.1	19.3	24.7	30.6	29.0	31.3	32.8	26.7	20.6	-
S50	448169	273625	28.4	23.8	20.3	17.0	14.8	14.8	15.3	19.3	24.3	-	32.2	30.5	21.9	16.8	-
S51	443433	279208	33.8	31.3	21.0	18.0	16.1	19.4	16.7	21.2	29.6	27.1	34.0	27.5	24.6	19.0	-
S52	448537	271195	28.2	20.3	17.2	12.7	12.7	13.3	11.5	14.7	20.1	20.8	23.8	24.3	18.3	14.1	-
S53	448361	271334	23.6	19.3	13.4	14.5	12.5	15.0	9.5	15.0	20.1	21.2	25.7	23.4	17.8	13.7	-
S54	450269	274998	62.3	40.6	22.9	24.6	26.4	33.6	28.0	35.7	40.8	38.4	47.4	44.0	37.1	28.5	_
S55	445004	281330	28.3	17.8	20.4	16.7	15.4	14.4	11.8	15.1	14.3	19.7	26.1	10.0	17.5	13.5	-

☐ All erroneous data has been removed from the NO₂ diffusion tube dataset presented in Table B.1.

⊠ Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG16.

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□ Local bias adjustment factor used.

- ⊠ National bias adjustment factor used.
- Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure in the final column.
- Rugby Borough Council confirm that all 2020 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System.

#### Notes:

Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean AQS objective of 40  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> are shown in **bold**.

NO<sub>2</sub> annual means exceeding 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> 1-hour mean AQS objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment and annualisation.

# Appendix C: Supporting Technical Information / Air Quality Monitoring Data QA/QC

# New or Changed Sources Identified Within Rugby Borough Council During 2020

RBC has not identified any new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2020.

# Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by Rugby Borough Council During 2020

RBC has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2020.

## QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

RBC's NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tubes are supplied and analysed by SOCOTEC Didcot using the 50% TEA in Acetone method. This method conforms to the guidelines set out in Defra's 'Diffusion Tubes for Ambient NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring: Practical Guidance' document.

SOCOTEC Didcot participates in the AIR NO<sub>2</sub> PT scheme<sup>15</sup>. This scheme forms an integral part of the UK NO<sub>2</sub> Network's QA/QC and is a useful tool in assessing the analytical performance of those laboratories supplying diffusion tubes to Local Authorities for use in the context of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM). In the most recent AIR NO<sub>2</sub> PT rounds AR040, 36, 34, 33 and 31 SOCOTEC Didcot achieved 100.0% satisfactory scores. In prior AIR NO<sub>2</sub> PT rounds AR0030 SOCOTEC Didcot achieved a 87.5% satisfactory score.

### **Diffusion Tube Annualisation**

All diffusion tube monitoring locations recorded data capture of 75% or greater and above 25%. Therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data.

<sup>15</sup> LGC (2019) Summary of Laboratory Performance in AIR NO2 Proficiency Testing Scheme (April 2017 – February 2019) Available at: https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/laqmno2performancedatauptofebruary2019v1.pdf

#### **Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors**

The diffusion tube data presented within the ASR have been corrected for bias using an adjustment factor. Bias represents the overall tendency of the diffusion tubes to under or over-read relative to the reference chemiluminescence analyser. LAQM.TG16 provides guidance with regard to the application of a bias adjustment factor to correct diffusion tube monitoring. Triplicate co-location studies can be used to determine a local bias factor based on the comparison of diffusion tube results with data taken from NO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> continuous analysers. Alternatively, the national database of diffusion tube co-location surveys provides bias factors for the relevant laboratory and preparation method.

A national bias adjustment factor was obtained from the national Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors Spreadsheet for March 2021. Based on the analytical laboratory (SOCOTEC Didcot) and tube preparation method (50%TEA/Acetone) a national bias adjustment factor of 0.77 was derived for 2020.

A local bias adjustment factor was calculated from the triplicate co-location of diffusion tubes (S17, S18 and S19) alongside the AURN monitoring station at Learnington Spa Rugby Road. The local bias adjustment factor was calculated as 0.71. The factor was calculated as per LAQM.TG16 guidance, using the Defra Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool. Details of this calculation can be found in Table C.2.

RBC have applied a national bias adjustment factor of 0.77 to the 2020 monitoring data. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by RBC over the past five years is presented in

Table C.1. The national bias adjustment factor was selected and applied to the 2020 monitoring data as a conservative approach; the national bias adjustment factor was found to be higher than the local factor.

Year	Local or National	lf National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2020	National	03/21	0.77
2019	Local	-	0.81
2018	Local	-	0.83
2017	Local	-	0.78
2016	Local	-	0.84

#### Table C.1 – Bias Adjustment Factor

#### NO<sub>2</sub> Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, local authorities should ensure that monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO<sub>2</sub> concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure should be estimated using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool/NO<sub>2</sub> fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, non-automatic annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table B.1.

No diffusion tube NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring locations within the borough required distance correction for 2020.

### Table C.2 – Local Bias Adjustment Calculation

	Local Bias Adjustment Input 1
Periods used to calculate bias	12
Bias Factor A	0.71 (0.68 - 0.75)
Bias Factor B	40% (33% - 47%)
Diffusion Tube Mean (µg/m³)	16.5
Mean CV (Precision)	6.0%
Automatic Mean (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	11.8
Data Capture	100%
Adjusted Tube Mean (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	12 (11 - 12)

#### Notes:

A single local bias adjustment factor has been used to bias adjust the 2020 diffusion tube results.

# **Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs**







#### Figure D.2 – Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites within Rugby AQMA







#### Figure D.4 – Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Southern Rugby and Dunchurch

# Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

### Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England<sup>16</sup>

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective: Concentration	Air Quality Objective: Measured as
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	200 $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	40 µg/m³	Annual mean
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	50 µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean
Particulate Matter (PM10)	40 μg/m³	Annual mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	350 $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	125 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	266 $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean

 $<sup>^{16}</sup>$  The units are in microgrammes of pollutant per cubic metre of air (µg/m³).

# **Appendix F: Impact of COVID-19 upon LAQM**

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on society. Inevitably, COVID-19 has also had an impact on the environment, with implications to air quality at local, regional and national scales.

COVID-19 has presented various challenges for Local Authorities with respect to undertaking their statutory LAQM duties in the 2021 reporting year. Recognising this, Defra provided various advice updates throughout 2020 to English authorities, particularly concerning the potential disruption to air quality monitoring programmes, implementation of AQAPs and LAQM statutory reporting requirements. Defra has also issued supplementary guidance for LAQM reporting in 2021 to assist local authorities in preparing their 2021 ASR. Where applicable, this advice has been followed.

Despite the challenges that the pandemic has given rise to, the events of 2020 have also provided Local Authorities with an opportunity to quantify the air quality impacts associated with wide-scale and extreme intervention, most notably in relation to emissions of air pollutants arising from road traffic. The vast majority (>95%) of AQMAs declared within the UK are related to road traffic emissions, where attainment of the annual mean AQS objective for NO<sub>2</sub> is considered unlikely. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, the UK Government released official guidance advising all members of public to stay at home, with work-related travel only permitted when absolutely necessary. During this initial national lockdown (and to a lesser extent other national and regional lockdowns that followed), marked reductions in vehicle traffic were observed; DfT data<sup>17</sup> suggests reductions in vehicle traffic of up to 70% were experienced across the UK by mid-April, relative to pre COVID-19 levels.

This reduction in travel in turn gave rise to a change of air pollutant emissions associated with road traffic, i.e. nitrous oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and exhaust and non-exhaust particulates. The Air Quality Expert Group (AQEG)<sup>18</sup> has estimated that during the initial lockdown period in 2020, within urbanised areas of the UK reductions in NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations were between 20 and 30% relative to pre-pandemic levels, which represents an absolute reduction of between 10 to 20  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> if expressed relative to annual mean averages. During

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Prime Minister's Office, COVID-19 briefing on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Air Quality Expert Group, Estimation of changes in air pollution emissions, concentrations and exposure during the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK, June 2020

this period, changes in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations were less marked than those of NO<sub>2</sub>. PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations are affected by both local sources and the transport of pollution from wider regions, often from well beyond the UK. Through analysis of AURN monitoring data for 2018-2020, AQEG have detailed that PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations during the initial lockdown period are of the order 2 to 5  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> lower relative to those that would be expected under business-as-usual conditions.

As restrictions are gradually lifted, the challenge is to understand how these air quality improvements can benefit the long-term health of the population.

# Impacts of COVID-19 on Air Quality within Rugby Borough Council

During 2020, there were no exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> AQS objective, compared to two exceedances in 2019. The highest recorded annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was  $33.5 \ \mu g/m^3$  at S2, not located within the Rugby AQMA. The second highest annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration occurred within the AQMA at S54, measuring 28.5  $\mu g/m^3$ . Across all monitoring location in RBC there has been a reduction in annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations between 2019 to 2020, showing a continuation of a decreasing trend since 2016. There has been a percentage reduction in annual mean concentration relative to 2019 ranging 4% to 37%, with an average reduction across all sites of 27%.

# Opportunities Presented by COVID-19 upon LAQM within Rugby Borough Council

No LAQM related opportunities have arisen as a consequence of COVID-19 within Rugby Borough Council.

# Challenges and Constraints Imposed by COVID-19 upon LAQM within Rugby Borough Council

Challenges and constraints relating to LAQM have arisen during 2020 as a consequence of COVID-19, primarily with the development and implementation of AQAP measures. These challenges are outlined below, with their impacts assessed in line with guidance presented within the LAQM Impact Matrix provided within Table F 1:

- RBC has developed an Air Quality and Planning Supplementary Planning Document. Due to the impacts of COVID this has not been approved by Rugby Borough Councils Cabinet and is now due to be approved in June 2021. Medium Impact.
- 2. Behaviour Change Intervention Project a project is planned across Coventry and Warwickshire which has been developed by Coventry and Warwickshire Public Health and the Air Quality Alliance to develop a behaviour change intervention to reduce exposure to air pollution and increase levels of physical activity. The aim of this work is to understand the barriers and opportunities people face in walking, cycling or travelling more sustainably (i.e. public transport) to their place of work. This understanding will be used to develop, implement and evaluate a behaviour change intervention that promotes active/sustainable travel while reducing exposure and contribution to air pollution. This work will also explore the role personal air pollution monitors can play in both educating people on the impacts of air pollution and in changing their travel behaviour. It will pilot the use of personal air pollution monitors across a study group and include a series of quantitative questionnaires to identify if an intervention can be developed that can be replicated in multiple settings (such as schools, other work locations, etc.) to increase active travel and reduce exposure to air pollution. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Warwickshire Public Health and RBC resources have been diverted to concentrate on working to contain the pandemic. Work is due to resume of these projects once resources can be rediverted. Large Impact.
- 3. RBC was investigating the options of joining the Coventry and Warwickshire car share scheme so that Council workers can have better access to shared journeys to reduce the number of vehicle trips in and out of the town centre. This will be promoted to staff internally through the internet communication platforms. The Car Share scheme will also be promoted to the public with a campaign using social media and website links. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic car sharing has been discouraged and therefore this work has been put on hold until action can be the pandemic is under control. Large Impact.

The impacts as presented above are aligned with the criteria as defined in Table F 1, with professional judgement considered as part of their application.

### Table F 1 – Impact Matrix

Category	Impact Rating: None	Impact Rating: Small	Impact Rating: Medium	Impact Rating: Large
Automatic Monitoring – Data Capture (%)	More than 75% data capture	50 to 75% data capture	25 to 50% data capture	Less than 25% data capture
Automatic Monitoring – QA/QC Regime	Adherence to requirements as defined in LAQM.TG16	Routine calibrations taken place frequently but not to normal regime. Audits undertaken alongside service and maintenance programmes	Routine calibrations taken place infrequently and service and maintenance regimes adhered to. No audit achieved	Routine calibrations not undertaken within extended period (e.g. 3 to 4 months). Interruption to service and maintenance regime and no audit achieved
Passive Monitoring – Data Capture (%)	More than 75% data capture	50 to 75% data capture	25 to 50% data capture	Less than 25% data capture
Passive Monitoring – Bias Adjustment Factor	Bias adjustment undertaken as normal	<25% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment colocation studies (2020 vs 2019)	25-50% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment studies (2020 vs 2019)	>50% impact on normal number of available bias adjustment studies (2020 vs 2019) and/or applied bias adjustment factor studies not considered representative of local regime
Passive Monitoring – Adherence to Changeover Dates	Defra diffusion tube exposure calendar adhered to	Tubes left out for two exposure periods	Tubes left out for three exposure periods	Tubes left out for more than three exposure periods
Passive Monitoring – Storage of Tubes	Tubes stored in accordance with laboratory guidance and analysed promptly.	Tubes stored for longer than normal but adhering to laboratory guidance	Tubes unable to be stored according to be laboratory guidance but analysed prior to expiry date	Tubes stored for so long that they were unable to be analysed prior to expiry date. Data unable to be used
AQAP – Measure Implementation	Unaffected	Short delay (<6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	Long delay (>6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	No progression in development of a new AQAP

Category	Impact Rating: None	Impact Rating: Small	Impact Rating: Medium	Impact Rating: Large
AQAP – New AQAP Development	Unaffected	Short delay (<6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	Long delay (>6 months) in development of a new AQAP, but is on-going	No progression in development of a new AQAP

# **Appendix G: Summary of Planning Applications**

The most significant planning applications and allocations in the Local Plan are listed below:

- Coton Park East An allocation in the Local Plan for around 800 dwellings and 7.5 ha of employment land;
- Long Lawford for around 150 dwellings off the Coventry Road. A pending application in for 143 (revised from 149) dwellings ref R17/1089;
- Gala & Cemex House, Evreux Way An Outline application for 6255 square metres of retail and an additional 785 square metres of A1/A2/A3/A4/A5 has been approved but not yet implemented. In addition, a further planning application is being considered under reference R17/0971 for the erection of a two storey drive through restaurant and associated works for 580 square metres of floorspace;
- Land to the north of Ashlawn Road allowed on appeal decision for development of up to 860 dwellings and associated school. Planning Appeal Reference: APP/E3715/W/16/3147448;
- 5. Urban Expansion South West of Rugby an allocation in the Local Plan for around 5,000 residential dwellings with associated infrastructure comprising of link road, health/community facility, and employment uses, including a local centre, together with primary and secondary schools. This site also covers the development proposal for Ashlawn Road;
- 6. Former Cattle Market, Rugby 360 Dwellings, approved 15/09/2020 R19/0804;
- 7. R19/1496 117 Newbold Road, Rugby -122 Dwellings, approved 20/08/2020;
- R19/1528 Butler's Leap, Clifton Road, Rugby 78 bed care home, approved 14/08/2020;
- 9. R18/1466 Former Herbert Gray College, Little Church St, Rugby 78 extra care apartments and 52 bed care home, resolved to grant (legal agreement pending); and
- 10.R19/1164 Oakfield Recreation Ground, Bilton Road, Rugby 62 extra care apartments, resolved to grant (legal agreement pending).

The following developments are either under construction or are completed / occupied:

 Rugby Radio Station (Sustainable Urban Extension) – Urban extension to Rugby providing up to 6,200 dwellings, up to 130,000 m2 of space for various land uses, including mixed use district centre, construction works are underway on all 3 Phases now with the Secondary School due to open in Sept 2021. David Lloyd Fitness Centre, inc courts and swimming pools, approved 01/09/2020;

- Rugby Gateway (Eden Park) Outline application for up to 1,300 residential units and employment zone. Phase I and the employment zone has been completed. Phase II (230 dwellings), and Phase 4 (134 dwellings) is virtually complete. Phase 3 for 146 dwellings has just received permission;
- 3. Leicester Road/Technology Drive permission granted for 620 dwellings. The first three phases comprised of 87 dwellings for phase 1, 40 apartments for phase 2, and 75 dwellings for phase 3 and have been completed. On the south side of the development site, three further sites were granted planning permission for Leicester Road West for 87 dwellings, Butterfield Gardens for 101 dwellings (both of which were completed) and Land South of Technology Drive was granted planning permission for 230 dwellings which represents the final phase and is under construction; and
- 4. Cawston Extension Outline planning permission granted for up to 600 homes under reference R11/0114. However, the site has been divided into four sections with four different developers. Each of the four sections have been substantially completed and partly occupied. The northern most section has been constructed by William Davis for 184 dwellings under reference R16/1721. The southern site has been constructed by Linden Homes for a total of 246 dwellings (from combined planning permissions of R16/1780 and R17/1885). To the east of these two sites, Redrow Homes constructed 113 dwellings (from planning permission R15/0540), whilst the furthest site to the east has been constructed by Triosquare and comprises 10 dwellings granted under combined references of R12/1947 and R16/2295 (it should be noted that these last two permissions were not part of the original outline under R11/0114). In total, these four sections comprise 553 dwellings, substantially completed, and partly occupied.

# **Glossary of Terms**

Abbreviation	Description		
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the local authority intends to achieve air quality limit values'		
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area – An area where air pollutant concentrations exceed / are likely to exceed the relevant air quality objectives. AQMAs are declared for specific pollutants and objectives		
AQS	Air Quality Strategy		
ASR	Annual Status Report		
CPE	Civil Parking Enforcement		
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs		
DfT	Department for Transport		
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England		
EU	European Union		
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System		
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management		
MRN	Major Road Network		
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide		
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides		
РМ	Airborne particulate matter		
PM <sub>10</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm or less		
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less		
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control		
RBC	Rugby Borough Council		

Abbreviation	Description
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulphur Dioxide
TFWM	Transport for West Midlands
WCC	Warwickshire County Council

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