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Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

Air Quality in Chesterfield

Breathing in polluted air affects our health and costs the NHS and our society billions of pounds each year. Air pollution is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer and can cause a range of health impacts, including effects on lung function, exacerbation of asthma, increases in hospital admissions and mortality. In the UK, it is estimated that the reduction in healthy life expectancy caused by air pollution is equivalent to 29,000 to 43,000 deaths a year¹.

Air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society, children, the elderly, and those with existing heart and lung conditions. Additionally, people living in less affluent areas are most exposed to dangerous levels of air pollution².

Table ES 1 provides a brief explanation of the key pollutants relevant to Local Air Quality Management and the kind of activities they might arise from.

Table ES 1 - Description of Key Pollutants

Pollutant	Description
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	Nitrogen dioxide is a gas which is generally emitted from high-temperature combustion processes such as road transport or energy generation.
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂) is a corrosive gas which is predominantly produced from the combustion of coal or crude oil.
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5})	<p>Particulate matter is everything in the air that is not a gas.</p> <p>Particles can come from natural sources such as pollen, as well as human made sources such as smoke from fires, emissions from industry and dust from tyres and brakes.</p> <p>PM₁₀ refers to particles under 10 micrometres. Fine particulate matter or PM_{2.5} are particles under 2.5 micrometres.</p>

¹ UK Health Security Agency. Chemical Hazards and Poisons Report, Issue 28, 2022.

² Defra. Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

The main pollutant of concern in Chesterfield is Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and the predominant source is traffic. The overall trend in levels of the pollutant continues to show a gradual decline in levels, but year-on-year data show fluctuating levels and at pollutant hotspots this variation has demonstrated intermittent breaches of the Air Quality Objective. Pollution levels dropped appreciably as a result of the COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020, however this was not sustained as the restrictions were eased, and pollution levels have increased to near pre-pandemic levels. Notwithstanding this, **there were no breaches of the Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide during 2023.**

Further details are given in section 3.1.3

One location (Church Street, Brimington) had required the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area and a second location (Sheffield Road, Stonegravels) is being closely monitored and kept under review due to the changes in levels of Nitrogen Dioxide.

Details of the Air Quality Management Area can be found on the Chesterfield BC website: <https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/health-and-environment/air-quality/air-quality-management-area-brimington.aspx>

A map of the location can be found in Appendix D.

The assessment of the 2023 ASR document instructed that the existing AQMA be revoked, due to the revised guidance in technical guidance document LAQM TG (22). The revocation order for the Chesterfield No1 AQMA is complete and awaiting corporate approval. Detailed monitoring will continue in and around the area of the former AQMA.

Fine particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) is also a concern. The levels measured do not indicate a breach of the Air Quality Objectives, but as a general systemic irritant, measures are required to address the general increase in traffic congestion, as this is the pre-dominant source of pollution across the Borough.

Actions to Improve Air Quality

Whilst air quality has improved significantly in recent decades, there are some areas where local action is needed to protect people and the environment from the effects of air pollution.

The Environmental Improvement Plan³ sets out actions that will drive continued improvements to air quality and to meet the new national interim and long-term targets for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), the pollutant of most harmful to human health. The Air Quality Strategy⁴ provides more information on local authorities' responsibilities to work towards these new targets and reduce fine particulate matter in their areas.

The Road to Zero⁵ details the Government's approach to reduce exhaust emissions from road transport through a number of mechanisms, in balance with the needs of the local community. This is extremely important given that cars are the most popular mode of personal travel and the majority of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are designated due to elevated concentrations heavily influenced by transport emissions. Air quality monitoring, targeted on priority areas (where high traffic flows are located closely to housing), is continuing, allowing informed decisions on planning and public health initiatives to be made.

We attend, and participate in, the following policy and work groups:

- i) Derbyshire Active Travel Group
- ii) Derbyshire Planning and Health Group
- iii) Derbyshire Cycle Network
- iv) Derbyshire Local Sustainable Travel Group
- v) Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Working Group
- vi) Derbyshire Environmental Pollution Group
- vii) Sheffield City Region Air Quality and Climate Group

³ Defra. Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, January 2023

⁴ Defra. Air Quality Strategy – Framework for Local Authority Delivery, August 2023

⁵ DfT. The Road to Zero: Next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering our Industrial Strategy, July 2018

Conclusions and Priorities

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1) Conclusions

- i) The levels of pollution, attributed to traffic, have shown a decrease following the long term trend across the Borough. Some variation across the Borough has been noted, but the decrease is, with a few minor exceptions, uniform. AURN measurements indicate that this trend is duplicated across the wider region.
- ii) Chesterfield No1 Air Quality Management Area, is being revoked in line with the revised guidance in the Technical Guidance document. Targeted monitoring will continue at this location.
- iii) Levels on a single stretch of Sheffield Road (where terraced housing is close to a busy section of traffic light controlled road) are all below the Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide. However, there is notable variation along the short stretch of road. Once again, given the historic variation in the data, targeted monitoring will continue at this location.
- iv) The sharp reduction in pollution levels in 2020 (due to the restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19) has not been sustained as restrictions were eased but the overall trend remains a gradual reduction in pollution levels.

2) Priorities

- i) Long term redevelopment schemes may have an adverse effect of the levels of traffic flow through the area of the former Air Quality Management Area. The information supplied in support of these planning application required will be scrutinised carefully, in order to ensure that any such impacts are fully mitigated, by the use of (for example) travel plans, supporting car clubs, and supporting active travel schemes.
- ii) The East Midland Air Quality Network planning guidance document on air quality has been adopted by Chesterfield BC. We will utilise the planning process to mitigate and reduce air pollution locally, in accordance with the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence Quality Statement 181.
- iii) We will promote the adoption and use of Low Emission Vehicles, including the “future-proofing” of developments (including workplaces, commercial developments and residential areas) by requiring that the infrastructure for electric charging points be installed as part of the build phase. This is particularly important as central government

has set an aspirational target for all new vehicles in the UK to be zero emission at source by 2035 (as contained in *The UK Plan for Tackling Roadside Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations: Detailed Plan*, published July 2017). We support the development and adoption of a County-wide Low Emission Vehicle Initiative strategy.

- iv) Where practical, and possible, Chesterfield BC's internal procurement policy will promote the use of Low Emission Vehicles.
- v) Encourage the planting of landscape features (trees and vegetation) such as "green" walls, setbacks, and green spaces, in order to reduce pollution exposure.
- vi) The raising of public awareness of air quality and health issues, by the use of the public facing sections of our website, and by publicising national initiatives (such as Clean Air Day)
- vii) We will work with County-wide sustainable travel initiatives to support modal shift either through our own workforce or wider population, through active travel, ensuring connectivity within communities and infrastructure such as (but not exclusively) cycle paths.

Local Engagement and How to get Involved

Most inputs regarding managing air quality are related to the planning of local developments (either by assessing the possible impact of proposed works, or by promoting low emission infrastructure).

There is a continued increase in the use of wood burning domestic heating appliances, promoted as an effective alternative fuel source with positive climate change properties. Research indicates that these have an adverse effect on particulate pollution levels.

Information on action to improve air quality can be found on the Chesterfield BC website at:

<https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/health-and-environment/air-quality.aspx>

Details on how the public can act to improve air quality can be found at:

<https://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/health-and-environment/air-quality/the-publics-role-in-air-quality.aspx>

Local Responsibilities and Commitment

This ASR was prepared by the Environmental Health Department of Chesterfield Borough Council.

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1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Chesterfield during 2023. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), as amended by the Environment Act (2021), 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 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 order to achieve and maintain the objectives and the dates by which each measure will be carried out. This Annual Status Report (ASR) is an annual requirement showing the strategies employed by Chesterfield Borough Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

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

2 Actions to Improve Air Quality

2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are declared when there is an exceedance or likely exceedance of an air quality objective. After declaration, the authority should prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within 18 months. The AQAP should specify how air quality targets will be achieved and maintained, and provide dates by which measures will be carried out.

A summary of AQMAs declared by Chesterfield Borough Council can be found in Table 2.1. The table presents a description of the AQMA that is currently designated within Chesterfield BC. Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs provides maps of the AQMA and also the air quality monitoring locations in relation to the AQMA. The air quality objectives pertinent to the current AQMA designation is as follows:

- NO₂ annual mean

We propose to revoke Chesterfield BC No1 AQMA in line with the guidance in paragraph 3.57 of LAQM TG 22.

Table 2.1 – Declared Air Quality Management Areas

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	Number of Years Compliant with Air Quality Objective	Name and Date of AQAP Publication	Web Link to AQAP
Chesterfield No1	Declared 14th August 2015 (the process to the revoke the AQMA is underway)	NO ₂ Annual Mean	4 to 18 (evens only) Church Street, Brimington	No	42.5	Not applicable	7	Not applicable	Not applicable

Chesterfield BC confirm the information on UK-Air regarding their AQMA(s) is up to date.

Chesterfield BC confirm that all current AQAPs have been submitted to Defra.

2.2 Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Chesterfield

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR concluded that the report was well structured and detailed. Annual NO₂ concentrations are generally decreasing steadily across the borough, this trend is also true for Annual, and 24-Hour, mean levels for both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at both AURN sites. The conclusions reached were acceptable for all sources and pollutants. The appraisal did highlight that some graphical representations of long term trends (which had been altered following the previous recommendations that they were cluttered and difficult to interpret) were now too simplistic and did not contain enough information. This has been amended in the current report.

Chesterfield BC has taken forward a number of direct measures during the current reporting year of 2023 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.2. 10 measures are included within Table 2.2, with the type of measure and the progress Chesterfield BC have made during the reporting year of 2023 presented. Where there have been, or continue to be, barriers restricting the implementation of the measure, these are also presented within Table 2.2.

Chesterfield Borough Council expects the following measures to be completed over the course of the next reporting year: formally revoke the current AQMA.

Chesterfield Borough Council's priorities for the coming year are:

- i) to closely assess applications for housing developments which may place an increased traffic loading on the road network where air pollution levels are close to, or have already exceeded, the air quality objective.
- ii) to assess the suitability of the existing electric cars and vans currently in use, in order to look into the increased use of such vehicles across the local authority fleet, with the long term view being to encourage the introduction of low emission vehicles by partner agencies.
- iii) to continue to work in conjunction with existing regional bodies (East Midlands Air Quality Network, Sheffield City Region Climate Change and Air Quality Group, etc.) to share experience and best practice.

The principal challenges and barriers to implementation that Chesterfield Borough Council anticipates facing are:

- i) Chesterfield is a traffic node for goods vehicles and general traffic from the south of Manchester, Stockport, Macclesfield, and Stoke-on-Trent. These vehicles use the A619 to enter Chesterfield through the Peak District and (if heading north) use this route to access the M-1. This places an increased traffic loading on the road passing through the former AQMA.
- ii) The changes to local authority funding which are due to come into effect may have an adverse effect, in that there will be pressure to approve applications for both commercial and residential developments which would have a deleterious impact on air quality both within the former AQMA, and across the wider Chesterfield BC area.
- iii) Lower than expected uptake of low emission vehicles across the region as a whole, in conjunction with a vehicle fleet which DVLA data suggest is older than the national average to a statistically significant degree, means that traffic pollution has a higher impact than traffic modelling data suggests.
- iv) The local Highway Authority (Derbyshire County Council) has not signed up to the On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme. However, there is a consultation exercise (closing on 31st Dec 2023) on Electric Vehicle charging provision across Derbyshire (details at: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/electric-vehicle-charging-in-your-area.aspx>). Details on the proposals, including the provision of roadside chargepoints linked to existing streetlights can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website:

<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/documents/s19344/Low%20Emission%20Vehicle%20Infrastructure%20Programme%20Update%20and%20Forward%20Programme%20of%20Activity.pdf>

Progress on the altering the road junction affecting the former AQMA has been slower than expected due to slower than hoped action by the local Highway Authority in planning and implementing actions to free up vehicle flows along the road which affected the former AQMA. Pollution levels are currently not breaching the NO₂ air quality objective, but this may be due to underlying variations in regional emissions. The local Highways Authority

have noted that while there is no ongoing breach of the AQO priority will be given to other areas where breaches have been found. No action is expected by the local Highways Authority at present or in the future. Changes to traffic lights controlling vehicle flows through the former AQMA may have a positive effect pending further works being carried out to change the road junction, in order to address the problem fully.

Table 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure Title	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced in AQAP	Estimated / Actual Completion Date	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performance Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
	Industrial Emissions	Environmental Permits	Other measure through permit systems and economic instruments	2010	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Partially Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	General Reduction in Industrial Emissions	All Permitted process rated as Low/Medium Environmental Impact	Completed	Financial Constraints on private businesses may exceed saving in Permit fees
2	Joint Working	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	2017	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Partially Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	General Reduction in Traffic Emissions	None assigned	Implementation on-going	Reduction in staff numbers dedicated to air quality roles/increase in non-air quality work, leading to pressure on available resources
3	Electric Vehicles	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	2016	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept., LA Fleet Manager	Local Authority	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	Reduced vehicle emissions	None assigned	Implementation on-going	Lack of funding
4	Agile Working	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Encourage / Facilitate home-working	2014	2032	Local Authority	Local Authority	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Completed	Reduced vehicle emissions	Number of staff homeworking per day	Data no longer recorded	Uptake greatly increased due to Covid-19
5	Publicity	Public Information	Via the Internet	2013	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Possible Reduction in vehicle emissions	Number of website hits	Website kept up to date	
6	Car Parking	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	2017	2032	Local Authority	Local Authority	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Possible Reduction in vehicle emissions	Increased Parking Income/Number of staff homeworking	Many staff working from home	Uptake greatly increased due to Covid-19
7	East Midlands Air Quality Network	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	2010	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept., LA County Council, PHE	Local Authority	NO	Partially Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Reduction in a range of emissions	None assigned	Work Plans/Action Plans Developed	Air Quality Working Group involves key players in public and voluntary sectors
8	Travel Plans Required as planning conditions for larger developments	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2010	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept., LA Planning Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Reduced vehicle emissions	None assigned	Implementation on-going	Travel Plans required as planning conditions for larger developments

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	100% Coverage of Smoke Control Area	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2010	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Completed	Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide emissions reduced through Clean Air Act Regulation	Air Quality Objective	Education and Enforcement, as required	Reduction in staff numbers dedicated to air quality roles/increase in non-air quality work, leading to pressure on available resources
10	Making Air Quality reports available to the public	Public Information	Via the Internet	2010	2032	Local Authority Environmental Health Dept.	Local Authority	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Reduction in a range of emissions	Air Quality Objective	Implementation on-going	Raise awareness on actions that individuals can take

2.3 PM_{2.5} – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and/or Concentrations

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG22 (Chapter 8) and the Air Quality Strategy⁶, local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). There is clear evidence that PM_{2.5} (particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometres) has a significant impact on human health, including premature mortality, allergic reactions, and cardiovascular diseases.

Chesterfield Borough Council is taking the following measures to address PM_{2.5}:

- 1) We are a member of the East Midlands Air Quality Network and we will continue to work with partner agencies to ensure effective traffic management, in order to minimise the impact of traffic pollution across the borough.
- 2) Chesterfield BC is also a non-constituent member of the Sheffield City Region combined authority, and works as part of the Sheffield City Region Air Quality and Climate group.
- 3) The whole of the borough area of Chesterfield is included in well-established Smoke Control Areas (often referred to as Smokeless Zones). However, the effectiveness of these is continuing to be undermined by the increase in the use of DEFRA approved wood burning appliances which are effectively exempt from local authority enforcement actions, (notwithstanding the changes in enforcement options brought in by the Environment Act 2021) . Research results increasingly indicate that these fireplaces have an adverse effect on particulate air pollution.
- 4) We are working with Derbyshire County Council (the local highways authority) in order to achieve the incremental changes in traffic management which would have sufficient beneficial impact to ameliorate the effects of traffic within the vicinity of the declared AQMA, and a concomitant reduction in adverse health effects on the local population.

⁶ Defra. Air Quality Strategy – Framework for Local Authority Delivery, August 2023

Ongoing monitoring indicates that the long term exposure limit for PM_{2.5} (a maximum concentration of 10µg/m³ to be met across England by 2040) is currently being met within Chesterfield BC area.

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

This section sets out the monitoring undertaken within 2023 by Chesterfield Borough Council and how it compares with the relevant air quality objectives. In addition, monitoring results are presented for a five-year period between 2019 and 2023 to allow monitoring trends to be identified and discussed.

3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

Chesterfield Borough Council undertook automatic (continuous) monitoring at 2 sites during 2023. Table A.1 in Appendix A shows the details of the automatic monitoring sites. NB. 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. Automatic monitoring results available through the UK-Air website: https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/data_selector.

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Appendix D. Further details on how the monitors are calibrated and how the data has been adjusted are included in Appendix C.

3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

Chesterfield Borough Council undertook non-automatic (i.e. passive) monitoring of NO₂ at 37 sites during 2023. Table A.2 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.

3.2 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.

3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

Table A.3 and Table A.4 in Appendix A compare the ratified and adjusted monitored NO₂ annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m³. Note that the concentration data presented represents the concentration at the location of the monitoring site, following the application of bias adjustment (for bias factor - 0.74 and travel blank adjustment – 1µg/m³ over-read) and annualisation, as required (i.e. the values are exclusive of any consideration to fall-off with distance adjustment).

For diffusion tubes, the full 2023 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.

Table A.5 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored NO₂ hourly mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 200µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year.

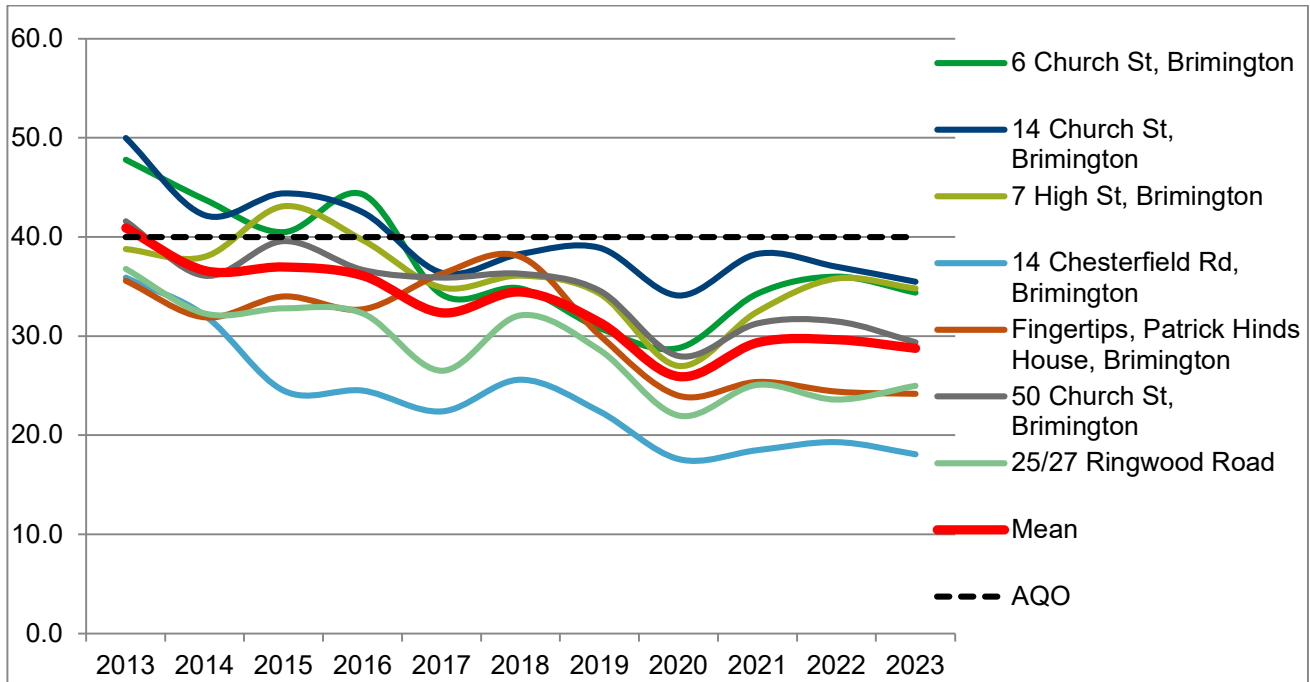
Pollution levels fell appreciably during 2020, due to the restrictions associated with the initial stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, but as the restrictions eased pollution levels across the borough returned to near pre-pandemic levels. Overall, the long term trend still demonstrates a gradual reduction in levels.

No breaches of the Air Quality Objectives for Nitrogen Dioxide were found during 2023, across the whole of the Borough of Chesterfield.

We have reviewed the location of current monitoring sites, with regard to the sources of pollution, and confirm that the locations are still suitable.

Ongoing monitoring within, and in the vicinity of, the Chesterfield No.1 AQMA has demonstrated continued fluctation in levels, as shown in Figure 1 (overleaf).

Figure 1: Variation in NO₂ in and around the vicinity of the Chesterfield No.1 AQMA



The two monitoring locations within the AQMA (numbers 6 and 14 Church Street) do not demonstrate a breach of the AQO for NO₂. **Once again, none of the monitoring locations within or around the AQMA demonstrate a breach of the AQO for NO₂.**

Traffic modelling work, in support of large scale residential development proposals in the Staveley and Rother Valley Corridor, has indicated that the one-way system which flows past the residential façade in the AQMA may reach capacity in the next few years, even if the proposed residential developments do not take place. The intensive monitoring will continue within, and around the vicinity of the AQMA.

Figure 2: Locations of Diffusion Tube monitoring within and in the vicinity of the Chesterfield No1 AQMA



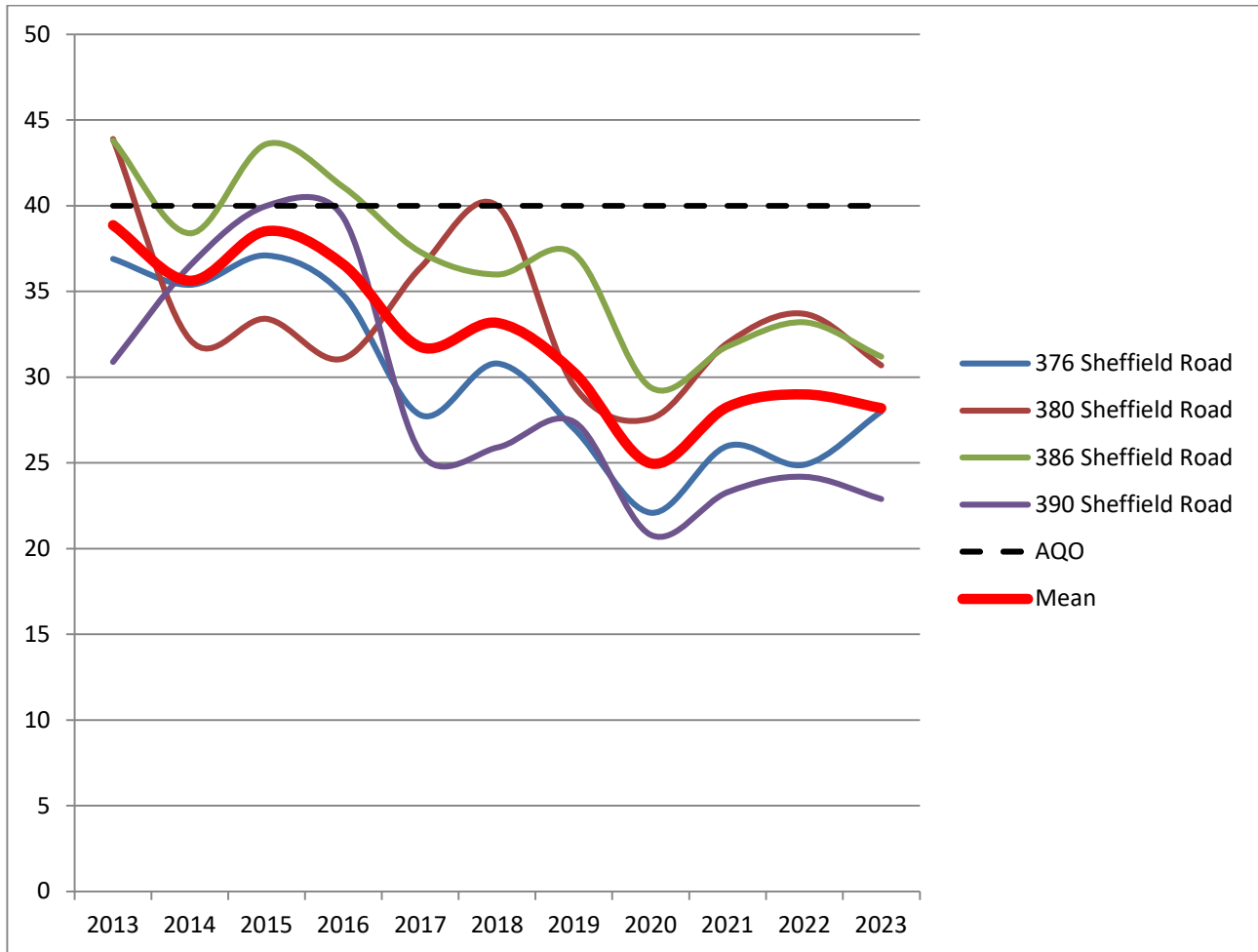
Note: The Chesterfield No1 AQMA is highlighted in blue

Intensive monitoring is also taking place at a row of houses affected by the change in a road junction serving a major supermarket (this has been discussed fully in the 2013 Detailed Assessment and 2014 Progress Report). This is a row of mixed commercial premises (comprising a public house, retail shop, sandwich shop, and hairdressers) and residential properties (7 homes). There are 4 diffusion tubes on this row of properties. **None of the locations on this façade demonstrate a breach of the air quality objective.**

This location was subject to a Detailed Assessment in 2012, and this was reported on in March 2013. The targetted intensive monitoring has continued at this location since that time, and levels initially fluctuated around the air quality objective. There is little consistency in the monitoring results, but there has been no breach of the air quality objective since 2016. The long term trend demonstrates a gradual reduction on average levels (as shown in Figure 3, overleaf).

Figure 3 (overleaf) demonstrates the wide variation in results from the monitoring which is closely co-located. Given the above, intensive monitoring will continue at this location.

Figure 3: Variation in NO₂ on Sheffield Road



The locations of the monitoring, using diffusion tubes due to the restricted space available, on the façade of the terraced houses is shown in Figure 4 (overleaf).

Figure 4: Locations of Diffusion Tube monitoring on the affected façade



Note: The green locations are below the AQO for NO₂. For comparison with Figure 3 (above), the premises numbers run left to right.

Across the Borough, no annual mean results are greater than 60µg/m³, as such we can be confident in concluding that there are no sites with an exceedance of the 1-hour mean objective.

3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

Both AURN sites monitor for PM₁₀. The levels monitored do not breach either the annual mean or the 24 hour mean objectives.

in Appendix A: Monitoring Results compares the ratified and adjusted monitored PM₁₀ annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m³.

Table A.7 in Appendix A compares the ratified continuous monitored PM₁₀ daily mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 50µg/m³, not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year.

3.2.3 Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

Both AURN sites monitor for PM_{2.5}. The data show that the levels of PM_{2.5} within the Borough area comply with the annual average EU Stage 2 limit value (25µg/m³ by 2020). The levels at Chatsworth Road have been fairly consistent for the last few years, and have shown a gradual slight reduction in levels. The levels at the Loundsley Green site, are also fairly consistent, and similarly show a gradual reduction in the background level. The levels at this background site are lower, as would be expected. The target level for PM_{2.5} for 2040 (annual mean of 10µg/m³) is currently being met. Monitoring is continuing.

Table A.8 in Appendix A presents the ratified and adjusted monitored PM_{2.5} annual mean concentrations for the past five years.

3.2.4 Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂)

Sulphur Dioxide is not a pollutant of concern, following the closure of a long standing chemical works which included a Sulphuric Acid production site in 2007. Historically, the whole of the borough was covered by a number of smoke control areas. This, combined with the widespread uptake in the use of gas for domestic heating, meant that the use of coal and other solid fuels dramatically declined. As a result of these steps, **sulphur dioxide is no longer monitored in Chesterfield.**

3.2.5 Benzene

The Chesterfield Roadside site is part of the Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network. The results show that the **levels are well below the Air Quality Objective and demonstrate**

no likelihood of breaching the Air Quality Objective, as the long term trend demonstrates a very gradual reduction in levels since 2010.

Appendix A: Monitoring Results

Table A.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Monitoring Technique	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Inlet Height (m)
AURN 1	Chesterfield Roadside	Roadside	463348	370651	NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , Benzene	NO	Chemiluminescent, Light Scattering, Pumped Tubes	3	2	3
AURN 2	Chesterfield Loundsley Green	Urban Background	436472	372038	NO ₂ , PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , Heavy Metals	NO	Chemiluminescent, Light Scattering Pumped Filter	N/A	17	3

Notes:

(1) 0m 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 – 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) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Tube Co located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
1	150 Chatsworth Rd	Façade	437222	370956	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
2	Bridge Inn, Hollis Lane	Facade	438710	370950	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
3	376 Sheffield Road	Façade	438291	373006	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
4	390 Sheffield Road	Façade	438284	373057	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
5	17, South Place	Façade	438293	370863	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
6	6 Church Street, Brimington	Façade	440440	373514	NO ₂	Yes	0	1m	N	2
7	DCC Offices, West Street	Roadside	437670	371490	NO ₂	No	3m	1m	N	2
8	212 Derby Road	Façade	438395	369776	NO ₂	No	0	3m	N	2
9	287 Derby Road	Façade	438385	369574	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
10	7 High Street, Brimington	Façade	440531	373484	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
11	42, Whittington Hill	Façade	438307	374560	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
12	460, Sheffield Road	Façade	438279	373336	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
13	10 Calow Lane, Hasland	Façade	439780	369440	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
14	348 Derby Road, Storch Lane	Façade	438357	369410	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2

15	Chatsworth Road AQ. Site	Co-location	436349	370658	NO ₂	No	4m	4m	Y	3
16	Chatsworth Road AQ. Site	Co-location	436349	370658	NO ₂	No	4m	4m	Y	3
17	Chatsworth Road AQ. Site	Co-location	436349	370658	NO ₂	No	4m	4m	Y	3
18	Site Removed									
19	28a Park Road	Façade	438090	370970	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
20	74 Park Road	Façade	438072	370758	NO ₂	No	3m	1m	N	2
21	14 Chesterfield Road, Brimington	Roadside	440175	373396	NO ₂	No	1m	1m	N	2
22	25/27 Ringwood Road, Brimington	Façade	440669	373711	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
23	29 Mansfield Road, Hasland	Façade	439830	369320	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
24	10, Compton Street, Saltergate	Façade	437686	371433	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
25	J+S Trophies, The Green, Hasland	Façade	439490	369608	NO ₂	No	0	3m	N	2
26	Site Removed									
27	Lowgates, Staveley	Façade	443897	374912	NO ₂	No	0	3m	N	2
28	Patrick Hinds House, Church St, Brimington	Façade	440323	373482	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
29	Hollywell Cross R/T, Old Post Restaurant	Façade	438417	371357	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
30	348, Chatsworth Rd, Brampton Mile	Façade	436702	370761	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
31	386 Sheffield Road	Façade	438289	373028	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2

32	Warner Street, Hasland	Roadside	438976	370356	NO ₂	No	2m	1m	N	2
33	55 Duke Street, Staveley	Façade	443452	374762	NO ₂	No	0	4m	N	2
34	Travel Blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Site Removed									
36	Lite Bites, Mansfield Road, Hasland	Façade	439710	369420	NO ₂	No	0	2m	N	2
37	50 Church Street, Brimington	Façade	440361	373513	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
38	14 Church Street, Brimington	Façade	440421	373515	NO ₂	Yes	0	1m	N	2
39	43 Sheffield Road	Façade	438343	371908	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
40	380 Sheffield Road	Façade	438290	373014	NO ₂	No	0	1m	N	2
41	James Street / Lockoford Lane	Roadside	438407	372798	NO ₂	No	2	1m	N	2

Notes:

- (1) 0m 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.3 – Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results: Automatic Monitoring (µg/m³)

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AURN 1	463348	370651	Roadside	90.5	90.5	17.4	14.9	15.9	15.2	13.9
AURN 2	436472	372038	Urban Background	97.2	97.2	12.4	8.1	13.9	11.5	8.4

Annualisation has not been required

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

Where exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective occur at locations not representative of relevant exposure, the fall-off with distance concentration has been calculated and reported concentration provided in brackets for 2023

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as µg/m³.

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 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%).

Table A.4 – Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results: Non-Automatic Monitoring (µg/m³)

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	437222	370956	Roadside	100	100	22.3	20.4	18.5	20.0	18.6
2	438710	370950	Roadside	100	100	24.9	22.7	22.9	25.5	24.8
3	438291	373006	Roadside	100	100	27.0	25.9	26.0	24.9	28.0
4	438284	373057	Roadside	92	92	27.4	21.8	23.3	24.2	22.9
5	438293	370863	Roadside	100	100	21.4	20.0	19.7	21.4	19.2
6	440440	373514	Roadside	100	100	30.8	29.2	34.3	36.0	34.4
7	437670	371490	Roadside	84	84	18.4	16.6	15.0	16.3	15.9
8	438395	369776	Roadside	100	100	24.3	23.0	23.9	23.4	25.3
9	438385	369574	Roadside	100	100	23.2	21.3	23.1	21.7	22.7
10	440531	373484	Roadside	92	92	34.3	30.3	32.5	35.8	34.8
11	438307	374560	Roadside	100	100	21.3	18.8	20.3	19.9	18.8
12	438279	373336	Roadside	100	100	23.9	21.4	21.0	20.0	20.0
13	439780	369440	Roadside	100	100	19.4	18.1	17.2	17.2	17.1
14	438357	369410	Roadside	100	100	27.5	26.5	26.2	25.5	26.5
15	436349	370658	Roadside	100	100	16.2	14.9	14.8	14.4	13.1
16	436349	370658	Roadside	100	100	15.8	14.6	14.4	13.9	13.4
17	436349	370658	Roadside	100	100	16.0	14.8	14.5	13.7	13.2
21	440175	373396	Roadside	100	100	22.7	21.5	18.5	19.3	15.9
22	440669	373711	Roadside	100	100	28.6	27.0	25.1	23.6	19.7
23	439830	369320	Roadside	92	92	22.4	20.4	19.7	19.8	18.1
24	437686	371433	Roadside	100	100	32.9	30.2	27.1	29.7	25.0
25	439490	369608	Roadside	84	84	29.0	26.9	27.3	27.4	18.1
27	439490	369590	Roadside	100	100	26.7	24.9	25.6	24.9	27.8
28	443897	374912	Roadside	100	100	30.1	31.9	25.4	24.4	26.7
29	440323	373482	Roadside	84	84	33.4	30.3	26.9	27.7	22.3
30	438417	371357	Roadside	100	100	24.2	22.6	21.3	20.6	24.2
31	436702	370761	Roadside	92	92	37.2	30.2	31.8	33.2	25.9
32	438289	373028	Roadside	92	92	30.5	28.6	27.8	26.6	18.1
33	438976	370356	Roadside	100	100	32.5	31.5	29.8	28.0	31.2
36	439710	369420	Roadside	84	84	24.6	22.8	23.3	20.1	23.4
37	440361	373513	Roadside	92	92	34.6	30.5	31.6	31.5	23.9
38	440421	373515	Roadside	100	100	38.9	32.2	38.3	37.0	17.8

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
39	438343	371908	Roadside	100	100	26.3	24.7	23.3	22.6	29.4
40	438290	373014	Roadside	100	100	29.5	33.6	32.0	33.7	35.5
41	438407	372798	Roadside	84	84	24.2	25.6	26.3	22.9	21.8

Annualisation has not been required.

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 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ are shown in **bold**.

NO₂ annual means exceeding $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 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.1 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations

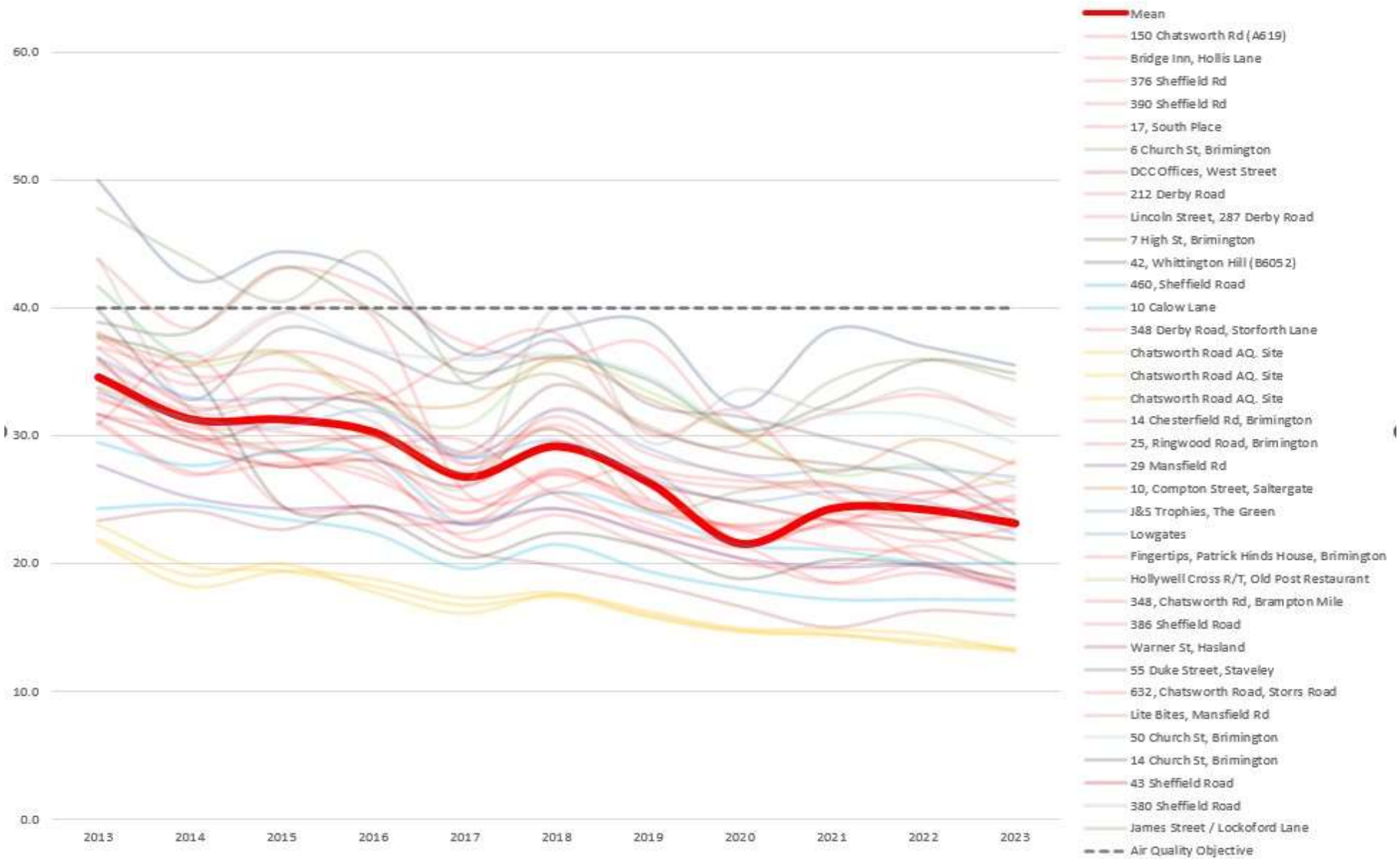


Table A.5 – 1-Hour Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m³

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AURN 1	463348	370651	Roadside	90.5	90.5	0	0	0	0	0
AURN 2	436472	372038	Urban Background	97.2	97.2	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

Results are presented as the number of 1-hour periods where concentrations greater than 200µg/m³ have been recorded.

Exceedances of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective (200µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times/year) are shown in **bold**.

If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 99.8th percentile of 1-hour means is provided in brackets.

(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 Number of NO₂ 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m³

No figure, as no exceedances of NO₂ 1hour mean target

Table A.6 – Annual Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AURN 1	463348	370651	Roadside	99.4	99.4	14.1	12.2	11.8	13	11.9
AURN 2	436472	372038	Urban Background	99.9	99.9	12.7	10.9	10.3	11.4	10.4

Annualisation has not been required.

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as µg/m³.

Exceedances of the PM₁₀ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

(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.3 – Trends in Annual Mean PM₁₀ Concentrations

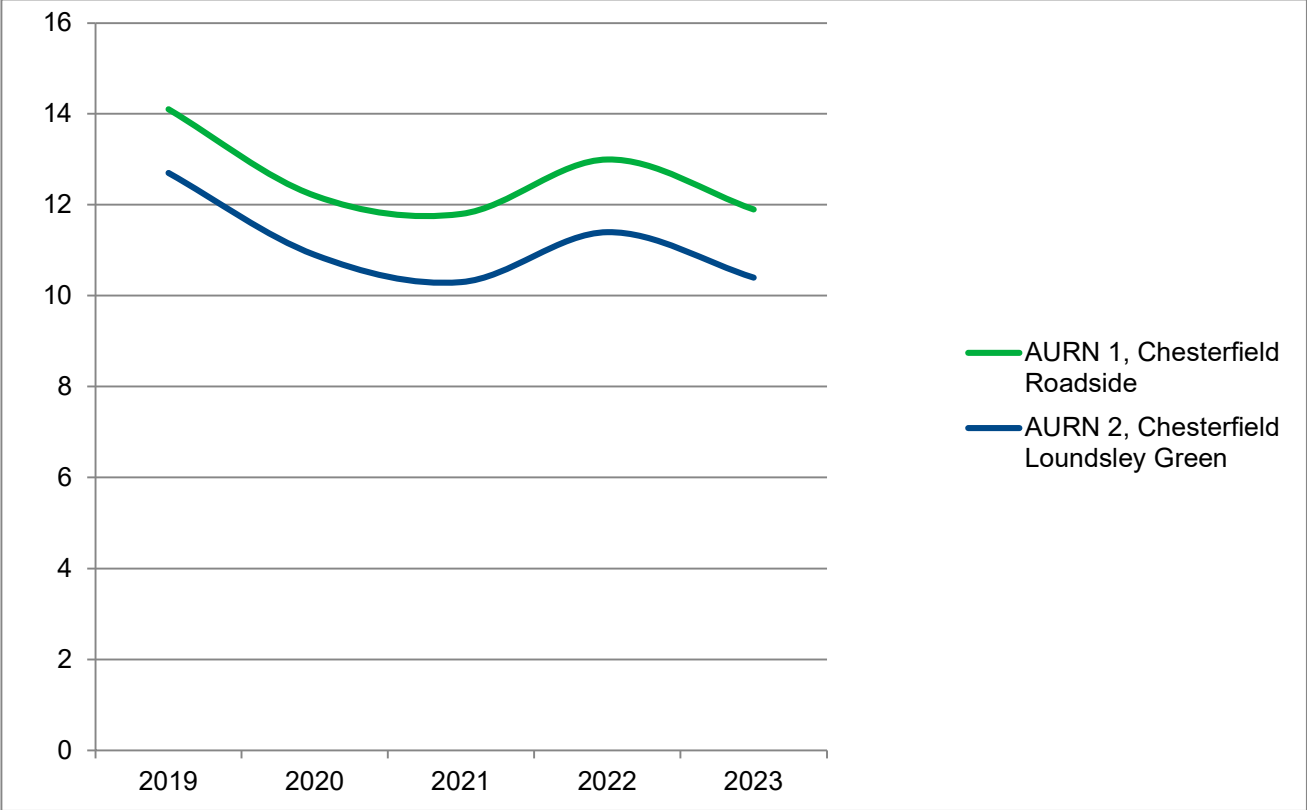


Table A.7 – 24-Hour Mean PM₁₀ Monitoring Results, Number of PM₁₀ 24-Hour Means > 50µg/m³

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AURN 1	463348	370651	Roadside	99.4	99.4	3	2	1	3	1
AURN 2	436472	372038	Urban Background	99.9	99.9	3	1	1	3	0

Notes:

Results are presented as the number of 24-hour periods where daily mean concentrations greater than 50µg/m³ have been recorded.

Exceedances of the PM₁₀ 24-hour mean objective (50µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 35 times/year) are shown in **bold**.

If the period of valid data is less than 85%, the 90.4th percentile of 24-hour means is provided in brackets.

(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.4 – Trends in Number of 24-Hour Mean PM₁₀ Results > 50µg/m³

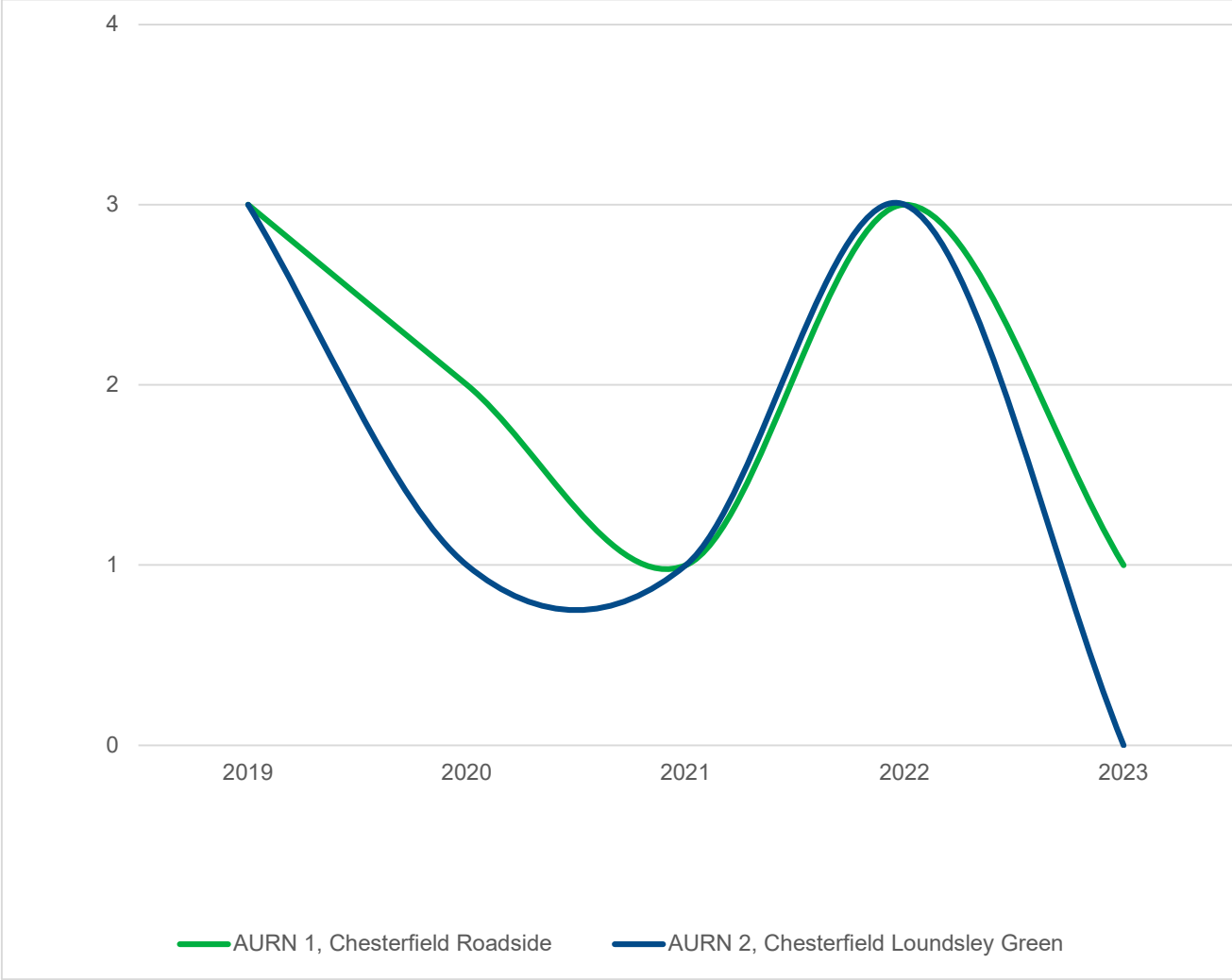


Table A.8 – Annual Mean PM_{2.5} Monitoring Results (µg/m³)

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) ⁽²⁾	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AURN 1	463348	370651	Roadside	99.4	99.4	8.9	7.5	7.3	7.9	7.3
AURN 2	436472	372038	Urban Background	99.8	99.8	8.4	6.9	6.5	7.2	6.5

Annualisation has not been required.

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as µg/m³.

All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

(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.5 – Trends in Annual Mean PM_{2.5} Concentrations

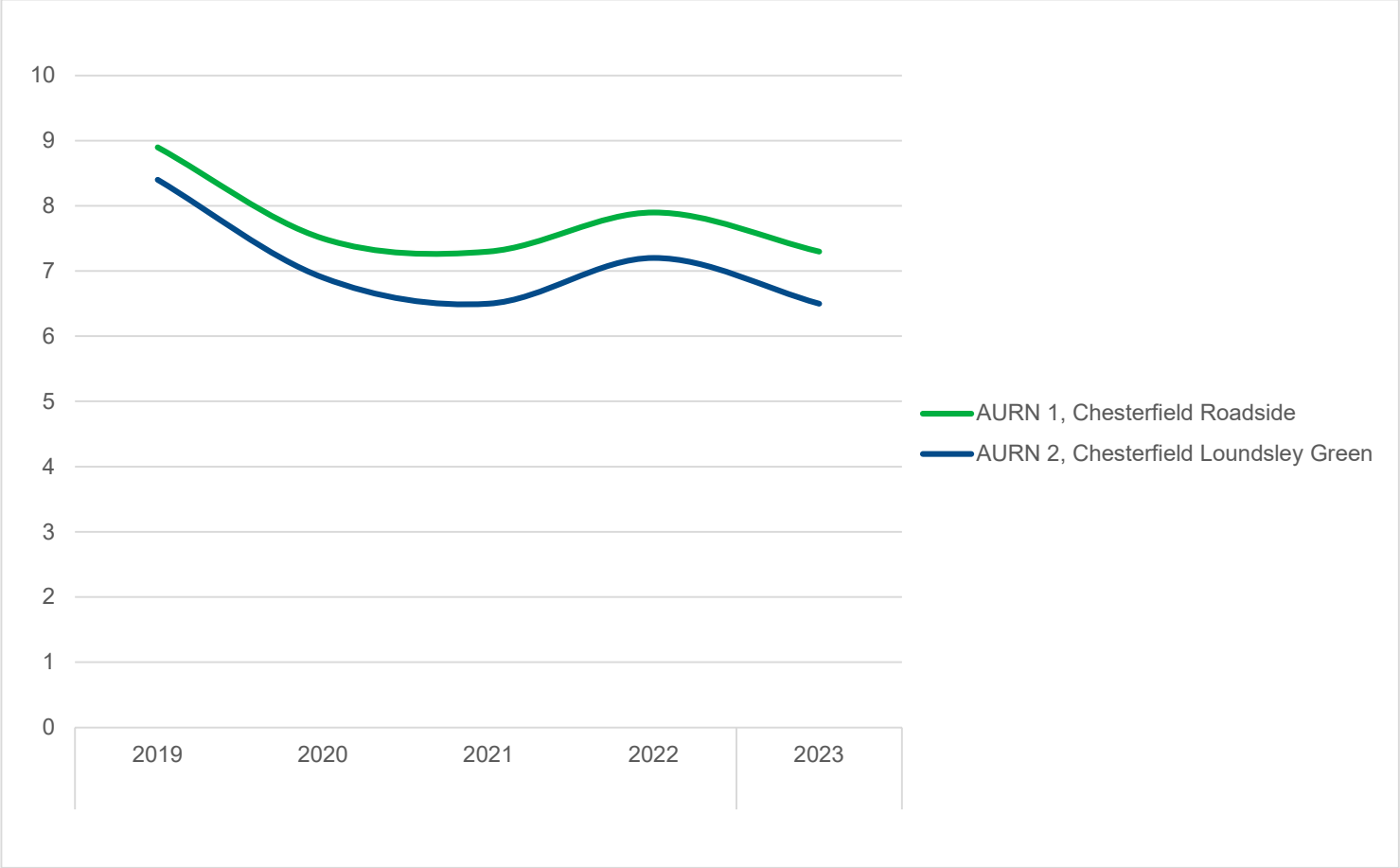


Table A.9 – SO₂ 2023 Monitoring Results, Number of Relevant Instances

Sulphur Dioxide is no longer a pollutant of concern, and is no longer monitored in Chesterfield

Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2023

Table B.1 – NO₂ 2023 Diffusion Tube Results (µg/m³)

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted <(0.74)>	Annual Mean: Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure	Comment
1	437222	370956	25.6	30.2	27.8	27.9	22.4	25.4	18.8	21.7	27.3	27.5	29.3	24.9	25.7	18.6		
2	438710	370950	43.0	40.3	34.2	36.6	27.3	24.9	29.6	32.2	33.4	36.8	-	36.0	34.0	24.8		
3	438291	373006	45.4	42.8	36.2	36.9	33.9	34.2	34.3	36.0	41.5	40.2	41.6	37.1	38.3	28.0		
4	438284	373057	39.3	34.9	36.0	31.6	25.7	27.4	28.2	26.1	33.4	33.6	35.8	26.4	31.5	22.9		
5	438293	370863	21.9	33.9	27.6	30.0	25.4	23.7	21.0	23.7	28.1	30.4	28.5	24.2	26.5	19.2		
6	440440	373514	43.5	51.5	46.9	50.8	60.4	54.8	24.0	49.8	48.6	50.2	50.4	31.2	46.8	34.4		
7	437670	371490	27.0	27.2	19.7	22.2	-	-	15.0	14.3	-	26.4	28.2	20.1	22.2	15.9		
8	438395	369776	37.1	38.9	42.5	43.7	31.4	32.9	28.6	27.7	36.9	40.0	28.1	29.3	34.8	25.3		
9	438385	369574	36.0	39.2	30.9	31.7	31.2	26.5	21.8	25.2	32.3	33.7	39.6	27.7	31.3	22.7		
10	440531	373484	59.8	58.4	49.3	44.4	41.3	41.1	45.2	45.3	50.0	48.1	59.5	26.8	47.4	34.8		
11	438307	374560	27.9	28.2	27.1	31.5	26.8	26.0	20.2	23.0	23.7	29.6	26.5	21.5	26.0	18.8		
12	438279	373336	33.8	32.9	28.8	27.9	24.1	22.0	19.3	24.1	28.0	32.1	33.9	24.8	27.6	20.0		
13	439780	369440	26.8	27.0	24.7	23.8	20.4	20.7	17.1	19.2	29.2	29.7	-	-	23.9	17.1		
14	438357	369410	34.4	37.3	38.4	40.3	37.8	41.3	29.9	32.0	39.9	40.4	37.6	26.6	36.3	26.5		
15	436349	370658	19.9	23.2	18.6	18.1	15.6	16.9	13.7	15.5	17.3	22.9	19.9	19.9	18.5	13.1		
16	436349	370658	20.1	23.4	20.1	19.3	16.3	17.1	15.0	15.2	17.4	23.8	19.8	18.1	18.8	13.4		
17	436349	370658	22.2	23.0	17.6	19.8	16.9	17.3	14.1	15.1	17.4	23.5	17.4	-	18.6	13.2		
19	438090	370970	27.3	27.6	-	19.9	17.6	18.3	16.9	19.0	22.8	28.1	26.1	21.7	22.3	15.9		
20	438072	370758	27.3	29.0	30.8	29.5	27.5	29.9	20.5	25.7	28.3	33.9	31.6	14.1	27.3	19.7		
21	440175	373396	28.3	30.3	25.9	23.8	23.9	20.2	18.8	-	31.9	30.6	22.7	20.5	25.2	18.1		
22	440669	373711	38.6	38.5	34.5	36.2	38.3	29.5	21.9	30.1	32.1	39.4	39.1	-	34.4	25.0		
23	439830	369320	28.7	29.5	23.3	26.8	21.4	25.3	20.1	20.4	24.0	30.7	31.2	19.9	25.1	18.1		
24	437686	371433	-	45.0	41.1	39.2	34.2	31.2	39.5	37.2	39.2	31.9	41.9	-	38.0	27.8		
25	439490	369608	33.7	-	37.6	42.5	39.1	32.9	30.7	33.9	39.4	43.6	39.1	30.8	36.7	26.7		
27	439490	369590	37.8	39.8	27.9	28.8	27.9	27.6	24.2	28.1	30.2	37.1	32.7	27.1	30.8	22.3		
28	443897	374912	40.0	36.6	30.0	31.4	30.0	29.6	27.7	28.8	35.0	39.6	39.0	30.8	33.2	24.2		
29	440323	373482	25.7	39.0	34.2	44.8	42.1	39.2	26.0	32.9	32.0	37.9	42.6	30.7	35.6	25.9		
30	438417	371357	27.9	30.8	14.6	27.4	22.1	23.9	21.4	22.9	28.0	31.4	30.2	20.7	25.1	18.1		
31	436702	370761	50.6	49.2	-	43.2	35.2	36.6	36.3	37.5	47.7	51.2	49.8	32.0	42.7	31.2		
32	438289	373028	32.1	36.0	32.4	33.8	34.8	32.2	21.6	28.6	31.4	36.9	41.5	24.6	32.2	23.4		
33	438976	370356	39.1	36.8	34.5	35.8	34.3	26.5	27.2	32.5	35.8	41.3	29.2	21.1	32.8	23.9		
36	439710	369420	30.5	33.1	26.3	28.9	27.2	-	14.2	20.4	24.8	-	-	17.7	24.8	17.8		
37	440361	373513	44.7	48.1	38.7	40.1	36.7	37.9	32.4	35.2	40.8	44.3	43.3	-	40.2	29.4		
38	440421	373515	48.8	54.3	42.9	61.7	53.6	43.7	38.4	46.1	44.5	52.9	51.4	41.7	48.3	35.5		

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted <(0.74)>	Annual Mean: Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure	Comment
39	438343	371908	31.4	32.3	30.5	34.9	27.2	26.5	24.3	24.6	32.6	34.7	34.8	27.4	30.1	21.8		
40	438290	373014	46.0	47.8	37.8	42.7	40.0	34.6	38.4	40.2	44.9	37.7	51.3	41.7	41.9	30.7		
41	438407	372798	25.4	35.4	32.0	22.4	27.9	26.8	18.2	22.0	26.8	39.4	28.4	25.1	27.5	19.9		

- 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.TG22.
- Local bias adjustment factor used.
- National bias adjustment factor used.
- Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure in the final column.
- Chesterfield Borough Council confirm that all 2023 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System.

Notes:

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

NO₂ annual means exceeding 60µg/m³, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ 1-hour mean 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 Chesterfield Borough Council's Area During 2023

Chesterfield Borough Council has not identified any new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2023.

Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by Chesterfield Borough Council During 2023

Chesterfield Borough Council has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2023.

QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

NO₂ diffusion tubes are supplied by SOCOTEC. The preparation method is 50% triethanolamine in acetone. The laboratory follows the procedures set out in the Harmonisation Practical Guidance. The national bias factor for the tubes supplied by this source is 0.78. Data from the two sites operated by Chesterfield BC is supplied to DEFRA for input into the calculation of this factor

Diffusion Tube Annualisation

All diffusion tube monitoring locations within Chesterfield recorded data capture of 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data

Table C.1 – Annualisation Summary (concentrations presented in µg/m³)

Not required

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

The diffusion tube data presented within the 2023 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.TG22 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_x/NO₂ continuous analysers. Alternatively, the national database of diffusion tube co-location surveys provides bias factors for the relevant laboratory and preparation method.

Chesterfield Borough Council have applied a local bias adjustment factor of 0.74 to the 2023 monitoring data. The Chesterfield Roadside AURN Site has been used to mount triplicate co-location tubes to allow the bias factor to be calculated. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by Chesterfield Borough Council over the past five years is presented in Table C.2.

Table C.2 – Bias Adjustment Factor

Monitoring Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2023	Local	N/A	0.74
2022	Local	N/A	0.81
2021	Local	N/A	0.89
2020	Local	N/A	0.84
2019	Local	N/A	0.83

Table C.3 – Local Bias Adjustment Calculation

	Local Bias Adjustment Input 1	Local Bias Adjustment Input 2	Local Bias Adjustment Input 3	Local Bias Adjustment Input 4	Local Bias Adjustment Input 5
Periods used to calculate bias	10				
Bias Factor A	0.74 (0.67 – 0.82)				
Bias Factor B	35% (21% - 48%)				
Diffusion Tube Mean (µg/m ³)	19				
Mean CV (Precision)	4.3%				
Automatic Mean (µg/m ³)	14				
Data Capture	96%				
Adjusted Tube Mean (µg/m ³)	14 (13 - 16)				

Notes:

A single local bias adjustment factor has been used to bias adjust the 2023 diffusion tube results.

A single diffusion tube is used as a travel blank each month. This tube is delivered and returned each month, but is not exposed. This allows an annual mean over-read to be derived, as a value of $1\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO₂ concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure has been estimated using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool/NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, non-automatic annual mean NO₂ concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table B.1.

Table C.4 – Non-Automatic NO₂ Fall off With Distance Calculations (concentrations presented in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

Not required

QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring**Data Management**

The data gathered by the 2 automatic monitoring sites is ratified by BureauVeritas as part of the AURN network. The data collated for use in this analysis is fully ratified.

Local Site Operator

The local site operator duties are carried out by Chesterfield Borough Council.

Calibrations

The AURN sites were calibrated on a monthly basis during 2023, as instructed by the network manager due to restricted supply of calibration gases

Site Auditing and Servicing

The AURN sites are subject to servicing and auditing on a 6 monthly basis.

PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Monitoring Adjustment

The type of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} monitors utilised within Chesterfield Borough Council do not required the application of a correction factor.

Automatic Monitoring Annualisation

All automatic monitoring locations within Chesterfield Borough Council recorded data capture of greater than 75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data. In addition, any sites with a data capture below 25% do not require annualisation.

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO₂ concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure has been estimated using the NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, automatic annual mean NO₂ concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table A.3.

No automatic NO₂ monitoring locations within Chesterfield Borough Council required distance correction during 2023.

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

Figure D.1 – Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites



Detail A



Detail B



Detail C



Location and extent of the Chesterfield No 1 AQMA



Note: The location of this map is also shown in the centre of Detail B (above)

Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England⁷

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective: Concentration	Air Quality Objective: Measured as
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	200µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	40µg/m ³	Annual mean
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	50µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	40µg/m ³	Annual mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	350µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	125µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	266µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean

⁷ The units are in microgrammes of pollutant per cubic metre of air (µg/m³).

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
ASR	Annual Status Report
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by National Highways
EU	European Union
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides
PM ₁₀	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm or less
PM _{2.5}	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide

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