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### **1** Legislation policy and guidance

#### 1.1 European legislation

- 1.1.1 The EU Directive on ambient air quality (2008/50/EC) sets out a range of mandatory Limit Values (LV) for different pollutants including nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) in diameter, the key traffic related pollutants. The directive consolidated previous air quality directives (apart from the Fourth Daughter Directive), setting Limit Values or Target Values for the concentrations of specific air pollutants and providing a new regulatory framework for particulate matter less than 2.5µm in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). It also allows Member States to apply to postpone attainment deadlines.
- 1.1.2 Defra assess and report annually on compliance with the LVs (Table 1-1) to the European Commission. For the purposes of their assessment and reporting, the UK is divided into 43 zones. The status of each zone in relation to a LV is determined within the compliance assessment by the maximum measured or maximum modelled concentrations in the zone. The main pollutants of concern with respect to compliance are NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>. The Air Quality Standards (Amendment) Regulations 2016 transpose into English law the requirements of the Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality.
- 1.1.3 EU LVs apply throughout the zones and agglomerations, the zone/agglomerations achieve compliance when every site listed in the zone/agglomeration is below the EU LV. The exceptions to where the EU Limit Values apply are given in Annex III of the Air Quality Directive, they are, locations that members of the public cannot access or where there is no fixed habitation, for instance, industrial premises etc.

#### 1.2 National legislation

- 1.2.1 Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) requires the UK Government to produce a national air quality strategy (AQS) which contains standards, objectives and measures for improving ambient air quality. The AQS sets out objectives that are maximum ambient concentrations that are not to be exceeded either without exception or with a permitted number of exceedances over a specified timescale.
- 1.2.2 The ambient air quality standards and objectives are given statutory backing in England through the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2010. The AQS objectives for the protection of human health and applicable to this assessment are presented in Table 1-1.

Air quality objectives and European directives for the protection of human health					
Air quality objectives				EU limit values	
Pollutant	Concentration	Averaging period	Compliance date	Concentration	Compliance date
NO <sub>2</sub>	200 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	1-hour mean (not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year)	31 December 2005	200 µg/m <sup>-3</sup> (18 exceedances)	1 January 2010
	40 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	annual mean	31 December 2005	40 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	1 January 2010
PM <sub>10</sub>	50 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	24-hour mean (not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year)	31 December 2010	50 μg/m <sup>-3</sup> (35 exceedances)	1 January 2005
	40 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	annual mean	31 December 2004	40 µg/m <sup>-3</sup>	1 January 2005

#### Table 1-1 Air quality objectives and EU limit values for NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>

- 1.2.3 The Air Quality Objectives only apply where members of the public are likely to be regularly present for the averaging time of the objective (i.e. where people will be exposed to pollutants). The annual mean objectives apply to all locations where members of the public might be regularly exposed; these include building façades of residential properties, schools, hospitals, care homes, etc. The 24-hour mean objective applies to all locations where the annual mean objective would apply, together with hotels and gardens of residential properties. The 1-hour mean objective also applies at these locations and at any outdoor location where a member of the public might reasonably be expected to stay for one hour or more, such as shopping streets, parks and sports grounds, as well as bus stations and railway stations that are not fully enclosed.
- 1.2.4 The AQS objectives and EU LVs for the protection of vegetation and ecosystems applicable to this assessment are presented in Table 1-2.

Air quality objectives and European directives for the protection of vegetation and ecosystems					
	Air quality objectives EU limit values				
Pollutant	Concentration	Averaging period	Compliance date	Concentration	Compliance date
NO <sub>x</sub>	30 µg.m <sup>-3</sup>	Annual mean	31 December 2000	30 µg.m <sup>-3</sup>	19 July 2001

Table 1-2 Air quality objectives and EU limit values for the protection of vegetation

- 1.2.5 Local authorities have no legal requirement to comply with AQS objectives. They are however required to demonstrate best efforts to work towards achieving AQS objectives.
- 1.2.6 Under the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) regime local authorities have a duty to make periodic reviews of local air quality against the AQS objectives. Where a local authority's review and assessment of local air quality indicates that

AQS objectives are not expected to be achieved, local authorities are required to designate an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). An Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) must then be formulated, outlining a plan of action to meet AQS objectives in the AQMA.

#### 1.3 AQS objectives/EU limit values

- 1.3.1 Whilst AQS objectives and EU LVs are identical in terms of concentrations that are applied, they are different, and it is important to understand how they are interpreted and therefore assessed. Local authorities are required to demonstrate best efforts to achieve the AQS objectives whereas the UK government has a mandatory requirement to achieve EU Limit Values.
- 1.3.2 Reporting against compliance with EU Limit Values is undertaken by Defra and reported at a zone/agglomeration level. Zones/agglomerations only comply when everywhere in the zone is below the EU Limit Value and this is the basis of Defra's reporting, which is designed to determine what the maximum concentration is in the zone and hence determine the date by which the zone will comply with the Limit Value. AQS objectives are assessed at a much more local level where an AQMA can be designated as a result of exceedance at individual properties.
- 1.3.3 The air quality assessment will consider the impacts on both AQS objectives (does the proposed scheme lead to a significant impact on air quality at individual properties) and EU LVs (will the proposed scheme impact Defra's plans to achieve compliance with the LVs).

#### **1.4 Environmental Protection Act 1990**

- 1.4.1 Generally, dust is only a cause of annoyance but when of sufficient scale and frequency it may become a statutory nuisance. The relevant legislation dealing with statutory nuisance is given in Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990). A statutory nuisance in relation to dust and deposits is defined under Section 79 of the act as follows:
  - (d) Any dust, steam, smell or other effluvia arising on industrial, trade or business premises and being prejudicial to health or a nuisance.
  - (e) any accumulation or deposit which is prejudicial to heath or a nuisance.
- 1.4.2 Under the provisions of the Act where a local authority is satisfied that a Statutory Nuisance exists, it is under a mandatory duty to serve an Abatement Notice requiring abatement or cessation of one or more activities deemed to be causing the nuisance. In the absence of any kind of standard, identification of a nuisance is dependent on the professional judgement of the local authority as to whether Best Practical Means (BPM) are being employed to control emissions. If BPM is evident or can be clearly demonstrated then a particular activity cannot be deemed to be causing a Statutory Nuisance.

#### 1.5 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

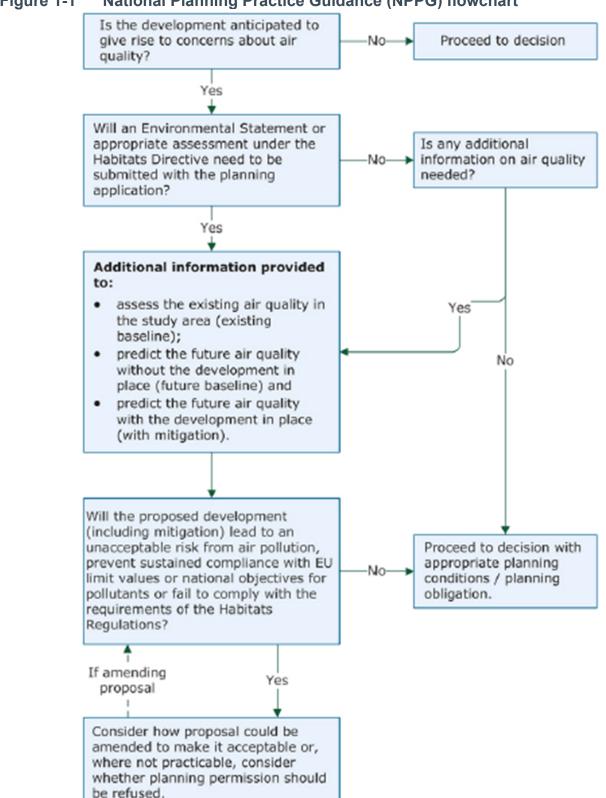
- 1.5.1 The NPPF published in 2012 and revised in February 2019 sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The NPPF revokes 44 planning documents including: Planning Policy Statement 23: Planning and Pollution Control.
- 1.5.2 Paragraph 181 considers impacts of developments on air quality:

'Planning policies and decisions should sustain and contribute towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones, and the cumulative impacts from individual sites in local areas. Opportunities to improve air quality or mitigate impacts should be identified, such as through traffic and travel management, and green infrastructure provision and enhancement. So far as possible these opportunities should be considered at the plan-making stage, to ensure a strategic approach and limit the need for issues to be reconsidered when determining individual applications. Planning decisions should ensure that any new development in Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones is consistent with the local air guality action plan.'

- 1.5.3 The NPPF therefore requires:
  - consideration of the scheme air quality impacts should sustain and contribute towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones; and
  - consideration of opportunities to improve air quality or mitigate impacts, such as through traffic and travel management, and green infrastructure provision and enhancement.
- 1.5.4 However, the NPPF does not provide guidance on how to come to a judgement on sustaining compliance with the Air Quality Directive.

#### 1.6 National planning practice guidance

1.6.1 Figure 1-1 of this appendix presents the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) flowchart which provides guidance on the process for reviewing planning applications.



#### National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) flowchart Figure 1-1

#### 1.7 National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN)

- 1.7.1 NPSNN sets out the Government's policies to deliver the development of nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) on the national road and rail networks in England. The Secretary of State (SoS) uses the NPSNN as the primary basis for making decisions on development consent applications for national network NSIPs in England.
- 1.7.2 Sections 1.7.3 to 1.7.5 provide the context of when the decision maker should give substantive consideration to air quality impacts and whether they should recommend refusal.
- 1.7.3 Air quality considerations are likely to be particularly relevant where schemes are proposed:
  - Within or adjacent to AQMAs; and
  - Where changes are sufficient to bring about the need for a new AQMA or change the size of an existing AQMA; or bring about changes to exceedances of the Limit Values, or where they may have the potential to impact on nature conservation sites.
- 1.7.4 Further information on areas exceeding UK AQS objective or EU limit value thresholds is available from Defra's Pollution Climate Mapping (PCM) model. This model provides predicted annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. The SoS must give air quality considerations substantial weight where, after taking into account mitigation, a project would lead to a significant air quality impact in relation to EIA and/or where they lead to a deterioration in air quality in a zone/agglomeration.
- 1.7.5 The SoS should refuse consent where, after taking into account mitigation, the air quality impacts of the proposed scheme will:
  - result in a zone/agglomeration which is currently reported as being compliant with the Air Quality Directive becoming non-compliant; or
  - affect the ability of a non-compliant area to achieve compliance within the most recent timescales reported to the European Commission at the time of the decision.

#### 1.8 Dust

- 1.8.1 Dust is the generic term used in *British Standard BS 6069 Characterization of air quality, Glossary (Part Two)<sup>1</sup>* to describe particulate matter in the size range 1–75µm in diameter. Under provisions in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 dust nuisance is defined as a statutory nuisance.
- 1.8.2 There are currently no formal standards or guidelines for dust nuisance in the UK. In addition, formal dust deposition standards are not specified. This reflects the uncertainties in dust monitoring technology and the highly subjective relationship between deposition events, surface soiling and the perception of such events as a nuisance. Complaints about excessive dust deposition would have to be investigated by the local authority and any complaint upheld for a statutory nuisance to occur. However, dust deposition is generally managed by suitable onsite practices and mitigation rather than by the determination of statutory nuisance and/or prosecution or enforcement notice(s).

#### **1.9** Regional management and planning policy

#### Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2018-2023

1.9.1 The management plan acknowledges that air quality may be improved through major development. Policy CE11: Major Development states:

'Any upgrade of the Air Balloon junction should also help to deliver the objectives of the Air Quality Action Plan for this Air Quality Management Area, by reducing nitrogen dioxide levels at the junction.'

#### Gloucestershire's Local Transport Plan 2015-2031

- 1.9.2 Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is responsible for the maintenance and development of the highway network for a number of district councils within the Gloucestershire area.
- 1.9.3 Policy LTP PD 4.9 Environment of the Local Transport Plan states:

'GCC will work with District Councils to improve air quality, levels of noise pollution and biodiversity loss resulting from traffic on the highway network.'

## Joint Core Strategy for Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury (JCS) 2011-2031 (December 2017)

- 1.9.4 The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is a coordinated development strategy between Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Cheltenham Borough Council.
- 1.9.5 Policy SD3: Sustainable Design and Construction, states:

'Development proposals will demonstrate how they contribute to the aims of sustainability by increasing energy efficiency, minimising waste and avoiding the unnecessary pollution of air, harm to the water environment, and contamination of land or interference in other natural systems.'

#### 1.10 Local planning policy

1.10.1 The study area for the air quality assessment covers a number of local authority areas. The Scheme is located within the administrative areas of Cotswold District Council and Tewksbury District Council. However, changes in traffic across the network as a result of the Proposed Scheme are predicted in adjacent planning authorities. Planning policy relating to air quality for each of the local planning authorities within the study area are outlined below. These local policies have been taken into account in the air quality assessment for the project.

#### Cheltenham Local Plan (Pre-submission) 2011-2031

1.10.2 The new Cheltenham Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent inspection in October 2018. Whilst there is not a specific policy in the Local Plan to address air quality, it acknowledges that transport choice can have an impact on emissions of pollutants.

#### Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031

- 1.10.3 The local plan recognises that air quality is a problem in certain parts of the local authority area and that particular caution will be applied in or close to designated AQMAs.
- 1.10.4 Policy EN15 Pollution and Contaminated Land, states:

'Development will be permitted that will not result in unacceptable risk to public health or safety, the natural environment or the amenity of existing land uses through:

a. Pollution of the air, land, surface water, or ground water sources'

#### Gloucester City Council Draft Local Plan 2016-2031

- 1.10.5 The draft local plan for 2016-2031 was consulted on between 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The draft contains reference to Policy D10: Air quality which specifies that '*development proposals will ensure that development is not contributing to poor air quality*'.
- 1.10.6 Policy H1: Sustainable Transport, also recognises poor air quality as a key issue in AQMAs to be addressed by developing sustainable transport.

#### South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2006 – 2027

1.10.7 The core strategy was adopted in December 2013. Policy CS9 – Managing the Environment and Heritage, focuses on protection and management of the environment. The policy states:

*New development will be expected to: protect land, air and aqueous environments, buildings and people from pollution.* 

1.10.8 Consultation is currently being held to implement the updated South Gloucestershire Local Plan (2018-2036).

#### Stroud District Council Local Plan 2015-2031

- 1.10.9 The local plan has one policy that addresses air quality.
- 1.10.10 ES5 Air quality, states:

'Development proposals which by virtue of their scale, nature or location are likely to exacerbate existing areas of poor air quality, will need to demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate emission levels in order to protect public health and wellbeing, environmental quality and amenity. Mitigation measures should demonstrate how they will make a positive contribution to the aims of any Air Quality Strategy for Stroud District.'

#### Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026

- 1.10.11 The local plan was adopted in March 2015. It has a number of objectives to address issues of pollution and congestion in Swindon.
- 1.10.12 Policy TR1: Sustainable Transport Networks, states:

'The Council will use its planning and transport powers to help reduce the need to travel, and support and encourage the sustainable, safe and efficient movement of people and good within and through the Borough. This will be achieved by:

- Minimising emissions from transport by:
  - Reducing the need to travel
  - Promoting sustainable travel choices
  - Personal workplace and school travel planning

- Designing the built environment to encourage healthy lifestyles and travel choices.'
- 1.10.13 Policy EN7: Pollution, focuses on development that leads to emissions of pollutants. The policy states:

'Development that is likely to lead to emissions of pollutants such as noise, light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust, grit or toxic substances that may adversely affect existing development and vulnerable wildlife habitats, shall only be permitted where such emissions are controlled to a point where there is no significant loss of amenity for existing lad use or habitats.'

#### Tewkesbury Borough Council Draft Local Plan 2011-2031

1.10.14 The draft local plan for 2011-2031 was consulted on between 10<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and it is yet to be published. The draft contains reference to policies in the Local Transport Plan which are aimed at reducing air pollution and carrying out air quality assessments when it is considered that air quality may be impacted by development. The draft also defers to the Joint Core Strategy for additional air quality related development policy. This is discussed in sections 1.9.4 and 1.9.5.

#### West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006 – 2026)

1.10.15 The Core Strategy forms part of the West Berkshire local plan as a development plan document (DPD). Although air quality is not explicitly mentioned in a policy, policies such as Transport (CS 13) mention that 'Development that generates a transport impact will be required to:

...'Minimise the impact of all forms of travel on the environmental and help tackle climate change'

...'Reduce the need to travel'.

#### West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031

1.10.16 The local plan was adopted in September 2018 and provides a framework for planning between 2011 and 2031. Air quality is mentioned as part of Policy OS3: Prudent use of natural resources:

*All development proposals (including new buildings, conversions and the refurbishment of existing building stock) will be required to show consideration of the efficient and prudent use and management of natural resources, including:* 

... minimising waste and making adequate provision for the re-use and recycling of waste; and causing no deterioration and, where possible, achieving improvements in water or air quality.'

- 1.10.17 One of the transport related objectives (CO16) ensures the District will '*Enable improvement in water and air quality*'.
- 1.10.18 Policy EH8: Environmental protection states 'Where appropriate, development will need to be supported by an air quality assessment'.

#### Wiltshire Council Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2026

1.10.19 The core strategy was adopted in January 2015. Core Policy 55: Air quality, recognises that a key contributor to air quality issues is emissions from transport. It states that:

'Development proposals, which by virtue of their scale, nature or location are likely to exacerbate existing areas of poor air quality, will need to demonstrate that measures can be taken to effectively mitigate emission levels in order to protect public health, environmental quality and amenity. Mitigation measures should demonstrate how they will make a positive contribution to the aims of the Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire and where relevant, the Wiltshire Air Quality Action Plan.'

### **End notes and References**

<sup>1</sup> British Standard BS 6069 Characterization of air quality, Glossary (Part two)



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Appendix 5.2 Air Quality Operational Assessment Methodology

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### **1** Operational assessment methodology

#### 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This section includes details used in the operational assessment for air quality.

#### Dispersion model and set up

- 1.1.2 The ADMS-Roads model (version 5.0.0) developed by Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants Ltd (CERC) has been used for this assessment. ADMS-Roads is a detailed atmospheric dispersion model, which focuses on road traffic as a source of pollutant emissions.
- 1.1.3 The model takes into account emissions from light and heavy duty vehicles, travelling at specified speeds along a road 'link' over a period of one hour, and predicts the dispersion of these emissions using appropriate historical meteorological data.

#### Traffic emissions

1.1.4 Traffic data has been provided for the air quality assessment by the Arup transport team. Road traffic emissions were calculated using the emission factors provided in the latest version (version 2.3) of Highways England speed band emissions factors spreadsheet<sup>1</sup>.

#### NOx to NO<sub>2</sub> conversion

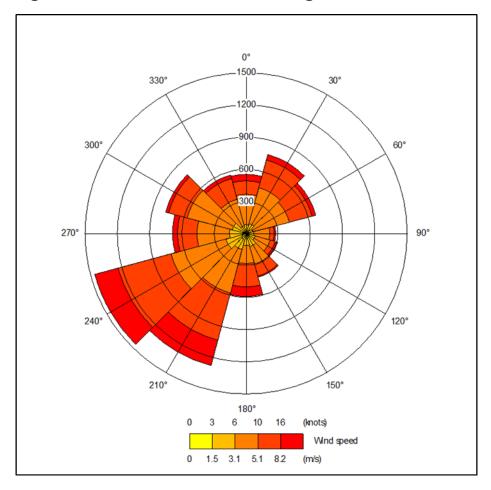
- 1.1.5 The main air quality chapter sets out the approach to NOx to NO<sub>2</sub> conversion. Defra background maps and associated tools were updated from a 2015 base year to a 2017 base year in May 2019. The base year in the assessment is 2016. Traffic data and monitoring data for 2016 has been provided and collected for the assessment.
- 1.1.6 The update to the Defra backgrounds showed that the 2015 base year maps were predicting concentrations which were lower than the updated 2017 predictions. Therefore, whilst the updated 2017 maps do not include 2016 data, the data for 2017 in the updated maps is considered to be more representative of 2016 than those provided from the 2015 base year.
- 1.1.7 In addition, it is not considered appropriate to use 2015 base year maps and associated tools for the model verification and to switch to 2017 data for the future year assessment. Therefore, the 2017 background maps and tools have been used throughout this assessment.

#### Minimum Monin-Obukhov length and surface roughness

- 1.1.8 The minimum Monin-Obukhov length describes the minimum stability of the atmosphere. For this model, a length of 10m was used representing the rural nature of the region.
- 1.1.9 The amount of mechanical turbulence (and hence, mixing) in the atmosphere is affected by the surface/ground over which the air is passing. Typical surface roughness values range from 1.5m (for cities, forests and industrial areas) to 0.0001m (for water or sandy deserts). In this assessment, a surface roughness of 0.3m was used, which represents the agricultural nature of the area.

#### Meteorological data

- 1.1.10 Meteorological data for one year (2016) from the Little Rissington meteorological monitoring station was used in the dispersion modelling. The Little Rissington meteorological monitoring station is located 27km east of the proposed scheme.
- 1.1.11 Most dispersion models of roads do not use meteorological data if they relate to calm winds conditions, as dispersion of air pollutants is more difficult to calculate in these circumstances. ADMS-Roads treats calm wind conditions by setting the minimum wind speed to 0.75m/s. LAQM TG.162 guidance states that the meteorological data file is tested in a dispersion model and the relevant output log file checked to confirm the number of missing hours and calm hours that cannot be used by the dispersion model. This is important when considering predictions of high percentiles and the number of exceedances. The guidance recommends that meteorological data should only be used if the percentage of usable hours is greater than 75% and preferably greater than 90%.
- 1.1.12 The meteorological data selected from Little Rissington includes greater than 95% of usable data. This is above the 90% threshold and this data therefore meets the requirement of the Defra guidance.
- 1.1.13 The wind rose at Little Rissington (2016) is provided in Figure 1-1 of this appendix. The wind rose indicates that the study area is affected by predominantly south-westerly winds.



#### Figure 1-1 Wind rose for Little Rissington for 2016

### **End notes & References**

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Highways England speed band emission factors for use with DMRB (version 2.3)
 <sup>2</sup> Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs, "Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (TG16)," 2018.



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Appendix 5.3 Air Quality Receptors

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### **1** Air quality receptors

### 1.1 Human receptors

- 1.1.1 A total of 91 receptors were included in the assessment. They were selected using professional judgement and the following criteria:
  - within 200m of the Affected Road Network (ARN);
  - representativeness of the receptor of the maximum effects of the proposed scheme in that region; and
  - at risk of exceeding the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> Air Quality Objective (AQO).
- 1.1.2 All locations, referred to as 'receptors' are treated as being equally sensitive. The locations are shown in the human receptors drawing PEI report Figure 5.3. The human receptors have been modelled at a height of 1.5m, to be representative of pollution exposure.

### **1.2 Ecological receptors**

- 1.2.1 There are 26 designated habitat sites<sup>1</sup> within 200m of the ARN have been identified, which are sensitive to nitrogen. These sites and their habitat type are shown in Table 1-1. Critical loads<sup>2</sup> for designated habitat sites are presented in Table 1-2.
- 1.2.2 The designated habitats have been included in the air quality modelling assessment, and have been modelled at a height of 0m, to be representative of ground level vegetation. Transects have been modelled at ecological sites away from the road. The locations modelled are shown in Table 5-3.
- 1.2.3 Ecological receptor locations are presented in PEI report Figure 5.4.

#### Table 1-1 Designated habitats used in the assessment

Site name	Designation	Habitat
Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland Calcareous grassland
Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods/Bucklewoods	Ancient Woodland (AW), SSSI, Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland Calcareous grassland
Cotswold Beechwood	SAC	Asperuulo-Fagetum beech forests Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates
Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, Local Wildlife Site (LWS), Local Nature Reserve (LNR)	Neutral grassland
North Meadows and Clattinger Farm	SAC	Lowland hay meadows
Lineover Wood	SSSI, Ancient Woodland (AW)	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland
Westwell Gorse	SSSI	Woodland

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Designated habitats, as defined in DMRB LA 105, include Ramsar sites, special protection areas, special areas of conservation, sites of special scientific interest, local nature reserves, local wildlife sites, nature improvement areas, ancient woodland and veteran trees. <sup>2</sup> Critical loads have been taken from the Air Pollution Information Site (<u>http://www.apis.ac.uk</u>).

Site name	Designation	Habitat
Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland
		Calcareous grassland
North Meadow, Cricklade	SSSI, National Nature Reserve (NNR)	Neutral grassland
Chatcombe Wood	AW	Woodland
Ancient Woodland near Michaelwood services	AW	Woodland
Ancient Woodland near Broad Blunsdon	AW	Woodland
Cleevely Wood	AW	Woodland
Cowley/Wards Woods	AW	Woodland
Daniels Wood	AW	Woodland
Furzeground Wood	AW	Woodland
Hartley Wood	AW	Woodland
Michael Wood North	AW	Woodland
Mole Grove	AW	Woodland
Park Wood	AW	Woodland
Strays Grove	AW	Woodland
Ullenwood	AW	Woodland
Charlton Kings Railway Line	LWS	Grassland and Woodland
Cockleford Marsh and Banks	LWS	Grassland
Hartley Hill Field	LWS	Grassland
Marlborough Downs	Nature Improvement Area (NIA)	Grassland

Table 1-2	Ecological receptor	s for nitrogen	deposition	critical loads
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Designated site	Designated site Designation Habitat				Total background nitrogen deposition (kg N/ha/yr)		
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Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland Calcareous grassland	35.4	35.4	35.4	10 – 20	
Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland Calcareous grassland	29.8	29	29.5	10 – 20	
Cotswold Beechwood	SAC	Asperuulo-Fagetum beech forests Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates	29.8	29	29.6	10 – 20	
Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI	Neutral grassland	17.9	17.9	17.9	20 – 30	
North Meadows and Clattinger Farm	SAC	Lowland hay meadows	19.6	17.6	18.5	20 – 30	
Lineover Wood	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland	29.1	29.1	29.1	15 – 20	
Westwell Gorse <sup>a</sup>	SSSI	Downy-Fruited Sedge	n/a	n/a	-	-	
Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	Broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland Calcareous grassland	35.4	29.1	30.9	10 – 20	
North Meadow, Cricklade	SSSI	Neutral grassland	19.6	19.5	19.6	10 - 20	
Chatcombe Wood <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.4	10	
Ancient Woodland near Michaelwood services <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	19.2	10	
Ancient Woodland near Broad Blunsdon <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	19.5	10	
Cleevely Wood <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.9	10	
Cowley/Wards Woods <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.9	10	
Daniels Woodª	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	18.1	10	
Furzeground Wood <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	19.2	10	
Hartley Wood <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.4	10	

Designated site Designation Habitat		Total background nitrogen deposition (kg N/ha/yr)				
<b>U</b>			Max	Min	Average	load (kg N/ha//yr)
Michael Wood North <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	19.2	10
Mole Grove <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	18.3	10
Park Wood <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.9	10
Strays Grove <sup>a</sup>	AW	Woodland	n/a	n/a	18.1	10
Ullenwoodª	AW, SAC, SSSI	Woodland	n/a	n/a	21.1	10
Charlton Kings Railway Line <sup>a</sup>	LWS	Grassland and Woodland	n/a	n/a	17.4	10
Cockleford Marsh and Banks <sup>a</sup>	LWS	Grassland	n/a	n/a	17.2	10
Hartley Hill Field <sup>a</sup>	NIA	Grassland	n/a	n/a	17.4	10
Marlborough Downs <sup>a</sup>	AW	Grassland	n/a	n/a	20.4	10

n/a: No data available on the APIS website2, a: no ecological site-specific information available on the APIS website. Data collected using search by location tool.

#### Table 1-3 Receptor locations for ecological assessment

ID	Becenter ID	Site	x	Y	Distance from nearest
EA1	Receptor ID Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	designation AW, SAC, SSSI	392416	214442	road (m) 2
EA2	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392410	214442	10
EA2	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods				20
		AW, SAC, SSSI	392402	214430	
EA4	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392396	214423	30
EA5	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392389	214417	40
EA6	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392382	214409	50
EA7	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392375	214403	60
EA8	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392367	214396	70
EA9	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392360	214389	80
EA10	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392354	214383	90
EA11	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392346	214376	100
EA12	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392339	214369	110
EA13	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392332	214362	120
EA14	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392325	214356	130
EA15	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392318	214349	140
EA16	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392310	214342	150
EA17	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392303	214336	160
EA18	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392296	214329	170
EA19	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392289	214322	180
EA20	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392282	214315	190
E21	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcome/Buckle woods	AW, SAC, SSSI	392276	214309	200
EC1	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	SSSI	393323	215760	10
EC2	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393313	215760	10
EC3	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393303	215759	20
EC4	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393293	215759	30

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	x	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EC5	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393283	215759	40
EC6	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393273	215759	50
EC7	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393263	215759	60
EC8	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393253	215759	70
EC9	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393243	215759	80
EC10	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393233	215759	90
EC11	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393223	215759	100
EC12	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393213	215759	110
EC13	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393203	215759	120
EC14	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393193	215759	130
ED1	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393082	215277	140
ED2	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393073	215281	20
ED3	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393063	215284	30
ED4	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393054	215288	40
ED5	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393045	215291	50
ED6	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393035	215295	60
ED7	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393026	215298	70
ED8	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393016	215302	80
ED9	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393007	215305	90
ED10	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	392998	215308	100
ED11	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	392988	215312	110
ED12	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	392979	215315	120
ED13	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	392969	215319	130
EE1	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393147	216008	140
EE2	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393142	216017	0
EE3	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393137	216025	10

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	x	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EE4	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393132	216034	20
EE5	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393127	216043	30
EE6	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393123	216051	40
EE7	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393118	216060	50
EE8	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393113	216069	60
EE9	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393108	216078	70
EE10	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393103	216086	80
EE11	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393098	216095	90
EE12	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393093	216104	100
EE13	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393088	216112	110
EE14	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393083	216121	120
EE15	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393078	216130	130
EE16	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393073	216138	140
EE17	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393068	216147	150
EE18	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393063	216156	160
EE19	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393058	216164	170
EE20	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393053	216173	180
EE21	Crickley Hill & Barrow Wake	SSSI	393049	216182	190
EG1	Hartley Woods	AW	396541	216967	92
EH1	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394459	217829	25
EH2	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394469	217829	35
EH3	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394479	217829	45
EH4	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394489	217829	55
EH5	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394499	217829	65
EH6	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394509	217829	75
EH7	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394519	217829	85

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	x	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EH8	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394529	217829	95
EH9	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394539	217829	105
EH10	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394549	217829	115
EH11	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394559	217829	125
EH12	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394569	217829	135
EH13	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394579	217829	145
EH14	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394589	217829	155
EH15	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	394599	217829	165
EI1	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	396421	218345	160
El2	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	396411	218342	170
EI3	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	396402	218340	180
El4	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	396392	218337	190
EI5	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	SSSI	396382	218335	200
EJ1	Chatcombe Wood	AW	397799	217955	2
EK1	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398695	218473	2
EK2	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398692	218483	10
EK3	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398690	218493	20
EK4	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398688	218503	30
EK5	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398686	218512	40
EK6	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398683	218522	50
EK7	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398681	218532	60
EK8	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398679	218541	70
EK9	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398676	218551	80
EK10	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398674	218561	90
EK11	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398672	218571	100
EK12	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398670	218580	110

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	x	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EK13	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398667	218590	120
EK14	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398665	218600	130
EK15	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398663	218610	140
EK16	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398661	218619	150
EK17	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398658	218629	160
EK18	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398656	218639	170
EK19	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398654	218649	180
EK20	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398652	218658	190
EK21	Lineover Wood	SSSI, AW	398649	218668	200
EL1	Cleevely Wood	AW	403270	217748	167
EM1	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	422002	211318	1
EM2	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421997	211327	10
EM3	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421991	211335	20
EM4	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421986	211344	30
EM5	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421981	211352	40
EM6	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421976	211361	50
EM7	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421970	211369	60
EM8	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421965	211377	70
EM9	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421960	211386	80
EM10	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421954	211394	90
EM11	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421949	211403	100
EM12	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421944	211411	110
EM13	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421938	211420	120
EM14	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421933	211428	130
EM15	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421928	211437	140
EM16	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421923	211445	150

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	x	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EM17	Westwell Gorse	SSSI	421917	211454	160
EN1	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409605	194836	100
EN2	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409598	194828	110
EN3	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409591	194821	120
EN4	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409585	194814	130
EN5	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409578	194806	140
EN6	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409571	194799	150
EN7	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409564	194792	160
EN8	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409557	194784	170
EN9	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409550	194777	180
EN10	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409544	194770	190
EN11	North Meadow, Crickdale	SSSI	409537	194762	200
EP1	Mole Grove	AW	378484	207491	124
EQ1	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387250	216295	25
EQ2	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387259	216290	35
EQ3	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387268	216286	45
EQ4	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387277	216281	55
EQ5	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387286	216276	65
EQ6	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387294	216271	75
EQ7	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387303	216267	85
EQ8	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387312	216262	95
EQ9	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387321	216257	105
EQ10	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387329	216252	115
EQ11	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387338	216247	125
EQ12	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387347	216243	135
EQ13	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387356	216238	145

ID	Receptor ID	Site designation	X	Y	Distance from nearest road (m)
EQ14	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387365	216233	155
EQ15	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387373	216228	165
ER1	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387204	216350	15
ER2	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387195	216355	25
ER3	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387186	216360	35
ER4	Hucclecote Meadows	SSSI, LWS, LNR	387177	216365	45
EF1	Ullenwood	AW	393643	216232	1
EO1	Ancient Woodland near Broad Blunsdon	AW	413680	190638	158
ES1	Ancient Woodland near Michaelwood services	AW	370171	195491	187
ET1	Cowley/wards woods	AW	395518	213803	1
EU1	Daniels wood	AW	369547	194097	99
EV1	Furzeground wood	AW	370045	195067	43
EW1	Michael wood north	AW	370860	195796	27
EX1	Park wood	AW	395580	212199	173
EY1	Strays grove	AW	369052	193826	166
EZ1	Charlton Kings Railway Line LWS	LWS	396475	219677	1
EAA1	Cockleford Marsh and Banks LWS	LWS	396944	214241	1
EAB1	Hartley Hill Field LWS	LWS	396521	218042	145
EAC1	Marlborough Downs	NIA	419195	180699	1



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Appendix 5.4 Air Quality Baseline Data

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### **1** Baseline data

#### 1.1 Local air quality monitoring

- 1.1.1 Measurements of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations in the study area (i.e. within 200m of the Affected Road Network (ARN)) were undertaken using passive monitoring diffusion tubes at 22 locations in the base year 2016. Results of local monitoring are available from the air quality Annual Status Reports (ASRs) from South Gloucestershire Council<sup>1</sup>, Swindon Borough Council<sup>2</sup>, West Berkshire Council<sup>3</sup>, Wiltshire Council<sup>4</sup>, Cheltenham Borough Council<sup>5</sup>, Cotswold District Council<sup>6</sup>, Gloucester District Council<sup>7</sup>, Stroud District Council<sup>8</sup>, Tewkesbury Borough Council<sup>9</sup> and West Oxfordshire District Council<sup>10</sup>. Monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> is not currently undertaken in the study area. Details of the local authority monitoring sites are presented in Table 1-1.
- 1.1.2 A summary of diffusion tube monitoring results for local air quality monitoring sites in the study area is presented in Table 1-2, for annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations from 2014 to 2018. Any NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations, shown in the table, exceeding the 40µg/m<sup>3</sup> air quality objective are highlighted in bold. Concentrations of annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> exceeding the objective have been recorded in 2014- 2017 in the study area. The exceedances were at roadside locations in Cheltenham and the Birdlip roundabout (location of the Air Balloon air quality management area) in the Cotswolds.
- 1.1.3 Cotswold District Council had maintained an automatic monitor for NO<sub>2</sub> at the Air Balloon Pub, Birdlip until early 2014. However, due to technical issues there was no monitoring data available from this automatic analyser to report after 2013.
- 1.1.4 Concentrations at the proposed scheme location by the Air Balloon roundabout were recorded as exceeding the air quality objective for annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> between 2014-2017. The highest concentration recorded of 61µg/m<sup>3</sup> is well above the objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>, however it is at a roadside location which is not representative of relevant exposure.

#### Table 1-1 Details of local authority monitoring sites

Local authority and ID	Site name	Site classification	National g	National grid reference	
			X	Y	
Cheltenham 6.1	56 Church Road	Roadside	394577	219728	Y
Cheltenham 18	81 London Road	Roadside	395660	221670	Y
Cotswold T8/N@1S1	Cirencester – London Road (Wagon/Horses)	Kerbside	402735ª	201962ª	N
Cotswold T11/N@1S1	Birdlip – Air Balloon	Kerbside	393446ª	216118ª	Y
Cotswold T12	Birdlip – Air Balloon 1	Kerbside	393459 <sup>a</sup>	216124ª	Y
Cotswold T13	Birdlip – Air Balloon 2	Kerbside	393459ª	216124ª	Y
Cotswold T16	Stow Lodge	Kerbside	403943	202961	N
Cotswold N@1S12	Opp 8 Burford Road	Roadside	403124	202245	N
Cotswold N@1S4	Tetbury Road, Cirencester	Roadside	401064	201044	Y
Cotswold N@1S8	62 Grove Lane, Cirencester	Roadside	402305	202519	Y
Cotswold N@1S9	Hammond Way, Cirencester	Kerbside	402309	201765	Y
Cotswold N@1S10	Lewis Lane, Cirencester	Roadside	402480	201772	Y
Gloucester 3	35 Buscombe Gardens	Roadside	387670	217250	N
Gloucester 4	12 Caravan Site	Urban background	387250	216530	N
Stroud 3	Brookthorpe – North View	Roadside	383410	212570	N
Stroud 31	Upton St Leonards – 50 Woodland Green	Kerbside	386301	215294	N
Tewkesbury 14N	69 Sussex Gardens	Urban background	387915	217389	Y
Tewkesbury 15N	Comus Bamforlong	Urban background	389714	221845	N
Tewkesbury 16N	15 Withybridge Gardens	Urban background	390461	225544	N
Tewkesbury 52N	43 Stocken Close	Roadside	387570	216935	N
Tewkesbury 54N	Woodside House - Crickley Hill	Urban centre	393106	215913	N
Swindon S10	Meadow Way	Roadside	419347	180975	N

Note: a. Please note coordinates are based on 2017 ASR. The location of this diffusion tube has been moved according to the 2018 ASR.

## Table 1-2Local authority monitoring results

Local authority and ID	Site name	Site name Annual mean NO <sub>2</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup>				
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cheltenham 18	London Road	41.8	41.4	39.6	38.4	37.3
Cotswold T8/N@1S1	Cirencester – London Road (Wagon/Horses)	29.8	23.8	30.4	25.7	22.6
Cotswold T11/N@1S1	Birdlip – Air Balloon	61.5	59.1	61.2	61.4	54.1
Cotswold T12	Birdlip – Air Balloon 1	40.3	40.5	39.8	n/a	n/a
Cotswold T13	Birdlip – Air Balloon 2	41.4	39.4	39.2	n/a	n/a
Cotswold T16	Stow Lodge	32.2	31.7	33.3	n/a	n/a
Cotswold N@1S12	Opp 8 Burford Road	n/a	n/a	n/a	23.2	15.6
Cotswold N@1S4	Tetbury Road, Cirencester	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.6	21.8
Cotswold N@1S8	62 Grove Lane, Cirencester	n/a	n/a	n/a	34.8	29.8
Cotswold N@1S9	Hammond Way, Cirencester	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.0	18.1
Cotswold N@1S10	Lewis Lane, Cirencester	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.6	20.9
Gloucester 3	35 Buscombe Gardens	27.9	25.5	27.9	24.0	23.7
Gloucester 4	12 Caravan Site	22.6	20.4	22.7	19.6	19.4
Stroud 3	Brookthorpe – North View	25.1	25.9	27.6	21.7	n/a
Stroud 31	Upton St Leonards – 50 Woodland Green	22.9	24.6	27.1	21.4	22.5
Tewkesbury 14N	69 Sussex Gardens	26.3	25.4	26.8	n/a	n/a
Tewkesbury 15N	Comus Bamforlong	27.9	28.5	25.6	n/a	n/a
Tewkesbury 16N	15 Withybridge	27.8	26.5	29.0	n/a	n/a
Tewkesbury 52N	43 Stocken Close	25.5	25.1	26.2	n/a	n/a
Tewkesbury 54N	Woodside House - Crickley Hill	n/a	n/a	30.6	n/a	n/a
Swindon S10	Meadow Way	31.1	30.4	30.1	28.4	n/a
Cheltenham 6.1	56 Church Road	n/a	20.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
/a: monitoring data not availab	le					

## 1.2 Scheme-specific monitoring

- 1.2.1 Highways England carried out monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> using diffusion tubes at 22 monitoring sites from January 2016 to June 2016. 21 of the sites were located where humans maybe exposed to a change in concentrations.
- 1.2.2 Since data capture is less than 75% at any location (i.e. 9 months), monitored results have been annualised, to determine a representative annual mean concentration for comparison with the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective.
- 1.2.3 The results have been bias adjusted following Defra guidance. The bias adjustment and annualisation was carried out by consultants on behalf of Highways England for the EIA Scoping Report<sup>11</sup> and has been used for this assessment. The details of the monitoring locations are shown in Table 1-3. The annualised and bias-adjusted results are presented in Table 5.4.
- 1.2.4 Most of the monitoring sites measured NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations that were below the annual mean objective. The only monitoring site that recorded an exceedance for the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective was at the house opposite the Air Balloon pub within the Birdlip Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration recorded was 41.7µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## Table 1-3Scheme specific monitoring

Site name	Location	Site classification	National grid reference		
			Х	Y	
A417AB_001_1215	Birdlip	Roadside	393205	214125	
A417AB_002_1215	Road off A417 towards	Roadside	393802	215431	
A417AB_003_1215	The Willows, near Crickley Hill	Roadside	393030	215876	
A417AB_004_1215	House opposite The Air Balloon Pub	Roadside	393458	216121	
A417AB_005_1215	A436	Roadside	394269	216375	
A417AB_006_1215	Ullenwood Cottages, Greenway Lane	Roadside	394413	216847	
A417AB_007_1215	B4070 Ridgeway Close	Roadside	392618	214415	
A417AB_008_1215	Shurdington Road near roundabout	Roadside	390439	216678	
A417AB 009 1215	Shurdington Road (Henley Bank Lane)	Roadside	390397	216488	
A417AB_010_1215	62 Court Road	Roadside	389182	216837	
A417AB 011 1215	End of Cedar Road	Roadside	388598	217247	
A417AB_012_1215	73 Sussex Gardens	Roadside	387925	217384	
A417AB_013_1215	13 Hucclecote Road	Roadside	388356	216802	
A417AB_014_1215	Churchdown Lane	Roadside	387623	217636	
A417AB 015 1215	14 Millfields	Roadside	387454	217908	
A417AB 016 1215	Hucclecote Road side of 177 Sussex Gardens	Roadside	388124	216931	
A417AB_017_1215	Shurdington Road	Roadside	390599	216877	
A417AB 018 1215	Near Shab Hill	Urban Background	394270	215829	
A417AB_019_1215	Dog Lane Sign	Roadside	391469	216107	
A417AB_020_1215	76 Mill Lane	Roadside	390190	216546	
A417AB_021a_1215*	Triplicate co-location, The Air Balloon Pub (Automatic Monitor)	Roadside	393431	216092	
A417AB 022 1215	1 Oak Drive	Roadside	388908	217014	

\* Automatic monitor refers to a local authority automatic monitor. However, it was not in operation at the time of the scheme specific monitoring survey

## Table 1-4Scheme specific monitoring results

Site name	Location	2016 Annualised NO <sub>2</sub> (μg/m³)
A417AB_001_1215	Birdlip	7.7
A417AB_002_1215	Road off A417 towards	8.3
A417AB_003_1215	The Willows, near Crickley Hill	29.1
A417AB_004_1215	House opposite The Air Balloon Pub	41.7
A417AB_005_1215	A436	19.0
A417AB_006_1215	Ullenwood Cottages, Greenway Lane	9.3
A417AB_007_1215	B4070 Ridgeway Close	16.9
A417AB_008_1215	Shurdington Road near roundabout	18.7
A417AB_009_1215	Shurdington Road (Henley Bank Lane)	11.4
A417AB_010_1215	62 Court Road	13.4
A417AB_011_1215	End of Cedar Road	14.9
A417AB_012_1215	73 Sussex Gardens	20.4
A417AB_013_1215	13 Hucclecote Road	19.4
A417AB_014_1215	Churchdown Lane	22.6
A417AB_015_1215	14 Millfields	20.4
A417AB_016_1215	Hucclecote Road side of 177 Sussex Gardens	18.0
A417AB_017_1215	Shurdington Road	26.5
A417AB_018_1215	Near Shab Hill	7.3
A417AB_019_1215	Dog Lane Sign	12.9
A417AB_020_1215	76 Mill Lane	13.5
A417AB_021a_1215	Automatic Monitor, The Air Balloon Pub (triplicate co-location)	34.2
A417AB_021b_1215	Automatic Monitor, The Air Balloon Pub (triplicate co-location)	33.9
A417AB_021c_1215	Automatic Monitor, The Air Balloon Pub (triplicate co-location)	35.8
A417AB_022_1215	1 Oak Drive	12.1

## **1.3 Background pollution concentrations**

- 1.3.1 Background concentrations refer to the existing levels of pollution in the atmosphere, produced by a variety of sources, such as roads and industrial processes. Defra has produced estimated background air pollution data for each 1kmx1km OS grid square for each local authority area in the UK<sup>12</sup>. Background maps are available for 2017 and projected through to 2030.
- 1.3.2 Estimated background air pollution data for 2017 for NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> for the local authorities within the ARN are presented in Table 1-5. The table shows the maximum, minimum and average concentrations for the grid squares in the following local authorities:
  - Cheltenham Borough Council
  - Cotswold District Council
  - Gloucester City Council
  - South Gloucestershire District Council
  - Stroud District Council
  - Swindon Borough Council
  - Tewkesbury Borough Council
  - West Berkshire Council
  - West Oxfordshire District Council
  - Wiltshire Council

1.3.3	As the table shows, none of the background concentrations are above the
	relevant annual AQS objective concentration for NO <sub>2</sub> or PM <sub>10</sub> (40 $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> ).

Local Authority	Annual mean NO <sub>2</sub> concentration (μg/m³)			Annual mean PM <sub>10</sub> concentration (μg/m³)		
	Мах	Min	Average	Мах	Min	Average
Cheltenham Borough Council	17.5	7.7	12.2	14.6	12.0	13.1
Cotswold District Council	11.7	5.8	6.9	16.3	11.5	13.2
Gloucester City Council	18.1	8.1	13.3	15.3	12.1	13.6
South Gloucestershire District Council	26.1	5.9	11.4	17.2	10.7	13.2
Stroud District Council	18.9	5.8	8.5	15.8	10.8	12.4
Swindon Borough Council	20.2	7.9	12.1	17.7	12.8	14.5
Tewkesbury Borough Council	22.7	5.9	8.9	16.8	11.5	13.0
West Berkshire Council	22.7	8.3	11.1	17.1	12.4	14.2
West Oxfordshire District Council	12.3	6.4	7.9	16.7	12.3	14.2
Wiltshire Council	19.0	4.9	7.9	16.6	11.3	13.1

#### Table 1-5 Predicted background pollutant concentrations for 2017

1.3.4 A comparison has been undertaken between the Defra background concentrations and monitored background concentrations from local authority and scheme specific sites. There is limited background monitoring in the study area. Most of the background monitoring available in the 10 neighbouring local authorities are at urban background locations and are not representative of the study area.

- 1.3.5 A comparison of the monitored background data at rural background monitoring sites and the Defra mapped concentrations has been carried out as shown in Table 1-6.
- 1.3.6 All of the monitored background concentrations are well below the annual mean air quality objective for NO<sub>2</sub> and the absolute difference in  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> between monitored and modelled is small. The Defra predicted background concentrations have been used for the air quality assessment.

	Grid s	square		Local authority	Defra	Difference	
Site ID	X	Y	Local authority	monitored NO <sub>2</sub> 2016 (μg/m³)	background NO <sub>2</sub> 2016 (μg/m³)	(µg/m³)	% change
Elmbridge Road Junior School	385500	218500	Gloucester City Council	15.2	18.1	-2.9	-19%
Gloucester Guildhall	383500	218500	Gloucester City Council	18.6	17.2	1.4	7%
Frethern CI, Burford	425500	211500	West Oxfordshire	10.7	6.6	4.1	38%
Orchard Rise	425500	211500	West Oxfordshire	9.6	6.6	3.0	31%
Near Shab Hill	394500	215500	Scheme specific monitor	7.3	7.3	0	0%

## Table 1-6 Comparison between Defra modelled background concentration and local background monitoring

# **End notes and References**

<sup>10</sup> 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) for West Oxfordshire District Council <sup>11</sup> A417 Missing Link Scoping Report <u>https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010056/TR010056-000009-A417%20-</u>%20Scoping%20Report.pdf

<sup>12</sup> Defra background maps https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/lagm-background-home

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> South Gloucestershire Council, 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Swindon Borough Council, 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) (for 2017 monitoring year)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> West Berkshire Council, 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Wiltshire Council, 2017 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cheltenham Borough Council, 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) for Cotswold District Council

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Gloucester City Council, 2019 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Stroud District Council, 2018 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Tewkesbury Borough Council, 2017 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)



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# **1** Air quality sites used for verification

## 1.1 Sites used for verification

- 1.1.1 Verification has been completed using 31 monitoring sites across the study area. Where appropriate, the locations of the monitoring sites were updated following the site visit and location reviews.
- 1.1.2 Verification followed the methodology outlined in the Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (LAQM TG.16)<sup>1</sup>. The following method has been used:
  - comparison of the modelled road NO<sub>x</sub> versus the monitored Road NO<sub>x</sub>. road NO<sub>x</sub> measured at the diffusion tube monitoring sites was calculated using the latest Defra NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> calculator<sup>2</sup>, available on the LAQM website;
  - a verification factor was calculated based on the regression equation and this was applied to the modelled road NOx concentrations; and
  - the adjusted modelled road NO<sub>x</sub> contribution was then used to calculate the total NO<sub>2</sub> using the Defra NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> calculator<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.1.3 The air quality monitoring data collected as part of this assessment was reviewed to determine the suitability of each of the monitoring locations for inclusion in the model verification process. The criteria used to determine the suitability of the monitoring data for inclusion into the verification process is outlined below:
  - monitoring location was required to be within 200m of a road within the study area;
  - monitoring data in 2016 was required to have a data capture of  $\geq$ 75%;
  - monitoring data influenced by major road emissions sources which were missing from the traffic model, and hence could not be included in the dispersion model was excluded; and
  - monitoring data from sites where the exact location could not be accurately identified or validated was excluded.
- 1.1.4 Twelve monitoring sites were not used in the verification process, and the reasons are detailed in Table 1-1.
- 1.1.5 Table 1-2 provides the verification details, and graphs showing the model performance are shown in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2 of this appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs, "Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance (TG16)," 2018. <sup>2</sup> Defra, "Defra LAQM website NOx to NO2," 2017. [Online]. Available: http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/review-andassessment/tools/background-maps.html#NOxNO2calc. [Accessed July 2020]

#### Table 1-1 Monitoring sites removed from the verification process

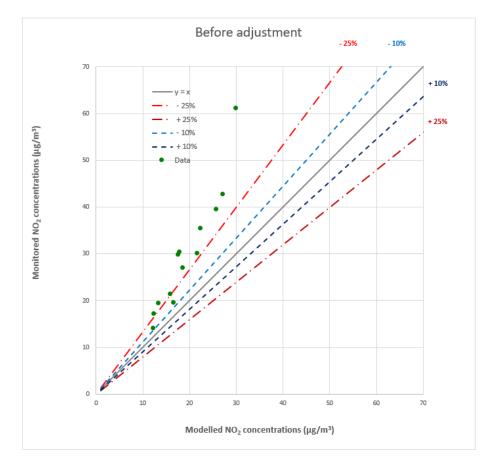
Site ID	Location	Reason
18	81 London Road, Cheltenham	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
T13	Air Balloon Roundabout, A417	Located on the same lamppost as T12. Average concentration used.
T16	Stow Lodge, Cirencester	Road opposite monitor not modelled.
14N	Sussex gardens, Hucclecote	Location could not be determined.
15N	M5, Bamfurlong	Location could not be determined.
16N	Withybridge Gardens	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
54N	Stocken Close, Hucclecote	Location could not be determined.
A417AB_001_1215	A417, Birdlip	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
A417AB_002_1215	Unnamed road near A417, Birdlip	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
A417AB_009_1215	Shurdington Road, Brockworth	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
A417AB_014_1215	Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.
A417AB_020_1215	Mill Lane, Brockworth	No modelled roads adjacent to monitor.

#### Table 1-2Model performance

A417		M5	
Adjustment factor –	2.126	Adjustment factor –	1
Within +10%	5	Within +10%	0
Within -10%	4	Within -10%	1
Within +-10%	9	Within +-10%	1
Within +10 to 25%	2	Within +10 to 25%	0
Within -10 to 25%	2	Within -10 to 25%	4
Within +-10 to 25%	4	Within +-10 to 25%	4
Over +25%	0	Over +25%	0
Under -25%	0	Under -25%	1
Greater +-25%	0	Greater +-25%	1
Within +-25%	13	Within +-25%	5
Total	13	Total	6
Uncertainties assessment	·	Uncertainties assessment	

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A417		M5		
Adjustment factor –	2.126	Adjustment factor –	1	
Correlation	0.95	Correlation	0.52	
RMSE (µg/m³)	3.96	RMSE (µg/m³)	3.27	
Fractional bias	0.03	Fractional bias	0.09	



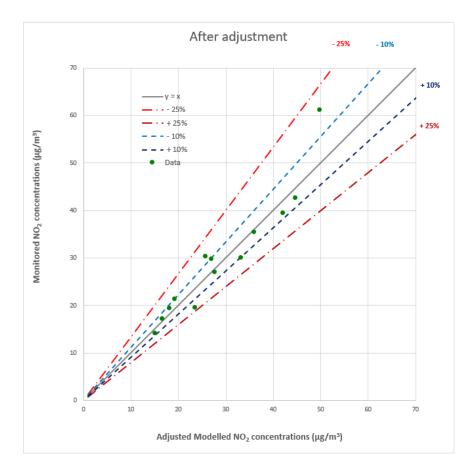


Figure 1-1 A417 model performance

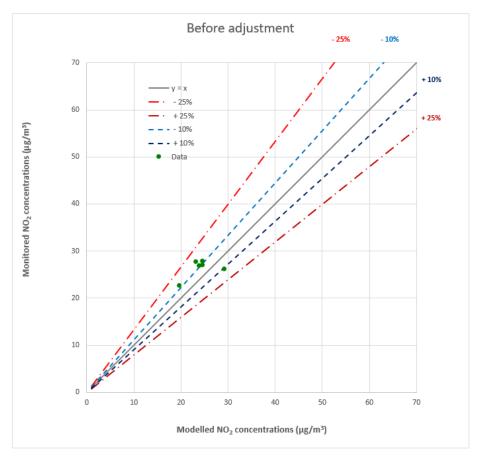


Figure 1-2 M5 model performance (no adjustment required)



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# **1** Operational phase impacts

# 1.1 Ecological receptor results

#### Nutrient nitrogen deposition

1.1.1 The modelled results showing the total and change in nitrogen deposition at all sites as a result of the scheme are provided in Table 1-1 for the baseline year (2016), and the opening year (2024).

## Table 1-1Annual mean nutrient nitrogen deposition in 2024

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			
Receptor ID	Site name	Critical load	Baseline	2024 DM	2024 DS	Change
EA1	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.8	30.8	30.4	-0.4
EA2	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.4	30.5	30.2	-0.2
EA3	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.3	30.3	30.1	-0.2
EA4	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.2	30.2	30.1	-0.1
EA5	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.1	30.2	30.1	-0.1
EA6	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.1	30.1	30.1	-0.1
EA7	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.1	30.1	30.0	-0.1
EA8	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.1	30.0	-0.1
EA9	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.1	30.0	-0.1
EA10	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.1	30.0	-0.1
EA11	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.0	30.0	-0.1
EA12	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA13	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA14	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	30.0	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA15	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA16	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA17	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA18	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA19	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA20	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0
EA21	Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods and Witcombe/Buckle woods	10-20	29.9	30.0	29.9	0.0
EC1	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	40.7	40.1	37.1	-3.0
EC2	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	39.2	38.8	37.0	-1.8
EC3	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	38.4	38.2	36.9	-1.3

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr-			<sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )
EC4	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	38.0	37.8	36.8	-0.9
EC5	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.7	37.5	36.8	-0.7
EC6	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.5	37.3	36.8	-0.6
EC7	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.3	37.2	36.7	-0.5
EC8	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.2	37.1	36.7	-0.4
EC9	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.1	37.0	36.7	-0.3
EC10	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.0	37.0	36.7	-0.2
EC11	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.0	36.9	36.7	-0.2
EC12	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.9	36.9	36.7	-0.2
EC13	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.9	36.8	36.7	-0.1
EC14	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.9	36.8	36.7	-0.1
ED1	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.4	37.3	36.7	-0.7
ED2	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.2	37.1	36.5	-0.6
ED3	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.0	36.9	36.5	-0.5
ED4	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.9	36.8	36.4	-0.4
ED5	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.8	36.7	36.4	-0.4
ED6	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.7	36.6	36.3	-0.3
ED7	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.6	36.6	36.3	-0.3
ED8	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.6	36.5	36.3	-0.3
ED9	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.5	36.5	36.3	-0.2
ED10	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.5	36.4	36.2	-0.2
ED11	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.4	36.4	36.2	-0.2
ED12	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.4	36.4	36.2	-0.2
ED13	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.4	36.4	36.2	-0.1
EE1	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	45.9	44.7	39.9	-4.8
EE2	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	41.7	41.0	39.1	-1.9
EE3	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	39.9	39.5	38.5	-1.0

			Nitrog	en depositi	on (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )		
EE4	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	39.0	38.6	38.1	-0.6	
EE5	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	38.4	38.1	37.8	-0.3	
EE6	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	38.0	37.8	37.6	-0.2	
EE7	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.7	37.5	37.4	-0.2	
EE8	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.5	37.3	37.2	-0.1	
EE9	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.3	37.2	37.1	-0.1	
EE10	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.1	37.0	37.0	0.0	
EE11	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	37.0	36.9	36.9	0.0	
EE12	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.9	36.8	36.8	0.0	
EE13	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.8	36.8	36.8	0.0	
EE14	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.8	36.7	36.7	0.0	
EE15	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.7	36.6	36.7	0.0	
EE16	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.6	36.6	36.6	0.0	
EE17	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.6	36.6	36.6	0.0	
EE18	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.5	36.5	36.5	0.0	
EE19	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.5	36.5	36.5	0.0	
EE20	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.5	36.4	36.5	0.0	
EE21	Crickley Hill and Barrow Wake	10-20	36.4	36.4	36.4	0.0	
EG1	Hartley Wood	10	18.1	18.1	18.0	-0.1	
EH1	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.9	31.9	32.1	0.2	
EH2	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.8	31.8	31.9	0.1	
EH3	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.7	31.7	31.8	0.1	
EH4	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.6	31.6	31.7	0.1	
EH5	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.6	31.6	31.7	0.1	
EH6	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.5	31.5	31.6	0.1	
EH7	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.5	31.5	31.6	0.1	
EH8	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.5	31.5	31.6	0.1	

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )				
EH9	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.5	31.5	31.6	0.1	
EH10	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.5	31.5	0.1	
EH11	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.5	31.5	0.1	
EH12	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.5	31.5	0.1	
EH13	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.4	31.5	0.1	
EH14	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.4	31.5	0.1	
EH15	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.4	31.4	31.5	0.1	
EI1	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.3	31.3	31.3	0.0	
El2	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.2	31.3	31.3	0.0	
EI3	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.2	31.3	31.3	0.0	
El4	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.2	31.3	31.3	0.0	
EI5	Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common	10-20	31.2	31.3	31.3	0.0	
EJ1	Chatcombe Wood	10	22.6	21.8	21.2	-0.5	
EK1	Lineover Wood	10	22.2	21.4	20.9	-0.5	
EK2	Lineover Wood	10	19.8	19.5	19.3	-0.2	
EK3	Lineover Wood	10	19.1	18.9	18.7	-0.1	
EK4	Lineover Wood	10	18.7	18.6	18.4	-0.1	
EK5	Lineover Wood	10	18.5	18.4	18.3	-0.1	
EK6	Lineover Wood	10	18.3	18.2	18.2	-0.1	
EK7	Lineover Wood	10	18.2	18.2	18.1	-0.1	
EK8	Lineover Wood	10	18.1	18.1	18.0	0.0	
EK9	Lineover Wood	10	18.1	18.0	18.0	0.0	
EK10	Lineover Wood	10	18.0	18.0	18.0	0.0	
EK11	Lineover Wood	10	18.0	18.0	17.9	0.0	
EK12	Lineover Wood	10	17.9	17.9	17.9	0.0	
EK13	Lineover Wood	10	17.9	17.9	17.9	0.0	
EK14	Lineover Wood	10	17.9	17.9	17.9	0.0	

A417 Missing Link   HE551505	A417 Missing Link   HE551505	

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			
EK15	Lineover Wood	10	17.9	17.9	17.9	0.0
EK16	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.9	17.8	0.0
EK17	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0
EK18	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0
EK19	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0
EK20	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0
EK21	Lineover Wood	10	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0
EL1	Cleevely Wood	10	18.2	18.2	18.2	0.0
EM1	Westwell Gorse	10	17.1	17.0	17.1	0.0
EM2	Westwell Gorse	10	16.7	16.7	16.7	0.0
EM3	Westwell Gorse	10	16.6	16.5	16.6	0.0
EM4	Westwell Gorse	10	16.5	16.5	16.5	0.0
EM5	Westwell Gorse	10	16.5	16.5	16.5	0.0
EM6	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM7	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM8	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM9	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM10	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM11	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM12	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM13	Westwell Gorse	10	16.4	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM14	Westwell Gorse	10	16.3	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM15	Westwell Gorse	10	16.3	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM16	Westwell Gorse	10	16.3	16.4	16.4	0.0
EM17	Westwell Gorse	10	16.3	16.4	16.4	0.0
EN1	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.2	20.1	20.2	0.0
EN2	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.1	20.1	20.1	0.0

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			
EN3	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.1	20.1	20.1	0.0
EN4	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.1	20.0	20.1	0.0
EN5	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
EN6	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
EN7	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
EN8	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
EN9	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0
EN10	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	19.9	19.9	20.0	0.0
EN11	North Meadow, Cricklade	20 - 30	19.9	19.9	19.9	0.0
EP1	Mole Grove	10	19.8	19.9	19.9	0.0
EQ1	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	20.2	20.2	20.2	0.0
EQ2	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.8	19.8	19.8	0.0
EQ3	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.5	19.5	19.5	0.0
EQ4	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.3	19.4	19.3	0.0
EQ5	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.2	19.2	19.2	0.0
EQ6	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.0	19.1	19.1	0.0
EQ7	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.9	19.0	19.0	0.0
EQ8	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.9	18.9	18.9	0.0
EQ9	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.8	18.8	18.8	0.0
EQ10	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.7	18.8	18.8	0.0
EQ11	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.7	18.7	18.7	0.0
EQ12	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.6	18.7	18.7	0.0
EQ13	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.6	18.6	18.6	0.0
EQ14	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.6	18.6	18.6	0.0
EQ15	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	18.5	18.6	18.6	0.0
ER1	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	20.3	20.3	20.3	0.0
ER2	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.8	19.8	19.8	0.0

			Nitrogen deposition (kg N ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			<sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )
ER3	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.4	19.5	19.4	0.0
ER4	Hucclecote Meadows	20 - 30	19.2	19.2	19.2	0.0
EF1	Ullenwood	10	27.5	26.6	26.3	-0.3
EO1	Ancient Woodland near Broad Blunsdon	10	20.3	20.3	20.3	0.0
ES1	Ancient Woodland near Michaelwood services	10	20.0	20.1	20.1	0.0
ET1	Cowley/Wards Woods	10	18.4	18.4	18.5	0.0
EU1	Daniels Wood	10	19.6	19.7	19.7	0.0
EV1	Furzeground Wood	10	22.0	22.1	22.1	0.0
EW1	Michael Wood North	10	22.5	22.5	22.5	0.0
EX1	Park Wood	10	18.6	18.6	18.7	0.1
EY1	Strays Grove	10	18.8	19.0	19.0	0.0
EZ1	Charlton Kings Railway Line	10	20.4	20.2	19.3	-0.9
EAA1	Cockleford Marsh and Banks	10	20.4	20.1	19.4	-0.6
EAB1	Hartley Hill Field	10	17.7	17.8	17.7	0.0
EAC1	Marlborough Downs	10	30.5	29.4	29.6	0.1

# 1.2 Human receptor results

1.2.1 The modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and predicted change in concentrations are presented in Table 1-2.

#### Table 1-2Annual mean NO2 concentrations

Decenter ID	Grid reference		Reference map	Base (2016)	NO₂ annual mean (μg/m³) 2024				
Receptor ID	x	Y	sheet	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		
1	374820	202409	2	17.4	15.0	15.0	0.0		
2	373639	200883	2	14.8	12.8	12.8	> -0.1		
3	376855	205539	3	16.1	14.1	14.1	> -0.1		
4	377621	206836	3	12.7	10.7	10.6	> -0.1		
5	390481	225716	7	21.6	21.8	22.3	0.5		
6	390913	226369	7	16.7	14.3	14.3	< 0.1		
7	401199	203898	13	12.0	9.5	10.4	0.8		
8	402313	202523	13	16.6	13.5	14.4	0.9		
9	403812	202805	13	19.4	16.5	17.1	0.6		
10	402952	202115	13	24.7	21.0	22.1	1.0		
11	401707	203106	13	15.7	13.0	13.6	0.6		
12	401292	201304	13	22.5	18.8	19.5	0.7		
13	405764	203456	13	10.5	8.7	8.8	< 0.1		
14	406820	217772	10	11.8	9.7	9.3	-0.3		
15	414722	214046	11	10.2	8.4	8.1	-0.3		
16	372623	199172	1	19.7	17.6	17.7	< 0.1		
17	372163	197441	1	22.6	20.4	20.6	0.2		
18	409466	195090	15	19.1	16.4	17.0	0.6		
19	406337	198747	14	14.6	12.4	12.8	0.4		
20	411208	193324	15	36.5	31.8	33.7	1.9		

Receptor ID	Grid reference		Reference map	Base (2016)	NO <sub>2</sub> annual mean (µg/m³) 2024			
Receptor in	x	Y	sheet	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)	
21	413566	191201	15 and 16	25.6	22.0	22.9	0.9	
22	414661	190057	16	23.0	19.9	20.4	0.4	
23	412066	192574	15	22.2	19.1	19.8	0.7	
24	419419	182724	17	28.8	24.9	25.5	0.6	
25	419333	180975	18	34.9	31.6	32.2	0.5	
26	419506	184885	17	30.0	25.4	25.8	0.4	
27	419929	180861	18	31.8	29.0	29.1	0.2	
28	418374	186658	17	25.1	21.1	21.2	0.2	
29	417856	187561	16	29.6	25.2	25.6	0.4	
30	418541	186261	17	25.7	20.4	20.6	0.2	
31	415258	189579	16	25.3	21.1	21.6	0.5	
32	383810	212888	4	25.5	23.1	23.4	0.3	
33	385818	214756	5	22.6	20.2	20.4	0.2	
34	387021	216137	5	20.5	17.9	18.0	< 0.1	
35	389877	216078	5	19.6	16.7	16.6	> -0.1	
36	388653	218412	5	17.1	14.6	14.7	0.1	
37	389340	219107	5 and 6	24.0	21.6	22.2	0.5	
38	387674	217142	5	37.5	34.6	35.5	0.8	
39	389637	221834	6	28.4	25.1	25.6	0.5	
40	389752	221489	6	26.7	23.4	23.7	0.3	
41	394545	213635	20	23.3	20.0	10.1	-10.0	
42	391752	214905	9	13.4	11.4	9.6	-1.8	

Receptor ID	Grid reference		Reference map	Base (2016)	NO <sub>2</sub> annual mean (μg/m³) 2024			
	x	Y	sheet	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)	
43	393466	213996	9	13.3	11.2	8.2	-3.0	
44	392610	214354	9	13.3	11.0	9.7	-1.3	
45	392879	215807	9	24.0	20.3	19.9	-0.4	
46	392076	215866	9	19.7	16.6	16.5	-0.1	
47	394416	217791	9	12.0	9.9	10.4	0.6	
48	394442	217343	9	13.7	11.3	12.3	1.0	
49	393450	216124	9	39.6	33.1	19.9	-13.3	
50	392968	215759	9	16.8	14.1	16.3	2.2	
51	393457	216129	9	39.1	32.3	19.3	-13.0	
52	394778	216458	9	21.8	18.0	16.4	-1.6	
53	394812	218886	8	17.5	14.5	16.6	2.1	
54	392116	215734	9	14.6	12.2	13.3	1.1	
55	394777	219886	8	17.2	14.5	16.2	1.7	
56	390995	217304	5 and 9	28.7	25.0	26.9	1.9	
57	392116	215734	9	14.6	12.2	13.3	1.1	
58	394924	219349	8	13.2	10.9	11.9	1.0	
59	390451	216687	5	24.9	21.9	22.7	0.8	
60	393752	215136	9	10.3	8.5	9.4	0.9	
61	390286	215753	5	14.6	12.5	10.9	-1.6	
62	393315	215952	9	17.1	14.4	13.9	-0.4	
63	393391	215756	9	18.2	15.3	11.1	-4.1	
64	390184	217041	5	21.9	19.0	19.7	0.7	

Receptor ID	Grid reference		Reference map	Base (2016)	NO₂ annual mean (μg/m³) 2024			
	x	Y	sheet	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)	
65	397560	209331	20	16.7	14.2	15.5	1.3	
66	396666	210897	20	14.4	12.2	13.1	0.9	
67	396884	214203	9	10.8	8.8	8.2	-0.6	
68	396315	214739	9	8.6	7.0	7.0	0.0	
69	396725	213176	20	10.7	8.7	8.0	-0.7	
70	396810	215019	9	9.0	7.3	7.1	-0.2	
71	396735	211792	20	10.2	8.4	7.8	-0.6	
72	396464	219318	8	13.6	11.3	10.2	-1.1	
73	395165	219845	8	12.2	10.1	10.7	0.6	
74	396841	216637	9	12.3	10.1	9.0	-1.1	
75	398850	218461	8	11.9	9.7	9.2	-0.4	
76	395257	220182	8	24.2	20.3	22.3	2.0	
77	396204	220599	8	16.5	13.5	12.9	-0.6	
78	401968	205119	13	15.1	12.9	13.7	0.8	
79	401725	218716	10	12.4	10.1	9.7	-0.4	
80	400738	218752	8 and 10	15.5	12.6	11.8	-0.8	
81	402989	218361	10	13.7	11.2	10.7	-0.5	
82	411244	206752	12	10.0	8.3	8.4	0.1	
83	415568	209820	12	13.3	11.2	11.5	0.4	
84	429310	177153	19	30.2	27.8	27.9	< 0.1	
85	424037	180035	18	21.6	19.2	19.0	-0.2	
86	393869	215412	9	10.3	8.5	11.6	3.1	

Receptor ID	Grid reference		Reference map	Base (2016)	NO₂ annual mean (μg/m³) 2024		
	x	Y	sheet	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)
87	394208	215344	9	17.7	14.5	18.6	4.2
88	394338	216885	9	18.6	15.3	15.4	0.1
89	395603	212647	20	15.3	12.8	13.7	1.0
90	396666	210897	20	12.0	10.1	10.9	0.8
91	395255	213860	9	11.9	9.8	10.1	0.4

## **1.3 Compliance risk assessment results**

1.3.1 The modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations and change in concentrations at qualifying features are presented in Table 1-3.

Table 1-3	Compliance risk annual mean NO <sub>2</sub> concentrations
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Receptor ID	Grid reference		Base (2016)	NO₂ annual mean (µg/m³) 2024			
	x	Y	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)	
8	402313	202523	16.6	13.0	13.4	0.4	
10	402952	202115	24.7	20.2	20.6	0.4	
12	401292	201304	16.5	18.0	18.3	0.3	
77	396204	220599	28.0	10.9	10.6	-0.3	
C1	402948	202119	32.8	15.8	16.1	0.3	
C2	395837	221478	29.3	18.8	18.6	-0.2	
C3	395843	221482	22.5	17.4	17.2	-0.2	
C4	396125	221016	17.3	14.1	13.7	-0.4	
C5	396447	219744	14.9	10.9	9.8	-1.1	
C6	396450	219746	15.3	9.8	9.2	-0.6	
C7	396361	219950	14.0	10.0	9.3	-0.7	
C8	396364	219952	16.6	9.4	8.9	-0.5	
C9	396207	220600	16.7	10.9	10.6	-0.3	
C10	396330	220186	15.0	11.1	10.3	-0.8	
C11	396334	220187	15.9	10.3	9.8	-0.5	
C12	396332	220049	14.3	10.7	10.1	-0.6	
C13	396328	220049	13.9	10.0	9.6	-0.4	

Receptor ID	Grid reference		Base (2016)	NO₂ annual mean (μg/m³) 2024			
	x	Y	(µg/m³)	DM (µg/m³)	DS (µg/m³)	Change (µg/m³)	
C14	396330	219981	15.8	9.3	8.9	-0.4	
C15	396334	219981	16.6	10.2	9.5	-0.6	