Local Authority:	Nottingham City Council
Reference:	APPR-PRG-202-13
Date of issue	August 2013

Action Plan Progress Report Appraisal Report

The Progress Report sets out new information on air quality obtained by Nottingham City Council as part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Review and Assessment Progress Report includes the majority of the minimum requirements for reporting on monitoring and new local developments. It covers **some of the recommended additional elements including** information on recent planning applications and the Local Development Framework.

On the basis of the information provided by the local authority, the report is **accepted for monitoring data and new local developments**.

The report also includes an update on progress of the Air Quality Action Plan for the City Centre. The action plan update is **accepted**. Some measures in the plan are complete and many indicate significant progress towards alternative forms of travel. Clear timescales and indicators are provided but no link is made with measured levels of NO_2 and no overall summary of the progress towards meeting the objectives is presented.

Following the completion of this report, Nottingham City Council should submit a Detailed Assessment, including all three areas identified in Section 2.2.6, as soon as possible and Progress Report by the end of April 2014.

Local Authority:	Nottingham City Council
Reference:	APPR-PRG-202-13
Date of issue	August 2013

Commentary

The report is well structured and covers all of the minimum requirements and the recommended additional items of the information specified in the Guidance. The following specific items are drawn to the local authority's attention to help inform future work.

1. On page 32 the report states that there is an overall downward trend in PM_{10} levels when Figure 2.5 actually shows an upward trend.
2. In Appendix A it is explained that the national bias adjustment figure is to be used as it is considered more reliable but in previous years a local bias adjustment factor has been selected. It would be helpful to know what has prompted this change. It is appreciated that the values themselves are close enough so as to not change the results significantly.
3. Proving historical trends for all diffusion tube sites rather than just the three in Figure 2.4 would help in looking at the overall impact of the Action Plan on NO_2 levels.
4. The summary of monitoring results on page 36 highlights three areas of exceedence to be examined as part of the Detailed Assessment and this is supported. The proposed actions and conclusions in Chapter 10 however only discuss two of these locations with respect to the Detailed Assessment. This section should be updated to clarify that the Ilkeston Road / Radford Boulevard area will also be considered.

This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Progress Report adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate – or by emailing the form to reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com.

For any other queries please contact the Local Air Quality Management Helpdesk:
Telephone: 0800 0327 953
Email: LAQMHelpdesk@uk.bureauveritas.com

Local Authority:	**Nottingham City Council**
Reference:	**APPR-PRG-202-13**
Date of issue	**August 2013**

Appraisal Response Comment Form

Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone number:	
Contact email address:	

Comments on appraisal/Further information: