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Annual Status Report

The Report sets out the Annual Status Report, which forms part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Local Authority has two AQMA's that they declared in 2002 and amended in 2010. A further AQMA was revoked in 2007. Both of these current AQMA's are within the central area of the city and are declared for exceedance of the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide.

The City Council's current AQAP is contained within the Local Transport Plan, but from 2017 will be a separate document encompassing measures other than transport only measures. The City has a strong recent record on strategies for sustainable and low carbon transport initiatives that are well represented within recent transport and implementation plans. Recent strategies have been based upon restraining traffic in the city, whilst promoting alternatives to private vehicle use through investment in public transport.

Future transport planning involves a joint approach with Derby City Council. Both these cities have been identified by DEFRA for the development of Clean Air Zones by 2020.
The Council recognise that there is a requirement to consider AQMA's across the County Council and Highways England road networks within the immediate region, through integrated transport programmes. Measures to date have been based both within and outside of the current AQMA's.

Measures within the current AQAP are wide ranging, including effective network management, effective parking management, travel planning, infrastructure improvements for walking & cycling and passenger transport infrastructure improvements, promotion of cleaner vehicles and development control.

On the basis of the evidence provided by the local authority the conclusions reached are acceptable for all sources and pollutants, with the provisos listed in the commentary below.

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Following the completion of this report, Nottingham City Council should submit the next Annual Status Report in 2017.

Commentary

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance. We recognise the detailed measures that have been developed within the local transport plan over recent years, including several high profile sustainable transport schemes within the City, that can expect to contribute to a strong public transport infrastructure over future years. However, the monitoring information provided within the ASR suggests there is still work to do, in order to achieve the air quality objectives, with a future focus on developing a Clean Air Zone in conjunction with Derby City Council.

1. On this basis, the action plan needs to reconsider the prioritisation of measures that can significantly impact on reducing pollution below objective levels on a clear understanding of current and future transport management within the city.
2. It will also be beneficial to review the level of further emissions reductions required at hotspot locations to achieve the air quality objectives, in order to inform the development of the measures within the new AQAP.
3. In relation to reporting, it will be helpful if the monitoring locations can be clearly identified in relation to the AQMA's, to assist in interpreting the results. Current monitoring results reported in Tables A2 and A3 suggests that there are eleven sites with relevant exposure that exceed the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide but that only three of these are within an AQMA.
4. If the designation of these monitoring sites are correct, these results suggest that the extent of the current AQMA needs reviewing. It may also be beneficial to review the current monitoring and assessment programme as a basis for providing a clear set of local indicators to aid in the assessment of further measures to achieve the air quality objectives.

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 Updating and Screening Assessment 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.

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