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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 no AQMA, and there is no formal air quality action plan, but the Council has maintained links to measures that are part of the current Local Transport Plan, that are presented in the report.

The report covers NO₂ monitoring data, and highlights there are no exceedences of the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide or any other regulated pollutant within the Borough.

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.

Following the completion of this report, Richmondshire District Council should submit an Annual Status Report in 2018.

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Commentary

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance, using the latest report template.

1. The District Council are continuing to carry out routine monitoring with the use of passive diffusion tubes for nitrogen dioxide at 15 sites across the district, with results below objective levels. Two monitoring sites in Richmond, at Gallowgate and Frenchgate are within 10% of the objective level for annual mean nitrogen dioxide,
2. It is likely these sites are representative of local traffic congestion within the Town centre, and should remain under scrutiny. The extended monitoring programme has now been operating for the last three years, and should continue.

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 Annual Status 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

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Appraisal Response Comment Form

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