
Local Authority:	Richmondshire District Council
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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, consequently there is no formal air quality action plan. The Council has maintained links to measures to improve air quality that are part of the current Local Transport Plan and these 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. Monitoring is undertaken via a network of diffusion tubes at 15 locations. Overall air quality is improving across the district.

The Local Plan is currently under review to accommodate additional military and civilian growth in the area. Infrastructure improvements have already been undertaken to reduce congestion and reduce emissions at the A6136 Catterick Road junction with Catterick Garrison. A key feature of the plan is that it seeks to align development and provision of services with a view to minimising the need to travel.

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 2019.

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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 continues to undertake routine monitoring with 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 that have previously been within 10% of the objective level for annual mean nitrogen dioxide, are now below this range.
2. The report states that monitoring will continue at the same locations in 2018 and this is supported.
3. It appears the Local Authority have distance corrected all sites that are not located at the nearest receptor. The guidance was updated in April 2018 to state that this is not necessary for sites below 36ug/m³. See LAQM TG16 paragraph 7.78 for further details.
4. The maps showing the locations of the monitoring locations are very clear and should be included in all future reports.

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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