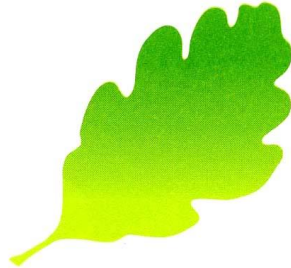


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## Executive Summary

Midlothian Council has carried out a review of air quality within Midlothian which fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents.

The report sets out the results of air quality monitoring carried out by Midlothian Council and considers the potential impacts from a range of sources such as road traffic and other transport emissions, industrial processes, commercial and domestic fuel use and fugitive emission sources.

It was found that there were no new issues identified in 2014 as requiring further assessment.

Prior to the opening of the A68 bypass, some measurements of nitrogen dioxide were reported as being above the annual mean objective at locations adjacent to the A68 in Dalkeith. Since the opening of the bypass in October 2008, monitoring data has shown that nitrogen dioxide concentrations have decreased significantly. A slight increase in nitrogen dioxide levels were recorded at some monitoring locations in Dalkeith during 2011. A refurbishment of Dalkeith High Street, including replacing the paving slabs, was carried out during this period and traffic diversions were in place. The impact of these works on air quality was considered in Midlothian Council's 2012 Update and Screening Assessment report.

Midlothian Council implemented some changes to monitoring stations during 2011 and, following consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Government, the air quality station in Dalkeith was removed as, since the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass, air quality in the centre of Dalkeith has improved and there is considered to be no real air quality issues in Dalkeith. On removal of the automatic air monitoring station, the co-located triplicate diffusion tubes were no longer required and were removed. Nitrogen dioxide levels will continue to be monitored using the diffusion tube method.

An AQMA at Pathhead was declared in 2008 based on a predicted exceedence of the 2010 PM<sub>10</sub> objective at Pathhead. The annual mean concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> measured by the TEOM and Partisol during 2009 were 17.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 17.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. In 2010 and

2011 a PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean concentration of 18.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 17µg/m<sup>3</sup> were measured respectively.

A gas main was installed into the village of Pathhead in mid 2011 and an increasing number of household gas mains connections were made towards the latter part of 2011 and into 2012. As a result, PM<sub>10</sub> levels from the burning of coal have decreased. A marked reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> levels was also observed.

Midlothian Council undertook to monitor PM<sub>10</sub> for a further full year post installation of the gas mains to determine whether, as predicted, the PM<sub>10</sub> levels would reduce further. This has been the case as the annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations for the 2012 monitoring period measured using the Teom and a Partisol Gravimetric Analyser were 16 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 14.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Midlothian Council therefore demonstrated a sustained reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> level and, on this basis, sought and received permission from both Scottish Government and SEPA to revoke the Pathhead AQMA.

Bonnyrigg High Street was identified as a busy narrow congested street in 2008. As a result, additional diffusion tubes were deployed in this area to investigate potentially high concentrations of nitrogen dioxide. The results of the Detailed Assessment completed in 2010 indicated that nitrogen dioxide levels at locations close to the road network in the centre of Bonnyrigg were within the air quality objective by some margin. Monitoring has continued at these locations and the results continue to remain well within the air quality objective.

The next course of action for Midlothian Council in the Review and Assessment process is summarised as:

- Submit a Progress Report by 30 April 2016

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# **1 Introduction**

## **1.1 Description of Local Authority Area**

Despite being relatively small in size, Midlothian occupies a key location on the southern boundary of Scotland's capital. All of Midlothian's main centres of population lie within 30 minutes drive from Edinburgh, while Dalkeith is only 6 miles from the city centre. Midlothian comprises a number of small and medium-sized towns, together with many villages and hamlets and it is not dominated by any single centre. Penicuik is the largest town with a population of around 17,000, followed in size by Bonnyrigg and Dalkeith with populations of about 14,000 and 11,000 respectively. Loanhead, Gorebridge, Mayfield and Newtongrange are smaller settlements. A schematic map of Midlothian showing villages, towns and roads within the district is shown in Figure 1. Proposals for the new town of Shawfair on disused land at the south eastern "wedge" between Danderhall and the City Bypass includes the development of 4,000 new homes and two primary schools, together with commercial and retail development.

Midlothian is largely a countryside setting. The area stretches from the Pentland Hills to the Moorfoots and Lammermuirs, and comprises a gently sloping plain, much of it intensively farmed, rising to moorland with upland country beyond. There are deeply incised river gorges of the Esk and Tyne with dense natural woodland. Much of this landscape is protected by policy designations such as the Green Belt.

There are currently no large industrial processes in Midlothian and the main issues with regards to air quality are due to road traffic emissions, particularly in the town and village centres where congestion occurs. Another issue is domestic solid fuel combustion due to the rural setting of Midlothian and limited mains gas supply to some villages, although this has been addressed in the village of Pathhead. There are also a number of open cast coal mining and landfill sites in Midlothian.



## 1.2 Purpose of Report

This report fulfils the requirements of the Local Air Quality Management process as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), the Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 2007 and the relevant Policy and Technical Guidance documents. The LAQM process places an obligation on all local authorities to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas, and to determine whether or not the air quality objectives are likely to be achieved. Where exceedences are considered likely, the local authority must then declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) setting out the measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

The objective of this Updating and Screening Assessment is to identify any matters that have changed which may lead to risk of an air quality objective being exceeded. A checklist approach and screening tools are used to identify significant new sources or changes and whether there is a need for a Detailed Assessment. The USA report should provide an update of any outstanding information requested previously in Review and Assessment reports.

## 1.3 Air Quality Objectives

The air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in **Scotland** are set out in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (Scottish SI 2000 No 97), the Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 (Scottish SI 2002 No 297), and are shown in Table 1.1. This table shows the objectives in units of microgrammes per cubic metre  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (milligrammes per cubic metre,  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  for carbon monoxide) with the number of exceedences in each year that are permitted (where applicable).

**Table 1.1 Air Quality Objectives included in Regulations for the purpose of LAQM in Scotland**

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		Date to be achieved by
	Concentration	Measured as	
Benzene	16.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
	3.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3-Butadiene	2.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon monoxide	10.0 $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$	Running 8-hour mean	31.12.2003
Lead	0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2004
	0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2008
Nitrogen dioxide	200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
	40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particles ( $\text{PM}_{10}$ ) (gravimetric)	50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2010
	18 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Annual mean	31.12.2010
Sulphur dioxide	350 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
	125 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	266 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005

## 1.4 Summary of Previous Review and Assessments

### 1.4.1 First Round of Review and Assessment, 1998 – 2001

The assessment of local air quality was undertaken initially as a three stage process using increasingly detailed levels of assessment. Midlothian Council has previously completed Stages 1 to 3 of the first round of the Review and Assessment process.

The Stage 1 report concluded that further assessment of nitrogen dioxide, PM<sub>10</sub>, sulphur dioxide and lead was required due to emissions from traffic, industrial and domestic sources. The Stage 2 report concluded that no further assessment was required for PM<sub>10</sub>, sulphur dioxide and lead. A more detailed assessment of nitrogen dioxide was recommended at Stage 3 for road traffic emissions in the centre of Dalkeith. On the basis of continuous analyser monitoring and dispersion modelling results, the Stage 3 report concluded that the air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide were not at risk of being exceeded at sensitive receptor locations in Dalkeith centre and therefore the declaration of an air quality management area was not required.

#### **1.4.2 Second Round of Review and Assessment, 2003 – 2005**

##### **Updating and Screening Assessment 2003**

Following completion of reports for the first phase of Review and Assessment, there were potentially a number of issues that needed to be addressed in terms of changes to the sources and emissions of pollutants that may have affected ambient air quality in local authority areas. Furthermore, new policy developments and revisions to published guidance required consideration within the on-going assessment of air quality.

The updating and screening assessment was based on a checklist approach, whereby sources identified in the first round of Review and Assessment and any new or altered emissions sources were reviewed with regard to their current significance and any requirement for further, more detailed, assessment.

The Updating and Screening Assessment completed in early 2004 concluded that a Detailed Assessment was required for nitrogen dioxide and PM<sub>10</sub> levels due to road traffic emissions in Dalkeith centre. The screening assessment indicated that a survey of domestic fuel use was required for two villages in Midlothian; Cousland and Pathhead.

##### **Detailed Assessment 2004**

The Detailed Assessment report completed in 2005 by Midlothian Council concluded that PM<sub>10</sub> levels in Dalkeith centre would comply with the air quality objectives for the target years of 2004 and 2010. Nitrogen dioxide levels were also predicted not to exceed the relevant air quality objectives. However, further monitoring was recommended to provide more data of improved reliability. The updated results of this survey are set out in this report.

The survey of domestic fuel use in Cousland and Pathhead indicated a more detailed assessment of PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide levels was required in Pathhead. Midlothian Council committed to carry out the monitoring in the winter period of September 2005 to March 2006. The results of the monitoring were incorporated into the next round (the third round) of the review and assessment process (i.e. the Updating and Screening Assessment 2006).

### **Progress Report 2005**

The Progress Report submitted in 2005, and updated in 2006, provided an update on local air quality issues in Midlothian and focused on the latest monitoring results and updates to industrial processes and developments. The report concluded that there were no areas of immediate concern. The proposed Dalkeith by-pass was anticipated to lead to a considerable decrease in pollution levels in the centre of Dalkeith. It was recommended that additional monitoring be undertaken to reinforce these findings in Dalkeith and also at the village of Pathhead following the recommendations in the Detailed Assessment 2004 report.

### **1.4.3 Third Round of Review and Assessment, 2006 – 2008**

#### **Updating and Screening Assessment 2006**

The Updating and Screening Assessment completed in 2006 concluded that measured concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> at Pathhead were above the 2010 annual mean objective value. As the monitoring period was less than one year, it was concluded that further monitoring be carried out and the results reported in a Detailed Assessment in 2007. Although it was concluded that there had been no significant changes with regards to emissions and measurements of all other substances, it was recommended that the existing monitoring programme be continued to confirm the trend in pollution levels.

#### **Detailed Assessment 2007**

The Detailed Assessment completed in 2007 focused on PM<sub>10</sub> levels in Pathhead due to domestic coal burning and road traffic emissions. The results of the monitoring campaign indicated that the levels of PM<sub>10</sub> are predicted to exceed the annual mean air quality objective by the target date of 2010. Further analysis was undertaken using dispersion modelling which confirmed the monitoring results. On this basis, Midlothian Council committed to declaring an AQMA in Pathhead.

The AQMA in Pathhead came into force on 30 April 2008 and covers the entire village as shown in Figure 2. Midlothian Council carried out a Further Assessment to confirm the original assessment, calculate the improvement required and to refine its knowledge of the sources of pollution. Midlothian Council also committed to preparing an Air Quality Action Plan, if necessary, once the Further Assessment was complete.

### **Progress Report 2008**

The Progress Report submitted in 2008, provided an update on local air quality issues in Midlothian and focused on the latest monitoring results and updates to industrial processes and developments. The monitoring data confirmed the declaration of the AQMA at Pathhead. Some diffusion tube measurements at locations in Dalkeith were above the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective. However, these locations were not representative of long term human exposure locations. Midlothian Council committed to reviewing the diffusion tube monitoring locations and considered whether the survey needed to be expanded to cover Loanhead and Bonnyrigg, where increased traffic congestion occurred. Some minor changes to industrial processes and plans for developments such as Park and Rides, a new town and re-opening of a rail link were identified. It was concluded that a Detailed Assessment was not required.

#### **1.4.4 Fourth Round of Review and Assessment, 2009 – 2011**

##### **Air Quality Update Screening and Assessment 2009**

The Updating and Screening Assessment completed in 2009 concluded that measured concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> at Pathhead in 2008 complied with the annual mean and 24-hour mean air quality objectives for 2004 but the annual mean concentration of 19.6 µg/m<sup>3</sup> was above the 2010 annual mean objective. When using the approach set out in Box 2.2 of LAQM.TG(09) (Ref.1) the predicted concentration for 2010 was 18.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and therefore above the annual mean objective. The 2009 Updating and Screening Assessment concluded that the air quality objective for PM<sub>10</sub> was forecast to be exceeded by a small margin in 2010. A gravimetric Partisol sampler was installed at Pathhead in early 2009 and the gravimetric results used to confirm if the 2010 annual mean objective would be exceeded in Pathhead.

Although measurements of nitrogen dioxide were above the annual mean objective value at three locations in Dalkeith, the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass in September 2008 (during the measurement period) was expected to reduce nitrogen dioxide concentrations in future years to below the objective value. This was demonstrated by comparing the period of measurement subsequent to the bypass opening with the same period in previous years.

It was identified that concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in the High Street, Bonnyrigg required a Detailed Assessment due to the identification of a narrow congested street with more than 5,000 vehicles per day. Additional monitoring was carried out during 2009 in Bonnyrigg to inform the Detailed Assessment.

No issues were identified with regard to the other aspects addressed in the Updating and Screening Assessment. Although it was concluded that there had been no significant changes with regards to emissions and measurements of all other substances, it was recommended that the existing monitoring programme be continued to confirm the trend in pollution levels.

### **Progress Report and Detailed Assessment Report 2010**

The Progress and Detailed Assessment Report completed in 2010 provided an update on the results of air quality monitoring in Midlothian. It focussed on measured PM<sub>10</sub> levels in Pathhead and confirmed that the AQMA should remain in place as the measured PM<sub>10</sub> concentration remained close to the 2010 air quality objective of 18 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

Monitoring of nitrogen dioxide indicated that concentrations adjacent to busy roads were within the annual mean air quality objective and that there had been a measurable decrease in nitrogen dioxide concentrations at some of the locations within Dalkeith, adjacent to the A68.

The Update and Screening Assessment 2009 identified the need for a Detailed Assessment of nitrogen dioxide levels at Bonnyrigg due to the identification of a narrow congested street with more than 5,000 vehicles per day. Additional diffusion tube monitoring was carried out in 2009 at relevant roadside locations in Bonnyrigg. The measured concentrations at these locations were significantly below the annual mean air quality objective and although no further assessment was necessary the new diffusion tube locations have been maintained.

In addition to two new passive diffusion sites in Bonnyrigg, monitoring was also established at three new sites in Loanhead. The results of monitoring at the new sites are reported in the 2011 Progress Report. No concerns have arisen from any of the new monitoring locations.

### **Progress Report 2011**

The Progress Report submitted in 2011 provided an update on local air quality issues in Midlothian and focused on the latest monitoring results.

The monitoring data confirmed that air quality objectives for SO<sub>2</sub> had been met at both the Pathhead and Dalkeith automatic monitoring stations however, the measured SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were higher at Pathhead suggesting that domestic solid fuel combustion was contributing to sulphur dioxide concentrations. The Report confirmed that measurements of nitrogen dioxide would continue to input into the LAQM assessment consideration would be given to ceasing monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> as there is no risk of exceeding the air quality objectives for SO<sub>2</sub> in Midlothian.

Monitoring of nitrogen dioxide was carried out at several locations across Midlothian using diffusion tubes. The results indicated that concentrations measured adjacent to busy roads at all locations were within the annual mean air quality objective.

The Report confirmed that the measured PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations at Dalkeith and Pathhead complied with the annual mean and 24 hour mean air quality objectives.

The installation of a gas main to the village of Pathead was reported and based on the findings of the Further Assessment it was concluded that the gas mains was likely to make a significant improvement to air quality in Pathhead, provided a sufficient number of households connected to the new supply. To confirm trends Midlothian Council undertook to continue monitoring levels of PM<sub>10</sub>.

Some minor changes were reported to industrial processes and plans for new development such as a proposed concrete batching plant at Newtongrange, re-opening of the Waverley Line, or as it is now known as, The Borders Rail Link and a new town at Shawfair.

It was concluded that a Detailed Assessment was not required.

## **1.4.5 Fifth Round of Review and Assessment, 2012 - 2014**

### **Update and Screening Assessment 2012**

The 2012 Update and Screening Assessment report focused on monitoring in Pathhead. PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide levels continued to be monitored at the continuous monitoring station and the monitoring results confirmed that the air quality objectives were achieved for PM<sub>10</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>.

Following consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Government, Midlothian Council ceased monitoring levels of nitrogen dioxide, PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide at the continuous monitoring station in Dalkeith town centre at the end of June 2011 as there was no longer any significant air quality issues in Dalkeith.

The Council also reported measured nitrogen dioxide levels using passive diffusion tubes at several locations across Midlothian. These locations are in the towns of Dalkeith, Penicuik, Bonnyrigg and Loanhead and in the village of Pathhead. The location of the monitoring stations and diffusion tube measurements are shown in Figures 3 – 7.

### **Progress Report 2013**

In the 2013 Progress Report Midlothian Council reported further improvements in PM<sub>10</sub> values as a result of the installation of a gas mains into the village of Pathhead and a large number of households connecting to the mains.

A significant reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> levels was also observed in 2011 and 2012 due to a reduction in burning coal. As the results were well below the air quality objective values, monitoring of sulphur dioxide ceased at the end of the 2012 LAQM period.

On the basis of the monitoring results and, with the agreement of Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Midlothian Council began the process of revoking the Pathhead AQMA. The AQMA was finally revoked in April 2014.

It is anticipated that the new gas mains at Pathhead will continue to make improvements to PM<sub>10</sub> levels as more households connect to the new supply.



## **Progress Report 2014**

The Progress Report submitted in 2014 provided an update on local air quality issues in Midlothian and focused on the latest monitoring results and improvements in air quality in Pathhead in terms of PM<sub>10</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> and updates to proposed industrial processes and developments. The report concluded that there were no areas of immediate concern and that the impact of the consented Energy from waste plant would be considered in future LAQM reports, as would the impact of re-opening the Waverley Line.

*Copies of the previous LAQM reports are available on the website and by request to Midlothian Council.*

## **2 New Monitoring Data**

### **2.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken**

Midlothian Council ceased monitoring levels of nitrogen dioxide, PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide at the continuous monitoring station in Dalkeith Centre at the end of June 2011, following consultation with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Government.

PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide levels continued to be monitored at the continuous monitoring station in Pathhead until sufficient data had been obtained to demonstrate that the air quality objectives were being met and that the AQMA could be revoked. The Pathhead station was decommissioned in June 2013.

The Council also measures nitrogen dioxide levels using passive diffusion tubes at several locations across Midlothian. These locations are in the towns of Dalkeith, Penicuik, Bonnyrigg and Loanhead and in the village of Pathhead. The location of the monitoring stations and diffusion tube measurements are shown in Figures 3 – 7.

The previous Local Air Quality Management reports showed that the air quality objectives for other specified pollutants are unlikely to be exceeded and, on this basis, no monitoring for other pollutants was considered necessary.

#### **2.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites**

The automatic station in Dalkeith town centre was decommissioned in June 2011, following improvement in air quality and subsequent consultation with Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

The Pathhead monitoring station was classified as a roadside location, being sited approximately 1 – 2m from the kerb of Main Street (A68) in the centre of Pathhead village. A Partisol gravimetric sampler was installed at the Pathhead monitoring station location in March 2009 and this was operated simultaneously with the existing TEOM analyser.

Following collection of a full year's data, the Partisol was decommissioned in February 2010. As measured PM<sub>10</sub> levels remained very close to the annual mean objective, the Partisol was

re-commissioned again in August 2010 to continue to provide accurate data in relation to PM<sub>10</sub> levels in Pathhead. Following a reduction in fossil fuel use and associated improvements in PM<sub>10</sub>, the Pathhead monitoring station was finally decommissioned in June 2013, following consultation with Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

The locations of the Dalkeith monitoring station (decommissioned end June 2011) and the Pathhead monitoring station (decommissioned in June 2013) are shown in Figures 3 and 4. Until decommissioned, the stations were included in the Air Quality in Scotland website ([www.scottishairquality.co.uk](http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk)).

### **2.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Monitoring of nitrogen dioxide using passive diffusion tubes was undertaken at 14 separate locations in Midlothian until end January 2009, at which time the number of passive diffusion tubes increased to 20. The diffusion tube locations are shown in Figures 3 to 7 and described in Table 2.2. As locations J2 and ED1 were not directly representative of relevant exposure locations, Midlothian Council committed to reviewing these monitoring locations by the end of 2008. ED1 was moved in February 2009, as a result of the review, and measured concentrations reported for 2009 onwards are based on the updated location. On further assessment a better location could not be found for J2 and therefore this tube location was not altered.

**Table 2.2 Details of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Site Name	Location	Site Type	OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA ?	Relevant Exposure?	Distance to kerb of nearest road	Worst-case Location ?
BR1	Bonnyrigg	Roadside	X 330890 Y 665222	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0m)	2.5 m	Y
BR2	Bonnyrigg	Roadside	X 330973 Y 665213	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0m)	2 m	Y
J1 (1, 2 and 3) **	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333153 Y 667298	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	N (>10m)	3 m	N/A
J2	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333180 Y 667283	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	N (>10m)	0.5 m	N/A
E1 *	Dalkeith	Urban Background	X 333374 Y 667222	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (5m)	N/A	N/A
BD1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333049 Y 667177	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (1m)	1 m	Y
ED1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333213 Y 667363	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (1m)	1 m	Y
ED2	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 332995 Y 667118	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0.5m)	2 m	Y
X1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 332963 Y 667389	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (1.5m)	1.5 m	Y
HD1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333311 Y 667457	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (2m)	1.5 m	Y
ND1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333409 Y 667057	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (2m)	1.5 m	Y
DL1	Dalkeith	Roadside	X 333250 Y 667074	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0m)	2 m	Y
LH1	Loanhead	Roadside	X 328232 Y 665580	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (1.5m)	0.5 m	Y
SN1	Loanhead	Roadside	X 327142 Y 666337	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (3m)	0 m	Y
SN2	Loanhead	Roadside	X 327262 Y 666588	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0m)	3.5 m	Y
P1 *	Penicuik	Urban Background	X 323146 Y 659818	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0.5m)	N/A	N/A
P2 *	Penicuik	Roadside	X 323677 Y 661000	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (2m)	2.5 m	Y
P3	Penicuik	Roadside	X 323551 Y 659725	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (0.5m)	1.5 m	Y
PD1	Pathhead	Roadside	X 339601 Y 664172	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (3.5m)	1.5 m	Y
PD2	Pathhead	Roadside	X 339450 Y 664310	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	Y (3.5m)	2 m	Y

\* tube results sent monthly to Netcen as part of the Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tube Network reporting

\*\* J1 (2) and (3) were removed at end of June 2011.

The nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes are placed at each location by Midlothian Council for a period of approximately one month, based on a pre-arranged timetable provided by Netcen. At the end of each monitoring period, the exposed tubes are replaced with new tubes and the exposed tubes are sent to the laboratory for analysis. The analysis is carried out by Edinburgh Scientific Services (ESS), part of the City of Edinburgh Council. ESS has

confirmed that the procedures set out in the Harmonisation Practical Guidance are followed during the analysis. The laboratory is UKAS accredited for the analysis and also participates in the Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP) scheme. ESS has reported that the results from the WASP scheme confirm that the laboratory is performing satisfactorily. The laboratory uses the 50% v/v triethanolamine (TEA) in acetone method where the adsorbent pads are dipped into this solution, dried and then inserted into the acrylic diffusion tubes. All exposure times and dates are recorded by Midlothian Council and sent to the laboratory with the exposed tubes. Midlothian Council also sends one unexposed tube with each batch to check that there has been no contamination during handling or analysis.

## 2.2 Comparison of Monitoring Results with Air Quality Objectives

This section sets out the results of all the monitoring carried out by Midlothian Council in 2014 and, where relevant, provides results from previous years to identify any trends.

### 2.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide

The results of the diffusion tube locations across Midlothian are presented in Table 2.5.

#### Automatic Monitoring Data

Automatic monitoring of nitrogen dioxide in Dalkeith town centre ceased in 2011. For completeness the annual mean concentrations and hourly exceedences recorded by the continuous monitoring station from 2004 – 2011 are shown in Table 2.3.

**Table 2.3 Results of Automatic Monitoring for Nitrogen Dioxide at Dalkeith Centre  
2004 – 2011**

Parameter	Unit	Value							
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*
Annual Mean	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	24	26	26	26	28	21	25	21
Number of exceedences of hourly mean (200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*Results for first 6 months of year only

The results presented in Table 2.3 indicate that, at the monitoring station, the annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide show an increasing trend since 2004 and a sharp

decrease in 2009. This increase from 2004 – 2008 is consistent with the trend recorded at the Edinburgh St Leonards monitoring station (the closest station with available data) over the same period. The drop in 2009 is attributed to the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass. An increase in the annual mean level is noted in 2010. A sharp decrease is noted again in the first 6 months data recorded for 2011, although this figure will have been affected by road works on the High Street in Dalkeith during this period and associated traffic diversions, diverting traffic away from the High Street onto adjacent routes eg B6373.

Following the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass there was a noted improvement in nitrogen dioxide levels and, following consultation with and agreement from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and Scottish Government, automatic monitoring for nitrogen dioxide at this location ceased at the end of June 2011. Nitrogen dioxide levels in Dalkeith have continued to be monitored using the diffusion tube method and reported in terms of the LAQM process.

### **Diffusion Tube Monitoring Data**

The diffusion tube method is open to a degree of uncertainty in the method and, as such, the results of the survey should be treated with some caution and used as indicators of nitrogen dioxide levels only. Bias correction methods have been developed to reduce the error in the results of the diffusion tube survey. The most robust of these methods is co-location of diffusion tubes with a continuous monitor to calculate the tube bias. For this purpose, Midlothian Council co-located triplicate diffusion tubes at the Dalkeith Centre continuous monitoring station from 2005, although these were removed at the end of June 2011.

The national bias adjustment factor reported in the Spreadsheet of Bias Adjustment Factors (version 09/15) produced by Defra and the Devolved Administrations (Ref. 2) for this laboratory and analysis method is 0.74. This is based on 7 co-location studies; Marylebone Road and six Edinburgh studies.

The bias adjustment factor was applied to the diffusion tube results situated at roadside locations only, as the co-location study is based on roadside measurements. Diffusion tubes located at urban background locations were not adjusted.

**Table 2.5 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes in 2014**

Site ID	Location	Within AQMA?	Data Capture	Annual mean concentration 2014 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) Adjusted for bias *
J1	Dalkeith	N	92%	20.2
J2	Dalkeith	N	100%	23.6
E1	Dalkeith	N	100%	10.4
BD1	Dalkeith	N	100%	29.3
ED1	Dalkeith	N	100%	29.1
ED2	Dalkeith	N	100%	23.1
X1	Dalkeith	N	100%	14.7
HD1	Dalkeith	N	100%	13.0
ND1	Dalkeith	N	100%	37.3
DL1	Dalkeith	N	100%	28.2
P1	Penicuik	N	100%	6.8
P2	Penicuik	N	100%	19.7
P3	Penicuik	N	100%	11
PD1	Pathhead	N	100%	18.4
PD2	Pathhead	N	100%	16.3
BR1	Bonnyrigg	N	100%	21.5
BR2	Bonnyrigg	N	100%	20.1
LH1	Loanhead	N	100%	18.7
SN1	Loanhead	N	100%	21.6
SN2	Loanhead	N	100%	22.3

\* Bias adjustment factor of 0.74 applied to Roadside measurements (see Table 2.2)

The results set out in Table 2.5 indicate that the measured concentrations of nitrogen dioxide are within the annual mean air quality objective by some margin at all monitoring locations.

The measured nitrogen dioxide concentrations reported in the 2009 Update and Screening Assessment were above the annual mean air quality objective of  $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  at three diffusion tube locations (ND1, J2 and ED1). All these tube locations are located adjacent to the A68 in Dalkeith and measured increasing concentrations of nitrogen dioxide since 2005 (see Table 2.6). The Dalkeith Bypass opened in September 2008 resulting in reduced numbers of vehicles travelling through Dalkeith town centre. Consequently, measured concentrations of nitrogen dioxide within Dalkeith town centre have significantly decreased as a result.

Details on the trends and impact of the Dalkeith Bypass are set out in Table 2.6.

Measurements of nitrogen dioxide will continue using the diffusion tube method to evaluate the wider trends in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in Midlothian.

**Table 2.6 Results of Nitrogen Dioxide Diffusion Tubes (2006 to 2014)**

Site ID	Location	Annual mean concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )								
		Roadside measurements adjusted for bias								
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
J2	Dalkeith	38.6	43.4	43.6	33.5	26.4	33.0	29.7	25.3	23.6
E1	Dalkeith	12.3	14.4	14.0	13.3	15.2	14.9	14.6	15.1	10.4
BD1	Dalkeith	41.0	40.8	37.6	33.9	34.0	39.0	35.4	29.0	29.3
ED1	Dalkeith	40.4	43.0	40.8	37.1*	35.2	37.9	32.5	30.1	29.1
ED2	Dalkeith	27.9	29.8	28.5	27.8	24.2	27.2	28.0	24.2	23.1
X1	Dalkeith	30.5	29.7	28.0	23.8	18.5	21.9	17.7	16.5	14.7
HD1	Dalkeith	17.9	19.8	18.2	18.1	15.4	19.6	16.3	14.7	13.0
ND1	Dalkeith	48.8	52.5	48.3	31.0	26.6	35.2	31.1	27.2	37.3
DL1	Dalkeith	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.7	27.1	34.9	33.6	29.4	28.2
P1	Penicuik	5.8	7.4	6.1	6.7	8.5	7.1	8.7	7.8	6.8
P2	Penicuik	28.6	27.0	23.8	25.5	22.3	25.1	22.9	20.9	19.7
P3	Penicuik	16.2	17.1	14.8	14.7	13.6	15.2	14.4	12.1	11
PD1	Pathhead	16.1	19.4	19.7	19.8	18.5	20.1	21.5	20.1	18.4
PD2	Pathhead	17.9	19.3	17.1	20.1	17.5	22.6	18.9	18.3	16.3
BR1	Bonnyrigg	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.7	22.7	23.3	24.2	23.2	21.5
BR2	Bonnyrigg	N/A	N/A	N/A	23.5	20.5	22.8	23.8	21.2	20.1
LH1	Loanhead	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.2	23.9	23.0	22.9	21.2	18.7
SN1	Loanhead	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.6	22.7	26.4	23.3	23.6	21.6
SN2	Loanhead	N/A	N/A	N/A	28.2	26.6	26.2	28.3	25.0	22.3

Sites marked N/A were new from February 2009

\* diffusion tube location (ED1) moved during 2009 (see Figure 3 for new location)

The results presented in Table 2.6 are presented graphically in Figure 8 to illustrate any trends. The results indicate that concentrations of nitrogen dioxide measured across Midlothian were either relatively constant or slightly increasing up to 2007, with a decrease during the later part of 2008 at most diffusion tube locations. The table also indicates that there was a further decrease in concentrations in 2009 at diffusion tube locations in Dalkeith, due to the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass, with a small reduction in 2010. A slight increase in some locations was noted in 2011 but this decreased again in 2012. These sites were considered to have been adversely affected by traffic diversions during the refurbishment of Dalkeith High Street in 2011. In 2014 measured concentrations of nitrogen dioxide remained fairly constant or dropped slightly, with the exception of location ND1 (Newmills Road, Dalkeith). Some temporary traffic lights associated with road works had been in place previously at the junction between Newmills Road and London Road. This location will be monitored closely throughout 2015.



## 2.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)

PM<sub>10</sub> levels were monitored at Pathhead until June 2013 and were monitored at Dalkeith until end June 2011 using TEOM analysers. In March 2009, monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> levels at Pathhead commenced using a Partisol gravimetric sampler. This allowed a more accurate determination of the PM<sub>10</sub> concentration for comparison to the air quality objectives which are based on a gravimetric technique. It also allowed additional analysis of the collected particulate material to provide information for source apportionment. The Partisol measurement results and additional analysis of the PM<sub>10</sub> fraction was reported in detail in the 2010 Further Assessment. The use of the Partisol was discontinued after one full year of monitoring. Monitoring using the Partisol in Pathhead resumed in August 2010 as the monitoring VCM corrected results using the TEOM were borderline with regard to the air quality objective and it was agreed with Scottish Government that further monitoring using the Partisol would be useful. The results for the 2012 monitoring period, together with the results of previous monitoring periods are reported in Table 2.7.

**Table 2.7 Results of Automatic Monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub>: Trends in Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> Concentrations**

Site ID	Location	Within AQMA?	Data Capture for full calendar year 2012	Annual mean concentrations (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )					
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dalkeith Centre	Dalkeith	N	0%	16.1	15.0	14.4	16.0	18.0	n/a
Pathhead	Pathhead	Revoked April 2014	93.6%	19.9	19.6	17.2	18.0	17.0	16.0

The 2010 Further Assessment estimated that within Pathhead the contribution of domestic solid fuel burning to the annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations was, at that time, approximately 3 – 4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

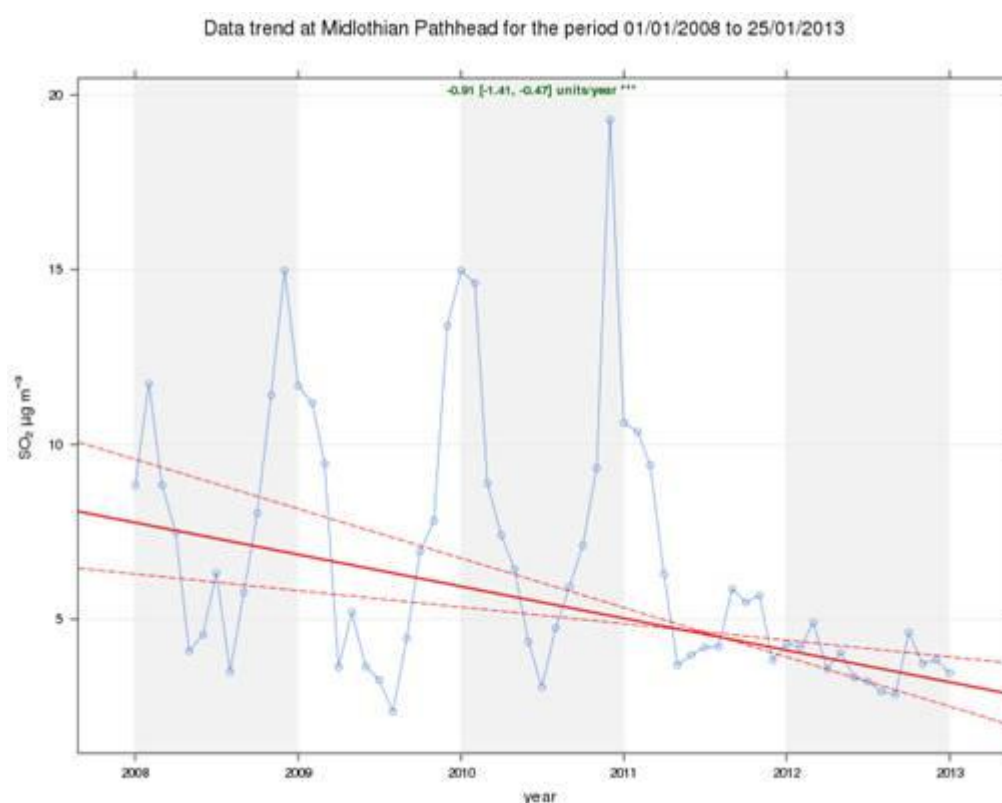
Following installation of the gas mains into the village of Pathhead a reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> level was noted over the 2011 and 2012 monitoring periods. Whilst the reductions over the 2011 and 2012 monitoring periods were not as high as predicted,

it is expected that PM<sub>10</sub> levels will reduce further as more households switch from domestic solid fuel to gas. On the basis of works having been undertaken to provide a sustained reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations, permission was given by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to begin the process of revoking the AQMA. The AQMA was revoked in April 2014.

### 2.2.3 Sulphur Dioxide

Following submission of Midlothian Council's 2010 Progress Report, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency commented that as the measured levels of SO<sub>2</sub> were low and exceedance of the air quality objective was unlikely continued monitoring of this pollutant was no longer necessary. Monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> ceased at the end of the 2012 monitoring period.

**Figure 2.6 Trends in SO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations**



The graph was created using the Openair tools on the Scottish Air Quality website. The graph shows a significant drop in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration in Pathhead from 2011. This coincides with the installation and connection of households to the new gas main.

#### **2.2.4 Summary of Compliance with AQS Objectives**

Midlothian Council has examined the results from monitoring in the district. Concentrations are all below the objectives, therefore there is no need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

#### **Summary**

The continuous monitoring undertaken at Pathhead indicated a noticeable reduction in the concentrations of PM<sub>10</sub> and sulphur dioxide during 2011 and 2012. Monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> ceased at the end of 2012. PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring ceased in June 2013 as a result of sustained compliance with the relevant air quality objective. The improvement in air quality was due to specific works having been undertaken (gas mains installed) and, on this basis, permission was granted by Scottish Government and SEPA to being the process of revoking the Air Quality Management Area in Pathhead. This was revoked in April 2014.

In relation to nitrogen dioxide, Midlothian Council has previously reported a significant improvement in NO<sub>2</sub> levels in Dalkeith following the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass. There are no new issues in Midlothian and no need to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

#### **Proposed Further Monitoring**

Midlothian Council will continue to monitor nitrogen dioxide using the diffusion tube method. This information will be fed into Midlothian Council's 2016 Progress Report.

### **3 Road Traffic Sources**

#### **3.1 Narrow Congested Streets with Residential Properties Close to the Kerb**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified congested streets with a flow above 5,000 vehicles per day and residential properties close to the kerb, that have not been adequately considered in previous rounds of Review and Assessment.

#### **3.2 Busy Streets Where People May Spend 1-hour or More Close to Traffic**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified busy streets where people may spend 1 hour or more close to traffic.

#### **3.3 Roads with a High Flow of Buses and/or HGVs.**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with high flows of buses/HGVs.

#### **3.4 Junctions**

The junctions in Bonnyrigg (junction of A6094 and B704) and Loanhead (junction of A768 and B702) were previously assessed using the DMRB and results reported in the 2009 Update and Screening Assessment. The predicted results were below the annual mean

concentration of NO<sub>2</sub>. NO<sub>2</sub> tubes were installed at both junctions in 2009 and NO<sub>2</sub> continues to be measured at both junctions using the diffusion tube method, with no issues identified.

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified busy junctions/busy roads

### **3.5 New Roads Constructed or Proposed Since the Last Round of Review and Assessment**

The proposed 'relief' road between Edgefield Road in Loanhead and Straiton roundabout, near Straiton Retail Park reported in the 2014 Progress Report opened in September 2014. This new relief road has had a positive impact on the existing road network, diverting traffic from Edgefield Industrial Estate towards the City Bypass, thereby avoiding the need to pass through a residential area.

Midlothian Council has assessed new/proposed roads meeting the criteria in Section A.5 of Box 5.3 in TG(09), and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment.

### **3.6 Roads with Significantly Changed Traffic Flows**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no new/newly identified roads with significantly changed traffic flows.

### **3.7 Bus and Coach Stations**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no relevant bus stations in the Local Authority area.

## **4 Other Transport Sources**

### **4.1 Airports**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no airports in the Local Authority area.

### **4.2 Railways (Diesel and Steam Trains)**

The Waverly Line passenger service commenced operations in September 2015. The service operates twice hourly between Edinburgh Waverley and Tweedbank, stopping at 4 stations in Midlothian (Shawfair, Eskbank, Newtongrange and Gorebridge).

#### **4.2.1 Stationary Trains**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no locations where diesel or steam trains are regularly stationary for periods of 15 minutes or more, with potential for relevant exposure within 15m.

#### **4.2.2 Moving Trains**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no locations with a large number of movements of diesel locomotives and potential long-term relevant exposure within 30m.

### **4.3 Ports (Shipping)**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no ports or shipping that meet the specified criteria within the Local Authority area.

## 5 Industrial Sources

### 5.1 Industrial Installations

#### 5.1.1 New or Proposed Installations for which an Air Quality Assessment has been Carried Out

Planning permission has been granted for a new concrete batching plant at land adjacent to Lady Victoria Business Park, Newtongrange. The plant is currently under construction and new use has yet to be taken up. An application for planning permission in principal for a mixed development use, including housing at Redheugh East, Gorebridge is yet to be determined. This large site extends close to the concrete batching plant site. The impact of the concrete plant in relation to any new consented housing development will be considered in future LAQM reports.

The planning application submitted for a Zero Waste facility at Millerhill Marshalling Yards, described in the Progress Report 2011 has been granted. The site will contain an anaerobic digestion facility for food waste and an MBT facility and energy from waste facility. The anaerobic digestion plant is currently under construction. Whilst there is no current relevant exposure in relation to the Energy from Waste site, land for housing is allocated at Shawfair in the Midlothian Local Plan. Consideration of the potential impact on Shawfair in terms of air quality has been considered in the Environmental Statement and will be included in future LAQM assessments. The site operator will be required to demonstrate that appropriate control techniques are being utilised through application of Best Available Techniques (BAT) in relation to the appropriate SEPA permit applications, together with a requirement for continuous in –stack emission monitoring.

Midlothian Council has assessed new/proposed industrial installations, and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment at this stage.

### **5.1.2 Existing Installations where Emissions have Increased Substantially or New Relevant Exposure has been Introduced**

SEPA was consulted and information was requested on any installations whereby emissions to the atmosphere have increased substantially. SEPA have confirmed that there are no SEPA regulated processes that have significantly increased their emissions to air.

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no industrial installations with substantially increased emissions or new relevant exposure in their vicinity within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

### **5.1.3 New or Significantly Changed Installations with No Previous Air Quality Assessment**

Information on any new installation or installations which have changed significantly was obtained from SEPA.

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no industrial installations with substantially increased emissions or new relevant exposure in their vicinity within its area or nearby in a neighbouring authority.

## **5.2 Major Fuel (Petrol) Storage Depots**

There are no major fuel (petrol) storage depots within the Local Authority area.

## **5.3 Petrol Stations**

A new petrol station opened at Asda, Loanhead in 2011 with a throughput of greater than 2000 m<sup>3</sup> petrol per annum. The procedure in Section C.3 of Box 5.5 of LAQM TG(09) was



followed in determining whether the emission of benzene from the petrol station was likely to put the 2010 objective at risk of being exceeded. As there is no relevant exposure within 10 meters of the petrol station there is no need to proceed to a detailed assessment.

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no petrol stations meeting the specified criteria.

## **5.4 Poultry Farms**

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no poultry farms meeting the specified criteria.

## **6 Commercial and Domestic Sources**

### **6.1 Biomass Combustion – Individual Installations**

Emissions from the biomass boiler plant at Pentland Plants, near Loanhead were previously assessed in terms of the biomass plant screening tool available at [www.airquality.co.uk](http://www.airquality.co.uk). The results were reported in the 2009 Update and Screening Assessment Report and indicated that no further assessment was required. Planning permission for an extension to the existing biomass energy generation building was granted in 2014.

Midlothian Council assessed the initial biomass combustion plant and concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment at this stage.

### **6.2 Biomass Combustion – Combined Impacts**

A planning application has been received for an additional biomass boiler at Pentland Plants, near Loanhead. Further information has been requested in order to fully assess the application, taking into account emissions from the existing biomass plant. This will be reviewed and the outcome reported in future LAQM reports.

Midlothian Council has assessed the initial biomass combustion plant, and will consider the combined impact from the new proposed biomass boiler and existing biomass plant. It is concluded that it will not be necessary to proceed to a Detailed Assessment at this time.

### **6.3 Domestic Solid-Fuel Burning**

No issues with regard to sulphur dioxide emissions have been identified. Monitoring at the Pathhead automatic monitoring station (and Dalkeith station until end June 2011) has confirmed that there is no risk of exceeding the sulphur dioxide air quality objectives in Midlothian.

Air quality in Pathhead has significantly improved with a marked reduction of SO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> following installation of the gas mains in Pathhead.

Midlothian Council confirms that since the installation of the gas mains in Pathhead there are no areas of significant domestic fuel use in the Local Authority area.

## 7 Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources

Scottish Coal have submitted a planning application in respect of proposal for a new surface mine at Cauldhall Moor, south of the existing open cast site at Shewington. This application has yet to be determined.

Other potential sources of fugitive emissions of PM<sub>10</sub> are landfills. Whilst there are no new landfills in Midlothian, the formerly used site at Drummond Moor re-opened for a short period of time following closure of Oatslie Landfill Site. Drummond Moor has ceased operating and there is a current planning application to reinstate the site to the agreed levels.

Throughout 2014 railway construction works took place, including works to strengthen bridges, lay new track, grouting works. The project completed without any complaints having been received by Midlothian Council in relation to dust emissions.

Midlothian Council confirms that there are no potentially significant sources of fugitive particulate matter emissions in the Local Authority area.

## 8 Conclusions and Proposed Actions

The conclusions and proposed actions from this Update and Screening Assessment Report are set out below.

### 8.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data

Monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> was carried out until June 2013 by the Pathhead automatic monitoring station using a TEOM and a Partisol gravimetric sampler. On the basis of a sustained reduction in PM<sub>10</sub> and with the agreement of Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Midlothian Council revoked the Pathhead AQMA in April 2014. It is anticipated that the new gas mains at Pathhead will make further improvements to PM<sub>10</sub> levels as more households connect to the new supply.

Monitoring of sulphur dioxide was also carried out by the Pathhead automatic monitoring station until the end of the 2012 monitoring period. A significant reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> levels was observed in 2011 and 2012 due to a reduction in burning coal. As the results were well below the air quality objective values, monitoring of sulphur dioxide ceased at the end of the 2012 LAQM period.

Monitoring of nitrogen dioxide was carried out at several locations across Midlothian using diffusion tubes. The results indicated that concentrations measured adjacent to busy roads at all locations are within the annual mean air quality objective.

The opening of the Dalkeith Bypass at the end of 2008 resulted in a significant decrease in nitrogen dioxide concentrations at locations within Dalkeith adjacent to the A68. A slight increase in NO<sub>2</sub> levels was noted at some diffusion tube locations in the centre of Dalkeith during the 2011 monitoring period. The increased levels recorded during 2011 were considered to be as a result of traffic diversions, which were in place during the refurbishment of Dalkeith High Street, to divert traffic away from the High Street to alternative routes.

A Detailed Assessment was undertaken in 2009 in relation to nitrogen dioxide levels at Bonnyrigg town centre. The results were within the air quality objective by some margin. The additional NO<sub>2</sub> tubes installed at this location continue to show levels well below the air quality objective.

No other issues have been identified which would warrant a Detailed Assessment at this time.

## **8.2 Conclusions from Assessment of Sources**

### **Road Traffic Sources**

Considerations of road traffic sources indicates that a Detailed Assessment is not required.

### **Other Transport Sources**

The new Waverley Line is operating. No air quality issues from the construction works were reported. The operation of the passenger railway will be considered further in future LAQM reports.

No other issues have been identified in relation to other transport sources.

### **Industrial Sources**

No issues were identified in relation to industrial sources. Consideration of the potential impacts of the proposed Zero Waste Facility at Millerhill and any impact on the proposed new town of Shawfair and of the new concrete batching plant at Lady Victoria Business Park, Newtongrange in relation to any new consented residential use will be incorporated into future LAQM assessments.

### **Commercial and Domestic Sources**

A reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> has been achieved in Pathhead as households switch from coal to gas.

The biomass plant at Pentland Plants has previously been assessed and it was concluded that emissions from the plant were not significant. The combined impact of the new proposed plant will be considered and reported in future LAQM reports. No other issues have been identified in relation to commercial and domestic sources.

### **Fugitive and Uncontrolled Sources**

No issues were identified in relation to fugitive and uncontrolled sources.

## **8.3 Proposed Actions**

No issues have been identified which would warrant a Detailed Assessment at this time.

The next course of action for Midlothian Council in the Review and Assessment process is summarised as:

- Submit 2016 Air Quality Progress Report

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# Appendices

Appendix A QA/QC Data

Appendix B Industrial Processes in Midlothian

## **Appendix A: QA/QC Data of Diffusion Tube Monitoring**

### **Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors**

The diffusion tubes are analysed by Edinburgh Scientific Services using the 50% triethanolamine (TEA) in acetone method.

ESS has confirmed that the procedures set out in the Harmonisation Practical Guidance are followed during the analysis. The laboratory is UKAS accredited for the analysis and also participates in the Workplace Analysis Scheme for Proficiency (WASP) scheme. ESS has reported that the results from the WASP scheme confirm that the laboratory is performing satisfactorily. The laboratory uses the 50% v/v triethanolamine (TEA) in acetone method where the adsorbent pads are dipped into this solution, dried and then inserted into the acrylic diffusion tubes. All exposure times and dates are recorded by Midlothian Council and sent to the laboratory with the exposed tubes. Midlothian Council also sends one unexposed tube with each batch to check that there has been no contamination during handling or analysis.

### **Discussion of Choice of Factor to Use**

The bias adjustment factor for this laboratory and method for the year 2014 listed in the Spreadsheet of Bias Adjustment Factors v.09/15 (Ref. 2) is 0.74. This is based on a co-location study at a roadside site carried out by Marylebone Road and six studies carried out in Edinburgh (5 roadside and 1 kerbside).

This was chosen since the Dalkeith Monitoring Station has been decommissioned.

## Appendix B: List of Industrial Processes

License Number	Operator	Site	Regulation Category	Schedule 1 Activity	Section
PPC/E/0020034	Interflex Ltd	Peggy's Mill, Edinburgh	Part A	Chapter 6: Other Activities	6.4.b
PPC/E/0020082	Deans Foods	Loanhead Processing Plant	Part A	Chapter 6: Other Activities	6.8.d.(i)
PPC/B/1003133	N.C.R.C Heggie (Edinburgh) Ltd	Unit C, Pentland Industrial Estate	Part B	Chapter 6: Other Activities	6.4.b
PPC/B/1003236	Brand and Rae Ltd	Bonnyrigg Ready Mix Concrete Plant, Bonnyrigg	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.1.a.(ii)
PPC/B/1004347	Scottish Coal	Millerhill Disposal Point, Edinburgh	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.b.(i)
PPC/B/1004359	Hanson Premix	Nivensknowe Rd, Loanhead	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.1.a.(ii)
PPC/B/1009121	Tarmac Northern	Old Pentland, Midlothian	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.e
PPC/B/1010425	W & J Short	Dalkeith	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/B/1010428	Sainsbury's	Petrol filling station	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/B/1010582	Esso	Fordel Service Station, Lauder Road, Dalkeith	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/B/1010585	Hay's of Penicuik	Penicuik	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/B/1012932	Johnsons	Sainsburys Loanhead	Part B	Chapter 7: SED Activities	Chapter 7: SED Activities
PPC/B/1013309	Shell	Newtonloan	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/B/1014758	Crawford Drycleaning Services	Bonnyrigg	Part B	Chapter 7: SED Activities	Chapter 7: SED Activities
PPC/B/1014928	Drycleaning & Laundry Services	Dalkeith	Part B	Chapter 7: SED Activities	Chapter 7: SED Activities
PPC/B/1015551	RFA-em Co. Ltd	Bilston Glen, Loanhead	Part B	Chapter 7: SED Activities	Chapter 7: SED Activities
PPC/B/1016238	Leiths (Scotland) Ltd		Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.e
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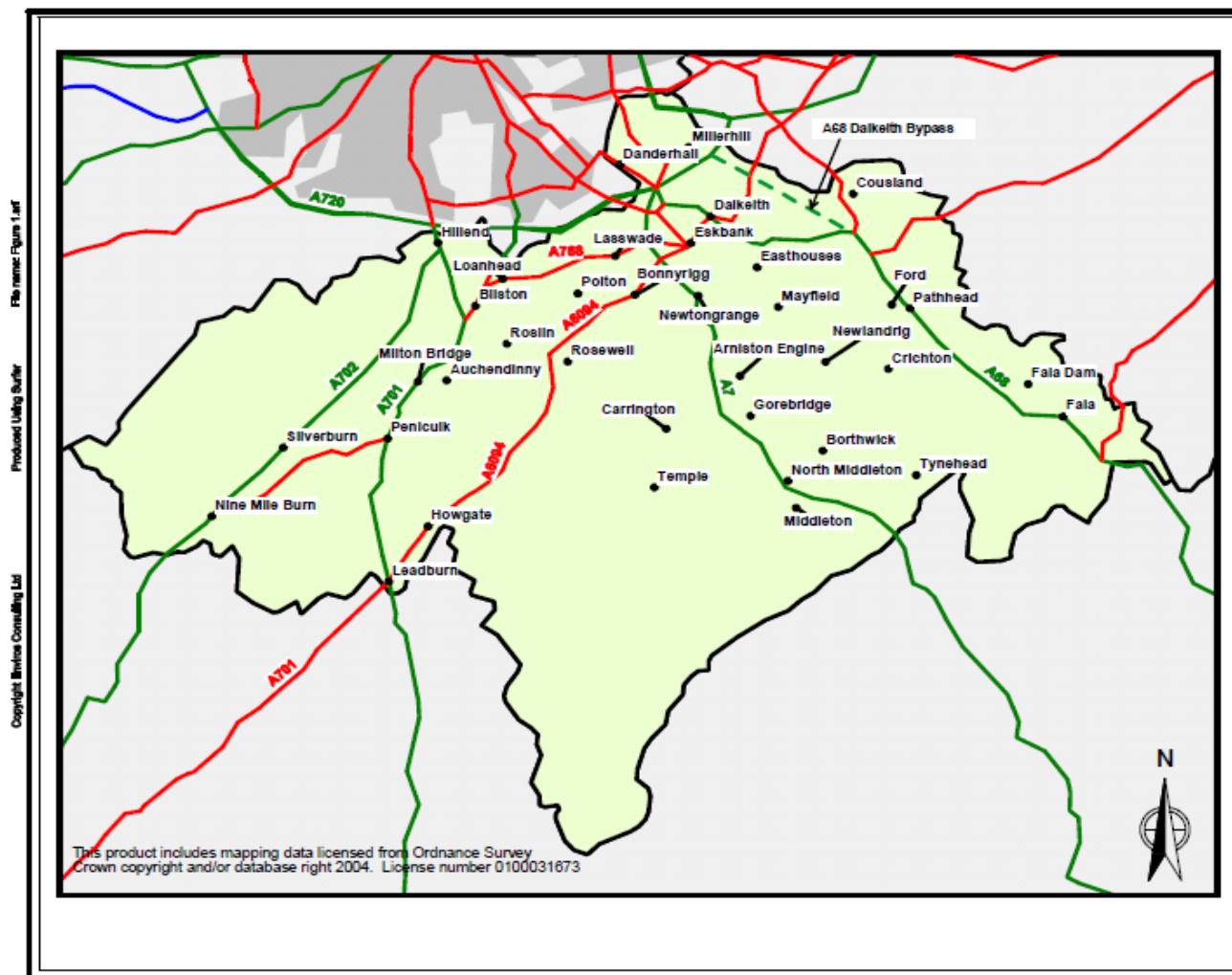
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PPC/E/0030068	Tarmac Northern Ltd	Catewell Quarry - Dalkeith	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.1.a.(ii)
PPC/E/0030073	Howie Minerals Ltd	Middleon Limeworks	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.a
PPC/E/0030122	Scottish Coal Company Ltd	Newbigging OCCS - Rosewell	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.b.(ii)
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PPC/E/0030147	Tesco	Tesco Filling Station	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)
PPC/E/0030154	The Moredun Foundation	Pentlands Science Park, Penicuik	Part B	Chapter 5: Waste Management	5.1.a
PPC/B/1033591	Scottish Coal Company Ltd.	Auchencorth OCCS - Harlawmuir, NR Penicuik	Part B	Chapter 3: Mineral Industries	3.5.b.(ii)
PPC/B/1096128	Asda	Loanhead	Part B	Chapter 1: Energy Industries	1.2.c.(ii)

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Figure 1 - Schematic showing boundary of Midlothian, including towns, villages and significant roads



**Figure 2      Extent of the now Revoked Pathhead AQMA**

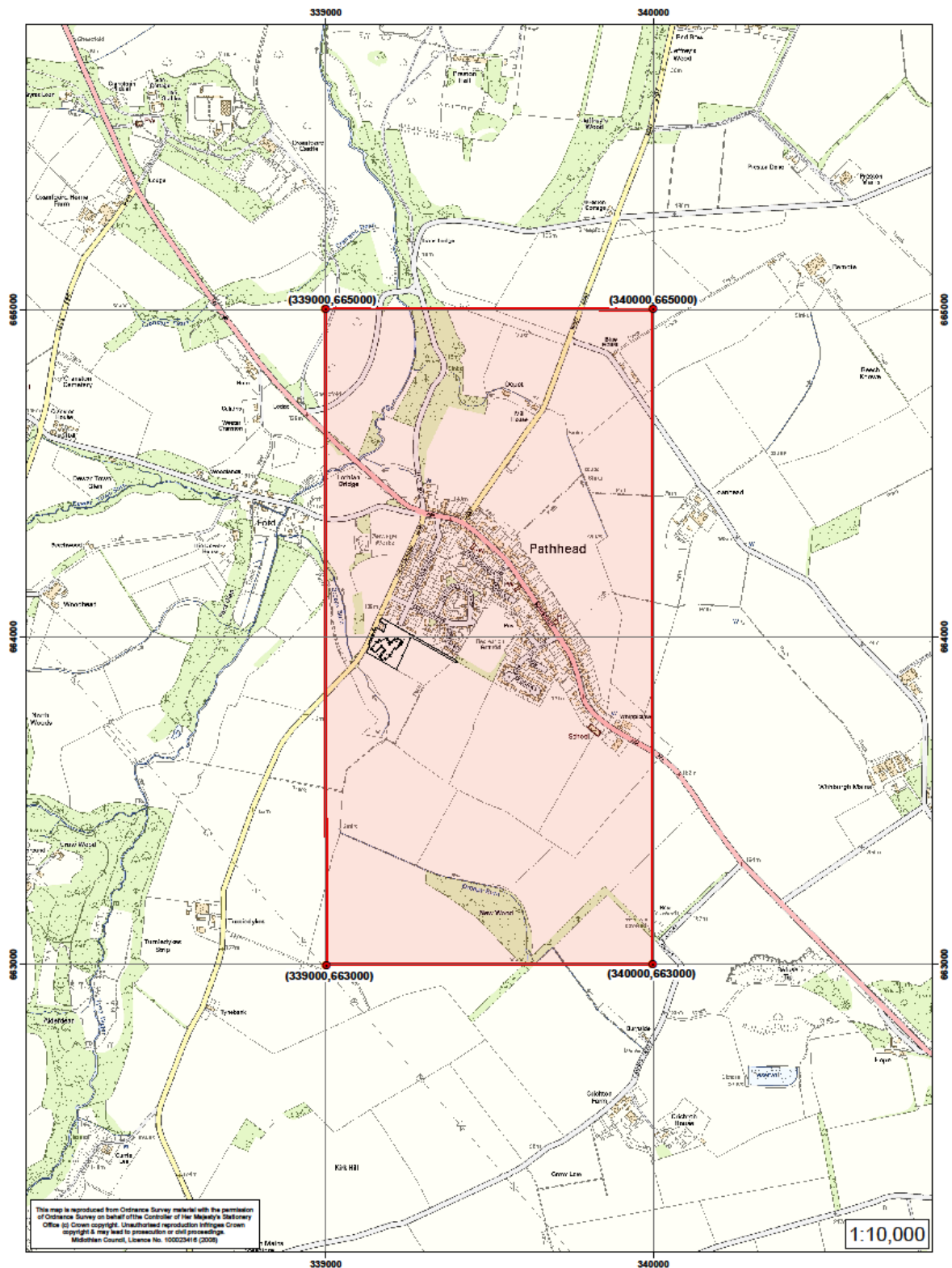




Figure 3 Location of passive diffusion tubes and (decommissioned) automatic monitoring station, Dalkeith

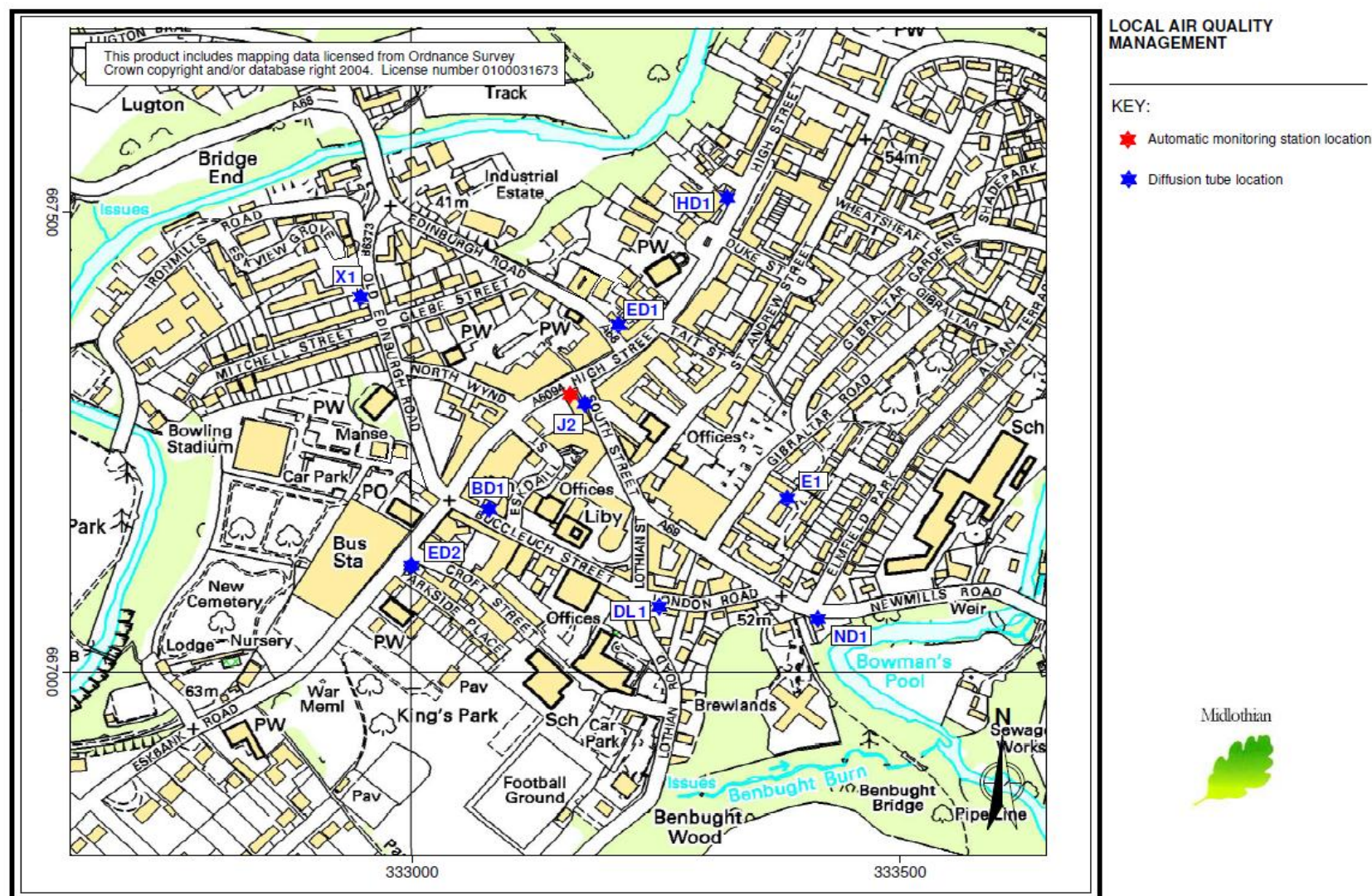
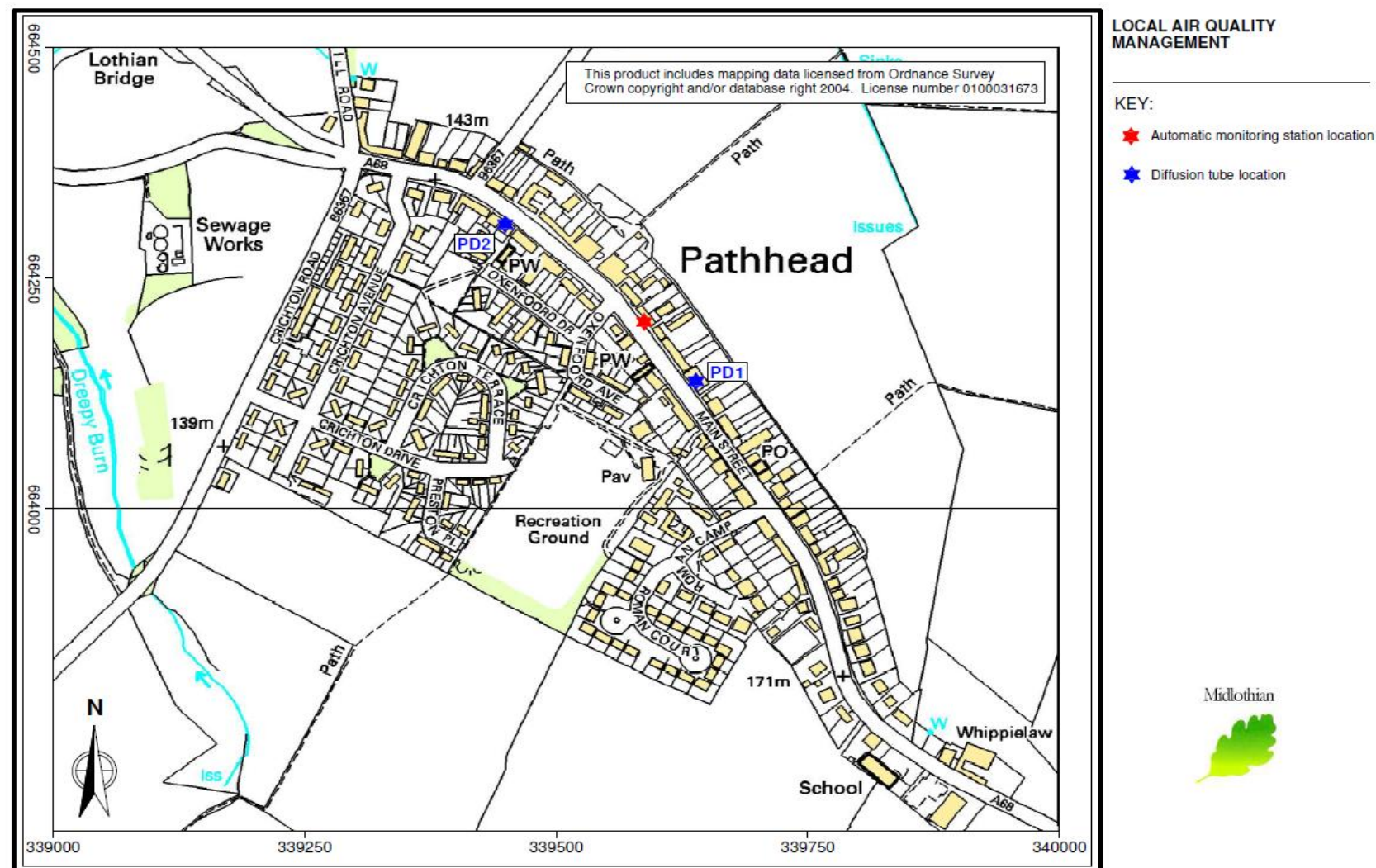
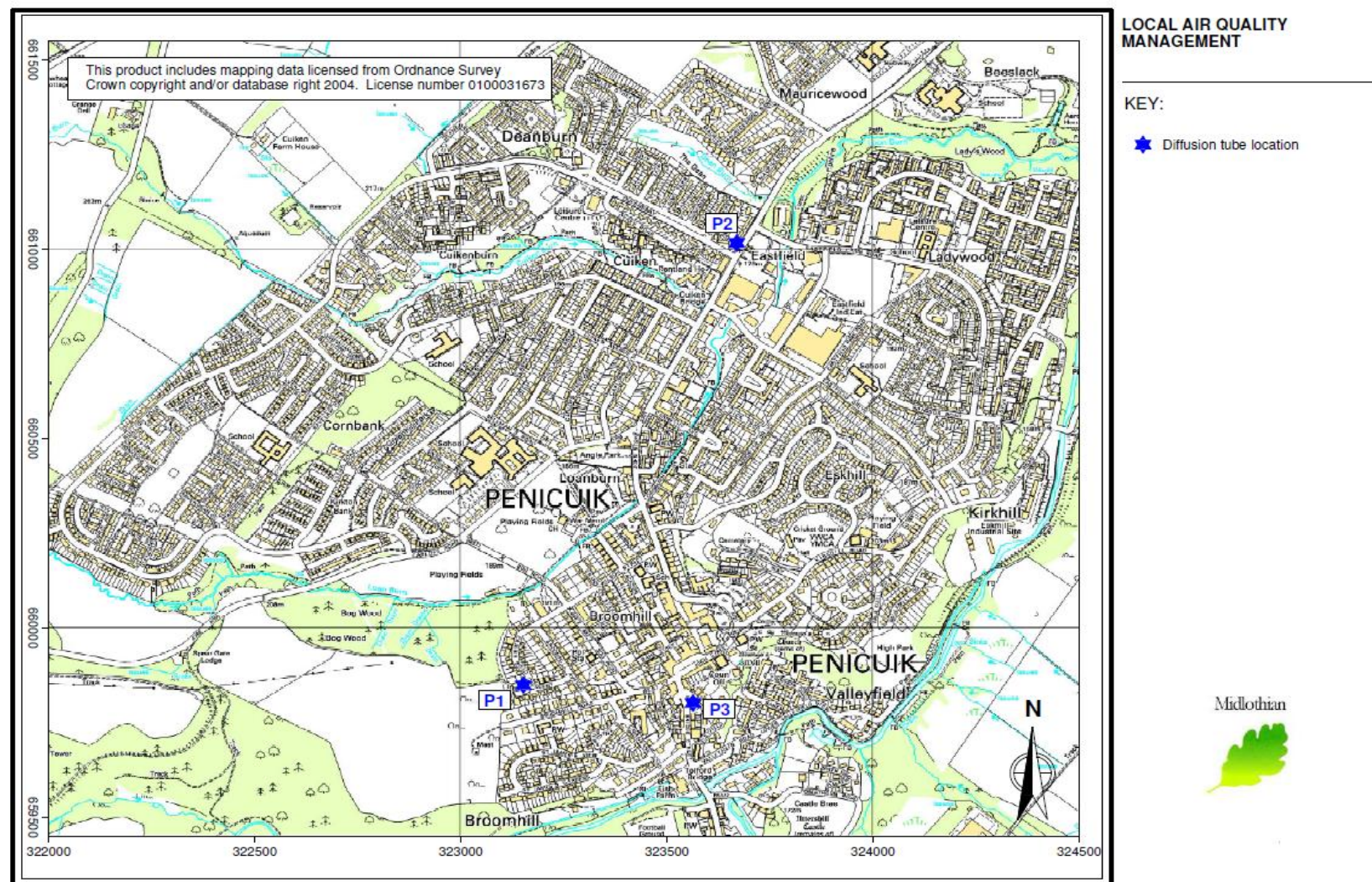




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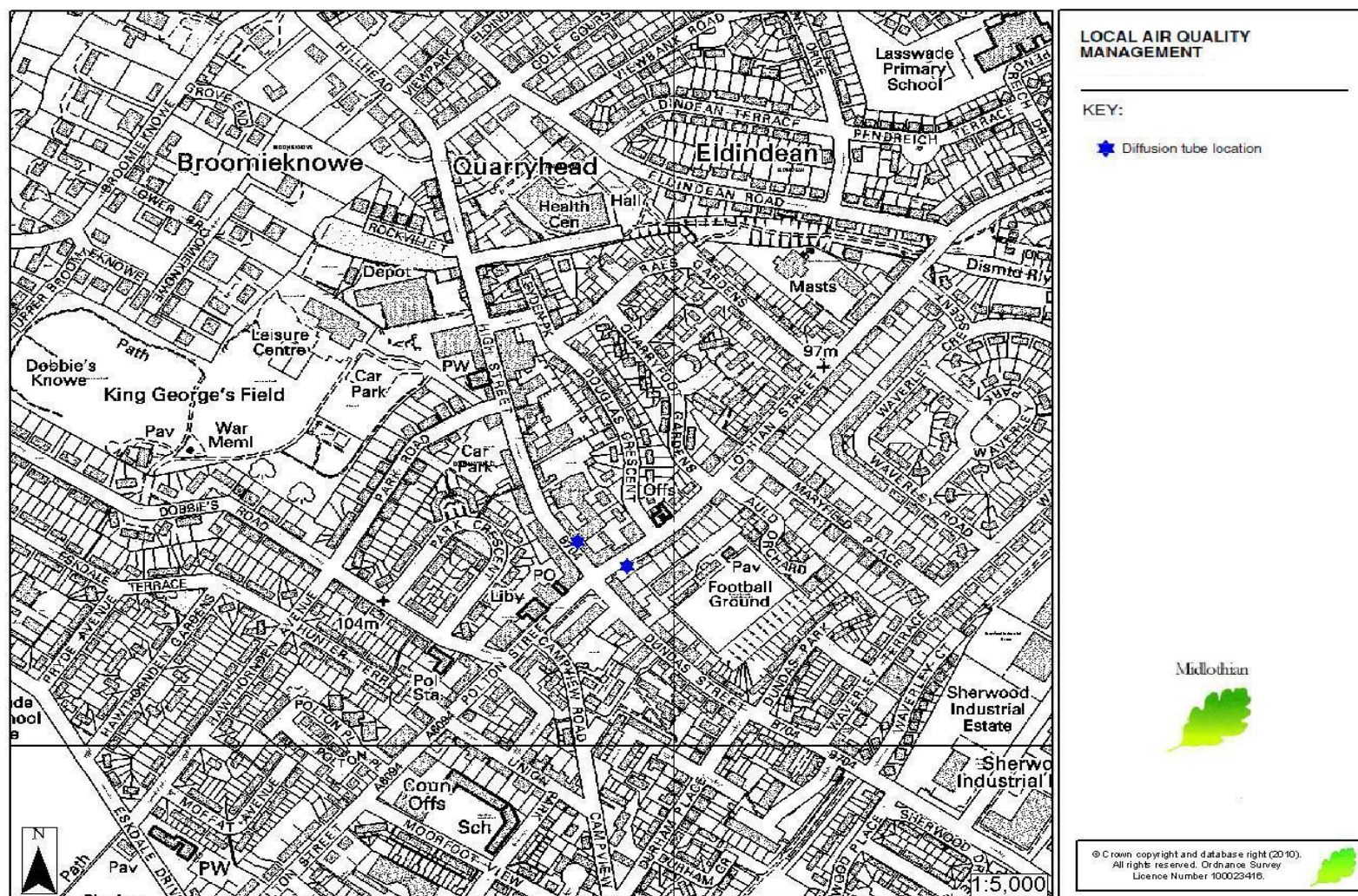


**Figure 5** Location of passive diffusion tubes in Penicuik





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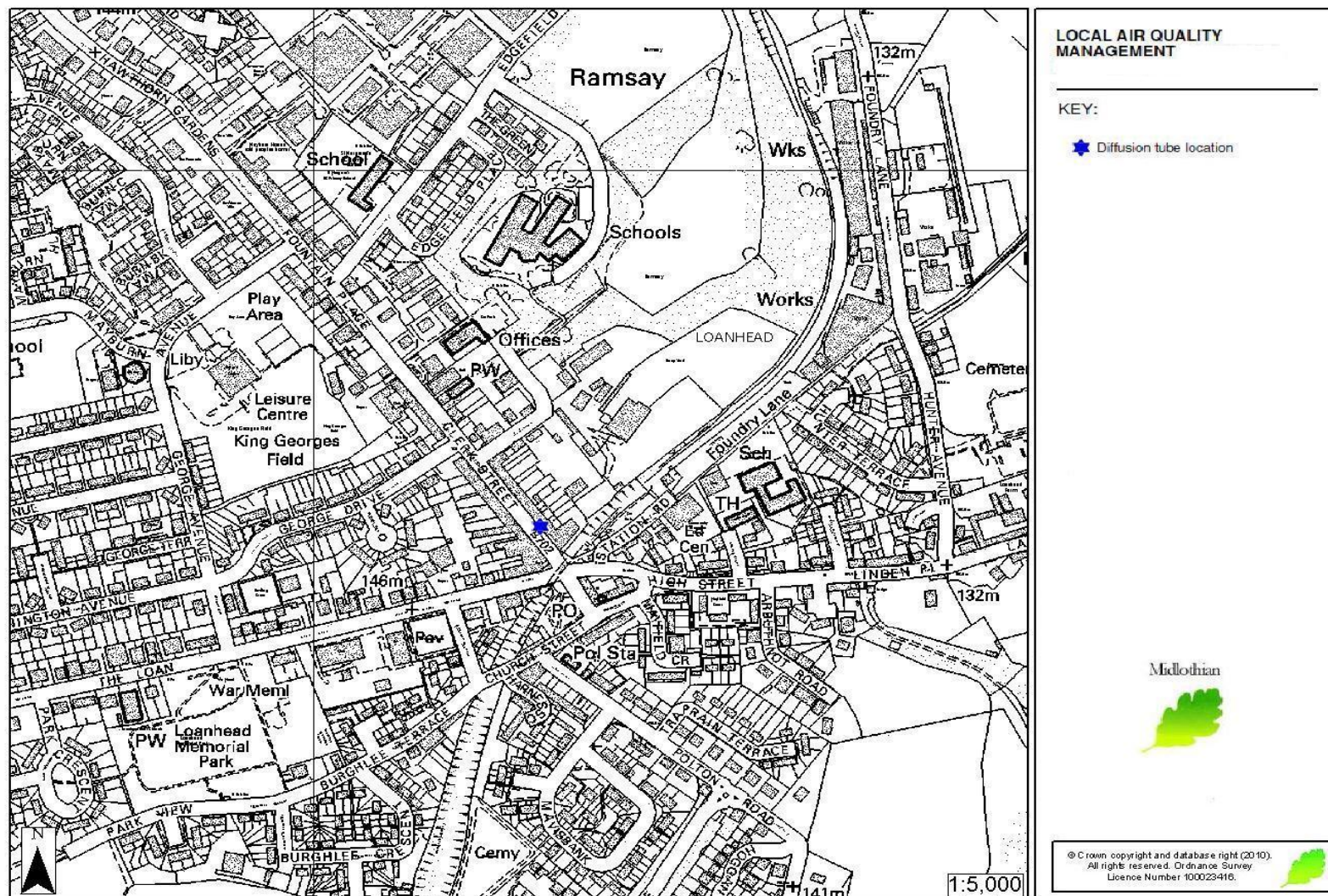


Figure 8 Annual mean nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube concentrations in Midlothian 2003 – 2014

