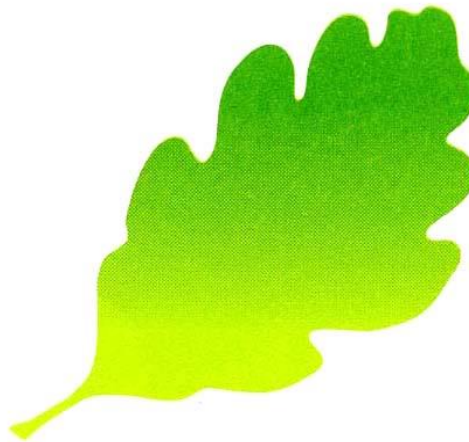


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# Midlothian



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## **Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area**

### **Air Quality in Midlothian**

Midlothian has a population of just over 91, 000 and comprises a number of small and medium sized towns, together with many small villages and Hamlets. Penicuik, Bonnyrigg and Dalkeith are the largest towns; Loanhead, Gorebridge, Mayfield, Newtongrange and Pathhead are smaller settlements. A schematic map of Midlothian showing villages, towns and roads within the district is shown in Figure 1. The new town of Shawfair at the south eastern “wedge” between Danderhall and the City Bypass is currently under development and will include approximately 4,000 new homes, commercial and retail use.

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. Much of this landscape is protected by policy designations such as the Green Belt.

There are currently no large industrial processes in very close proximity to housing in Midlothian and the main issues with regards to air quality are due to road traffic emissions, particularly in the town and village centres. Another issue is domestic solid fuel combustion due to the rural setting of Midlothian and limited mains gas supply to some villages. This has been addressed in the village of Pathhead with the installation of a new gas main.

The report sets out the results of air quality monitoring carried out by Midlothian Council since the last Annual Progress Report 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.

A network of nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes is maintained throughout the district. The monitoring results indicate that concentrations measured at all locations are within the annual mean air quality objective and that trends are fairly stable.

No new issues were identified in 2018 as requiring further assessment and there are currently no air quality issues in Midlothian.

The locations of the tubes were reviewed in December 2016, with changes implemented during the 2017 monitoring period. This has included the introduction of new monitoring sites in the village of Lasswade, the results of which are reported in Appendix B.

### **Actions to Improve Air Quality**

Midlothian Council has achieved significant improvements in air quality in Dalkeith and village of Pathhead, two areas of previous concern.

The improvement in Pathhead in terms of PM<sub>10</sub>, allowed Midlothian Council to revoke the Pathhead AQMA which was declared in 2008. There are no outstanding Air Quality Managements Areas in Midlothian.

Midlothian Council forms part of East Central Scotland Vehicle Emissions Partnership, together with West Lothian Council, East Lothian Council, Falkirk Council, Stirling Council and Scottish Government. The remit of the Vehicle Emissions Partnership is to help reduce vehicle emissions by encouraging drivers to switch off their engine whenever possible, educating the general public by the provision of free vehicle emissions testing and handling idling complaints. Further information is available on the partnership website at <http://switchoffandbreathe.org>

Midlothian Council supports and encourages the development of a 'green network' in Midlothian to promote active travel by walking and cycling and which will form part of the Central Scotland Green Network. Further information is available in the Midlothian Council Travel Plan, which is available on Midlothian Council website: [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk)

Initiatives to move towards a cleaner Council fleet have also been introduced. Council staff have access to electric cars to use on local business trips, providing an eco-friendly way of travelling.



Midlothian Council encourages staff to actively travel to work, promoting a pool bike scheme to staff and promoting interest free loans to purchase a bicycle through the tax free Government 'Bike Purchase Scheme'.

### **Local Priorities and Challenges**

In terms of local priorities, a commitment was made by Midlothian Council to review the diffusion tube locations during the later part of 2016, with a view to implementing changes at the commencement of the 2017 monitoring period. This work has been carried out and two new monitoring locations were introduced into the village of Lasswade. Monitoring in these two locations has not identified any concerns and monitoring will continue.

Midlothian Council has no specific challenges for the coming year beyond the statutory monitoring and reporting requirements.

### **How to Get Involved**

Information on Local Air Quality Management in Midlothian is available on the Council website [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200272/pollution/419/air\\_quality](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200272/pollution/419/air_quality). This information includes copies of the Council's air quality reports and a link to the Pathhead AQMA Revocation Order.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Environmental Health at:

[environmentalhealth@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@midlothian.gov.uk)

The website also contains a link to the national Air Quality in Scotland webpage where members of the public can access historical monitoring data for Midlothian and sign up to receiving text / email alerts where poor air quality is forecast.

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## 1. Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in Midlothian Council during 2018. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995) 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 an exceedance is considered likely the local authority must 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. This Annual Progress Report (APR) summarises the work being undertaken by Midlothian Council to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

**Table 1.1 – Summary of Air Quality Objectives in Scotland**

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective		Date to be achieved by
	Concentration	Measured as	
Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2005
	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2005
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2010
	18 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2010
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual mean	31.12.2020
Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	350 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean	31.12.2004
	125 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean	31.12.2004
	266 µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean	31.12.2005
Benzene	3.25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running annual mean	31.12.2010
1,3 Butadiene	2.25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running annual mean	31.12.2003
Carbon Monoxide	10.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Running 8-Hour mean	31.12.2003
Lead	0.25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Annual Mean	31.12.2008

## 2. Actions to Improve Air Quality

### 2.1 Air Quality Management Areas

Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are declared when there is an exceedance or likely exceedance of an air quality objective. After declaration, the authority must prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within 12 months, setting out measures it intends to put in place in pursuit of the objectives.

Midlothian Council currently does not have any Air Quality Management Areas. A summary of information relating to the revoked Pathhead AQMA is available on-line at [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk) and summarised in Table 2.1. Further information, including a summary of all national AQMA is available on the DEFRA website at <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/aqma/list>

In Midlothian air quality is being addressed through the Midlothian Local Development Plan and through the Midlothian Council Travel Plan:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/468/midlothian\\_council\\_travel\\_plan](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/468/midlothian_council_travel_plan)

**Table 2.1 – Declared Air Quality Management Areas**

<b>AQMA Name</b>	<b>Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives</b>	<b>City / Town</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date Declared</b>	<b>Date Revoked</b>
Pathhead AQMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PM<sub>10</sub> annual mean</li> </ul>	Pathhead, Midlothian	An area encompassing 2 square kilometres surrounding the village of Pathhead, Figure 2	30 April 2008	7 April 2014

### 2.2 Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in Midlothian

Midlothian Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2018 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality**

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Implementation Phase	Estimated Completion Date
1	New Borders railway linking Edinburgh, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders. Railway stations supported by park and ride facilities with reduced vehicle journeys.	Transport Planning and Infrastructure + alternatives to private vehicle use	Encouraging use of park and ride facilities and active travel routes to stations.	Waverley Railway Partnership	2015 onwards	Opened September 2015
2	Locating development where it can easily access the new borders rail	Transport Planning and Infrastructure + policy guidance and development control	Taken into account when allocating new sites in Midlothian	Midlothian Council	2017 onwards	ongoing
3	Midlothian Council Travel plan	Vehicle fleet efficiency	Provide eco-driver training to staff. Review of fleet by Energy Savings Trust	Midlothian Council / Review of fleet by Energy Savings Trust	ongoing	ongoing
4	Vehicle idling	Vehicle idling	Patrols to educate regarding vehicle idling, targeting schools and other sensitive locations.	Joint Vehicle Emissions Partnership	2017 - 2021	ongoing

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Implementation Phase	Estimated Completion Date
5	Midlothian Council Travel plan	Promoting travel alternatives + Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Travel plan updated, to cover period 2017 to 2021.  Electric fleet vehicles available for staff to use on local business trips.	Midlothian Council	2017 - 2021	ongoing
6	Midlothian Council Travel plan	Promoting travel alternatives + Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	A tax free bike purchase scheme is available + entitlement to a class bike mileage for business trips made by bike	Midlothian Council	2017 - 2021	ongoing
7	Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Incorporating high speed broadband connections and other digital technologies in new housing developments to facilitate home working and reduction in travel.	Midlothian Council	2017 onwards	ongoing

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Focus	Lead Authority	Implementation Phase	Estimated Completion Date
8	Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	A requirement for cycle parking to be incorporated into the layout of new housing development.	Midlothian Council	2017 onwards	ongoing
9	Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	The development and extension of the National Cycle Route Network	Midlothian Council	2017 onwards	ongoing
10	Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Dedicated routes to encourage walking and cycling to work and for recreation and leisure.	Midlothian Council	2017 onwards	ongoing
11	Midlothian Local Development Plan 2017	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	City bypass to B6415 Millerhill Road Link	Midlothian Council	2019	2019

### **2.3 Cleaner Air for Scotland**

Cleaner Air for Scotland – The Road to a Healthier Future (CAFS) is a national cross-government strategy that sets out how the Scottish Government and its partner organisations propose to reduce air pollution further to protect human health and fulfil Scotland's legal responsibilities as soon as possible. A series of actions across a range of policy areas are outlined, a summary of which is available at <https://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/11/5671/17>. Progress by Midlothian Council against relevant actions within this strategy is demonstrated below.

#### **2.3.1 Transport – Avoiding travel**

Local authorities are required to produce a corporate travel plan. Midlothian Council's travel plan is available on the Council's website at:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/468/midlothian\\_council\\_travel\\_plan](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/468/midlothian_council_travel_plan)

The aim of the plan is to reduce the adverse impacts of travel, particularly car travel associated with the activities undertaken by Midlothian Council in the provision of its services. In particular the plan aims to reduce transport based pollutants and greenhouse gases entering the environment and reduce traffic congestion. Midlothian Council's has obtained 'Cycling Scotland's 'Cycle Friendly Employer' Award.

#### **2.3.2 Climate Change – Effective co-ordination of climate change and air quality policies to deliver co-benefits**

Scottish Government expects any Scottish local authority which has or is currently developing a Sustainable Energy Action Plan to ensure that air quality considerations are covered. Midlothian Council has a corporate climate change strategy which can be found here:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1231/environment/445/sustainable\\_development\\_and\\_climate\\_change/2](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1231/environment/445/sustainable_development_and_climate_change/2)

### **3. Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives**

#### **3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken**

Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) levels are currently monitored at 17 locations in Midlothian. Measured NO<sub>2</sub> levels at all sites are well within the Air Quality Objectives. No other pollutant is currently measured by Midlothian Council.

##### **3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Automatic (continuous) monitors in Dakeith town centre and in Pathhead were decommissioned in June 2011 and June 2013 respectively.

The automatic station in Dalkeith town centre was decommissioned following improvement in air quality following the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass and the Pathhead monitoring station was decommissioned in June 2013 following a reduction in fossil fuel use and associated improvements in PM<sub>10</sub>. A significant improvement in the level of SO<sub>2</sub> in Pathhead was also recorded, figure 9.

The locations of the historic Dalkeith and the Pathhead monitoring stations are shown in Figures 3 and 4. Until decommissioned, the stations were included in the Air Quality in Scotland website <http://www.scottishairquality.co.uk/>

No continuous monitoring is currently carried out in Midlothian.

##### **3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Midlothian Council undertook non- automatic (passive) monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> at 17 sites during 2018. Appendix A shows the details of the sites.

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Figures 3 - 8.

Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) and bias adjustment for the diffusion tubes are included in Appendix C.

#### **3.2 Individual pollutants**

The air quality monitoring results presented in this section are, where relevant, adjusted for annualisation and bias. Further details on adjustments are provided in Appendix C.

### **3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

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

Measured concentrations of nitrogen dioxide within Dalkeith town centre decreased significantly following the opening of the Dalkeith Bypass in September 2008, resulting in reduced numbers of vehicles travelling through Dalkeith town centre.

Table 2 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past 7 years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

For diffusion tubes, the full 2018 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. No continuous hourly monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> is carried out.

Measurement of nitrogen dioxide will continue using the diffusion tube method to monitor the ongoing trends in nitrogen dioxide concentrations in Midlothian.

### **3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>)**

Midlothian Council no longer monitors levels of PM<sub>10</sub>.

### **3.2.3 Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)**

Midlothian Council does not monitor levels of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. There are no plans in the near future to commence monitoring PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

### **3.2.4 Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)**

Midlothian Council no longer monitors levels of SO<sub>2</sub>.

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 so low, exceedance of the air quality objective was unlikely and therefore continued monitoring of this pollutant was no longer considered necessary. Monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> ceased in Dalkeith at the end of the 2012 monitoring period and in Pathhead at the end of 2013.

The graph in figure 9 was created using the Open Air Tools on the Scottish Air Quality website and shows a significant drop in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration in Pathhead from

2011 and until monitoring ceased in 2013. The marked decrease in SO<sub>2</sub> coincides with the installation and connection of households to the new gas main.

### **3.2.5 Carbon Monoxide, Lead and 1,3-Butadiene**

Midlothian Council does not monitor carbon dioxide, lead or 1, 3 butadiene.

## **4. New Local Developments**

### **4.1 Road Traffic Sources**

The new 'Millerhill bypass' road, planning ref 18/00018/MSD opened in 2019. It is envisaged that this new stretch of road will reduce traffic on the B6415 and through Millerhill, by diverting all but local traffic away from existing residences on the B6415.

There are no new road traffic sources in Midlothian which bring traffic closer to relevant exposure.

### **4.2 Other Transport Sources**

Since the opening of the Waverly Line and commencement of the passenger service in September 2015, there has been no new other traffic sources in Midlothian.

### **4.3 Industrial Sources**

The Zero Waste facility at Millerhill Marshalling Yards, Energy from Waste plant was commissioned in September 2018. This is located south of the existing anaerobic digestion facility for food waste. Land for approximately 4,000 new houses is allocated within the wider Shawfair area. Whilst house building in Shawfair has commenced, the allocated housing sites closest to the anaerobic digestion plant and energy from waste facility are not yet developed. Consideration of the potential impact on Shawfair in terms of air quality was considered in the Environmental Statement and will be included in future LAQM assessments. Additionally the site operator is 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.

#### **4.4 Commercial and Domestic Sources**

17/00846/DPP - A 351 kW biomass boiler at Pentland Industrial Estate was granted planning permission in December 2017, subject to agreed emission levels and conditions relating to the operation and maintenance of the biomass boiler. A post decision consultation took place in early 2018 to agree the height of the chimney prior to commissioning.

#### **4.5 New Developments with Fugitive or Uncontrolled Sources**

Planning permission was granted for the extraction of peat at Springfield Moss in 1978, ref 208/78. Consent was granted until 2042, with a requirement for a periodic review of the consent every 20 years. Recent changes have resulted in an intensification of operations with increased stockpiling of the peat. Given the intensification of use and proximity to housing, dust / particulate monitoring is proposed. The outcome of the proposed monitoring and other actions will be reported in future LAQM reports.

Planning application (ref 18/00081/DPP) was received to extend Upper Dalhousie Sand Quarry, Bonnyrigg with aim of extracting 1.6 million tonnes of sand over a 10 year period. The application was covered by an Environment Impact Assessment, which included the impact on existing and proposed residences. The application is still awaiting determination. If granted, the impact of the proposed extension to Dalhousie Sand Quarry will be considered in future Annual Progress Reports.

### **5. Planning Applications**

Midlothian Council has been subject to the following planning application which has the potential to affect air quality. The air quality assessment will be available on the Council's website at <https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/planning-and-building> :

- Application ref 18/00495/DPP was received to develop a resource facility, stores, workshops, including a motor transport workshop and car parking at land west of Burnbrae Terrace, Bonnyrigg. A Transport Assessment and Environment Impact Assessment has been submitted as part of this application. The application is yet to be determined.

## **6. Conclusions and Proposed Actions**

### **6.1 Conclusions from New Monitoring Data**

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

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

### **6.2 Conclusions relating to New Local Developments**

A large number of sites in Midlothian are currently under development for housing, following allocation in the Midlothian Local Development plan. This includes housing within the wider Shawfair area, which contains the villages of Millerhill, Danderhall and Newton and extending to Cauldcoats Farm, close to the boundary with the City of Edinburgh Council.

The air quality report for the Cauldcoats development, (application for planning permission in principal, ref 14/00910/PPP) concluded that for all modelled scenarios, the predicted concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> following completion of the development are within the annual mean objectives at all modelled receptors. The predicted impact at most modelled receptors is reported as being negligible however, at one receptor location, taking into account all proposed and committed development, a slight adverse impact is predicted. The report noted this can be mitigated through policies including TRANS5 of the Midlothian Local Development Plan, requiring electric vehicle charging stations and, through planning condition, requiring suitable walking and cycle routes linking the new housing with the proposed new primary school and the rest of Shawfair. The outcome will be reported in future LAQM reports.

### **6.3 Proposed Actions**

Midlothian Council will continue to monitor the concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> throughout the district, including the new diffusion tubes locations in Lasswade introduced following the review undertaken at the end of 2016.

A wider review of diffusion tube locations is ongoing and advice has been sought from SEPA in relation to removal of existing sites where levels continue to be very low. SEPA advised that during their review, the Council should consider relocating kerbside/roadside diffusion tubes which have recorded concentrations significantly below the objective concentration for >5 years and are unnecessary for long term analysis and that diffusion tubes meeting this criteria should be redeployed in areas of public exposure which have not been previously assessed such as where new residential developments are planned or have been identified close to busy roads and junctions.

The review is ongoing as it is intended to also include schools, which are located in close proximity to busy roads. This review will be continued to be undertaken in consultation with SEPA and Scottish Government.

The results of air quality monitoring and other air quality work will be included in the next Annual Progress Report due to be submitted by June 2020.

## Appendix A: Monitoring Results

**Table A.1 – Details of Non- Automatic Monitoring Sites**

Site ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref	Y OS Grid Ref	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube co-located with a Continuous Analyser?
BR1	Bonnyrigg	Roadside	330895	665229	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0 m	1.5	N
BR2	Bonnyrigg	Roadside	330973	665219	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0 m	1.5	N
J2	Dalkeith	Roadside	333178	667290	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	>10 m	0.1	N
E1	Dalkeith	Urban Background	333407	667186	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	1.5 m	1	N
BD1	Dalkeith	Roadside	333055	667183	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0.1 m	1.5	N
ED1	Dalkeith	Roadside	333206	667372	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0.1 m	1.5	N
ED2	Dalkeith	Roadside	332996	667122	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0.1 m	2	N
X1	Dalkeith	Roadside	332959	667392	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	1.5 M	1.5	N
HD1	Dalkeith	Roadside	333326	667514	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	2.5 m	1.5	N
ND1	Dalkeith	Roadside	333410	667059	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	2 m	1.5	N
DL1	Dalkeith	Roadside	333247	667073	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0 m	1.5	N
LH1	Loanhead	Roadside	328242	665585	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	2.3 m	0.9	N
SN1	Loanhead	Roadside	327142	666337	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	3.1 m	0.1	N
SN2	Loanhead	Roadside	327262	666588	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0 m	3.6	N
P1	Penicuik	Urban Background	323146	659818	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0.5 m	1.4	N
P2	Penicuik	Roadside	323677	661000	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	2.5 m	2.5	N
P3	Penicuik	Roadside	323551	659725	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0.5 m	1.5	N
PD1	Pathhead	Roadside	339601	664172	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	3 m	1.5	N
PD2	Pathhead	Roadside	339450	664310	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0 m	6.5	N
LW1	Lasswade	Roadside	330343	666138	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0m	1.5	N
LW2	Lasswade	Roadside	330470	666125	NO <sub>2</sub>	N	0m	0.5	N

(1) '0m' is where the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on/adjacent to the façade of a residential property).

Table A.2 – Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results

Site ID	Site Type	Monitoring Type	Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2018 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>(3)</sup>					2017	2018
					2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
J2	Road side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	29.7	25.3	23.6	23.1	25.3	17.8	20.9
E1	Urban Bground	Diffusion Tube	N/A	N/A	14.6	15.1	10.4	12.9	12.1	*	*
BD1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	92	92	35.4	29.0	29.3	23.1	26.4	22.5	26.6
ED1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	92	92	32.5	30.1	29.1	27.8	32.5	25.0	32.4
ED2	Road side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	28.0	24.2	23.1	19.1	19.9	17.7	22.2
X1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	N/A	N/A	17.7	16.5	14.7	14.8	15.1	*	*
HD1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	92	92	16.3	14.7	13.0	14.5	14.7	13.6	16.4
ND1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	31.1	27.2	37.3	23.7	25.4	24.8	26.2
DL1	Road side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	33.6	29.4	28.2	26.9	26.2	25.4	27.4
P1	Urban Bground	Urban Bground	N/A	N/A	8.7	7.8	6.8	6.4	7.4	*	*
P2	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	22.9	20.9	19.7	19.5	20.1	17.1	22.1
P3	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	N/A	N/A	14.4	12.1	11	9.4	11.4	*	*
PD1	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	21.5	20.1	18.4	17.2	17.8	13.2	*
PD2	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	18.9	18.3	16.3	15.1	14.8	13.3	17.6
BR1	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	24.2	23.2	21.5	20.5	21.4	17.5	16.5
BR2	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	23.8	21.2	20.1	20.9	20.1	18.2	21.3
LH1	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	75	75	22.9	21.2	18.7	18.2	21.1	17.3	23.8
SN1	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	92	92	23.3	23.6	21.6	20.0	21.7	17.5	26.1
SN2	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	28.3	25.0	22.3	21.8	24.5	22.8	28.6
LW1	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	20.1	23.6
LW2	Road Side	Diffusion Tube	100	100	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	24.8	30.6

## Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2018

Table B.1 – NO<sub>2</sub> Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2018

Site ID	NO <sub>2</sub> Mean Concentrations (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean	
													Raw Data	Bias Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>
J2	30	25.1	22.8	20	20.0	19.1	16.6	12.0	16.2	16.8	31.4	27.1	21.7	20.9
BD1	37.3	31.2	26.7	27.5	36.5	26.2	22.9	23.8	19.7	25.7	34.3	-	27.7	26.6
ED1	44.8	46	31.5	31.9	40.3	36.2	23.9	22.6	20.2	31.7	45.8	-	33.7	32.4
ED2	31.5	33.8	18.2	24.6	24.9	20.3	19.3	17.5	17.6	24.5	27.6	23.5	23.1	22.2
HD1	26.4	21.4	-	14.4	11.4	14.1	10.2	12.7	10.7	17.4	16.6	18.9	17.1	16.4
ND1	27.9	38.9	13.7	23.6	30.3	23.8	26.0	26.7	30.1	34.5	32.4	36.7	27.3	26.2
DL1	37.4	41.8	26.9	23.8	27.5	19.6	25.8	25.4	28.6	33.6	39.4	25.2	28.5	27.4
P2	29.6	25.3	18.2	22	24.4	22.8	16.5	18.9	16.8	24.2	30.6	26.5	23.1	22.1
PD1	22.3	24.4	17.0	11.3	19.7	16.1	11.7	12.9	10.4	16.2	24.0	15.9	18.3	17.6
PD2	24	18.7	10.8	14.4	15.0	13.8	13.1	12.6	12.4	16.9	19.1	5.1	17.2	16.5
BR1	27	27.6	23.9	22.4	27.5	21.2	14.0	15.9	13.1	22.6	27.4	19.8	20.4	19.6
BR2	33.2	32.2	24.1	18.9	21.7	15.5	18.3	15.3	17.8	24.3	29.1	23.3	22.2	21.3
LH1	26.5	24.6	18.2	-	23.8	23	15.3	-	-	21.0	28.3	19.8	24.8	23.8
SN1	33.9	24.2	26.6	26.4	27.6	20.5	15.8	19.4	-	20.2	31.4	22.8	27.2	26.1
SN2	36.7	40.5	18.9	33.1	30.6	32.9	19.1	22.9	19.8	33.0	30.5	25.6	29.8	28.6
LW1	33.3	28.2	18.1	19.9	22.8	20.3	16.3	19.9	20.2	22.8	27.0	21.9	24.6	23.6
LW2	36.4	41.9	34.7	38.0	41.8	35	27.9	26.8	24.3	28.4	42.7	32.6	31.9	30.6

- (1) See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment.
- (2) Dash represents no data due to missing tube.
- (3) \* means site no longer monitored.
- (4) N/C means monitoring at location not commenced.

## **Appendix C: Supporting Technical Information / Air Quality Monitoring Data QA/QC**

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.

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

The bias adjustment factor for this laboratory and method are listed in the Spreadsheet of Bias Adjustment Factors v.06/19 (Ref. 2) is 0.96. This is based on a co-location study at a kerbside site carried out by Marylebone Road and one roadside study carried out in Stirling. This factor have been chosen as it is based on tubes analysed by the laboratory at Edinburgh Scientific Services analyses where Midlothian's Council's NO<sub>2</sub> tubes are also analysed, the studies are both reported as having 'good precision' and Midlothian Council can no longer calculate its own bias adjustment factor following the decommissioning of Dalkeith Monitoring Station.

## Glossary of Terms

Abbreviation	Description
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the LA intends to achieve air quality limit values'
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area – An area where air pollutant concentrations exceed / are likely to exceed the relevant air quality objectives. AQMAs are declared for specific pollutants and objectives
APR	Air quality Annual Progress Report
AURN	Automatic Urban and Rural Network (UK air quality monitoring network)
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by Highways England
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
PM <sub>10</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm (micrometres or microns) or less
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO <sub>2</sub>	Sulphur Dioxide

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

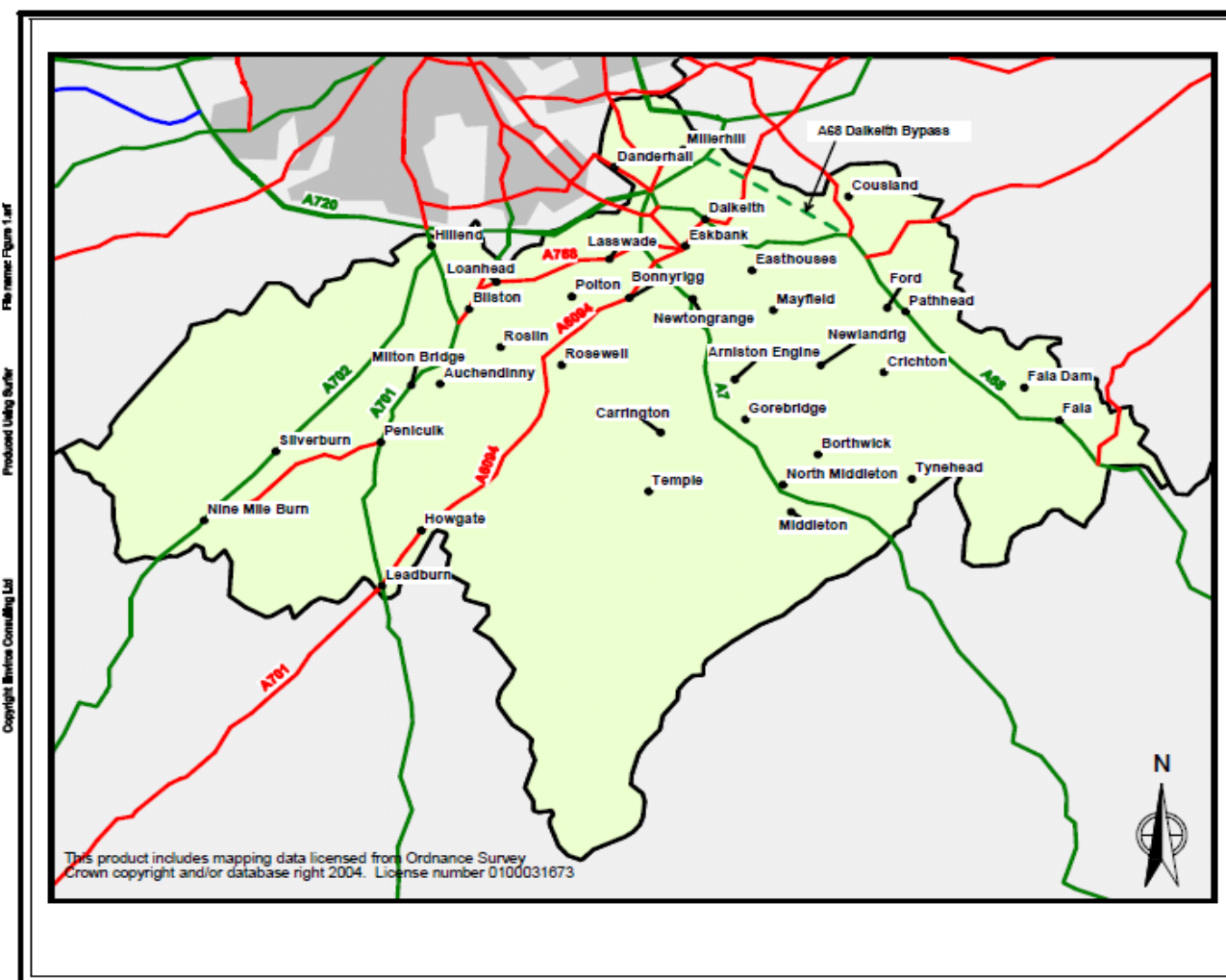


Figure 2 Extent of Revoked Air Quality Management Area, Pathhead

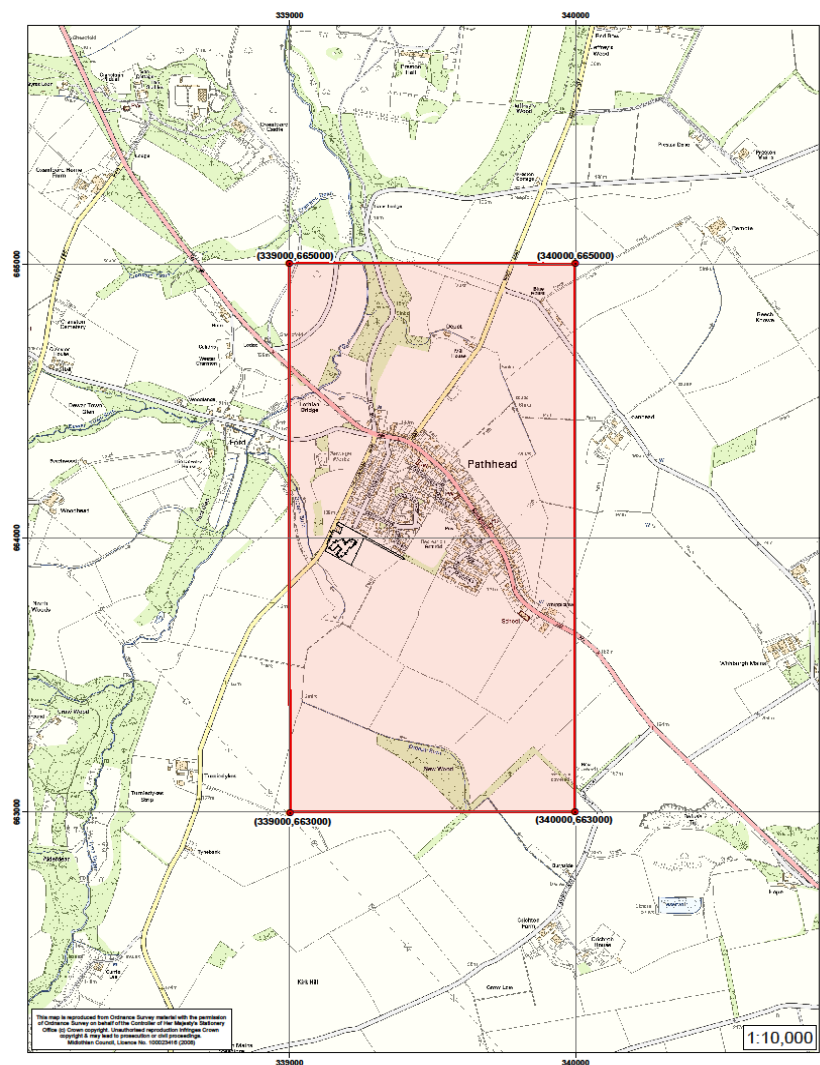


Figure 3 Location of passive diffusion tubes and (decommissioned) automatic monitoring station, Dalkeith

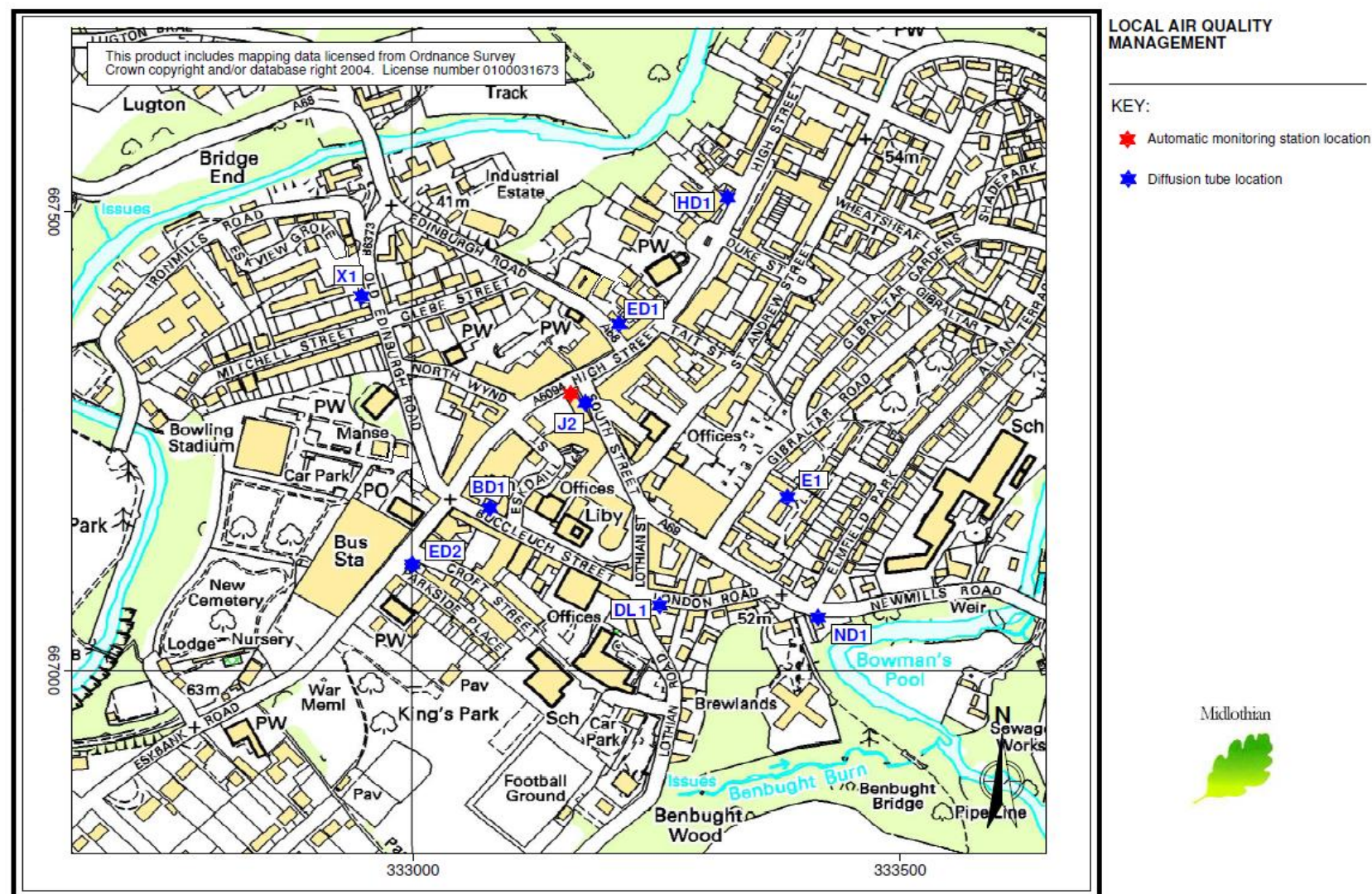
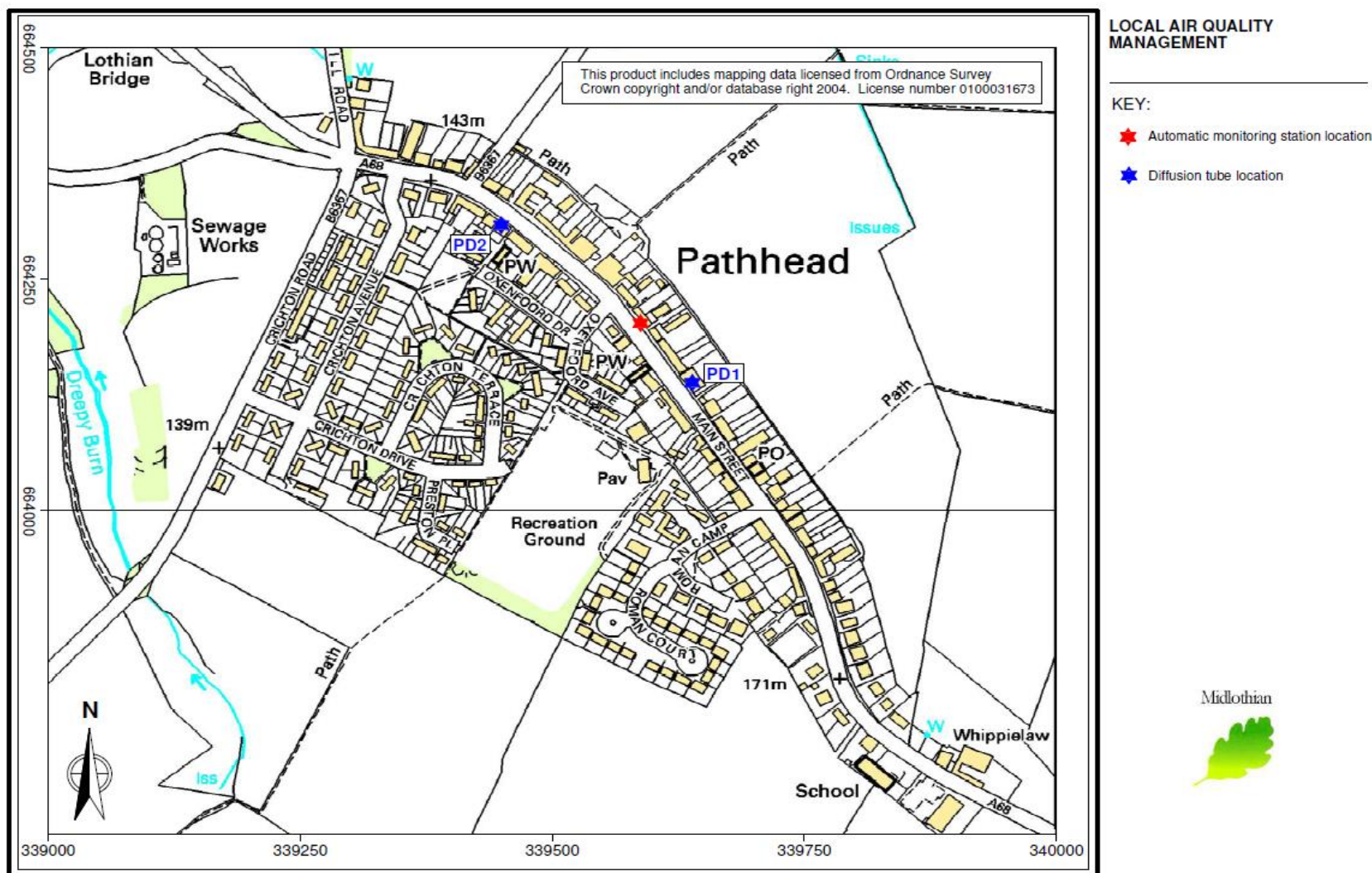


Figure 4 Location of passive diffusion tubes and (decommissioned) automatic monitoring station, Pathhead



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

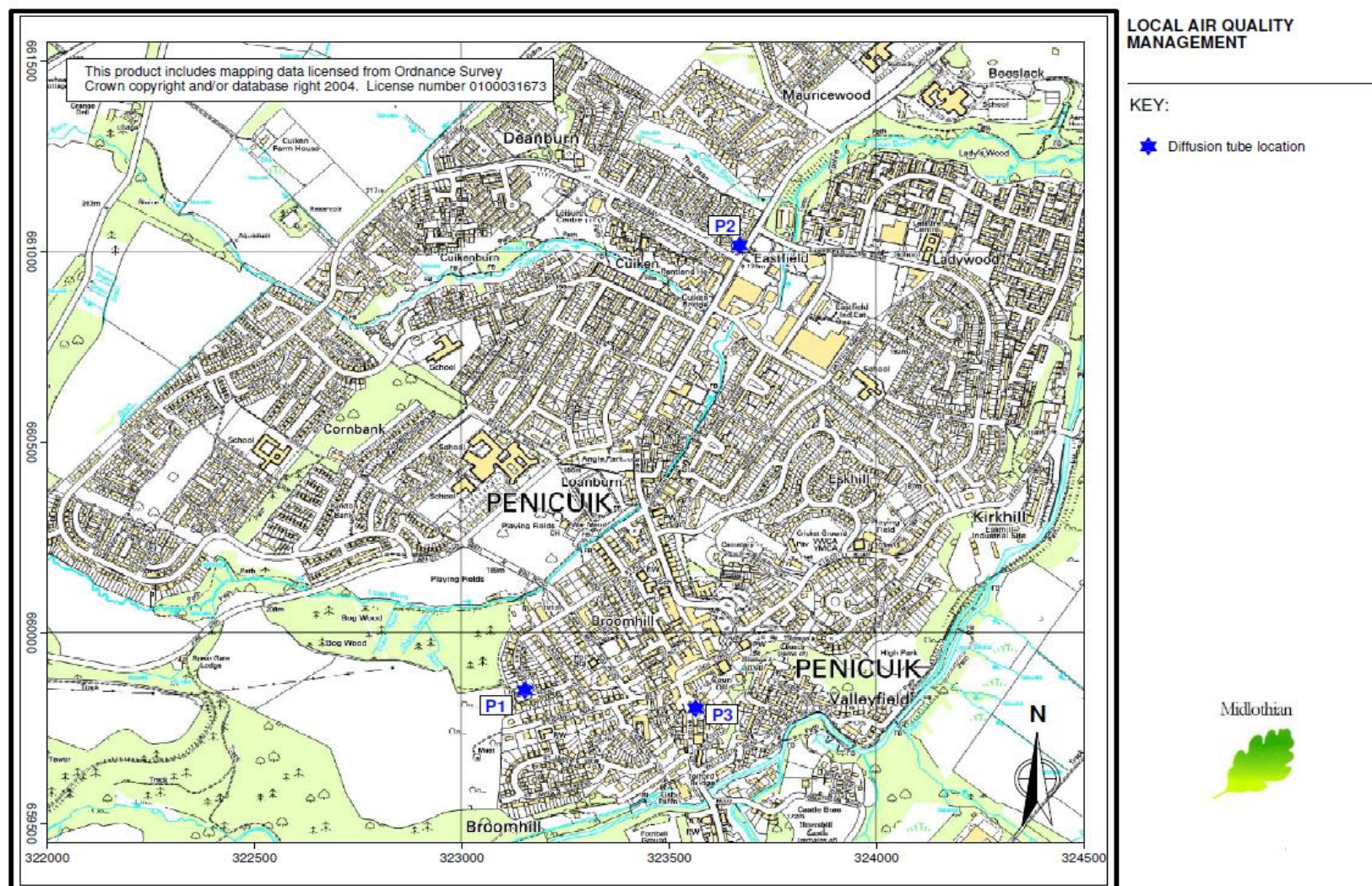


Figure 6 Location of passive diffusion tubes in Bonnyrigg

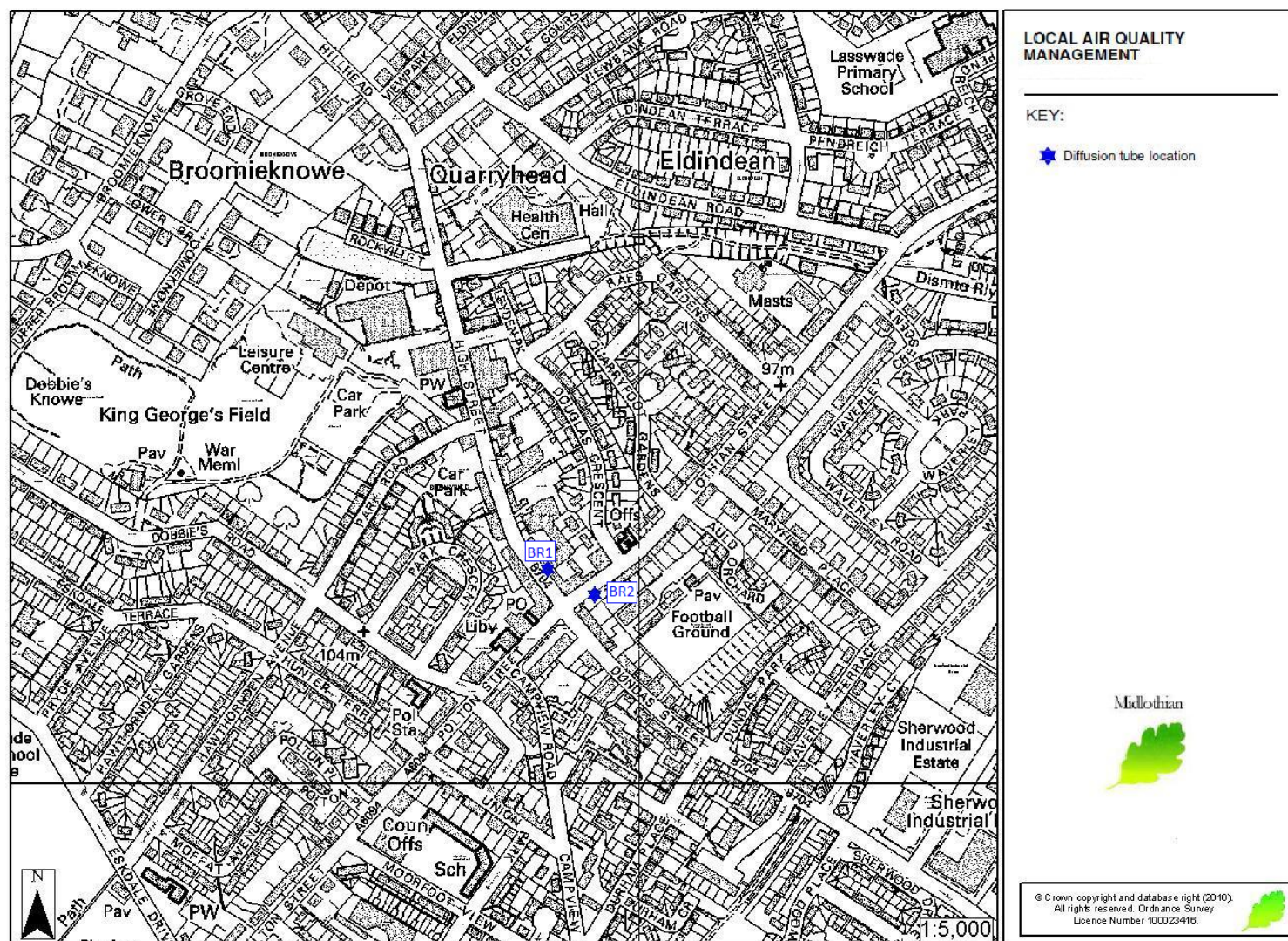
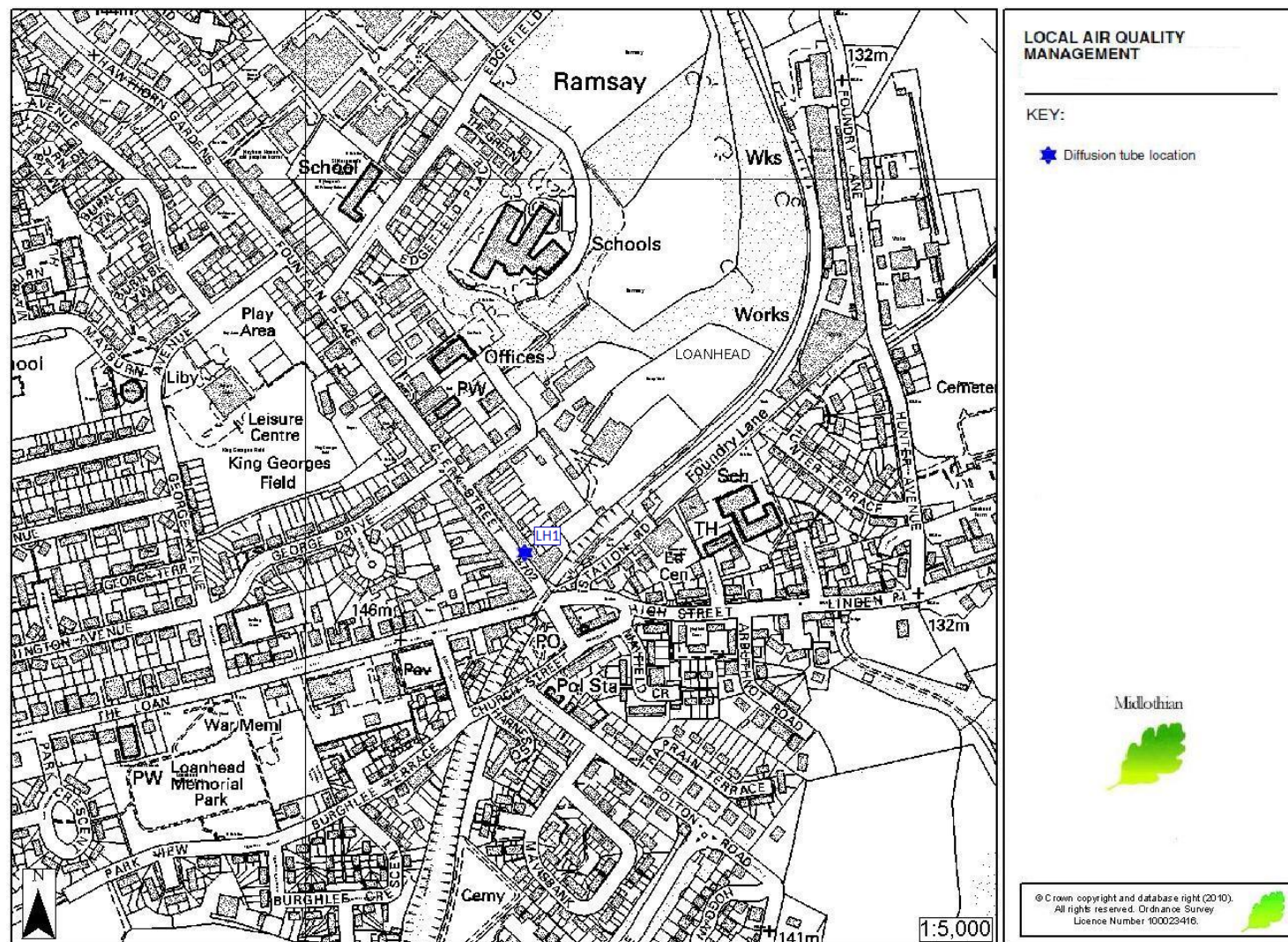
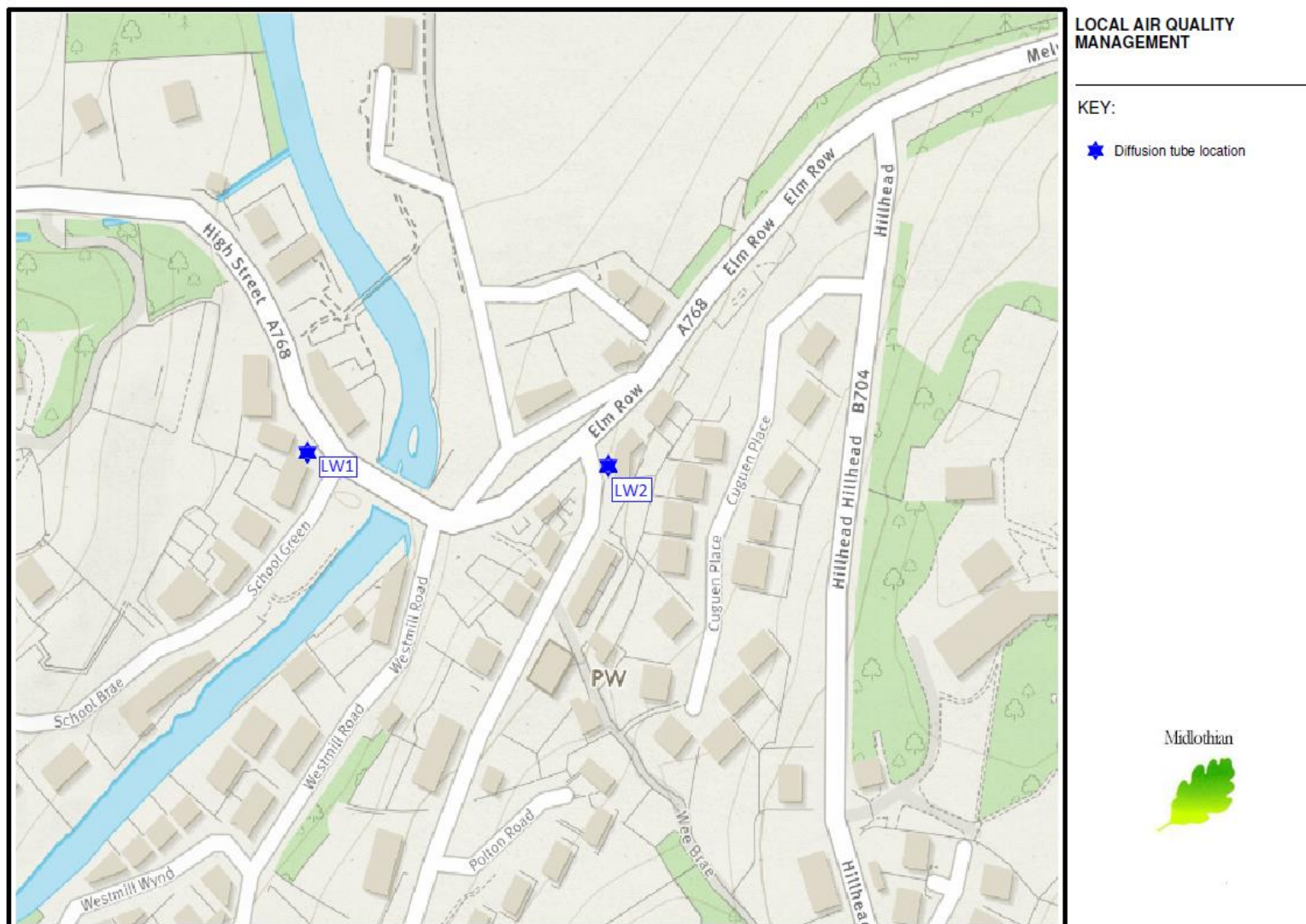


Figure 7 Location of passive diffusion tubes in Loanhead



**Figure 8 Location of Passive Diffusion Tubes in Lasswade**



**Figure 9      SO<sub>2</sub> Concentration at Pathhead, Midlothian (Jan 2008 – Jan 2013)**

