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Executive Summary: Air Quality in Our Area

Air Quality in North Northamptonshire

Air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children, the elderly, and those with existing heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues because areas with poor air quality are also often less affluent areas^{1,2}.

The mortality burden of air pollution within the UK is equivalent to 29,000 to 43,000 deaths at typical ages³, with a total estimated healthcare cost to the NHS and social care of £157 million in 2017⁴.

In April 2021, Corby Borough Council, Kettering Borough Council, East Northamptonshire District Council and Borough Council of Wellingborough merged to become North Northamptonshire Council, a new unitary authority. This will bring new opportunities to how air quality is managed in the area with the intention of harmonising and uniting the diffusion tube network and ASR process.

In North Northamptonshire, sources of air pollution include recent developments, industry and transportation. There has been notable growth and regeneration in the Corby area in recent years, including the demolition of coal fire power station and former steelworks and the several residential developments. The area surrounding Wellingborough has also experienced high levels of residential development in recent years. The eastern part of the district is predominantly rural. In this area, as well as across the entire district, Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is the key pollutant of concern in the borough, which is primarily produced by road traffic. In 2022, pollutant concentrations were compliant in Kettering, Corby,

¹ Public Health England. Air Quality: A Briefing for Directors of Public Health, 2017

² Defra. Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

³ Defra. Air quality appraisal: damage cost guidance, March 2023

⁴ Public Health England. Estimation of costs to the NHS and social care due to the health impacts of air pollution: summary report, May 2018

Wellingborough and East Northamptonshire and as such there are no plans to introduce an AQMA in any of these areas.

In 2022, North Northamptonshire undertook monitoring at 107 non-automatic (diffusion tube) sites. This report includes the latest NO₂ results from diffusion tube monitoring carried out across the whole area and shows the trends over the last five years. The results of the monitoring highlight an overall decreasing trend in that time. However, the trend between 2020 and 2022 can often contradict this, with some increases in concentrations monitored in some locations. This is likely due to an increase in traffic in 2021 and 2022 compared to the restrictions on activity in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2022 concentrations are however below pre-pandemic levels. No concentrations exceeding the AQS objective value of 40 µg/m³ were recorded in North Northamptonshire in 2022.

Actions to Improve Air Quality

Whilst air quality has improved significantly in recent decades, there are some areas where local action is needed to protect people and the environment from the effects of air pollution.

The Environmental Improvement Plan⁵ sets out actions that will drive continued improvements to air quality and to meet the new national interim and long-term PM_{2.5} targets. The National Air Quality Strategy⁶ provides more information on local authorities' responsibilities to work towards these new targets and reduce PM_{2.5} in their areas. The Road to Zero⁷ details the approach to reduce exhaust emissions from road transport through a number of mechanisms; this is extremely important given that the majority of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are designated due to elevated concentrations heavily influenced by transport emissions.

As North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) does not have any AQMAs, there is no requirement for a formal AQAP. However, in line with policy guidance, the council are in the process of drafting a Local Air Quality Strategy and several actions have already been

⁵ Defra. Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, January 2023

⁶ Defra. Air quality strategy: framework for local authority delivery, April 2023

⁷ DfT. The Road to Zero: Next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering our Industrial Strategy, July 2018

taken by the Council to improve air quality. Actions taken chiefly relate to decreasing traffic related NO₂ pollution through promoting alternative travel, and as a consequence of action on climate change.

The Voi Scooter project successfully replaced 201,812 car trips with trips using electric scooters in 2022, which resulted in a reduction in 87,200 Kg of carbon equivalent. Voi also supported Clean Air Day on 15th June by offering a free 30 minutes of free travel by e-scooters.

North Northamptonshire also continues to support projects which aim to reduce emissions and improve air quality, such as the East Northamptonshire Greenway Project. The East Midlands Air Quality Network (EMAQN) 'Air Quality and Emissions Mitigation - Guidance for Developers' also continues to be implemented. The EMAQN guidance is technical planning guidance which aims to improve air quality across the East Midlands, through preventing new emission sources and encouraging emissions reductions.

Conclusions and Priorities

The air quality in North Northamptonshire is generally good and concentrations remain below the AQS objectives. Although the five-year trend decreases overall, some increases in concentrations can be seen between 2020 and 2022. This is not unexpected, with the increases in traffic after the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

As there are no plans to introduce an AQMA in North Northamptonshire, there remains no requirement to publish an AQAP. That said, the Council are in the process of developing a Local Air Quality Strategy and measures to improve air quality continue to be implemented, with a focus on emission reduction through development control and working with partner authorities and agencies to encourage electric vehicle and electric bicycle usage. Moving forward, the priorities for North Northamptonshire are:

- To continue monitoring and the review of air quality in line with national air quality objectives;
- Develop and adopt a Local Air Quality Strategy;
- Continue the streamlining process commenced since the creation of the unitary authority to improve air quality reporting and actions;

- Work together with other departments of the Council i.e. planning and Highways, to manage local air quality and raise awareness on its role in achieving a sustainable environment;
- Work with other agencies and authorities to minimise the impact of developments on neighbouring authorities;
- Raise awareness and reduce the impacts of PM_{2.5} on air quality and health in cooperation with Defra;
- Continue to review all planning applications that are referred to the Environmental Protection team in terms of national and EMAQN guidance, ensuring any impacts upon local air quality are quantified;
- Ensure new developments encourage and facilitate low emission and alternative/active transport; and
- Promote initiatives to reduce emissions of air pollution across the district through partnerships with schools, businesses and communities.
- As several areas within North Northamptonshire are developing rapidly it will remain important to monitor air quality and any new sources of pollution.

Local Engagement and How to get Involved

Air quality continues to move up the political agenda as there is a greater understanding of the issues and complexities around the quality of the air we all breathe. Industry, agriculture, transport, planning and individuals are being encouraged to look at interventions, behavioural changes and practical actions to improve air quality.

The primary source of air pollution in the North Northamptonshire is NO₂ arising from transport sources. There are many transport alternatives the public can use to help improve air quality:

- **Walking, cycling or electric scooter** – these are the most environmentally friendly modes of transport as well as the added benefit of keeping fit and healthy;
- **Public transport** – the use of public transport reduces the number of private vehicles on the roads, easing congestion therefore reducing concentrations of roadside pollutants;
- **Car-sharing** – if a similar journey is shared with another individual car-sharing is a good way at reducing the number of private vehicles as well as reducing the cost of

commuting, if sharing fuel costs This can be promoted via travel plans through the workplace and within schools; and

- **Alternative fuel / more efficient vehicles** – Choosing a vehicle that meets the specific needs of the owner, fully electric, hybrid fuel and more fuel-efficient cars are available. If residents are considering swapping to an electric vehicle, the government offers up to 75% grant funding towards the cost of installing electric vehicle charge points at domestic properties through the Electric Vehicle Home charge Scheme (EVHS). For information on how to apply, please see the gov.uk website.

An additional way to improve air quality is by considering alternatives to garden waste disposal other than burning and burning smokeless fuels. The public can also assist by reporting pollution incidents within the North Northamptonshire area.

For more information on what the Council is doing to improve air quality in the North Northamptonshire, please get in contact with the local Environmental Health Officer, or go to <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/environment>

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1 Local Air Quality Management

This report provides an overview of air quality in North Northamptonshire during 2022. It fulfils the requirements of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) as set out in Part IV of the Environment Act (1995), as amended by the Environment Act (2021), 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 order to achieve and maintain the objectives and the dates by which each measure will be carried out. This Annual Status Report (ASR) is an annual requirement showing the strategies employed by North Northamptonshire to improve air quality and any progress that has been made.

The statutory air quality objectives applicable to LAQM in England are presented in Table E.1.

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 should prepare an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) within 18 months. The AQAP should specify how air quality targets will be achieved and maintained and provide dates by which measures will be carried out.

North Northamptonshire Council currently does not have any declared AQMAs. A local Air Quality Strategy is under development to prevent and reduce polluting activities.

Maps of North Northamptonshire Council's monitoring locations are available in Appendix D.

2.2 Progress and Impact of Measures to address Air Quality in North Northamptonshire

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASRs concluded that:

- Despite there being no AQMA in the North Northamptonshire, measures to improve air quality have still been implemented with a high level of detail. This has been through the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan and the Northamptonshire Climate Change Strategy. This is commended and measures to improve air quality should continue to be developed and reported.
- The additional report containing a review of LAQM within the former administrative areas of Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough is provided. This report includes recommendations that the LA should extend their diffusion tube network and include particulate monitoring and continue to develop measures to improve air quality. Trends are clearly presented and discussed and a robust comparison with air quality objectives is provided.
- Minimal measures have been included within the ASR to improve PM_{2.5}. Future ASR's should include additional measures and review the climate change strategy and transport plan to review measures that have the potential to improve PM_{2.5} emissions.
- When reviewing table B.1, it is noted that the monthly monitoring result in January for C11 is much higher than the remaining periods in the month. Data should be reviewed for anomalous data and commentary provided as to whether there was a reason concentration were higher.
- The ASR does not indicate if changes were made to the monitoring network in 2021. 2021 Appraisal indicated that additional monitoring sites should be deployed on silver street in Wellingborough, however there is no indication that this has been addressed in the 2022 ASR. Future ASR's should address all comments made during the appraisal.
- It is not clear if all monitoring has been undertaken in accordance with Defra calendar. One of the monitoring sites in Corby is stated to have been exposed longer than the calendar dates, but it is assumed the rest have been undertaken in accordance with the calendar. This should be made clear in future ASR's

North Northamptonshire has no active AQMAs and subsequently has produced no AQAPs to date. In line with policy guidance, NNC in the process of drafting a Local Air Quality

Strategy. Local authorities are encouraged to take early preventative action to improve local air quality, avoid exceedances and reduce the long-term health impacts associated with air pollution. Local authorities should consider prevention and reduction of polluting activities in preference to only taking steps to reduce air pollution once exceedances have been identified. This approach may also enable local authorities to adopt measures that reduce the need for costly interventions at a later date.

Despite not having a formal AQAP, North Northamptonshire has taken forward a number of direct measures during the current reporting year of 2022 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in Table 2.1. 21 measures are included within Table 2.1, with the type of measure and the progress North Northamptonshire have made during the reporting year of 2022 presented. Where there have been, or continue to be, barriers restricting the implementation of the measure, these are also presented within Table 2.1.

Although an AQAP does not exist, air quality in the district is addressed through the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan (2012) and the Northamptonshire Climate Change Strategy (2020-2023). Since forming in 2021 North Northamptonshire has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

The Council's Environmental Protection team has air pollution regulatory responsibilities which they will continue to enforce, including:

- Inspect all its permitted processes under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, (EPR) to ensure compliance, that these permits are updated as and when appropriate' and operation conditions are up-to-date with the latest guidance.
- Enforce the Clean Air Act 1993 and to encourage local businesses to dispose of waste in a responsible manner, in order to prevent or minimise the emissions of dark smoke. All complaints regarding smoke or associated odour are investigated, enforced and / or information is provided to the perpetrator.

As the primary source of pollution in North Northamptonshire Council is traffic related NO₂, a number of air quality measures relate to promoting transport alternatives.

Physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices are encouraged; and Development mitigation measures encourage active travel. Work has been undertaken on the East Northamptonshire Greenway, which makes for attractive and safer walking and cycling routes in the heart of the Nene Valley. The Kettering Local Cycling and Walking

Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) provides a long-term, evidence-based approach to developing local cycling and walking networks over a 10-year period, and the report was completed in June 2022. Further LCWIPs covering Corby, Wellingborough and Higham Ferrers & Rushden LCWIP's are expected in 2023.

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points continue to be installed throughout the council area. Many car parks already have EV charging points and in addition Liberty Charge, funded by Innovate UK has installed on-street charging sockets in towns across North Northamptonshire through the Virgin Media Park and Charge project. The Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEZ) project has also successfully installed electric vehicles charging points across the borough and additional funding has been secured in 2023 for more charging points.

The Council have also enabled the installation of on-street charging points at 12 locations across 6 towns as well as in some of its car parks. Further work is planned with an additional 18 locations scheduled to go ahead this year. Development of a strategy is underway which will set out plans for a step-change in charging infrastructure to keep pace with expected growth in EV ownership.

The Voi Scooter project aims to expanded electric scooter use in UK towns to encourage tan uptake in this mode of transport with a focus on replacing car journeys in North Northamptonshire. The Voi Scooter project successfully replaced 201,812 car trips with trips using electric scooters in 2022, which resulted in a reduction in 87,200 Kg of carbon equivalent. The areas where this project is ongoing is Corby, Kettering, Rushden and Higham Ferrers and Wellingborough. To coincide with Clean Air Day, Voi offered 30 minutes of free travel by e-scooters to users across the UK.

An additional project to reduce the need for road transport is the Starship Delivery Robots, that utilises fully electronic autonomous robotic technology for neighbourhood delivery services in parts of the Higham Ferrers, Rushden, and Wellingborough areas. The project started in July 2022 and as of May 2023 have saved 16,500 vehicle miles attributing to 6,700 Kg CO_{2e}.

All new planning applications continue to be directed to the requirements of the EMAQN 'Air Quality and Emissions Mitigation - Guidance for Developers'. The requirements of EMAQN ensure there is a consistent and thorough approach to the impact the proposed development may have on air quality and recommends mitigation measures to offset any development.

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was undertaken by the former Northamptonshire County Council, which concluded that air pollution is estimated to account for 3.9% of number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death (DALYs) in Northamptonshire. An estimated £2,569 per person per year is spent on dealing with NO₂ in the health and social care system. This rises to £7,569 per person per year for PM. A ‘plan on a page’ was produced.

A ‘plan on a page’ prioritises: securing clean growth and innovation that tackle emissions from industry, vehicles, products, combustion and agriculture and support both improvements in air quality and decarbonisation; protecting the environment by monitoring the impacts of air pollution on natural habitats; reduce nitrogen oxides emissions from transport; reduce PM_{2.5}, Sulphur dioxide and Non-methane volatile organic compounds emissions at home; reduce emissions of ammonia from farming; and reduce emissions from industry.

Figure 2.1 - County JSNA 'Plan on a Page'

Public Health Plan on a Page: Commissioning for Outcomes (Air Quality)			
Vision:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving air quality to reduce hazardous health impacts that air pollution can have across a person’s lifetime, the associated health inequalities, and its burden on NHS social care costs • To ensure that local air quality action plan to reduce air pollution remains robust and relevant to make Northamptonshire cleaner and healthier and attractive place to live, visit, work and play. 			
Priorities: Secure clean growth and innovation that tackle emissions from industry, vehicles, products, combustion and agriculture and support both improvements in air quality and decarbonisation; protecting the environment by monitoring the impacts of air quality on natural habitats; reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions from transport; reduce PM _{2.5} , Sulphur dioxide and non-methane volatile organic compounds emissions at home; reduce emissions of ammonia from farming; and reduce emissions from industry			
Our Approach			
Whole System Approach: Air quality is just one factor influencing the management of urban environments and travel patterns. Others include: economic development and retail, planning, tourism,/visitor strategies, access to services including healthcare and access to education.	Addressing existing problems and preventing new ones: A number of areas in the county have identified/designated Air Quality Management Areas, where air quality is worse than the recommended legal limits. Further such areas may be created due to future housing	Behavioural change: Assist relevant partners to address air quality and increase sustainable travel, including: environmental health teams, planning departments, transport and highways and major organisations/employers	Evidence based approach: There is increasing scientific evidence of the health impacts of air quality, particularly for vulnerable people such as the elderly, the very young and those with certain health conditions, even at pollution levels within legal limits. Explore new evidence of

	growth/development and the associated increase in travel		effective approaches to reduce and mitigate risks	
Achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership working (health, local government, roads, planning, workplaces, schools) across the system and for all ages. Clear leadership on air quality issues 	Achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted efforts in known problem areas. Preventative measures to avoid further Air Quality Management Areas being required 	Achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social marketing Influencing policy Partnership creation and advocacy Health Promotion Northamptonshire Health Protection Committee to monitor air quality issues 	Achieved through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Return on Investment (ROI) tools Evaluation 	
Our Commitment/Enablers				
Reducing inequalities: services which mitigate inequalities and work to overcome variation-by location, approach and policy	System partnerships: engage and co-produce with partners/stakeholders e.g. NHS, schools, prisons, workplaces and local government	Continued investment in advocacy and policy and programmes to increase active travel and use of green spaces	Engagement and co-production of research aligning with evidence, evaluation to monitor service delivery and quality	Embed Health in all Policies: a common way of influencing the wider determinants of health: transport policy, economic development policy, fuel and poverty management and town centre management
Measures of Success				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas meet legal air quality limit values Adoption of sustainability policies and actions among partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved infrastructure for cycling/ walking Increased rates of active/sustainable travel Reductions in traffic congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved air quality measures at key sampling sites Increased awareness in organisations and the public Reduced respiratory disease in high traffic areas 		

With the merger of the four authorities in 2021, a review was conducted into the air quality reporting conducted within each area to ascertain the strengths and weakness of the respective authorities' LAQM work, so that best practices could be taken forward with North Northamptonshire. This review has resulted in the addition of new monitoring sites with the East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough areas.

Table 2.1 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Estimated / Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performance Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
1	Transport plan to promote walking, cycling and public transport in order to support the modal shift away from the private car.	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other Policy	2020	2025	NNC	-	-	-	-	Ongoing	-	Publish a cycle strategy, decrease transport CO ₂ emissions	Cycling Strategy has Local Government CO ₂ Emissions published on Gov.UK. Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIPs)	Council's 'Action on Climate Change' 2020-2025; Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIPs) Public Consultation
2	Encourage lower carbon transport alternatives and increase the proportion of low carbon fuelled vehicles.	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Public Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2020	2025	NNC	-	-	-	-	Ongoing	-	Measure occurrences of charging	2020/21 charging episodes had decreased by 27.5% from 2019/20, which we believe is due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 lockdowns. Starship Delivery Robots started in July 2022 and as of May 2023 have saved 16,500 vehicle miles attributing to 6,700 Kg CO ₂ e.	Council's 'Action on Climate Change' 2020-2025
3	Work with taxi companies and licence holders to consider low carbon vehicles	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Taxi emission incentives	2020	2025	NNC	-	-	-	-	Ongoing	CO ₂ /NO ₂	Number of Electric vehicles	There are now 6 LEVC Hackney Carriages licenced in Corby. There was previously 9 in 2019, we estimate this has been reduced due to lack of business through COVID-19.	Council's 'Action on Climate Change' 2020-2025
4	Promote low carbon fleet and staff vehicles schemes in the business sector	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Company Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2020	2025	NNC	-	-	-	-	Ongoing	CO ₂ /NO ₂	Number of Electric/hybrid vehicles	Corby Borough Council had 1 Hybrid and 18 electric vehicles in their fleet at the end of 2020	Council's 'Action on Climate Change' 2020-2025
5	Measure home energy conservation act requirements as part of statutory Home Energy Conservation Act 1995	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other Policy	2017	2023	NNC	-	-	-	-	Ongoing	-	Home energy conservation measures	Report published May 2021 – next report due 2023	Council's HECA Report
6	East Midlands Air Quality Network – Engaged	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	2016	2016	Regional local authorities – environmental health, planning, public health and transport colleagues; Public Health England	-	NO	Funded	< £10k	Completed - Ongoing	Reduced emissions from transport; reduced exposure to air pollution	Attendance at regional meetings. Completion of Work Plan - health improvement, source reduction, exposure reduction	Ongoing – meet twice per year and share information in between meeting dates	-
7	Implement East Midlands Air Quality Planning Guidance; link to other local and regional policies	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2018	2018	Regional local authorities – environmental health, planning, public health and transport colleagues; Public Health England	-	NO	Funded	< £10k	Ongoing	Reduced emissions from transport; reduced exposure to air pollution	Guidance embedded in local and regional policy	Document has been approved and published by PHE. Local implementation now required. Ongoing discussions with	COVID-19 presented issues to implementation timeframes but now in development. NNC currently revising this supplementary

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														Planners to see how this will be done	planning document to cover the whole area.
8	Installing Electric Vehicle Charging Points	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Other	2018	2023	Local Authority Environmental Health	OLEZ	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Ongoing	Reduced emissions from transport	Number of EV charging points	OLEV application has been approved Procurement completed and installation is underway	-
9	Environmental Permitting – Risk Rating Inspections	Environmental Permits	Introduction/increase of environment charges through permit systems and economic instruments	2016	2017	Local Authority Environmental Health	Permitting Annual Fees	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Ongoing	Reduced industrial emissions	Inspection frequency dependant on risk – higher risk premises are inspected more frequently. Penalty in risk rating for contributing to local air quality issues	Implementation ongoing	Staff numbers and competence/skills for higher risk installations
10	Enforcement of Environmental Permit Conditions	Environmental Permits	Other measure through permit systems and economic instruments	2016	2016	Local Authority Environmental Health	Permitting Annual Fees	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Ongoing	Reduced industrial emissions	Enforcement of conditions of permits as required	Implementation ongoing	Staff numbers and competence/skills for higher risk installations
11	Planning conditions requiring construction/demolition management plans to include dust suppression AND enforce dust/mud controls where no planning condition exists through legislation	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other Policy	2016	2016	Local Authority Environmental Health and Planning	-	NO	Funded	< £10k	Ongoing	Improved dust mitigation reducing PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} locally and reducing nuisance complaints	Planning conditions/Interaction with developers in response to complaints or proactive visits	Implementation on-going	
12	Age policy for Taxis	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Taxi licensing conditions	2016	2016	Local Authority Environmental Health	-	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Completed - Ongoing	Reduced traffic emissions including PM ₁₀ and PM _{2.5}	Number of taxis licensed	Ongoing. Hackney cabs and private hire vehicles are restricted by an age policy that requires vehicles to be less than four years old	Waiting for Government Guidance to be issued that will require more stringent emission controls - EURO 6
13	Health and Wellbeing Officer/Sports Development Officer in Post	Alternatives	Promotion of cycling and walking	2016	2016	NNC	-	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Ongoing	Reduced emissions from transport; reduced exposure to air pollution	Increased physical activity	Healthy Walks Programme - volunteer lead monthly walk. Promotion of physical activity on website. Supporting One-You PHE Campaign	-
14	VOI Scooter Project	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Public Vehicle Procurement Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	-	-	VOI technology	VOI technology	No	Funded	-	Implemented	1.84kg PM _{2.5}	-	Total number of rides since launch is approximately 70k.	-
15	East Northamptonshire Greenway Project	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of cycling	-	-	NNC	-	No	-	-	Implemented	-	-	Begun to develop walking and cycling routes in the Nene Valley	-
16	Northamptonshire Climate Change Strategy	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Low Emissions Strategy	-	-	NNC	-	No	-	-	Implemented	-	-	Completed	-
17	Climate Task and Finish Group	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	-	-	NNC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Group set up by NNC to facilitate actions to improve climate change.	-
18	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	2020	2021	NNC	County	No	Funded	Unknown	Ongoing	Exposure to pollutants	'Plan on a Page' outcomes	Completed, recommendations to be followed up	Brings together information from many different sources and partners relating to

Measure No.	Measure	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced	Estimated / Actual Completion Year	Organisations Involved	Funding Source	Defra AQ Grant Funding	Funding Status	Estimated Cost of Measure	Measure Status	Reduction in Pollutant / Emission from Measure	Key Performance Indicator	Progress to Date	Comments / Barriers to Implementation
															the population of Northamptonshire
19	LAQM Audit & Streamlining Air Quality Processes & AQ Strategy	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	2021	2022	NNC	Internal	No	Funded	<£10k	Implemented	N/a	Implementing audit recommendations	Completed audit. Now producing AQ Strategy.	Facilitating merger of processes
20	Air Quality Officer post	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Other policy	2020	2023	NNC	AQ Grant	Yes	Funded	£20-40k	Ongoing	N/a	Officers in post	Still recruiting	Availability of staff
21	SAMHE: Schools' air quality monitoring for health and education	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	2022	Ongoing	NNC	Internal	No	Funded	Unknown	Ongoing	NO ₂	Monitors indoor schools, Idling Vehicles outside Schools / enforcement notices	The project wants to establish a network of air quality monitors in schools across the UK to help us better understand schools' indoor air quality. Includes anti-idling campaign too.	Parent buy-in

2.3 PM_{2.5} – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and/or Concentrations

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG22 (Chapter 8), local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of PM_{2.5} (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less). There is clear evidence that PM_{2.5} has a significant impact on human health, including premature mortality, allergic reactions, and cardiovascular diseases.

North Northamptonshire does not currently monitor for concentrations of PM_{2.5} or PM₁₀.

However, the following measures address PM_{2.5}:

- Environmental Protection team are consulted and comment on planning applications in respect to potential air quality issues generated by traffic, dust and construction.
- Investigation of nuisance complaints for dust and smoke and encouragement of smokeless fuels.
- Encouragement of the planting of trees for new transport developments to reduce concentrations of PM_{2.5} in certain areas.
- Good practice advice is provided on how to operate open house fire or log-burners, promoting the Woodsure Ready to Burn Scheme.
- Local highways and roads are wet swept as part of a proactive maintenance scheme to reduce the amount of dust build up that could become mobile in warmer weather;
- There are smoke control areas (SCA) in Corby. Environmental Health enforce reduction in PM_{2.5} concentrations from chimney smoke. Trading standards regulate non-compliance for these declared smoke control areas. Should smoke be emitted from a residential chimney within an SCA, nuisance procedures continue to operate under Part 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

NNC has a webpage dedicated to smoke control covering both domestic and industrial burning: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/environment/smoke-and-bonfires>.

The Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) indicator DO1 – Fraction of mortality attributable to particulate (PM_{2.5}) is a useful indicator to determine the impact of PM_{2.5} in a region. The DO1 value for 2021 was 5.95% for North Northamptonshire, slightly higher than

the average D01 value for England at 5.50%, indicating the fraction of mortality caused by particulate air pollution in North Northamptonshire is slightly above average.

3 Air Quality Monitoring Data and Comparison with Air Quality Objectives and National Compliance

This section sets out the monitoring undertaken within 2022 by North Northamptonshire and how it compares with the relevant air quality objectives. In addition, monitoring results are presented for a five-year period between 2018 and 2022 to allow monitoring trends to be identified and discussed.

3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

North Northamptonshire Council did not undertake any automatic (continuous) monitoring in 2022.

3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

North Northamptonshire Council undertook non-automatic (i.e. passive) monitoring of NO₂ at 107 sites during 2022. Table A. 1 in Appendix A presents the details of the non-automatic sites.

Maps showing the location of the monitoring sites are provided in Appendix D. Further details on Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) for the diffusion tubes, including bias adjustments and any other adjustments applied (e.g. annualisation and/or distance correction), are included in Appendix C.

3.2 Individual Pollutants

The air quality monitoring results presented in this section are, where relevant, adjusted for bias, annualisation (where the annual mean data capture is below 75% and greater than 25%), and distance correction. Further details on adjustments are provided in Appendix C.

3.2.1 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

Table A. 2 in Appendix A compares the ratified and adjusted monitored NO₂ annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of 40µg/m³. Note that the

concentration data presented represents the concentration at the location of the monitoring site, following the application of bias adjustment and annualisation, as required (i.e. the values are exclusive of any consideration to fall-off with distance adjustment). The Data trends are shown for each diffusion tube in Figures A. 1 – A. 12., ENC 34-40 have been excluded from these figures due to the lack of historical data meaning there is as yet no trend.

For diffusion tubes, the full 2022 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. Note that the concentration data presented in Table B.1 does not include any distance corrected values, which were not required.

During the monitoring period of 2022, no sites recorded annual concentrations above the objective value of $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. As no sites have monitored concentrations greater than $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, it is considered unlikely that the 1-hour mean objective was exceeded at any sites within North Northamptonshire.

The highest recorded raw monthly mean NO_2 concentration, prior to bias adjustment, in 2022 was $51.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, which occurred at Site RW4 in Kettering. The highest bias annual mean concentration occurred at the same site, at $32.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The overall trend between 2018 and 2022 is a decreasing one. However, there is an overall increase in NO_2 concentrations between 2020 and 2021 with an average increase of $1.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. As previously mentioned, this is likely due to the recovery of vehicular traffic numbers post COVID-19 lockdowns. After 2021, the decreasing trend continues into 2022, though some sites experienced an increase in NO_2 of up to $10.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, the average change in concentration was a decrease of $0.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Versus 2020, 2022 concentrations have increased on average by $0.9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, which is by no means a return to pre-pandemic concentrations.

3.2.2 Particulate Matter (PM_{10})

No PM_{10} monitoring was carried out in North Northamptonshire during 2022.

3.2.3 Particulate Matter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$)

No $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ monitoring was carried out in North Northamptonshire during 2022.

Appendix A: Monitoring Results

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

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutants Monitored	In AQMA? Which AQMA?	Distance to Relevant Exposure (m) ⁽¹⁾	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) ⁽²⁾	Tube Co-located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
1N	Elizabeth Street	Roadside	488424	288706	NO ₂	No	22.0	1.0	No	3.4
2N	Occupation Road	Roadside	488354	289329	NO ₂	No	0.0	11.0	No	3.1
3N	High Street, Old Village	Roadside	489380	288833	NO ₂	No	0.0	6.0	No	3.6
4N	Scott Road	Roadside	489399	288605	NO ₂	No	7.0	1.0	No	2.0
5N	Weldon Road	Roadside	489997	288821	NO ₂	No	0.0	15.0	No	3.1
6N	Little Stanion/A43/A6116 Roundabout	Roadside	490981	287322	NO ₂	No	180.0	3.0	No	3.3
7N	Priots Hall/A43 Roundabout	Roadside	492992	289919	NO ₂	No	168.0	1.0	No	3.3
8N	Kirby Road, Gretton	Urban Background	490063	294032	NO ₂	No	0.0	15.0	No	3.5
9N	Berryfield Road, Cottingham	Urban Background	484133	290194	NO ₂	No	0.0	13.0	No	3.4
10N	Danesholm Road/A6003	Urban Background	485788	287272	NO ₂	No	89.0	5.6	No	3.3
11N	Oldland Road	Roadside	487675	287373	NO ₂	No	68.0	2.3	No	3.4
12N	Beanfield Avenue	Roadside	487039	288292	NO ₂	No	5.0	2.0	No	3.4
13N	Lakeside Health Centre	Roadside	487546	288816	NO ₂	No	317.0	1.5	No	3.4
14N	George Street	Roadside	488135	288494	NO ₂	No	84.0	1.0	No	3.2
15N	Westcott Way	Roadside	488180	288325	NO ₂	No	9.0	7.0	No	-
16N	Shannon Court	Roadside	488122	287817	NO ₂	No	0.0	10.0	No	3.4
17N	Gainsborough Rd	Roadside	488387	288122	NO ₂	No	12.0	1.0	No	3.2
ENC 1	Oakleas Rise (no.37) Thrapston	Urban Background	499867	278066	NO ₂	No	1.0	1.5	No	3.0

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ENC 2	Traffic light on bridge, Bridge St (no.34)	Roadside	499161	278629	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.7	No	2.5
ENC 3	Huntingdon Rd	Roadside	500208	278510	NO ₂	No	18.0	3.0	No	2.8
ENC 4	Market Rd, corner of Grove Road (no.32)	Roadside	499573	278515	NO ₂	No	1.0	1.5	No	2.7
ENC 5	Junction Way (no.36)	Urban Background	499792	277873	NO ₂	No	N/A	1.6	No	2.5
ENC 6	Brick Kiln Road	Roadside	499119	273561	NO ₂	No	14.0	2.0	No	2.3
ENC 7	Wheelwright Close (no. 8)	Urban Background	500193	273219	NO ₂	No	5.0	1.0	No	2.9
ENC 8	London Road adj to 60 Titty Ho	Roadside	499103	272329	NO ₂	No	2.0	2.4	No	2.5
ENC 9	High Street	Roadside	494525	270591	NO ₂	No	5.0	1.6	No	2.5
ENC 10	Kestrel Close (opp no.23)	Urban Background	496068	269885	NO ₂	No	5.0	37.0	No	2.6
ENC 11	Elizabeth Way (no.34)	Roadside	496320	269420	NO ₂	No	8.0	1.6	No	3.0
ENC 12	High St	Roadside	495920	268317	NO ₂	No	6.0	1.3	No	2.9
ENC 13	High St outside 18/20	Kerbside	495962	268388	NO ₂	No	6.0	0.9	No	2.7
ENC 14	Higham Rd (no.16)/Washbrook Rd junction	Roadside	495587	267402	NO ₂	No	7.0	1.9	No	2.5
ENC 15	Beaconsfield Terrace	Roadside	495711	267120	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.6	No	2.6
ENC 16	Newton Road (no.42)	Roadside	496039	266643	NO ₂	No	7.0	1.8	No	2.4
ENC 17	Newton Road (no.18)	Roadside	495924	266621	NO ₂	No	1.0	1.5	No	2.7
ENC 18	Park Place (nr entrance)	Roadside	495883	266560	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.5	No	2.9
ENC 19	Newton Rd	Roadside	495849	266613	NO ₂	No	2.0	1.3	No	2.9
ENC 20	Newton Road Country	Roadside	497127	266143	NO ₂	No	13.0	2.3	No	2.4

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ENC 21	A6/Spire Way Roundabout	Roadside	496682	267872	NO ₂	No	N/A	3.3	No	2.2
ENC 22	Hayden Road	Urban Background	496772	266967	NO ₂	No	10.0	1.6	No	2.6
ENC 23	Farnham Drive (no.64)	Roadside	494895	265669	NO ₂	No	12.0	2.1	No	2.8
ENC 24	Washbrook Road crossroads (217 Wellingborough Road)	Roadside	494963	266988	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.7	No	2.5
ENC 25	Washbrook Road crossroads (218 Wellingbrough Rd)	Roadside	494936	267014	NO ₂	No	5.0	1.6	No	2.6
ENC 26	Ditchford Road	Roadside	493108	267347	NO ₂	No	N/A	1.5	No	2.2
ENC 27	Wentworth Drive (opp no.19)	Roadside	503209	289307	NO ₂	No	10.0	1.5	No	2.6
ENC 28	North St (no.58)	Roadside	504272	288433	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.8	No	2.8
ENC 29	St Osyths Lane	Roadside	504222	288110	NO ₂	No	1.3	1.1	No	2.8
ENC 30	5 Laamas Cottages	Roadside	497862	289284	NO ₂	No	7.0	1.3	No	2.8
ENC 31	Top Road Glapthorn	Roadside	501961	290525	NO ₂	No	15.0	1.5	No	2.1
ENC 32	Woodfield, Collyweston	Urban Background	499960	302429	NO ₂	No	6.0	1.9	No	2.4
ENC 33	123 Northampton Road	Roadside	494761	267915	NO ₂	No	3.0	1.5	No	2.5
ENC 34	23 Woodpecker Way Thrapston	Kerbside	500479	278305	NO ₂	No	1.0	1.8	No	2.6
ENC 35	179 Finedon Road	Roadside	493887	271326	NO ₂	No	2.0	1.4	No	2.6
ENC 36	Opp 194a Bedford Road	Roadside	496732	264589	NO ₂	No	8.0	1.2	No	2.5
ENC 37	Fox Pub entrance lamppost	Roadside	502420	281455	NO ₂	No	17.0	2.7	No	2.6
ENC 38	Clopton Roundabout	Roadside	503390	282825	NO ₂	No	21.0	1.2	No	2.6
ENC 39	A605, 1 Elmington Cottages	Roadside	505177	289583	NO ₂	No	6.0	1.6	No	2.6

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ENC 40	Slate Drift Collyweston	Urban Background	500094	303197	NO ₂	No	7.0	7.5	No	2.5
KT1	Newlands Street O/S Wilko's	Façade	486783	278948	NO ₂	No	2.7	2.7	No	2.4
KT2	London Road juncBowling Green Road	Roadside	486887	278246	NO ₂	No	2.3	2.6	No	2.4
KT3	Victoria Street	Roadside	486974	278895	NO ₂	No	1.7	1.5	No	2.7
KT4	London Road cemetery	Urban background	486956	278338	NO ₂	No	69.9	2.0	No	2.5
KT5	Eden Street/Eskdail St	Roadside	486925	279028	NO ₂	No	1.9	1.6	No	2.4
KT6	Montagu St o/s Pauls	Roadside	486951	278904	NO ₂	No	3.1	0.5	No	2.3
KT7	Montagu Street o/sBostons Diner	Roadside	486869	278877	NO ₂	No	1.3	0.4	No	2.3
KT8	Stamford Road o/s J. Witness	Roadside	487049	278942	NO ₂	No	3.2	2.6	No	2.4
KT9	Bowling Green Road o/s no 9	Roadside	486793	278254	NO ₂	No	10.7	1.3	No	2.4
KT10	London Road/Southlands	Roadside	486954	278099	NO ₂	No	3.9	0.5	No	2.4
KT11	Woodcroft Way by flats	Roadside	487406	277653	NO ₂	No	5.7	2.0	No	2.1
KT12	Bowling Green Road o/s Council offices	Roadside	486787	278276	NO ₂	No	7.3	0.6	No	2.4
KT13	Sheep Street O/S Westfield Kitchens	Roadside	486648	278233	NO ₂	No	6.4	3.4	No	2.4
KT14	o/s 47 Bowling Green Road	Roadside	486718	278236	NO ₂	No	3.7	1.7	No	2.4
KT15	O/S Simpson & Partners	Roadside	486799	278850	NO ₂	No	5.6	2.0	No	2.4
KT16	St Mary's Road Junc Bowling Green Road	Roadside	486929	278204	NO ₂	No	18.4	1.4	No	2.4

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KT17	opp 1 St Mary's Road	Roadside	486972	278223	NO ₂	No	5.9	1.0	No	2.3
KT18	London Rd o/s pocket park	Roadside	486910	278240	NO ₂	No	42.3	2.9	No	2.4
KT19	London Rd o/s cemetery	Roadside	486890	278322	NO ₂	No	14.1	2.0	No	2.4
KT20	o/s 15 London Road	Roadside	486846	278497	NO ₂	No	6.1	0.4	No	2.4
KT21	Horsemarket Bus Stop	Roadside	486786	278599	NO ₂	No	19.5	0.8	No	2.3
KT22	Silver Street opp Café Culture	Roadside	486778	278779	NO ₂	No	4.0	0.8	No	2.3
KT23	112 London Road	Roadside	487146	277860	NO ₂	No	4.1	2.8	No	2.4
KT24	O/S 157 St Marys Rd	Roadside	487718	278679	NO ₂	No	6.2	1.5	No	2.2
KT25	O/S 144 Windmill Ave	Roadside	487751	278505	NO ₂	No	19.5	2.3	No	2.3
KT26	O/S 141 Windmill Ave	Roadside	487725	278388	NO ₂	No	11.3	0.8	No	2.2
KT27	Windmill Ave Junc Barton Rd	Roadside	487893	277471	NO ₂	No	18.4	1.7	No	2.1
KT28	Lower St O/S flats junc Northfield Ave	Roadside	486153	278930	NO ₂	No	8.0	3.2	No	2.4
KT29	O/S St Edwards Church London Rd	Roadside	486894	278216	NO ₂	No	5.0	2.3	No	2.5
KT30	Pytchley Road o/s No 6	Roadside	487563	277433	NO ₂	No	24.0	3.0	No	2.5
KT31	Northfield Av opp Carpet Right	Roadside	486161	279067	NO ₂	No	7.1	1.2	No	2.6
KT32	Northampton Road/Drill Hall Court flats	Roadside	486398	278274	NO ₂	No	1.3	4.0	No	2.5
KT33	Hawthorn Road o/s School	Roadside	486871	277840	NO ₂	No	3.0	2.4	No	2.3
BL1	Higham Rd junc Finedon Rd	Roadside	490048	274399	NO ₂	No	2.0	5.4	No	2.4

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RW1	Opposite Old Bank	Roadside	481465	281208	NO ₂	No	2.1	1.6	No	2.3
RW2	Post Office High St	Façade	481550	281233	NO ₂	No	1.8	1.8	No	2.4
RW3	O/S Wheelwright House Squires Hill	Roadside	481498	281096	NO ₂	No	1.5	2.8	No	2.3
RW4	O/S ST Flooring	Façade	481481	281149	NO ₂	No	0.3	2.1	No	2.4
RW5	O/S Something Special Bridge St	Roadside	481515	281217	NO ₂	No	2.5	0.5	No	2.3
W1	Silver Street	Urban Centre	489131	267820	NO ₂	No	0.0	2.9	No	2.9
W2	Alma Street	Kerbside	489382	266144	NO ₂	No	0.3	1.7	No	2.5
W3	Northampton Road	Roadside	487831	267169	NO ₂	No	2.4	3.8	No	2.6
W4	Finedon Road	Kerbside	489868	268204	NO ₂	No	2.3	1.5	No	2.4
W5	Butlin Court	Roadside	490336	266433	NO ₂	No	0.5	1.5	No	2.6
W6	Mill Road	Urban Background	490002	268946	NO ₂	No	0.0	3.1	No	2.6
W7	Ultra Close	Roadside	490351	267400	NO ₂	No	4.5	2.8	No	2.9
W8	Kettering Road	Roadside	488431	274049	NO ₂	No	0.0	3.4	No	2.5
W9	Market Street	Urban Background	489226	267829	NO ₂	No	N/A	3.4	No	2.9
W10	Irthlingborough Road	Roadside	492372	271928	NO ₂	No	2.3	1.5	No	2.4
W11	Broad Green	Roadside	488788	268215	NO ₂	No	-	2.3	No	2.7

Notes:

(1) 0m if the monitoring site is at a location of exposure (e.g. installed on the façade of a residential property).

(2) N/A if not applicable.

Table A. 2 - Annual Mean NO₂ Monitoring Results: Non-Automatic Monitoring (µg/m³)

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1N	488424	288706	Roadside	100.0	100.0	33.8	21.6	17.6	16.8	17.6
2N	488354	289329	Roadside	100.0	100.0	18.3	15.5	13.1	12.3	12.9
3N	489380	288833	Roadside	100.0	100.0	20.6	20.2	16.4	16.9	17.1
4N	489399	288605	Roadside	100.0	100.0	25.9	24.6	24.3	15.1	15.1
5N	489997	288821	Roadside	100.0	100.0	26.2	24.3	20.3	19.8	20.2
6N	490981	287322	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	20.9	17.6	17.8	16.4
7N	492992	289919	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	17.9	16.1	16.7	16.7
8N	490063	294032	Urban Background	92.3	92.3	12.6	14.5	9.8	9.4	8.0
9N	484133	290194	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	9.6	9.3	6.7	6.6	6.9
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ENC 12	495920	268317	Roadside	100.0	100.0	32.8	32.1	24.4	25.3	24.9
ENC 13	495962	268388	Kerbside	100.0	100.0	36.4	36.3	26.4	26.6	26.2
ENC 14	495587	267402	Roadside	100.0	100.0	33.3	32.3	23.7	25.6	25.4
ENC 15	495711	267120	Roadside	100.0	100.0	28.0	26.1	20.9	23.6	23.6
ENC 16	496039	266643	Roadside	100.0	100.0	22.1	20.6	15.1	16.1	15.6
ENC 17	495924	266621	Roadside	100.0	100.0	33.4	32.6	26.0	28.0	27.0

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) ⁽¹⁾	Valid Data Capture 2022 (%) ⁽²⁾	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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ENC 19	495849	266613	Roadside	100.0	100.0	33.2	29.9	24.1	25.7	16.0
ENC 20	497127	266143	Roadside	92.3	92.3	15.7	16.1	11.5	11.0	14.8
ENC 21	496682	267872	Roadside	90.4	90.4	23.2	21.4	16.3	18.0	19.2
ENC 22	496772	266967	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	16.6	16.6	12.0	12.4	12.2
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ENC 25	494936	267014	Roadside	92.3	92.3	34.6	32.3	24.4	27.1	26.9
ENC 26	493108	267347	Roadside	100.0	100.0	24.0	21.0	15.6	17.3	16.9
ENC 27	503209	289307	Roadside	100.0	100.0	11.2	10.9	7.6	7.7	8.0
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ENC 32	499960	302429	Urban Background	100.0	100.0	11.5	10.7	8.2	8.2	8.4
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ENC 34	500479	278305	Kerbside	92.3	92.3	-	-	-	-	13.8
ENC 35	493887	271326	Roadside	84.6	84.6	-	-	-	-	14.1
ENC 36	496732	264589	Roadside	84.6	84.6	-	-	-	-	15.8
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ENC 38	503390	282825	Roadside	92.3	92.3	-	-	-	-	15.9
ENC 39	505177	289583	Roadside	92.3	92.3	-	-	-	-	17.9
ENC 40	500094	303197	Urban Background	92.3	92.3	-	-	-	-	11.0
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KT2	486887	278246	Roadside	92.3	92.3	38.3	37.3	26.9	30.9	28.2
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KT13	486648	278233	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	25.3	18.8	22.2	20.9

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KT14	486718	278236	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	29.9	21.9	25.6	23.9
KT15	486799	278850	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	26.3	20.0	22.9	24.1
KT16	486929	278204	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	30.4	20.7	24.6	22.6
KT17	486972	278223	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	25.7	18.6	22.9	21.7
KT18	486910	278240	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	28.3	22.5	24.6	24.1
KT19	486890	278322	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	29.1	22.6	25.9	24.1
KT20	486846	278497	Roadside	90.4	90.4	-	25.1	18.9	22.3	21.4
KT21	486786	278599	Roadside	76.9	76.9	-	28.8	18.9	22.7	22.1
KT22	486778	278779	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	30.2	22.2	25.0	24.6
KT23	487146	277860	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	28.6	21.3	23.4	22.1
KT24	487718	278679	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	28.5	18.9	22.6	20.6
KT25	487751	278505	Roadside	90.4	90.4	-	24.6	17.9	19.3	19.3
KT26	487725	278388	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	25.8	17.7	21.7	19.7
KT27	487893	277471	Roadside	50.0	50.0	-	39.5	25.4	20.5	30.9
KT28	486153	278930	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	-	23.3	23.9	23.3
KT29	486894	278216	Roadside	90.4	90.4	-	-	24.3	23.6	23.4
KT30	487563	277433	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	-	22.9	21.1	20.2
KT31	486161	279067	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	-	24.7	23.2	22.5
KT32	486398	278274	Roadside	84.6	84.6	-	-	26.5	26.8	23.9
KT33	486871	277840	Roadside	82.7	82.7	-	-	16.5	14.6	15.2
BL1	490048	274399	Roadside	92.3	92.3	-	-	16.3	15.4	14.8
RW1	481465	281208	Roadside	100.0	100.0	34.8	32.6	21.7	26.1	26.1
RW2	481550	281233	Façade	100.0	100.0	29.9	28.5	21.3	25.8	23.9
RW3	481498	281096	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	28.2	18.4	21.5	21.1
RW4	481481	281149	Façade	100.0	100.0	-	42.0	28.8	33.4	32.1
RW5	481515	281217	Roadside	100.0	100.0	-	29.9	19.8	22.3	21.9
W1	489131	267820	Urban Centre	100.0	99.2	35.8	42.3	30.2	32.2	30.2
W2	489382	266144	Kerbside	100.0	99.2	22.7	28.6	20.5	22.9	20.8
W3	487831	267169	Roadside	84.0	83.8	22.8	25.8	18.8	20.5	20.0
W4	489868	268204	Kerbside	100.0	99.2	18.9	25.2	16.1	16.0	15.3
W5	490336	266433	Roadside	100.0	99.2	20.2	21.4	15.9	16.5	16.5
W6	490002	268946	Urban Background	100.0	99.2	15.7	18.7	13.8	14.0	13.5
W7	490351	267400	Roadside	100.0	99.2	25.1	27.8	20.6	22.0	22.0
W8	488431	274049	Roadside	100.0	99.2	21.6	24.2	17.0	17.0	15.1
W9	489226	267829	Urban Background	100.0	99.2	21.0	23.3	15.8	17.0	18.4
W10	492372	271928	Roadside	87.6	87.4	25.6	31.6	21.1	24.0	22.7

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W11	488788	268215	Roadside	100.0	99.2	24.3	29.8	21.4	24.3	22.3

Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG22.

Diffusion tube data has been bias adjusted.

Reported concentrations are those at the location of the monitoring site (bias adjusted and annualised, as required), i.e. prior to any fall-off with distance correction.

Notes:

The annual mean concentrations are presented as $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ are shown in **bold**.

NO₂ annual means exceeding $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

Means for diffusion tubes have been corrected for bias. All means have been “annualised” as per LAQM.TG22 if valid data capture for the full calendar year is less than 75%. See Appendix C for details.

Concentrations are those at the location of monitoring and not those following any fall-off with distance adjustment.

(1) Data capture for the monitoring period, in cases where monitoring was only carried out for part of the year.

(2) Data capture for the full calendar year (e.g. if monitoring was carried out for 6 months, the maximum data capture for the full calendar year is 50%). Wellingborough tubes started a week later in January, hence difference in data captures.

Figure A. 1 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Corby (1)

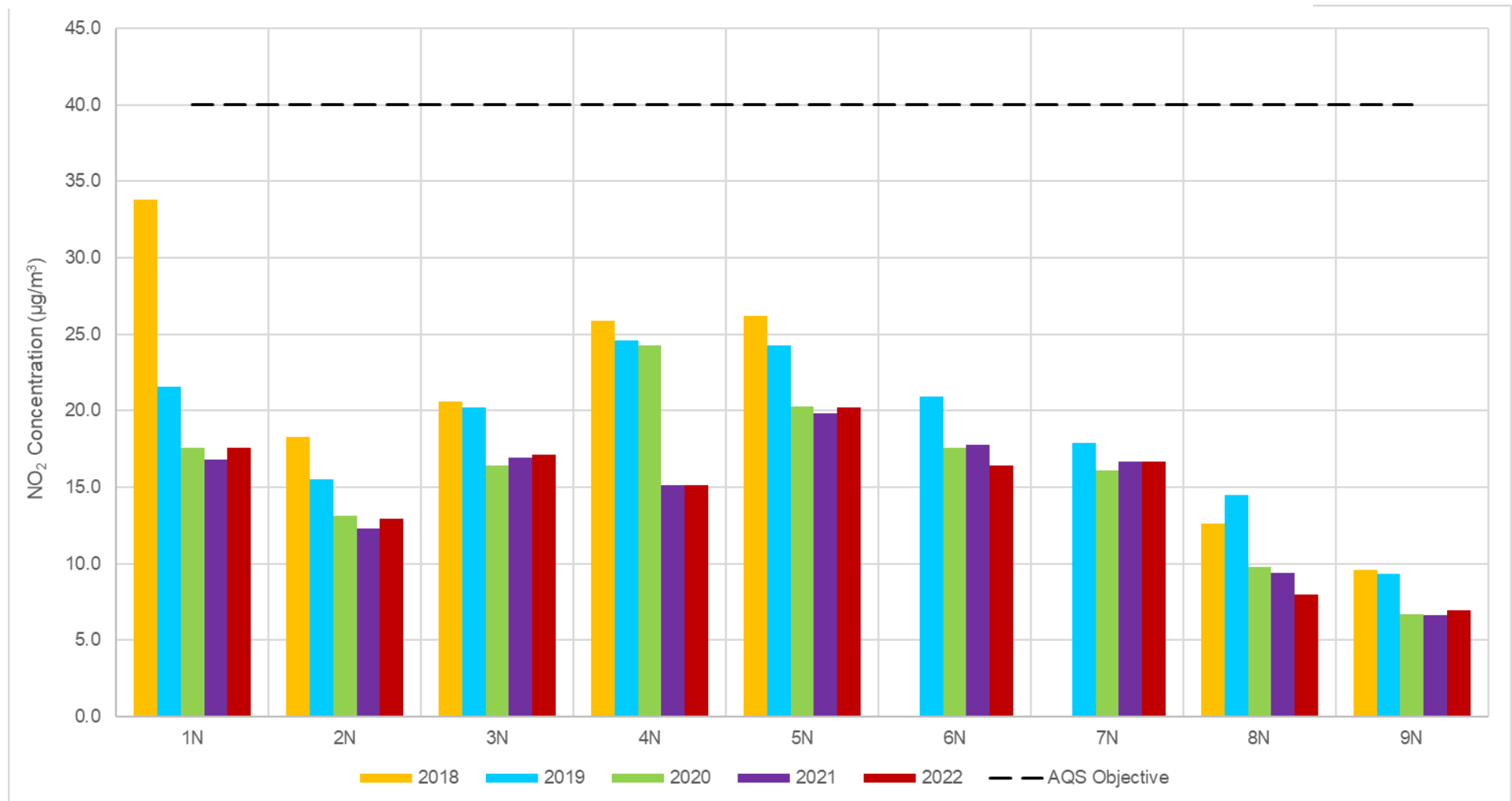


Figure A. 2 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Corby (2)

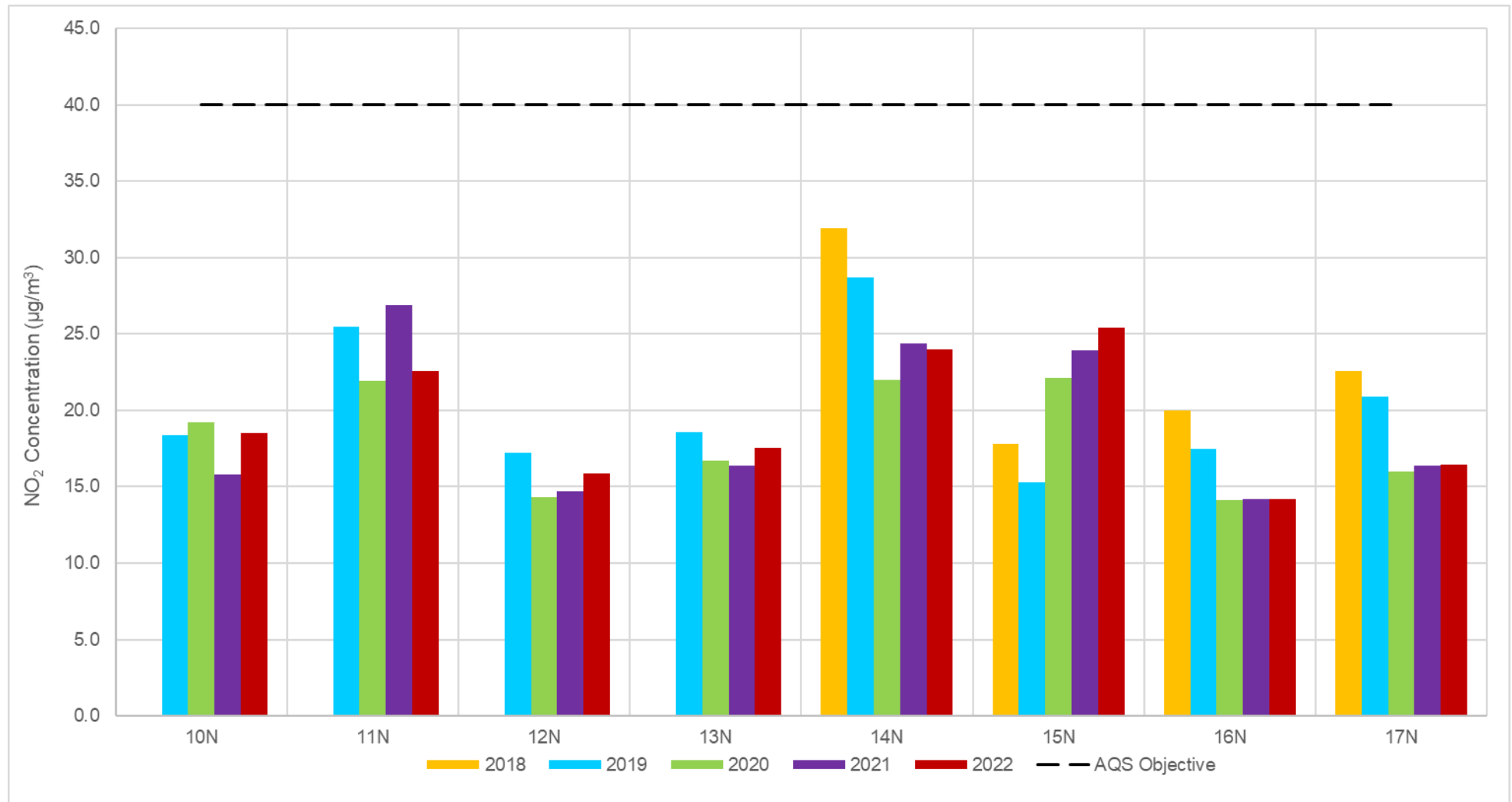


Figure A. 3 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Kettering (1)

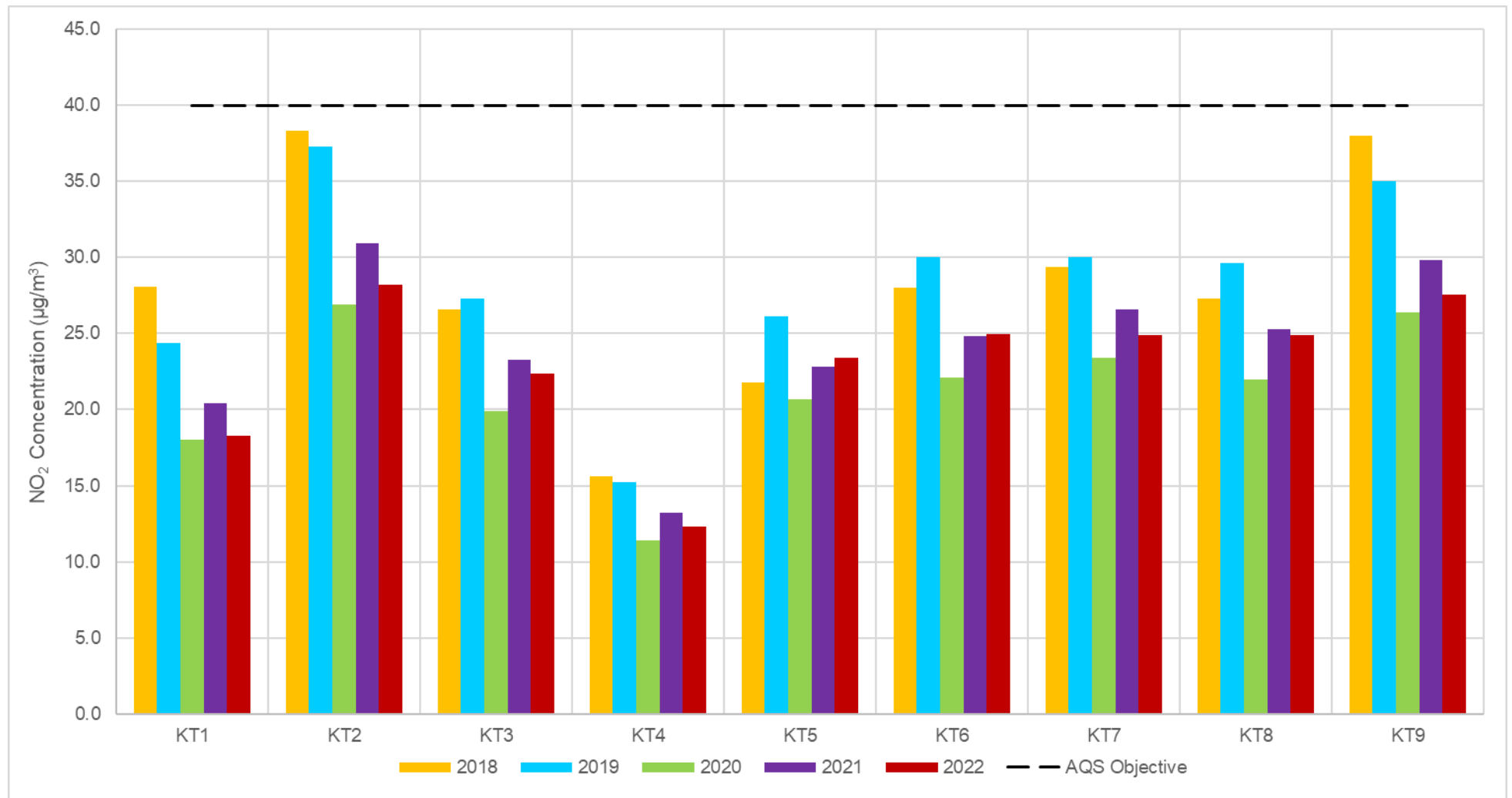


Figure A. 4 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Kettering (2)

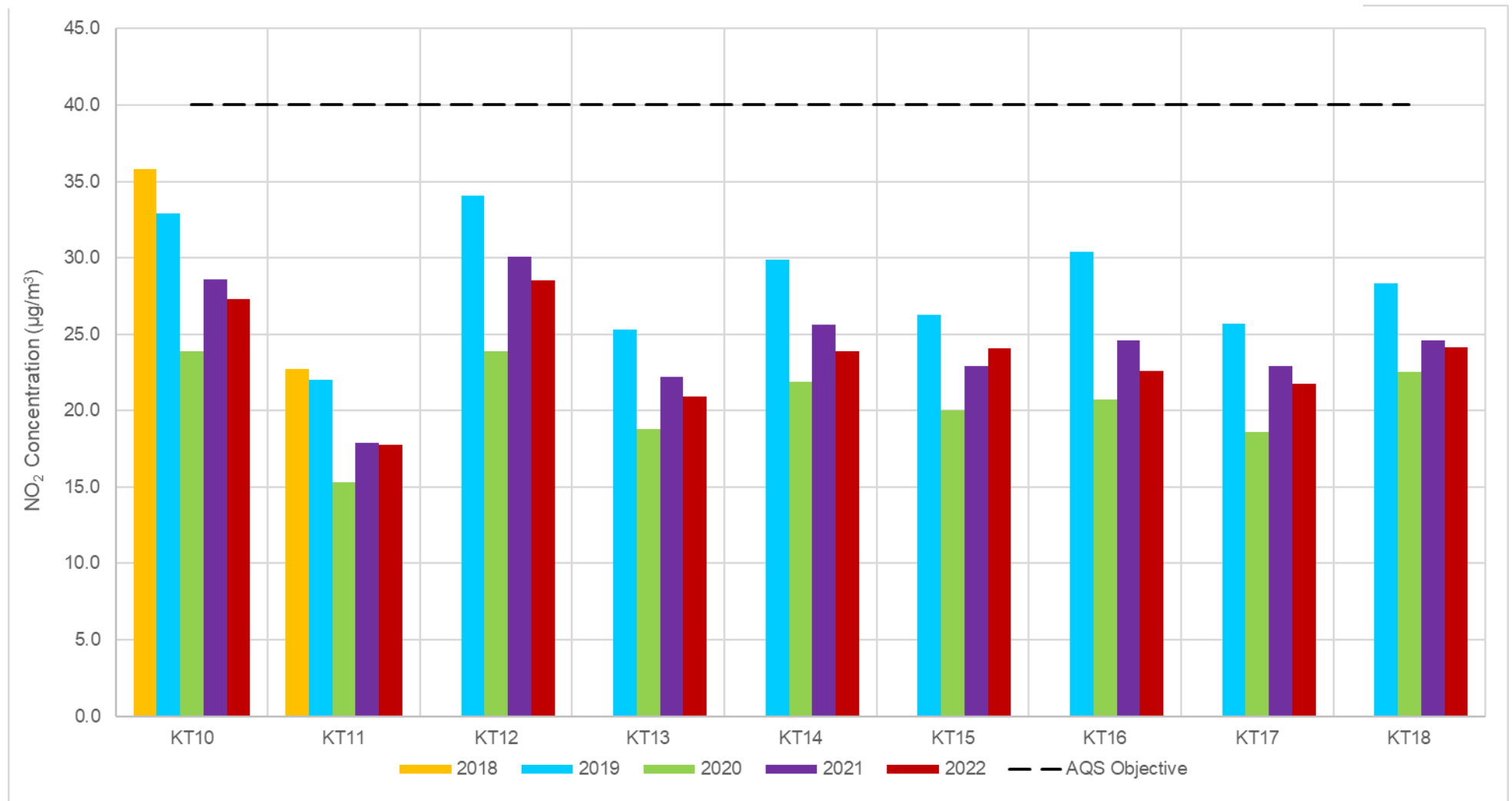


Figure A. 5 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Kettering (3)

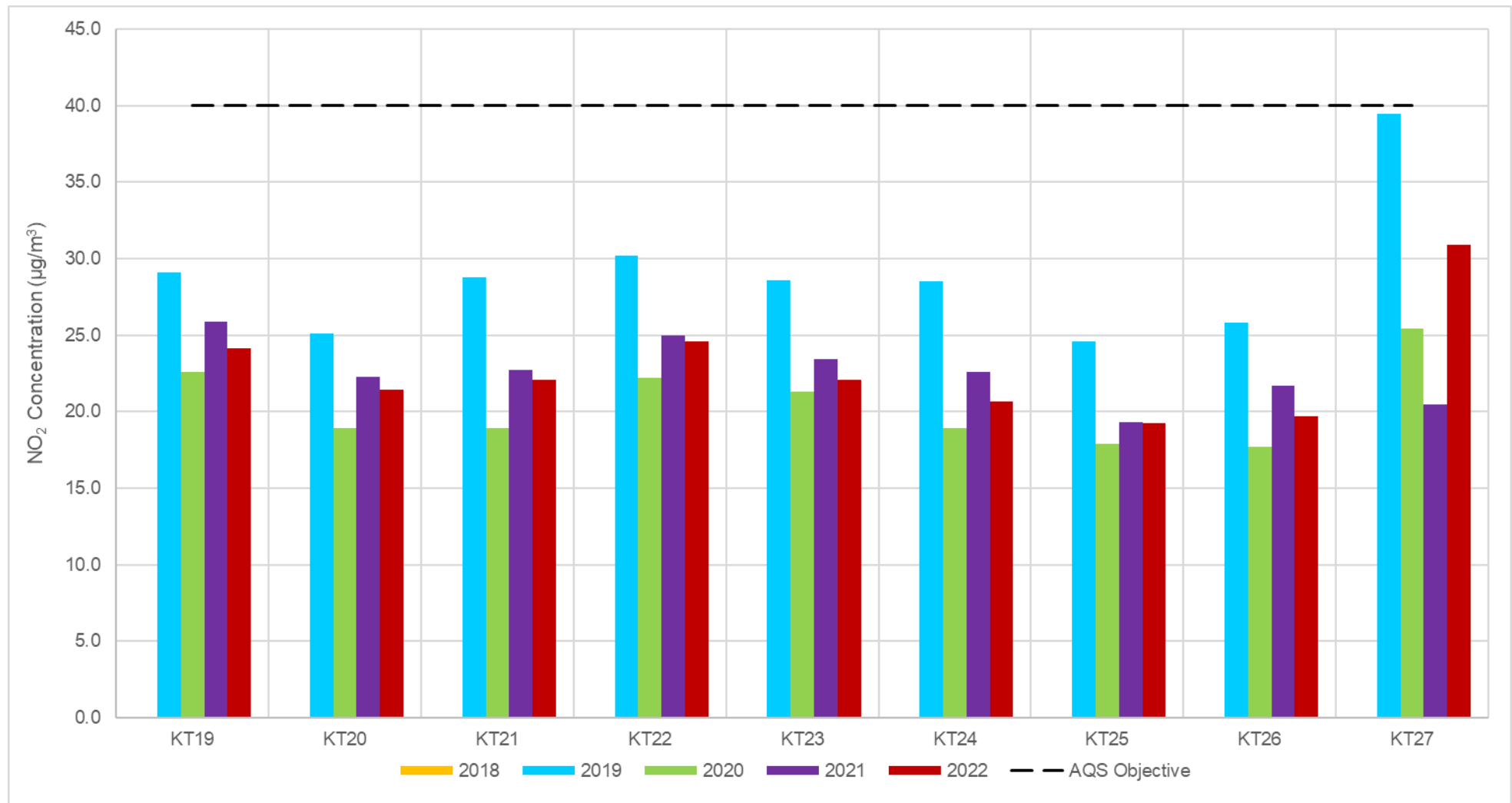


Figure A. 6 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Kettering (4)

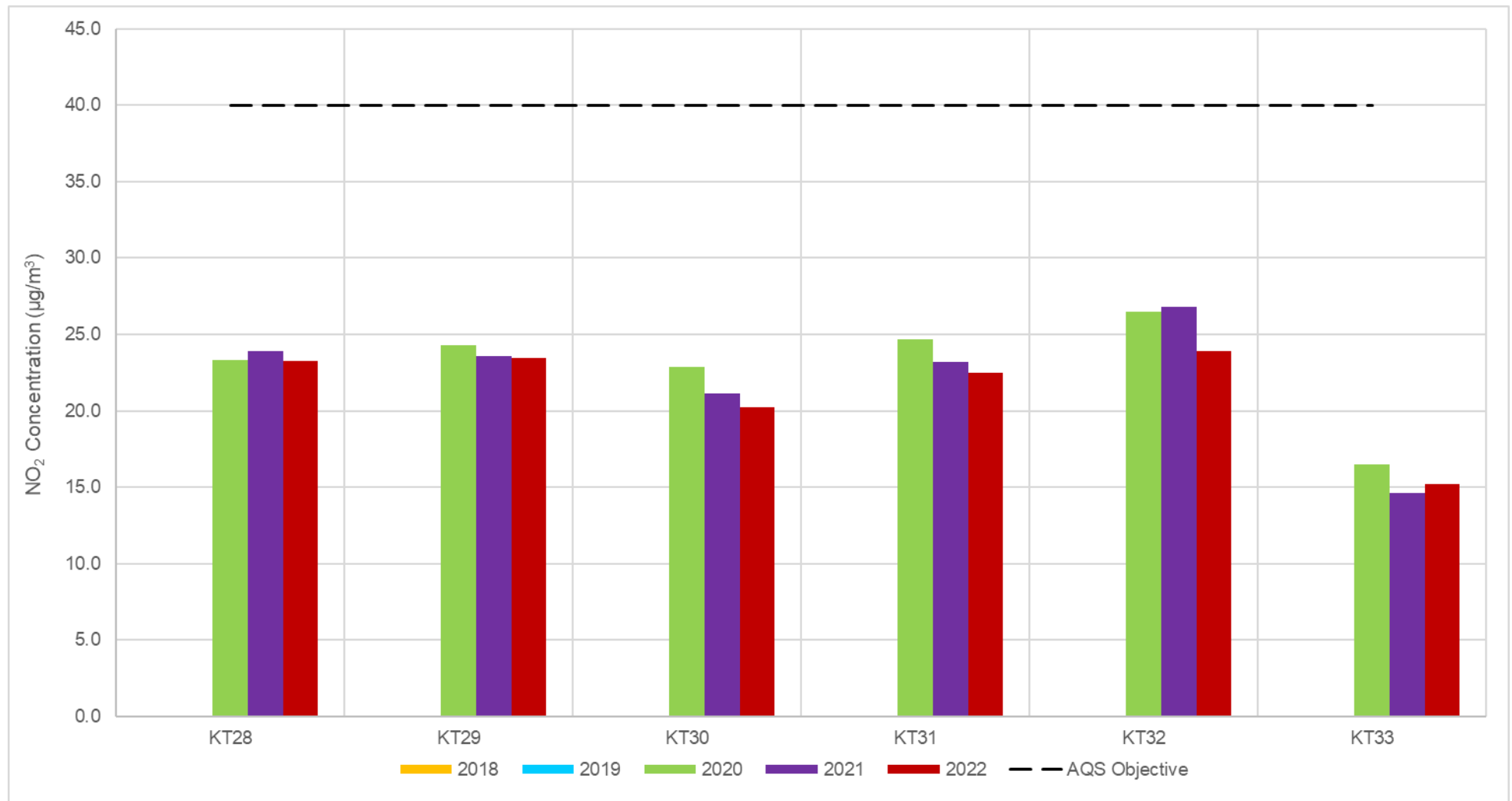


Figure A. 7 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Burton Latimer and Rothwell

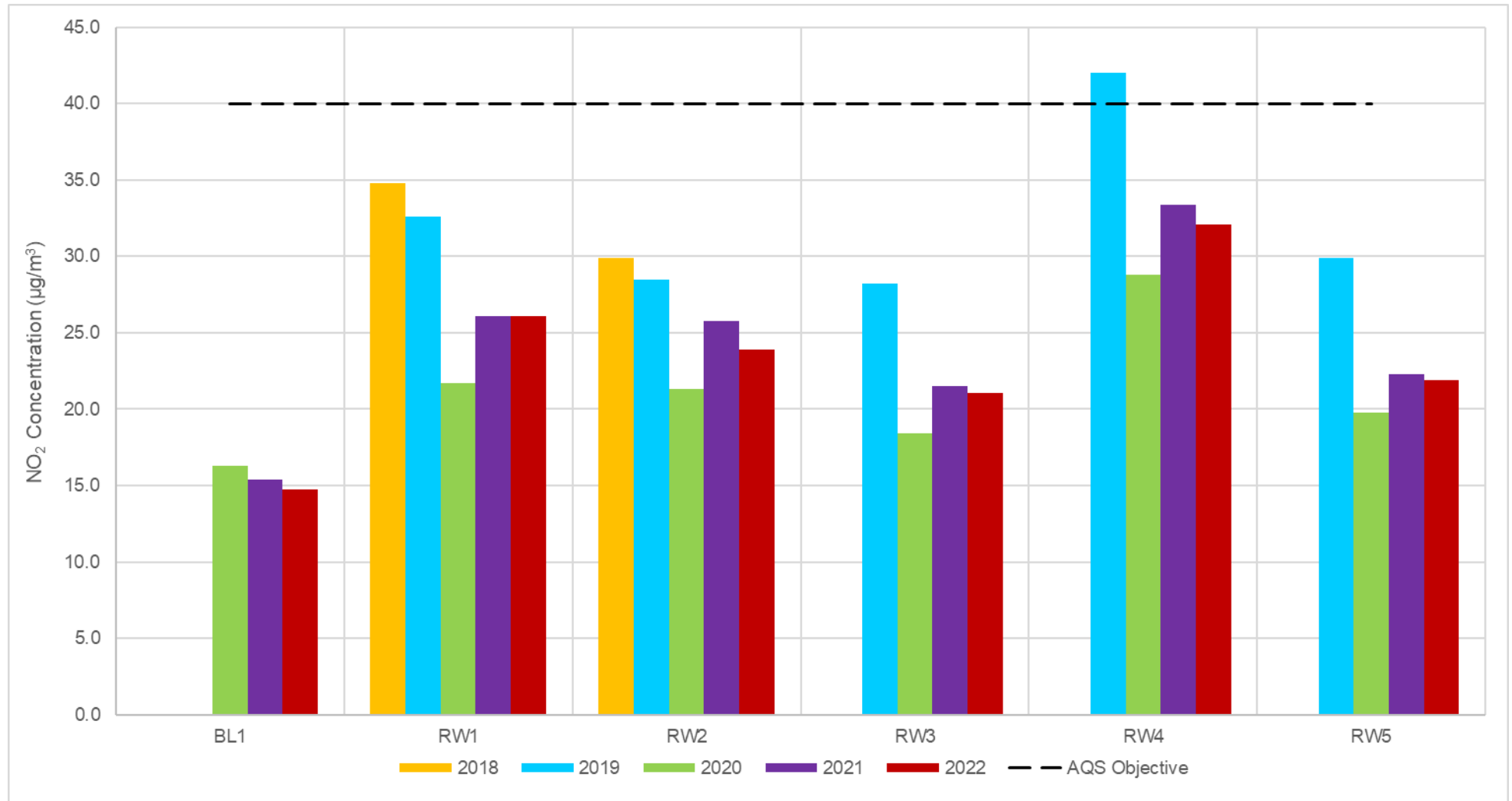


Figure A. 8 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in East Northamptonshire (1)

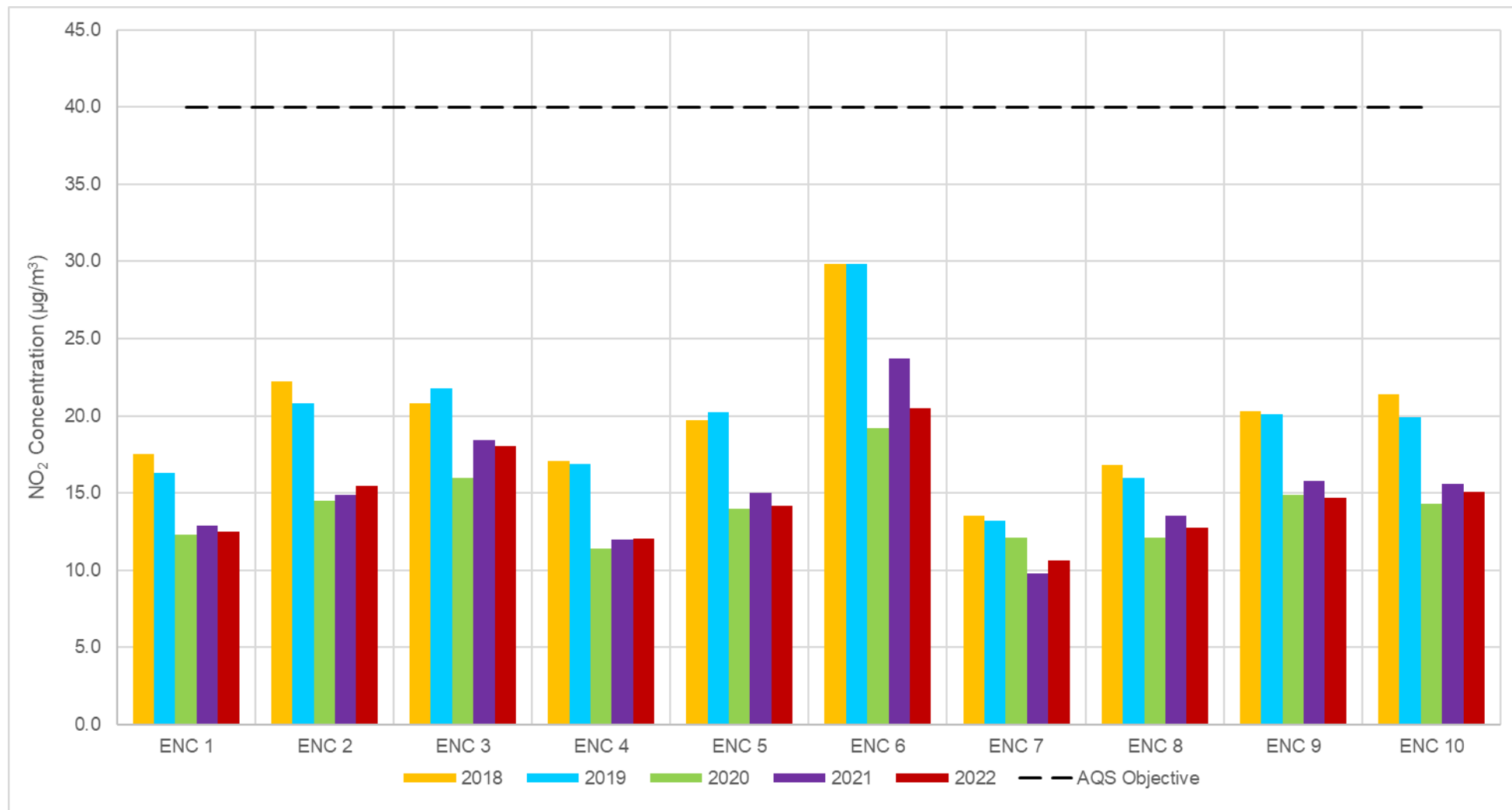


Figure A. 9 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in East Northamptonshire (2)

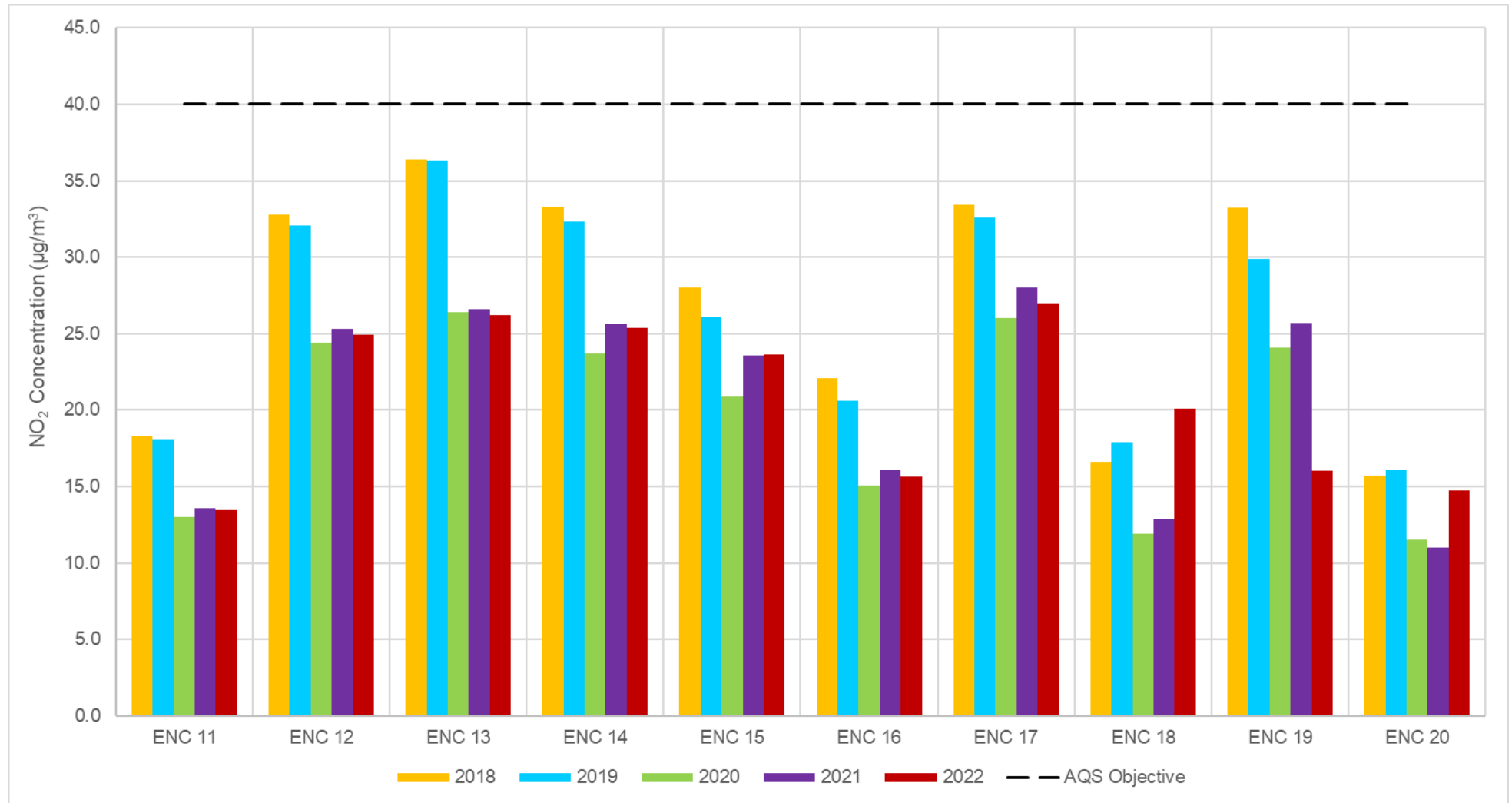


Figure A. 10 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in East Northamptonshire (3)

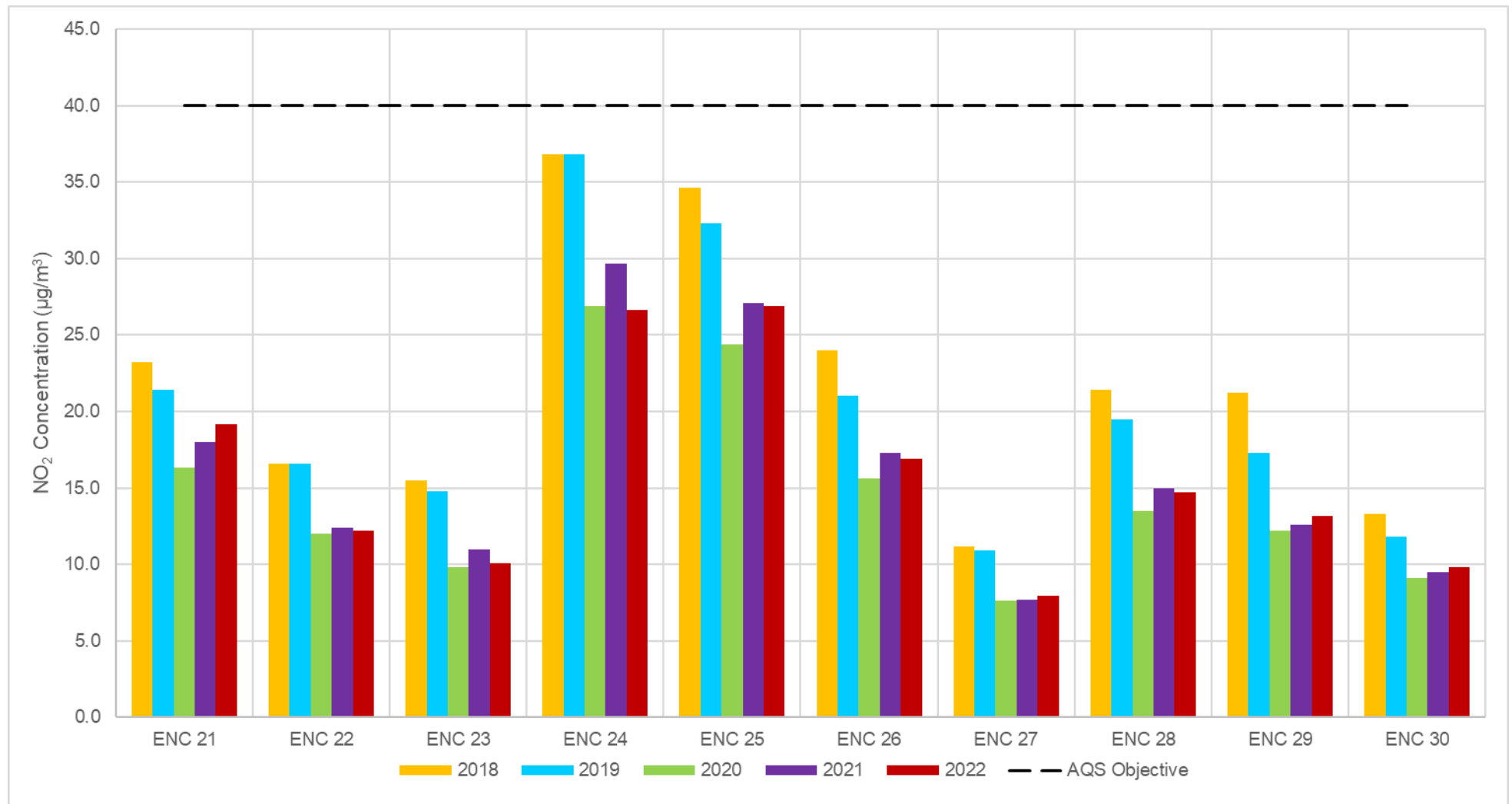


Figure A. 11 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in East Northamptonshire (4)

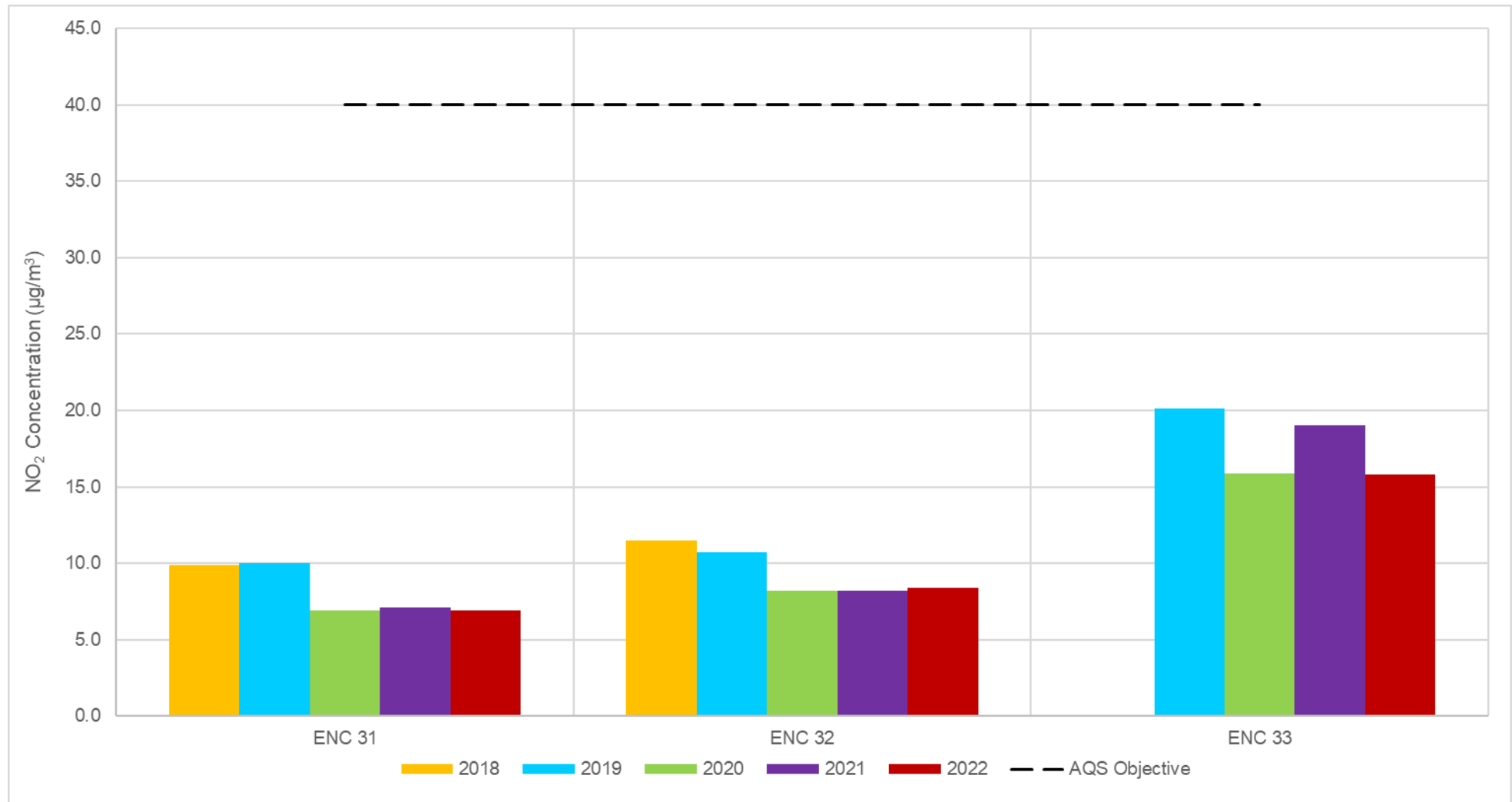
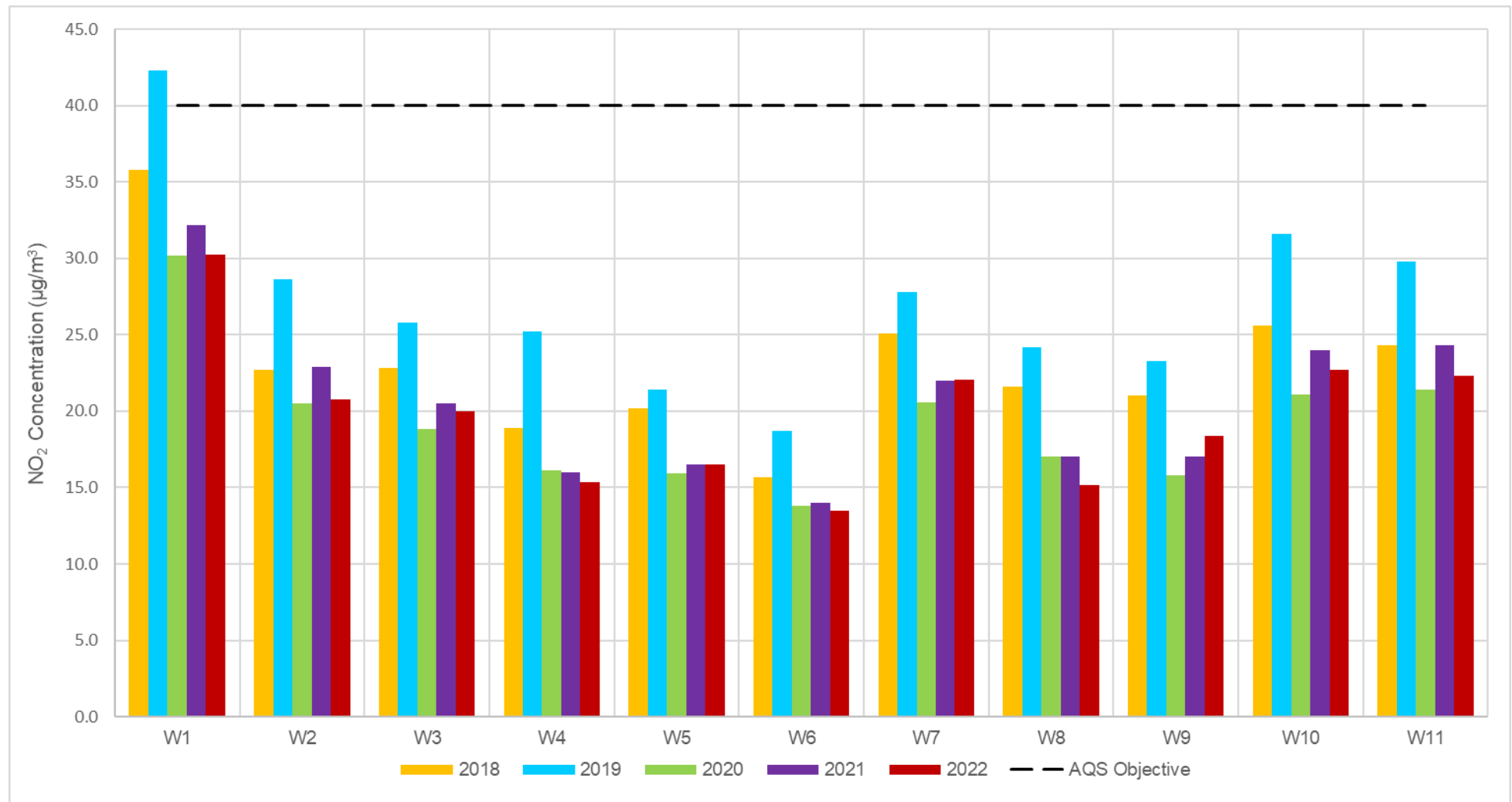


Figure A. 12 – Trends in Annual Mean NO₂ Concentrations in Wellingborough (1)



Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2022

Table B.1 – NO₂ 2022 Diffusion Tube Results (µg/m³)

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted (0.83)	Comment
1N	488424	288706	31.4	23.3	26.4	10.0	16.4	18.0	17.1	16.9	20.3	23.6	23.1	27.6	21.2	17.6	
2N	488354	289329	22.9	13.6	20.8	7.1	12.6	11.5	13.1	12.1	16.2	17.4	18.8	20.6	15.6	12.9	
3N	489380	288833	28.6	19.5	25.9	10.2	16.8	17.1	16.8	18.0	21.5	22.8	24.7	25.5	20.6	17.1	
4N	489399	288605	27.9	19.4	25.4	7.9	12.4	11.2	13.9	13.0	16.7	21.7	23.3	25.9	18.2	15.1	
5N	489997	288821	38.8	26.5	27.9	11.4	20.4	20.2	20.5	18.9	22.9	26.4	29.7	28.6	24.4	20.2	
6N	490981	287322	27.9	19.5		9.9	15.8	15.9	15.0	19.8	20.6	22.5	24.6	26.0	19.8	16.4	
7N	492992	289919	31.5	20.2	23.5	6.1	16.9	15.8	14.8	12.9	19.1	25.0	28.6	26.8	20.1	16.7	
8N	490063	294032	19.8	9.9	13.4	4.9	7.1	5.5	6.1	6.3	9.2	10.0	13.2		9.6	8.0	
9N	484133	290194	15.7	7.9	10.5	3.3	5.5	4.7	5.7	5.2	7.5	7.9	9.9	16.5	8.4	6.9	
10N	485788	287272	30.6	19.2	23.1	9.3	20.5	22.2	20.0	19.2	23.3	26.8	27.3	26.5	22.3	18.5	
11N	487675	287373	39.4	29.2	31.7	12.9	24.8	24.3	25.6	24.0	29.9	26.7	27.3	31.0	27.2	22.6	
12N	487039	288292	28.3	16.5	23.5	7.8	11.8	9.6	10.7	12.8	17.1	45.4	20.8	25.4	19.1	15.9	
13N	487546	288816	31.5	23.6	26.4	9.2	16.4	16.5	17.2	16.2	18.9	24.2	25.9	27.2	21.1	17.5	
14N	488135	288494	37.2	24.5	38.4	17.0	26.0	23.7	26.2	31.0	31.4	27.7	30.1	34.0	28.9	24.0	
15N	488180	288325	33.6	24.2	33.7	16.2	30.9	32.5	31.5	30.8		36.5	36.6		30.6	25.4	
16N	488122	287817	20.3	14.3	25.0	8.5	13.8	12.9	14.3	14.8	17.3	20.0	20.8	22.9	17.1	14.2	
17N	488387	288122	31.4	18.8	27.4	9.9	15.7	13.7	15.5	15.5	18.5	21.8	23.9	26.1	19.8	16.5	
ENC 1	499867	278066	24.1	15.2	19.7	11.1	11.2	9.8	9.9	10.1	12.8	17.1	18.9	20.7	15.1	12.5	
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ENC 6	499119	273561	36.4	11.1	31.8	24.8	21.4	6.8	24.8	27.9	27.2	24.2	28.3	31.8	24.7	20.5	
ENC 7	500193	273219	21.9	12.3	12.7	9.0	7.4	20.5	6.9	7.5	10.9	12.1	14.0	18.5	12.8	10.6	
ENC 8	499103	272329	22.7	14.7	17.1	12.8	10.9	11.0	11.3	12.0	14.8	16.3	18.0	22.5	15.3	12.7	
ENC 9	494525	270591	26.3	16.6	24.0	16.0	13.2	11.3	12.0	13.6	15.9	19.9	19.8	23.6	17.7	14.7	
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ENC 11	496320	269420	26.7	14.8	21.6	14.4	10.6	9.9	9.7	12.0	16.1	17.0	19.6	22.2	16.2	13.5	
ENC 12	495920	268317	42.1	28.8	31.1	27.8	24.1	23.6	24.3	23.6	33.8	30.9	32.1	38.3	30.0	24.9	
ENC 13	495962	268388	43.7	34.3	27.5	25.4	25.6	27.6	27.8	25.2	29.2	34.5	37.0	40.8	31.6	26.2	
ENC 14	495587	267402	34.6	25.3	37.0	31.6	24.9	26.1	26.9	30.7	31.8	29.6	32.8	35.9	30.6	25.4	
ENC 15	495711	267120	34.4	23.3	34.8	26.3	21.4	22.6	23.7	24.5	31.6	31.2	31.9	35.9	28.5	23.6	
ENC 16	496039	266643	28.0	19.3	22.6	15.8	12.6	12.3	13.5	13.4	17.6	19.1	24.1	27.6	18.8	15.6	
ENC 17	495924	266621	42.4	37.3	31.8	26.6	26.0	31.0	29.0	26.6	30.5	30.1	40.4	37.9	32.5	27.0	
ENC 18	495883	266560	26.4	25.7	33.1	28.1	24.8	25.8	9.6	30.4	34.0	14.3	16.5	21.9	24.2	20.1	
ENC 19	495849	266613	39.0	14.3	14.5	10.2	9.5	8.2	25.2	9.2	13.6	26.0	28.6	33.6	19.3	16.0	
ENC 20	497127	266143	23.7		23.0	16.6	19.6	21.5	9.5	17.0	25.5	14.6	17.0	7.8	17.8	14.8	
ENC 21	496682	267872	35.2	21.3	28.1	20.2	18.3	17.9	17.8	19.4	23.2	25.8	26.8		23.1	19.2	
ENC 22	496772	266967	26.8	14.3	16.8	11.4	9.1	10.0	9.0	10.2	13.3	15.4	18.1	22.1	14.7	12.2	
ENC 23	494895	265669		11.0	19.5	10.9	8.0	7.3	7.9	9.3	11.3	12.8	14.3	20.9	12.1	10.0	
ENC 24	494963	266988	21.1	34.3	42.0	29.7	26.4	28.6	30.1	25.9	36.3		40.6	38.2	32.1	26.6	
ENC 25	494936	267014	42.0	31.0	35.3	26.2	25.8	28.2	32.8	28.3	38.0	31.0		38.0	32.4	26.9	
ENC 26	493108	267347	30.5	17.7	26.6	15.4	13.2	15.3	16.1	15.5	19.6	21.4	26.1	26.9	20.4	16.9	
ENC 27	503209	289307	18.3	10.3	14.1	6.9	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.4	7.8	9.6	12.2	14.6	9.6	8.0	
ENC 28	504272	288433	23.9	17.3	20.8	14.3	13.2	13.9	13.4	12.9	16.9	19.5	22.9	23.7	17.7	14.7	
ENC 29	504222	288110	23.4	14.7	19.9	13.7	11.2	11.8	12.0	12.2	14.8	15.2	19.7	21.4	15.8	13.1	
ENC 30	497862	289284	20.3	12.2	12.5	7.9		12.4	7.7	7.5	10.0	12.0	13.1	14.9	11.8	9.8	

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ENC 31	501961	290525	14.8	8.2	10.7	6.0	6.1	5.3	5.5	5.4	7.4	8.9	10.9	11.2	8.4	6.9	
ENC 32	499960	302429	18.0	10.2	12.8	7.2	7.1	5.7	6.5	6.1	8.9	10.6	12.2	15.5	10.1	8.4	
ENC 33	494761	267915	28.5	18.8	21.4	17.8	15.5	13.0	15.1	18.0	21.0	17.3	18.8	23.9	19.1	15.8	
ENC 34	500479	278305		17.2	21.4	14.3	13.0	13.1	12.0	13.0	15.9	19.2	21.4	22.1	16.6	13.8	
ENC 35	493887	271326			21.5	16.9	12.4	13.1	13.6	14.0	19.9	16.6	18.1	23.3	17.0	14.1	
ENC 36	496732	264589		24.0	18.8	14.5	9.3	8.1		10.7	15.6	25.5	31.8	32.1	19.0	15.8	
ENC 37	502420	281455		22.3	24.3	15.7	15.4	15.9	13.7	16.2	17.8	22.6	26.5	26.2	19.7	16.3	
ENC 38	503390	282825		17.0	25.3	18.4	15.6	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.9	20.7	21.9	23.5	19.2	15.9	
ENC 39	505177	289583		20.2	21.7	19.6	18.7	18.8	19.0	20.8	24.0	24.1	24.8	25.6	21.6	17.9	
ENC 40	500094	303197		15.7	18.2	9.9	10.5	8.5	8.6	9.3	11.9	17.2	18.4	17.6	13.3	11.0	
KT1	486783	278948	30.8	22.4	25.3	19.8	17.5	16.6	17.9	20.0	24.6	21.9	22.6	24.5	22.0	18.3	
KT2	486887	278246	45.2	33.7	34.8	27.0	28.0	31.5	29.8	31.3		35.8	36.7	40.0	34.0	28.2	
KT3	486974	278895	31.2	25.8	30.8	26.8	20.4	21.4	22.5	26.5	29.1	27.7	29.9	31.7	27.0	22.4	
KT4	486956	278338	25.7	15.8	16.0	11.8	11.3	11.1	9.8	10.4	14.8	16.6	15.9	19.4	14.9	12.3	
KT5	486925	279028	34.5	30.6	26.3	22.2	24.6	25.9	22.4	21.7	29.7	33.4	33.0	33.8	28.2	23.4	
KT6	486951	278904	34.1	26.9	31.9	28.5	23.7	26.3	22.4	30.8	29.6	35.4	35.3	36.2	30.1	25.0	
KT7	486869	278877	38.9	28.0	32.3	28.5	25.7	24.5	26.7	29.7	29.1		33.8	33.1	30.0	24.9	
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KT9	486793	278254	42.4	32.2	36.8	32.0	27.4	29.0	27.5	32.8	35.0	34.4	32.1	36.7	33.2	27.5	
KT10	486954	278099	41.5	31.5	34.3	30.4	27.8	28.7	30.6	29.1	38.7	33.7	33.9	34.2	32.9	27.3	
KT11	487406	277653	29.5	21.1	25.0	18.4	15.5	16.7	17.5	17.7	22.6	23.1	22.8	27.0	21.4	17.8	
KT12	486787	278276	44.8	31.0	39.0	32.8	28.6	29.5	30.6	32.0	36.5	35.8	35.1	37.0	34.4	28.5	
KT13	486648	278233	34.9	19.7	29.6	22.5	19.8	17.4	22.1	22.5	31.0	28.0	23.5	31.0	25.2	20.9	
KT14	486718	278236	37.0	22.1	32.5	28.8	22.6	23.9	26.8	28.3	35.7	29.0	28.6	30.6	28.8	23.9	
KT15	486799	278850	40.0	25.8	33.1	27.6	21.6	19.3	24.4	29.4	29.8	31.1	32.9	33.2	29.0	24.1	
KT16	486929	278204	42.3	19.8	29.8	19.9	24.7	23.5	24.2	22.1	33.5	29.4	25.3	32.0	27.2	22.6	
KT17	486972	278223	36.9	23.5	30.0	21.1	20.2	21.0	22.4	18.0	33.2	29.2	27.2	31.5	26.2	21.7	
KT18	486910	278240	37.4	29.3	28.4	28.8	25.1	24.6	25.7	24.5	33.4	28.4	27.7	35.7	29.1	24.1	
KT19	486890	278322	44.4	31.4	26.4	22.9	24.7	23.9	24.2	21.3	33.4	31.0	29.5	36.1	29.1	24.1	
KT20	486846	278497	38.1	22.3	28.1	19.9		20.1	21.0	21.0	29.2	28.2	26.4	29.6	25.8	21.4	
KT21	486786	278599	29.5	18.8		29.7	22.1	19.9			29.1	28.1	30.0	32.0	26.6	22.1	
KT22	486778	278779	40.2	31.2	28.8	25.8	24.6	24.2	22.7	24.7	28.1	32.7	34.7	37.5	29.6	24.6	
KT23	487146	277860	33.7	26.8	28.4	24.3	21.3	21.1	24.1	21.2	31.1	27.5	27.3	32.2	26.6	22.1	
KT24	487718	278679	37.1	23.4	26.7	24.1	19.1	19.1	16.9	19.0	27.2	27.1	27.5	31.3	24.9	20.6	
KT25	487751	278505	31.1	18.8	27.8	23.8		17.2	14.9	17.2	23.7	24.6	26.3	30.2	23.2	19.3	
KT26	487725	278388	35.3	25.6	24.5	20.7	19.5	19.2	17.3	14.4	27.9	25.5	24.1	30.9	23.8	19.7	
KT27	487893	277471		29.0		23.6	25.2	29.2		28.5			35.1		28.4	30.9	
KT28	486153	278930	36.4	25.2	28.7	23.8	25.8	24.6	26.8	25.7	34.0	28.1	27.3	30.2	28.0	23.3	
KT29	486894	278216	35.3	21.8	35.6	27.1	22.5	22.7	24.4	28.1	30.4		30.0	32.7	28.2	23.4	
KT30	487563	277433	28.2	18.4	29.4	25.1	18.6	18.4	20.9	25.9	26.7	26.9	24.5	28.9	24.3	20.2	
KT31	486161	279067	37.9	25.8	29.0	25.5	21.3	19.7	22.2	25.5	29.9	28.0	28.8	31.7	27.1	22.5	
KT32	486398	278274			33.2	27.0	23.5	24.6	21.6	29.5	32.6	34.5	37.3	23.7	28.8	23.9	
KT33	486871	277840	27.5	16.8	21.4	15.3		10.4		12.8	18.7	18.5	19.1	22.8	18.3	15.2	
BL1	490048	274399	27.5	16.0		17.4	13.5	12.3	14.2	15.2	21.8	17.3	17.3	23.1	17.8	14.8	
RW1	481465	281208	41.3	32.2	34.5	29.0	26.2	24.1	30.5	27.8	37.0	29.7	33.5	31.1	31.4	26.1	
RW2	481550	281233	37.1	23.4	32.2	32.4	25.0	22.6	25.8	31.4	32.1	28.9	26.3	28.6	28.8	23.9	
RW3	481498	281096	30.0	22.9	29.0	23.9	19.5	20.2	20.6	26.0	27.5	27.3	29.6	28.0	25.4	21.1	
RW4	481481	281149	51.5	37.6	36.2	32.6	35.2	36.5	34.5	32.4	43.6	41.2	40.5	42.6	38.7	32.1	
RW5	481515	281217	32.3	25.3	30.3	28.0	20.7	20.2	21.2	26.5	24.3	27.9	29.8	30.4	26.4	21.9	
W1	489131	267820	44.8	33.3	42.3	31.6	32.5	36.5	37.7	31.3	39.5	26.4	48.8	37.7	36.4	30.2	
W2	489382	266144	35.3	26.7	30.9	18.0	22.6	19.0	19.7	22.0	27.4	28.1	27.8	27.9	25.0	20.8	
W3	487831	267169			29.4	20.6	19.8	20.2	22.4	19.7	27.0	30.9	28.9	26.9	24.1	20.0	
W4	489868	268204	25.2	20.8	23.5	16.2	12.8	15.4	11.9	14.2	16.5	25.2	20.0	23.4	18.5	15.3	
W5	490336	266433	24.5	20.6	26.7	17.7	15.8	14.9	16.8	21.2	22.3	17.9	20.2	20.0	19.9	16.5	

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted (0.83)	Comment
W6	490002	268946	22.4	17.6	22.4	13.6	12.1	10.8	11.4	13.3	17.6	17.4	19.2	19.5	16.3	13.5	
W7	490351	267400	35.5	27.6	28.8	21.4	23.8	23.5	23.2	24.0	30.4	27.5	31.7	26.5	26.5	22.0	
W8	488431	274049	22.7	19.3	21.4	16.0	13.0	14.5	15.2	15.7	18.1	21.8	21.0	21.7	18.2	15.1	
W9	489226	267829	26.4	22.6	27.4	14.9	16.0	14.4	15.9		20.0	48.0	25.6	22.4	22.2	18.4	
W10	492372	271928	30.6	24.5	34.4	27.4	26.1	23.4	26.3	28.9	29.8	25.3	25.4	25.4	27.3	22.7	
W11	488788	268215	30.8	26.5	35.3	23.5	23.0	23.2	24.2	24.3	28.2	28.7	29.8	29.0	26.9	22.3	

- All erroneous data has been removed from the NO₂ diffusion tube dataset presented in Table B.1
- Annualisation has been conducted where data capture is <75% and >25% in line with LAQM.TG22
- Local bias adjustment factor used.
- National bias adjustment factor used.
- North Northamptonshire confirm that all 2022 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System.

Notes:

Exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective of 40µg/m³ are shown in **bold**.

NO₂ annual means exceeding 60µg/m³, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO₂ 1-hour mean objective are shown in **bold and underlined**.

See Appendix C for details on bias adjustment and annualisation.

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

New or Changed Sources Identified Within North Northamptonshire During 2022

North Northamptonshire has not identified any new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2022.

Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by North Northamptonshire During 2022

North Northamptonshire has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2022 that have not already been mentioned.

QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring

Diffusion tubes were provided by Gradko during the 2022 monitoring year with the preparation method of 20% TEA in Water. Gradko international laboratory takes part in the LAQM Air PT scheme. Their most recent received score was 100% for May to June 2022 (AR050).

The diffusion tube survey has been completed in adherence with the 2022 Diffusion Tube Monitoring Calendar. However, diffusion tubes in Wellingborough were exposed for slightly longer than the Defra recommended timescales. This is due to the changes to the fixings as a result of health and safety risk assessments.

Diffusion Tube Annualisation

Annualisation is required for any site with data capture less than 75% but greater than 25%. In addition, any sites with a data capture below 25% do not require annualisation.

Annualisation was required for one site in North Northamptonshire; KT27. Annualisation was undertaken in line with LAQM.TG22 with the calculation method detailed in Table C.2.

The following urban background automatic monitors were used to the inform the annualisation process:

- Coventry;
- Leamington Spa;
- Leicester University; and
- Northampton.

All other diffusion tube monitoring locations within North Northamptonshire recorded data capture of 75% therefore annualisation was not required.

Table C. 1 - Annualisation Summary (concentrations presented in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

Site ID	Annualisation Factor Leamington Spa	Annualisation Factor Northampton Spring Park	Annualisation Factor Leicester University	Annualisation Factor Coventry Allesley	Average Annualisation Factor	Raw Data Annual Mean	Raw Annualised Annual Mean
KT27	1.3431	1.2531	1.2916	1.3448	1.3082	28.4	37.2

Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors

The diffusion tube data presented within the 2022 ASR have been corrected for bias using an adjustment factor. Bias represents the overall tendency of the diffusion tubes to under or over-read relative to the reference chemiluminescence analyser. LAQM.TG22 provides guidance with regard to the application of a bias adjustment factor to correct diffusion tube monitoring. Triplicate co-location studies can be used to determine a local bias factor based on the comparison of diffusion tube results with data taken from NO_x/NO_2 continuous analysers. Alternatively, the national database of diffusion tube co-location surveys provides bias factors for the relevant laboratory and preparation method.

North Northamptonshire have applied a national bias adjustment factor of 0.83 to the 2022 monitoring data, as no local factors could be calculated, and as per

Figure C. 1. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by North Northamptonshire over the past five years is presented in Table C. 2 **Error! Reference source not found.** Version 3/23 of the national bias adjustment factor spreadsheet was used in 2022. Prior to 2021, the separate borough areas of Corby, Kettering, East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough used the same diffusion tubes and used national bias adjustment factors.

Table C. 2 – Bias Adjustment Factor

Monitoring Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2022	National	03/23	0.83
2021	National	03/22	0.84
2020	National	03/21	0.81
2019	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-

Figure C. 1 – National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factor Spreadsheet, 2022

National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factor Spreadsheet							Spreadsheet Version Number: 03/23			
Follow the steps below in the correct order to show the results of relevant co-location studies							This spreadsheet will be updated at the end of June 2023			
Data only apply to tubes exposed monthly and are not suitable for correcting individual short-term monitoring periods							LAQM Helpdesk Website			
Whenever presenting adjusted data, you should state the adjustment factor used and the version of the spreadsheet										
This spreadsheet will be updated every few months; the factors may therefore be subject to change. This should not discourage their immediate use.										
The LAQM Helpdesk is operated on behalf of Defra and the Devolved Administrations by Bureau Veritas, in conjunction with contract partners AECOM and the National Physical Laboratory.					Spreadsheet maintained by the National Physical Laboratory. Original compiled by Air Quality Consultants Ltd.					
Step 1:		Step 2:		Step 3:		Step 4:				
Select the Laboratory that Analyses Your Tubes from the Drop-Down List		Select a Preparation Method from the Drop-Down List		Select a Year from the Drop-Down List		Where there is only one study for a chosen combination, you should use the adjustment factor shown with caution. Where there is more than one study, use the overall factor* shown in blue at the foot of the final column.				
If a laboratory is not shown, we have no data for this laboratory.		If a preparation method is not shown, we have no data for this method at this laboratory.		If a year is not shown, we have no data.		If you have your own co-location study then see footnote*. If uncertain what to do then contact the Local Air Quality Management Helpdesk at LAQMHhelpdesk@bureauveritas.com or 0800 0327953				
Analysed By ¹	Method	Year	Site Type	Local Authority	Length of Study (months)	Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (µg/m ³)	Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (µg/m ³)	Bias (B)	Tube Precision ²	Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm)
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	KS	Marylebone Road Intercomparison	12	52	42	22.8%	G	0.81
Gradko	20% TEA in Water	2022	UB	Plymouth City Council	12	18	18	3.2%	G	0.97
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	UC	Belfast City Council	12	26	20	30.7%	G	0.76
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Belfast City Council	12	47	36	28.1%	G	0.78
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Belfast City Council	12	25	22	14.0%	G	0.88
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Belfast City Council	12	36	28	29.0%	G	0.78
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Brighton & Hove City Council	10	37	23	62.8%	G	0.61
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	UB	Hertsmere Borough Council	12	16	15	7.1%	G	0.93
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Southampton City Council	12	36	28	30.6%	G	0.77
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	UC	Southampton City Council	12	28	24	15.4%	G	0.87
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Southampton City Council	12	34	31	8.4%	G	0.92
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Worcestershire	11	13	12	4.2%	G	0.96
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Lancaster City Council	13	34	27	25.8%	G	0.79
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	R	Lancaster City Council	12	28	24	15.2%	G	0.87
Gradko	20% TEA in water	2022	Overall Factor* (27 studies)						Use	0.83

NO₂ Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO₂ concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure has been estimated using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool/NO₂ fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website.

No diffusion tube NO₂ monitoring locations within North Northamptonshire required distance correction during 2022, due to the low concentrations monitored.

Appendix D: Map(s) of Monitoring Locations and AQMAs

Figure D.1 – Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites across North Northamptonshire

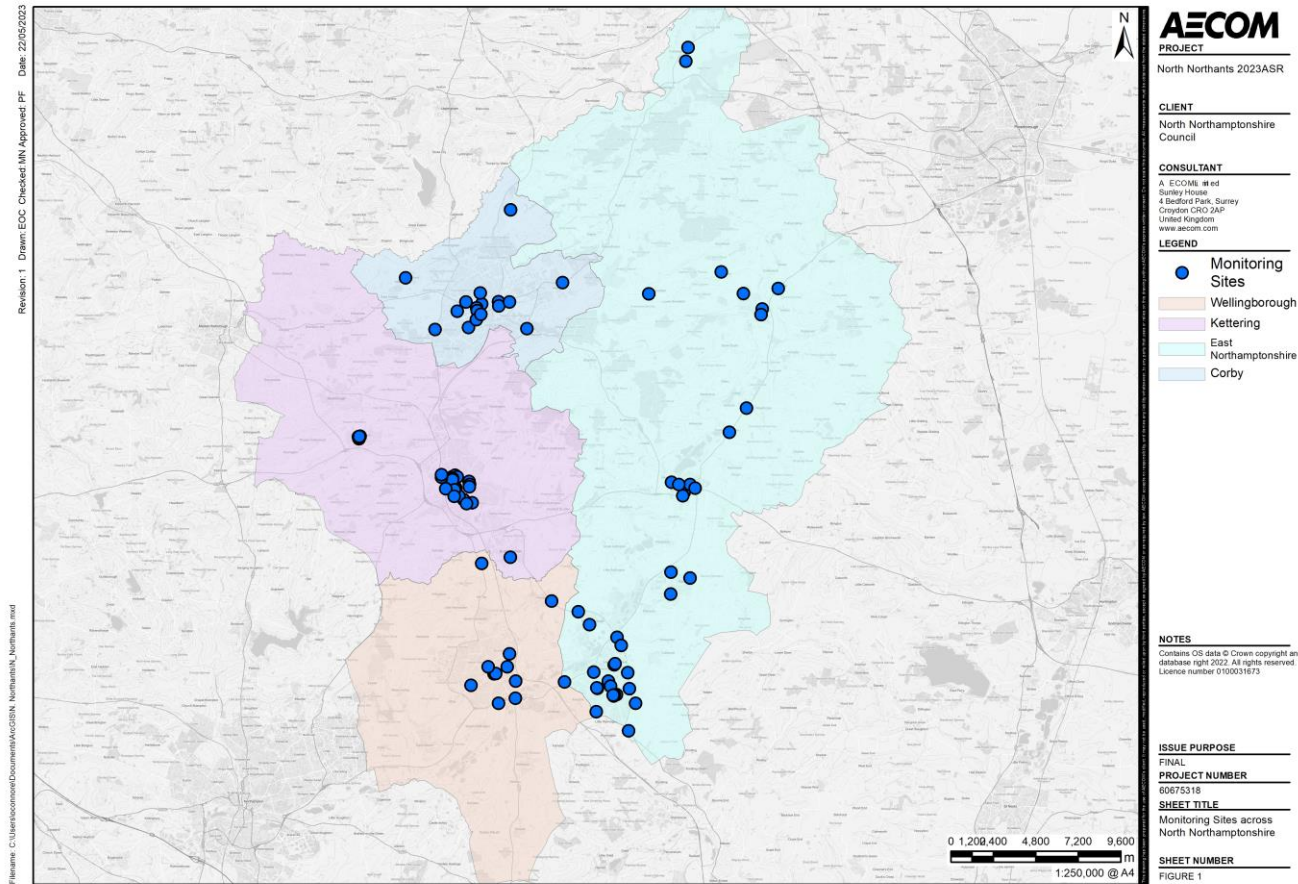


Figure D.2 - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Corby

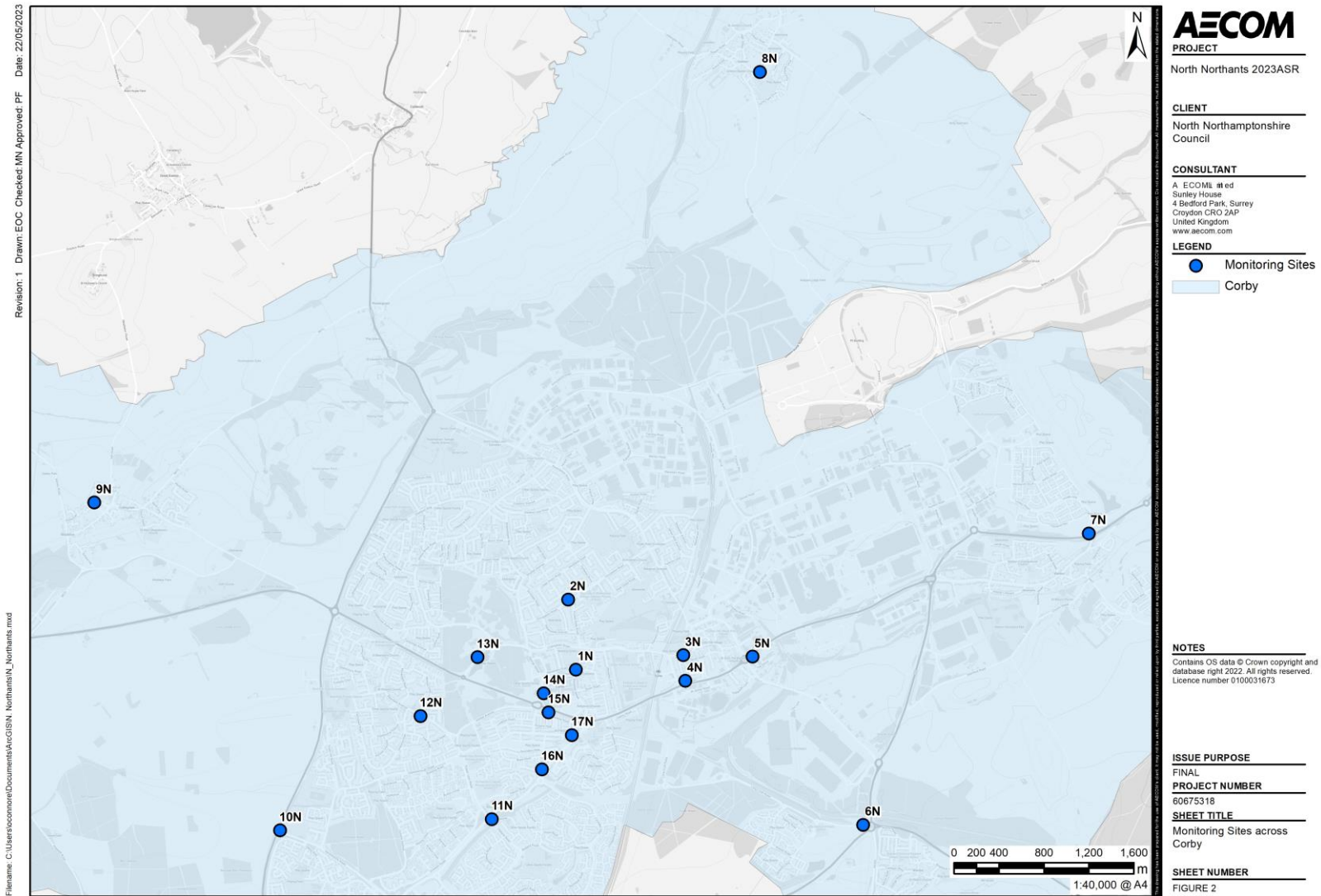


Figure D.3a - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in East Northamptonshire (North)

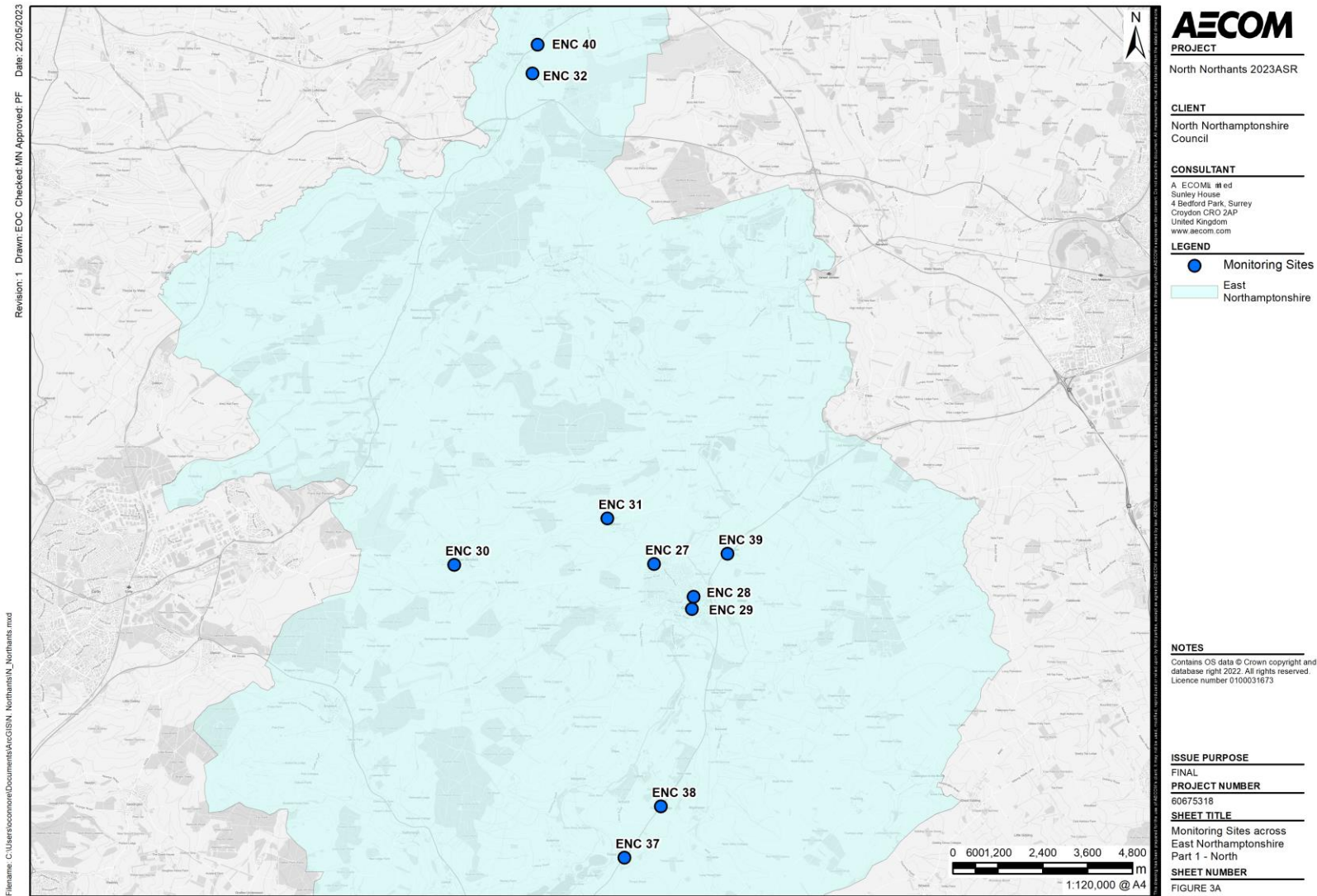


Figure D.4b - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in East Northamptonshire (South)

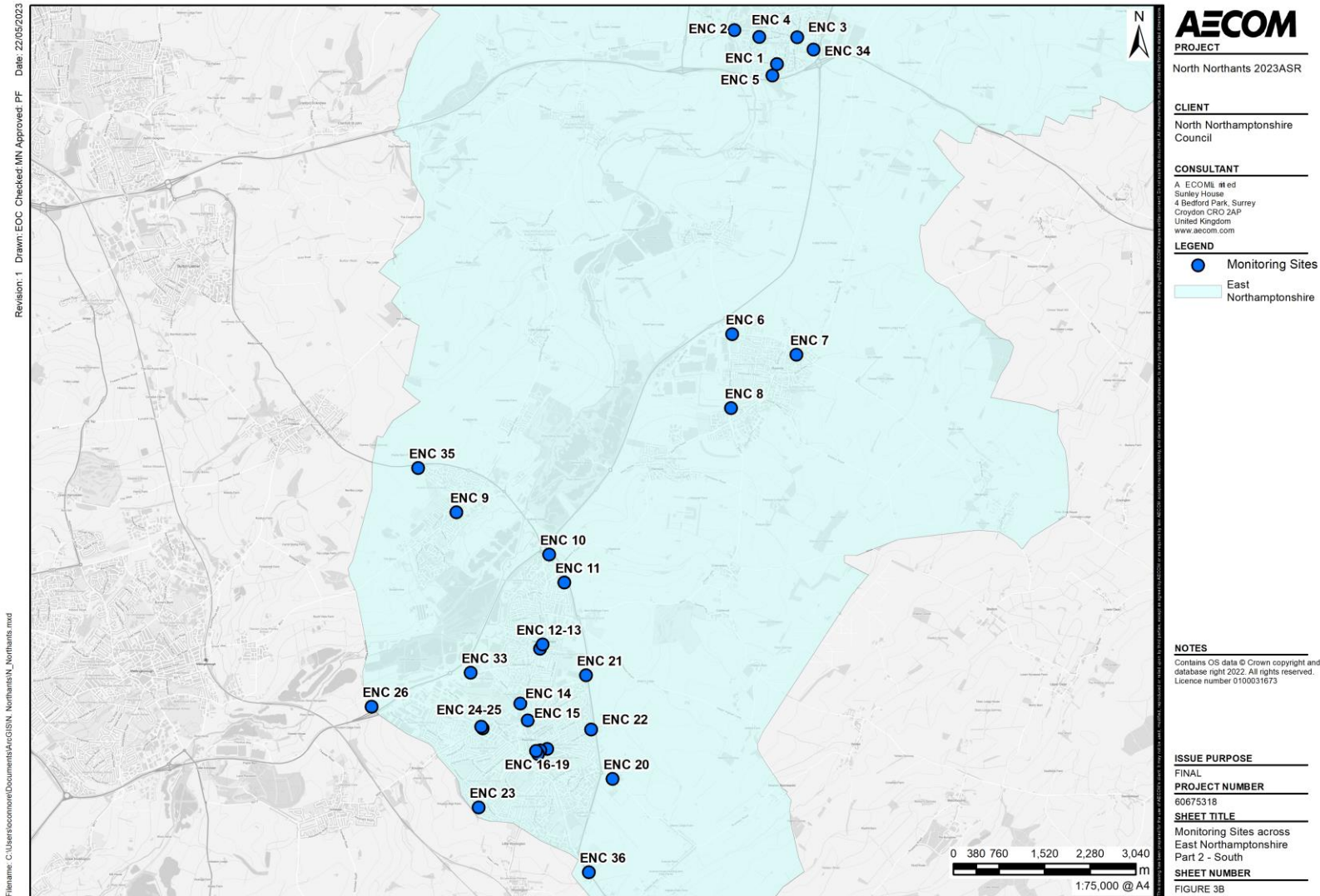


Figure D.5a - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Rothwell



Figure D.6b - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Kettering Town Centre

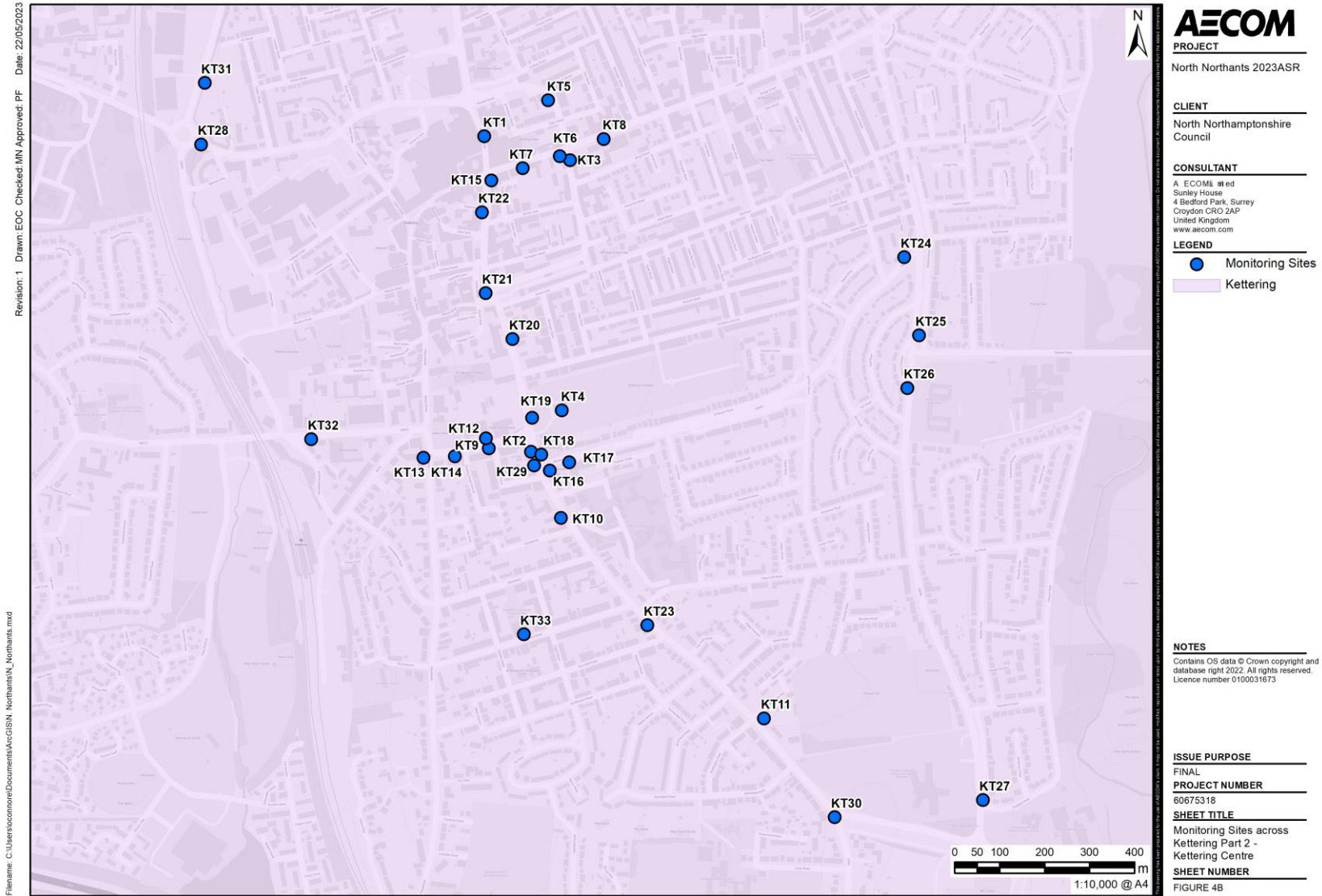
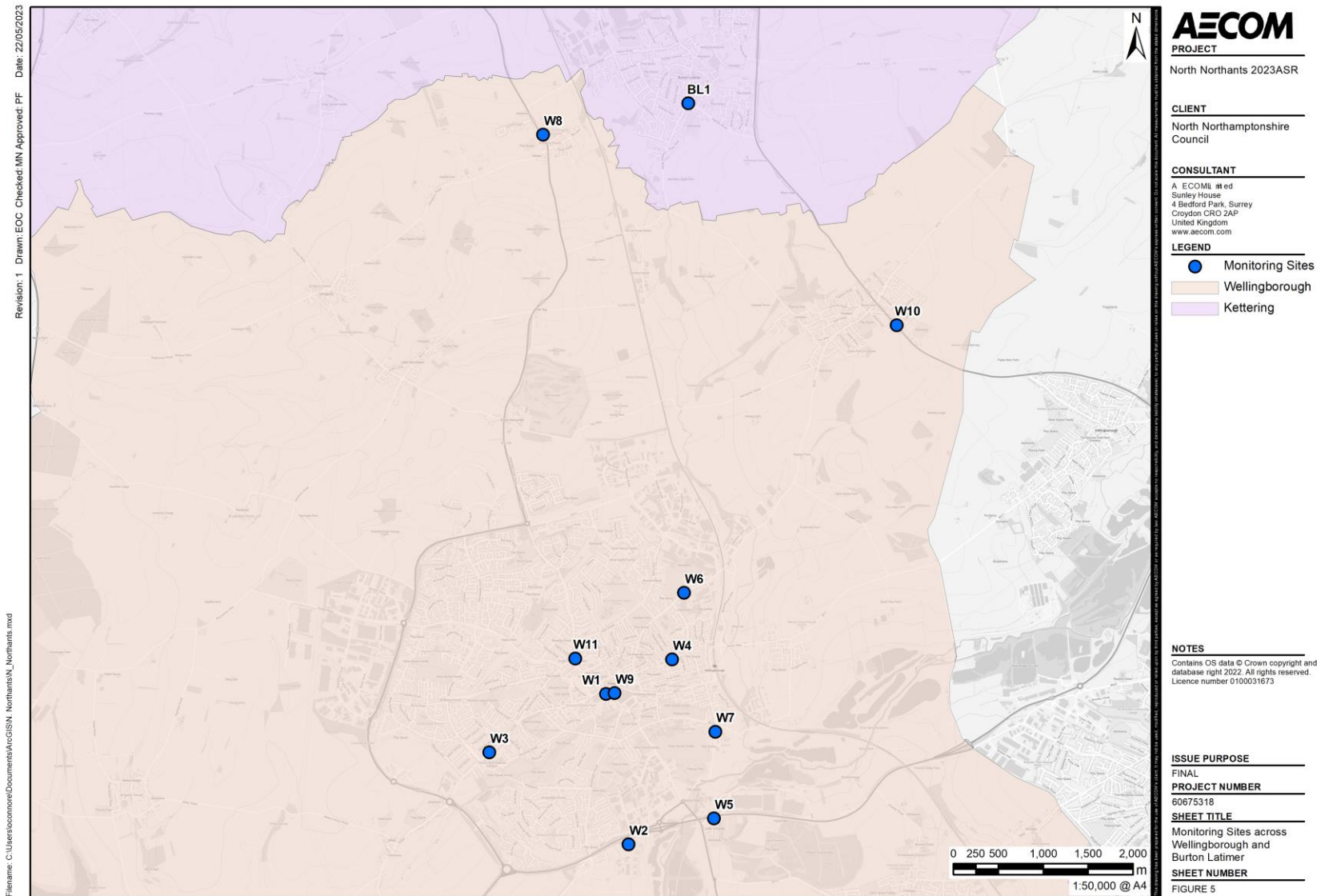


Figure D.7 - Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Wellingborough and Burton Latimer



Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England⁸

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective: Concentration	Air Quality Objective: Measured as
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	200µg/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	40µg/m ³	Annual mean
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	50µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean
Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀)	40µg/m ³	Annual mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	350µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	125µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO ₂)	266µg/m ³ , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean

⁸ The units are in microgrammes of pollutant per cubic metre of air (µg/m³).

Glossary of Terms

Abbreviation	Description
AQAP	Air Quality Action Plan - A detailed description of measures, outcomes, achievement dates and implementation methods, showing how the local authority 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
ASR	Annual Status Report
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges – Air quality screening tool produced by National Highways
EMAQN	East Midlands Air Quality Network
EU	European Union
EVHS	Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System
JSNA	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management
NNC	North Northamptonshire Council
NO ₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides
PM ₁₀	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10µm or less
PM _{2.5}	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5µm or less
QA/QC	Quality Assurance and Quality Control
SO ₂	Sulphur Dioxide

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