

# 2024 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)

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

## Air Quality in South Derbyshire

Breathing in polluted air affects our health and costs the NHS and our society billions of pounds each year. Air pollution is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer and can cause a range of health impacts, including effects on lung function, exacerbation of asthma, increases in hospital admissions and mortality. In the UK, it is estimated that the reduction in healthy life expectancy caused by air pollution is equivalent to 29,000 to 43,000 deaths a year<sup>1</sup>.

Air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society, children, the elderly, and those with existing heart and lung conditions. Additionally, people living in less affluent areas are most exposed to dangerous levels of air pollution<sup>2</sup>.

Table ES 1 provides a brief explanation of the key pollutants relevant to Local Air Quality Management and the kind of activities they might arise from.

Pollutant	Description
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	Nitrogen dioxide is a gas which is generally emitted from high- temperature combustion processes such as road transport or energy generation.
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	Sulphur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> ) is a corrosive gas which is predominantly produced from the combustion of coal or crude oil.
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> and PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	Particulate matter is everything in the air that is not a gas. Particles can come from natural sources such as pollen, as well as human made sources such as smoke from fires, emissions from industry and dust from tyres and brakes. PM <sub>10</sub> refers to particles under 10 micrometres. Fine particulate matter or PM <sub>2.5</sub> are particles under 2.5 micrometres.

#### Table ES 1 - Description of Key Pollutants

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> UK Health Security Agency. Chemical Hazards and Poisons Report, Issue 28, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defra. Air quality and social deprivation in the UK: an environmental inequalities analysis, 2006

In South Derbyshire, respirable particulates are estimated to contribute to 42 'attributable deaths' per year and to 439 associated life years lost for the population aged over 25.

Air quality across all of South Derbyshire has been continuously improving over the past decade.

The Council is satisfied that air quality across South Derbyshire meets all current health based statutory Objectives.

Air quality (as nitrogen dioxide) is currently monitored at 24 locations representative of the highest likely exposure to the main sources of air pollution.

Air quality has been monitored at 17 of these locations for 10 years or more. Measured results at all 17 of these monitoring locations have improved over this period.

All monitoring locations demonstrated that nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) levels in 2023 were below the annual average Air Quality Objective of 40  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>.

There is no evidence to suggest that any other air pollutants are exceeding, or close to exceeding, the Air Quality Objectives.

Air quality in South Derbyshire was the cleanest in recent history in 2023.

South Derbyshire is one of the fastest growing Council areas in the country. None the less, evidence from monitoring locations across the District indicates that the various activities by South Derbyshire District Council and partner agencies described in this Annual Status Report are having a meaningful benefit on air quality and by extension on the health of residents and visitors.

The main pollutant of concern in South Derbyshire is nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). This is a product of combustion, its most dominant source being from road traffic.

Measured levels of nitrogen dioxide can vary quite significantly at each monitoring location from month to month and from year to year mainly due to fluctuations in weather, sunlight, traffic flows and compositions. Overall, the trends in measured levels of NO<sub>2</sub> in South Derbyshire are showing a reduction over the last decade.

 The High Street (A511) in Woodville has historically provided the most concern about a potential exceedance of the annual average Objective for NO<sub>2</sub>. We have four monitoring locations near to the clock island junction (High Street / Moira Road) and one at the junction of High Street and Hepworth Way. Over the last ten years air quality has improved at all these.

- Prior to the construction of the Woodville Swadlincote link road we also started monitoring air quality in locations predicted to experience changes in traffic flows as a result of this highway development. Data from these locations is presented in this report which provides comfort that measured NO<sub>2</sub> is well below the Objective.
- There are three monitoring locations in Repton. All three show an improving trend in air quality since the Council started monitoring in 2012.
- The two monitoring locations in Overseal show an improvement over the last decade.
- The two monitoring locations in Church Gresley both show an improvement in air quality over the last decade.
- Two monitoring locations were established in Stenson Fields in 2022 to monitor the impacts of new development in this area. Data shows that air quality at both of these monitoring locations is well within the Objective.
- Of the remaining monitoring locations, air quality has shown an improving trend in Hatton, Burnaston and Willington. At the two monitoring locations along the A444 there has been an improvement at both.

Table 1 summarises the long-term trends (10 years) in air quality across all monitoring locations.

Location	Long Term Air Quality Trend	Compliant with AQ Objectives?
High Street, Woodville	Improving	Yes
Church Gresley	Improving	Yes
Hatton	Improving	Yes
Overseal	Improving	Yes
A444	Improving	Yes
Repton	Improving	Yes

「able 1 – Long Term Air	<b>Quality Monitoring</b>	<b>Trends by Location</b>
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A38	Improving	Yes
Willington	Improving	Yes

# 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 Plan<sup>3</sup> sets out actions that will drive continued improvements to air quality and to meet the new national interim and long-term targets for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), the pollutant of most harmful to human health. The Air Quality Strategy<sup>4</sup> provides more information on local authorities' responsibilities to work towards these new targets and reduce fine particulate matter in their areas.

The Road to Zero<sup>5</sup> details the Government's approach to reduce exhaust emissions from road transport through a number of mechanisms, in balance with the needs of the local community. This is extremely important given that cars are the most popular mode of personal travel and the majority of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) are designated due to elevated concentrations heavily influenced by transport emissions.

Because air quality in South Derbyshire has never exceeded the Air Quality Objectives, the Council has never declared an AQMA.

Currently the main interventions to improve air quality are as follows;

• Delivering a range of air quality interventions in collaboration with public sector partners across Derbyshire to deliver the Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy and the associated Action Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Defra. Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, January 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Defra. Air Quality Strategy – Framework for Local Authority Delivery, August 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> DfT. The Road to Zero: Next steps towards cleaner road transport and delivering our Industrial Strategy, July 2018

- Developing and implementing a diverse range of actions through the Council's Climate and Environment Action Plan, which has been independently assessed as one of the best in the UK.
- Installing electric charge points in the Councils public car parks to encourage public transition to electric vehicles.
- Enabling homeowners to transition to low and non-fossil fuel heating systems through grant support.
- Exploring opportunities both locally and regionally to develop non-fossil fuel energy production to enable transport, homes and businesses to transition away from fossil fuel.

## **Conclusions and Priorities**

- No exceedances of air quality standards were observed in South Derbyshire in 2023.
- There is no need for the Council to consider declaring an Air Quality Management Area.
- The trend across all monitoring locations in South Derbyshire is that air quality has been progressively improving.
- Improvements in air quality in South Derbyshire will be significantly influenced by the Councils Climate and Environment Action Plan.
- South Derbyshire District Council are actively supporting the delivery of a Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy along with a revised Action Plan approved in 2023.

# Local Engagement and How to get Involved

The main contributions that the community can make to improving air quality are around taking personal and community action around minimising emissions from traffic and other sources and limiting exposure at times of poor air quality. Specifically, that means avoiding unnecessary car use for short journeys, utilising public transport where possible, buying and maintaining low emissions vehicles and being linked into the national alert system for predicted episodes of poor air quality. Full details are contained in the reference section.

Air quality in South Derbyshire improved by up to 30% in 2020 compared to 2019 as a direct result of the reduction in road traffic. This provided powerful evidence that moving away from

reliance on personal transport by car can lead to significant environmental and health improvements.

### Local Responsibilities and Commitment

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# **1 Local Air Quality Management**

This report provides an overview of air quality in South Derbyshire during 2023. 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 South Derbyshire District Council 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.

South Derbyshire currently does not have any declared AQMAs. Current monitoring data does not identify the need to consider declaring an AQMA.

Despite not having declared any AQMAs, South Derbyshire District Council has been an active participant in the Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Working Group. This Group was set up and led by the Directors of Public Health for Derby and Derbyshire.

An Air Quality Strategy for Derby and Derbyshire has been approved and is available via the <u>JSNA Air Pollution webpage</u> at <u>air\_quality\_strategy\_2020-2030\_(2023\_refresh).pdf</u> (derbyshire.gov.uk)

An Air Quality Strategy for South Derbyshire was approved in 2021.

During 2023 a revised Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Action Plan was published and approved along with a comprehensive list of supporting KPIs.

South Derbyshire District Council is currently developing a new South Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy to align with the Derby and Derbyshire Strategy, Action Plan and KPIs. When approved in summer 2024 this will be published on our <u>Air Quality webpage</u>.

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

Defra's appraisal of last year's ASR was that the conclusions reached were **accepted** for all sources and pollutants. The observations contained in the appraisal and the Councils current position in response to these observations are summarised below:

DEFRA Comments	SDDC Response
The Council has detailed their Local Air Quality Strategy in the ASR. However, priorities and proposed future actions for the coming year have not been clearly identified.	Current priorities and plans are summarised in section 2.2 of this report.
From 2023 those authorities who have not had to designate AQMAs and produce AQAPs will be required to draw up a local Air Quality Strategy	A revised South Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy will be published in 2024 which will align with the Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy.

Despite the fact that there are no AQMAs in South Derbyshire, the Council has taken forward a number of measures during the current reporting year of 2023 in pursuit of improving local air quality. Details of all measures completed, in progress or planned are set out in the following Table. Where there have been, or continue to be, barriers restricting the implementation of the measure, these are also presented. Some of the key completed measures are:

- We have used legal powers normally only given to upper tier county councils to make sure that energy efficiency standards in private rented houses meet legal standards in over 5,000 homes. This helped reduce NO<sub>2</sub> and PM emissions from domestic energy production.
- We successfully bid for government funding to enable us to make improvements to 130 houses in South Derbyshire which enabled them to decarbonise and to reduce NO<sub>2</sub> and PM emissions from domestic energy production.
- We have so far installed 42 electric recharge points in our car parks to help our residents transition from petrol /diesel cars to electric vehicles.

South Derbyshire District Council expects the following measures to be completed over the course of the next reporting year:

- We will decarbonise more homes through the delivery of the Homes Upgrades Grant (HUG2) and the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF2).
- We will install more electric recharge points in our own car parks, both funded by ourselves and funded from the governments Low Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure fund (LEVI).
- We will have completed a D2N2 funded innovation pilot project which involves fitting a hydrogen / diesel hybrid engine to two of our refuse collection vehicles. The pilot project will help understand the viability of using hydrogen as a fuel for public sector HGV flet vehicles and is attracting national interest.
- We will have started a project to assess the potential capacity for the production of sustainable energy in South Derbyshire.

We worked to implement these measures in partnership with the following stakeholders during 2023:

- Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards,
- Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ),
- Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV),
- D2N2 Innovation Fund.

The principal challenges and barriers to implementation that South Derbyshire District Council experienced during 2023 are summarised below. We anticipate that these challenges will continue through 2024;

- Various challenges with the delivery of housing decarbonisation funding including quality of delivery of contractors work to meet PAS2035, increasing materials costs and aligning homeowners expectations with the limitations of the grant funding availability.
- Costs of installation of three phase electrical supplies to enable EV installation in public car parks.
- Availability of green hydrogen and high cost of hydrogen storage and distribution.

The three highest priority items in terms of impact on air quality are highlighted in yellow in the Table below.

A number of these actions are already mentioned in other strategic plans. Where that is the case the measure number in the Table makes reference to these such as the South Derbyshire Climate & Environment Action Plan (C&EAP) and the Derby and Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy Action Plan (DAQS).

# Table 2.1 – Progress on Measures to Improve Air Quality

Measure No.	Measure Title	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced in AQAP	Estimated / Actual Completion Date	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	<u>Air quality</u> <u>mitigation</u> <u>measures in the</u> <u>South</u> <u>Derbyshire</u> <u>Design Guide</u> (Design SPD)	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2019	2024	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Overall reduction in emissions per developed floorspace	308 planning responses in 2023	Design SPD approved. Model planning conditions produced.	Pressure for planning approval without air quality conditions
2	Woodville - Swadlincote Regeneration Route	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	2020	2022	DCC	D2N2 Growth Fund	NO	Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Completed	Mass emission and exposure reduction to PM and NO2	Reduced NO2 exposure in High Street Woodville	Road complete. See air quality data later in this report	Complete
3	Replacement of solid fuel heating appliances with Air Source Heat Pumps in South Derbyshire Council homes	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Shift to installations using low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2018	2019	SDDC	ECO	NO	Funded	£500k - £1 million	Completed	1.5 to 3 tonne reduction in PM emission	54 Air Source Heat Pumps fitted	Overseal Project complete	Complete.
6	Free Trees initiative	Other	Other	2010	2032	SDDC	National Forest	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	CO2 and PM mitigation	Number of free trees distributed	Approx 1000 trees distributed in 2023	
7	Derbyshire Low Emissions Strategy Action Plan	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Priority parking for LEV's	2019	2024	EST, BP Pulse, SDDC	OZEV	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	PM and NO2	Various indicators around increase of low emission transport across Derbyshire	50 EV points in Council owned car parks. Significant growth in demand observed.	Availability of three phase supplies to public car parks. Cost
8	Derby Park and Ride scheme at Boulton Moor	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Public transport improvements- interchanges stations and services	2019	2030	DCC and private developers	Derbyshire County Council and private developers	NO				Reduced passenger car emissions	Trip reductions	Currently at options appraisal	Dependant on s.106 contributions and possible Transforming Cities capital
9	A38 Derby Junction Improvements (Kingsway, Mark Eaton and Abbey Hill)	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re- prioritising road space away from cars, including Access management, Selective vehicle priority, bus priority, high vehicle occupancy lane	2018	2024	Highways England	Highways England	NO	Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Implementation	Reduced total vehicle emissions	None	Development Consent Order approved on 8 January 2021. Re- determination of DCO is currently pending	DCO may not be re- determined
10	South Derbyshire staff travel action plan targets	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	2019	2024	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Partially Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	Reduced PM & NO2	15% reduction in grey fleet mileage. 10% reduction in total fleet diesel consumption. 70% of staff using sustainable travel	Plan adopted in Nov 2019. KPIs for 2023 on target. 50% reduction in staff travel emissions (as CO2) achieved between 2019 and 2022.	Funding and staff engagement
11	Derby Clean Air Zone	Traffic Management	Road User Charging (RUC)/ Congestion charging	2019	2024	Derby City Council		YES				Reduced exposure of sensitive receptors	Compliance with EU Limit Value for NO2	Ministerial approval in May 2019	

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12	Derbyshire Air Quality Strategy	Other	Other	2019	2030	DCC	DCC	NO	Partially Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Reduced PM & NO2	Various indicators around emissions and exposure reductions	Adopted Jan 2020. Review initiated in 2022. Revised Plan approved in Sept 2023.	
13	<u>Derbyshire</u> Cycle Plan	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of cycling	2019	2030	Active Derbyshire & DCC	DCC	NO	Partially Funded		Implementation	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Increase from 1% to 2% the % of commuters travelling to work by bike as main transport mode	Ongoing	
14	Key Cycle Network	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of cycling	2019	2030	DCC	DCC	NO	Partially Funded			Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Target of 770km of KCN routes	396km complete, 127 proposed links remain	
15	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of walking	2019	2030	Sustrans	DCC	NO	Partially Funded			Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Monitored through the Active Lives survey.	Draft Plan submitted to DfT in Nov 2019	
16	Sustainable modes of travel strategy	Promoting Travel Alternatives	School Travel Plans	2019	2030	DCC	DCC	NO	Partially Funded			Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Reduce the % of children who go to school in a car from 34%	Proposed KPIs in the Draft Derbyshire AQ Strategy	
17	Sustainable travel Smarter Choices	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Workplace Travel Planning	2019	2030	DCC	DCC	NO	Partially Funded					Proposed KPIs in the Draft Derbyshire AQ Strategy	
18	South Derbyshire Cycling Plan	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Other	2019	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Partially Funded			Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Monitored through the Active Lives survey.	28.9% have used cycling as a means for Active Travel	
19	Reduce emissions from industrial sources by EPR inspections	Environmental Permits	Measures to reduce pollution through IPPC Permits going beyond BAT	2012	2032	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	Reduced industrial emission of all AQS pollutants	100% compliance with permits	100% compliance in 2023	
20	ISO14001 Accreditation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2012	2032	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Partially Funded	£50k - £100k	Implementation	CO2, PM and NO2	ISO14001 recertification	Recertification achieved in Nov 2023	
21	Greenways Strategy including new greenways and cycle routes	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Public transport improvements- interchanges stations and services	2012	2032	DCC	DCC	NO				CO2, PM and NO3		No data	
22	Develop Supplementary Planning Guidance on Air Quality	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	2016	2022	Public Health England	Regional Local Authorities	NO	Funded	< £10k	Completed	Reduction in impacts of new development	Finalised document	Final version published in Nov 2018	Adoption within the planning process
24	EMAQF Workplan	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	2018	2023	Public Health England	Regional Local Authorities	NO	Funded	< £10k	Aborted	No direct impact	Delivery against workplan	No recent activity	
25	Annual report on air quality to Derbyshire Health Protection Board	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	2018	2032	DCC	District Las	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	No direct impact	Report to Health Protection Board	Last report to the September 2023 meeting	
26	Derbyshire air quality heatmap	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	2020	2020	DCC	District Las	NO	Funded	< £10k	Completed	No direct impact	Finalise heat maps	Heatmaps produced from 2015 data	
27	Promotion of Clean Air Day	Public Information	Via the Internet	2018	2032	DCC	District Las	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	No direct impact	Comm Plan	Comm Plan	

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28	improved communication to individuals with chronic health conditions	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	2018	2032	DCC	Derbyshire Ditsrict / Borough Councils	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	Reduced exposure of sensitive receptors	Comm Plan	Environmental services Comm Plan delivered in full in 2023	
29	Increase awareness of impacts of air quality on health across professional groups	Public Information	Via other mechanisms	2018	2032	DCC	NHS	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	Reduced exposure of sensitive receptors	TBC	The Draft Derbyshire AQ Strategy has been produced following key stakeholder consultation	
30	Installation of a continuous PM monitor in South Derbyshire	Public Information	Via the Internet	2018	2032	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Aborted	No direct reductions	90% capture of PM10 & PM2.5 data	Monitor installed at Civic Way in Sept 2021	Technical problems with monitor led to poor data capture. Monitor is currently out of commission.
31	EPC compliance in private rented sector	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Emission control equipment for small and medium sized stationary combustion sources / replacement of combustion sources	2019	2022	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	100% to EPC E	99.8% at EPC E	Lack of data about the location of private rented properties
C&EAP T1	Civic Offices decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	200 tonne carbon reduction	Adopted in 2024-28 Council Plan	No funding
C&EAP T2	Greenbank leisure centre decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£500k - £1 million	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	589 tonne carbon reduction	Adopted in 2024-28 Council Plan	No funding
C&EAP T3	Etwall leisure centre decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	590 tonne carbon reduction	Agreed in principle. No current implementation plan	No funding
C&EAP T4	Fleet decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Company Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Planning	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	990 tonne carbon reduction	See Fleet Replacement Plan below	No funding
C&EAP T5	Boardman Road depot decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	42 tonne carbon reduction	Agreed in principle. No current implementation plan	No funding
C&EAP T6	Rosliston Forestry Centre decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	136 tonne carbon reduction	Agreed in principle. No current implementation plan	No funding
C&EAP T7&8	Social housing decarbonisation	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2021	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	> £10 million	Planning	Reduced fixed plant (PM and NO2) emissions	>1000 tonne carbon reduction	Approved in principle. Funding subject to bids to DESNZ	No funding
C&EAP ISP2	Public building maintenance programme for all public building estate	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Shift to installations using low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2021	2032	SDDC	TBD	NO	Not Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	Reduced fixed plant and vehicle (CO2, PM and NO2) emissions	152 tonne reduction	Agreed in principle. No current implementation plan	No funding
C&EAP ISP5	Review fleet procurement to transition to low/zero carbon vehicles	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Company Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2018	2030	SDDC	South Derbyshire District Council	NO	Partially Funded	£1 million - £10 million	Implementation	Reduced PM and NO2	88% reduction in total fleet CO2 emissions (988 tonnes)	Strategy approved in Jan 2024	Cost
C&EAP ISP8	Transition to electric grounds maintenance machinery	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Emission control equipment for small and medium sized stationary combustion sources / replacement of combustion sources	2021	2023	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	Reduced mobile plant (PM and NO2) emissions	10 tonne carbon reduction	On Target	

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C&EAP ISP9	Install Smart metering at all Council buildings	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2020	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced mobile plant (PM and NO2) emissions	unknown		
C&EAP ISP10	Leisure Centre electricity reduction and review	Other	Other	2020	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced mobile plant (PM and NO2) emissions	48 tonne carbon reduction		
C&EAP ISP11	Ongoing Leisure Centre maintenance plan for emission reduction	Other	Other	2020	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced mobile plant (PM and NO2) emissions	22 tonne carbon reduction		
C&EAP DSP1	SDDC Healthy homes assistance funding programme for private domestic housing energy efficiency and supporting fuel poverty reduction	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2015	2023	DCC	Better Care Fund	NO	Funded	£50k - £100k	Implementation	Reduced PM and NO2 from domestic energy sources	Number of properties improved	60 properties improved in 2023	Main issue is finding and engaging eligible people
C&EAP DSP2	Feasibility of developing a mine water district heating system in Swadlincote	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2022	2030	SDDC	Heat Network Distribution Fund & SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	Reduced PM and NO2 from properties serviced by the heat network	Completed feasibility study	Funding bid submitted	Minimum 33% contribution by SDDC
C&EAP DSP4	Green Home Grant/LAD/ SHDF funding delivery of retrofit measures to private and tenanted houses	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Low Emission Fuels for stationary and mobile sources in Public Procurement	2020	2030	SDDC	DESNZ	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	Reduced PM and NO2 from domestic energy sources	Number of properties improved	131 properties improved to Dec 2023	significant challenges with project delivery - client engagement, contractor performance, delivery timescales,
C&EAP DSP19	Creating and developing a forum for energy consumption reduction advice for South Derbyshire residents	Public Information		2020	2030	SDDC, DCC	SDDC, DCC	NO	Partially Funded	£50k - £100k	Planning	Reduced PM and NO2 from domestic energy sources	Number of properties improved	Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) projects have started in pilot areas	To be determined based on pilot project experience
C&EAP DSP5	EV funding and infrastructure programme for South Derbyshire	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Procuring alternative Refuelling infrastructure to promote Low Emission Vehicles, EV recharging, Gas fuel recharging	2020	2030	SDDC, DCC	DCC, D2N2, OZEV, Levelling Up Fund	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	Reduced PM and NO2 from cars	Number of EV charge points installed. Number of registered EV vehicles	42 public charge points already installed in SDDC car parks. 12 more funded for 2024. LEVI bid submitted	Availability of three phase supplies to public car parks. Cost
C&EAP DSP6	Feasibility study to support the transition of South Derbyshire private taxi service to low carbon emission vehicles	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Taxi emission incentives	2022	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	Reduced PM and NO2 from licensed taxis	Number of low emissions taxis	Internal discussions only	
C&EAP DSP7	Investigate hydrogen fuel production and infrastructure across South Derbyshire	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Other	2022	2030	SDDC, D2N2	D2N2	NO	Funded	£100k - £500k	Completed	Reduced PM and NO2 from SDDC refuse collection lorries	Reduction in tCO2e. Pilot project evaluation report to D2N2	Hydrogen / diesel hybrid refuse collection vehicles in trial until March 2024	Infrastructure costs for H2 are very high. Only grey H2 is currently available

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C&EAP DSP8	Free Tree Schemes	Other	Other	2010	2032	SDDC	National Forest	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	CO2 and PM mitigation	Number of free trees distributed	Approx 1000 trees distributed in 2023	
C&EAP DSP13	Create and promote a Sustainable Travel to work Plan for job creation	Public Information		2022	2030	SDDC	твс	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	Reduced PM and NO2 from cars	Delivery and implementation of Sustainable Travel Plan	Internal discussions only	
C&EAP DSP14	Freeport Plan influencing, promoting, and partnering to deliver green innovation and technology	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	2022	2030	SDDC	твс	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced emissions from energy and transport associated with the Freeport	TBD		
C&EAP DSP15	Develop a business engagement programme to support decarbonisation projects	Public Information		2022	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	< £10k	Implementation	Reduced tCO2e, NOx and PM from local business sector	Number of businesses engaged per year	Included as a KPI in the 2024-29 Council Plan	
C&EAP DSP16	Create a community engagement programme around Climate Change	Public Information		2022	2030	SDDC	SDDC, DCC	NO	Not Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced tCO2e, NOx and PM from residential sector	TBD	No specific plans. This will develop as part of the delivery of the Climate & Environment Action Plan	
C&EAP DSP17	Embed Active Travel in Swadlincote town centre access plan	Public Information		2022	2030	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Not Funded	£50k - £100k	Planning	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	TBD	No specific plans. This will develop as part of the delivery of the Climate & Environment Action Plan	
34	Beat the Streets	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Intensive active travel campaign & infrastructure	2022	2023	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	No metrics as yet	5,264 players have signed up in the first two weeks	
35	Route Optimisation of waste collection service	Freight and Delivery Management	Route Management Plans/ Strategic routing strategy for HGV's	2020	2025	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	£10k - 50k	Implementation	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Kg reduction in CO2	Implementation in Feb 2024	
DAQSTable3	Smoke Control Order review	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2022	2025	SDDC	SDDC	NO	Funded	< £10k	Planning	Reduced tCO2e, NOx and PM from residential sector	SCA review report	Development of the scope of the review	
DAQSTable7.1	Source apportionment study of PM2.5	Other		2023	2027	Derbyshire Councils	Derbyshire Councils	NO	Not Funded	£10k - 50k	Planning	No direct reductions	Source apportionment data	Only discussed in principle	
DAQSTable7.2	Improved understanding of geospatial distribution of PM2.5	Other		2023	2027	Derbyshire Councils	Derbyshire Councils	NO	Not Funded	£50k - £100k	Planning	No direct reductions	Increased number of PM2.5 monitoring sites	Only discussed in principle	
DAQSTable7.3	Homes Fit for the Future Project	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Other measure for low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2023	2030	Derbyshire Councils	DCC	NO	Partially Funded	£100k - £500k	Implementation	Reduced tCO2e, NOx and PM from residential sector	Number of 'able to pay' properties which have been improved	HEAT Pilot projects have started	

Measure No.	Measure Title	Category	Classification	Year Measure Introduced in AQAP	Estimated / Actual Completion Date	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
DAQSTable7.4	Development of a Local Area Energy Plan for D2N2	Other		2023	2030	Derbyshire Councils	D2N2 / EMCCM	NO	Partially Funded	£100k - £500k	Planning	No direct reductions	Identification of the capacity of D2N2 region to support sustainable energy production		
36	Bus Service Improvement Plan (Swadlincote)	Transport Planning and Infrastructure	Bus route improvements	2023	2026	DCC, SDDC, Bus companies	DfT, County Council, Private sector	NO	Funded	> £10 million	Implementation	Reduced vehicle (PM and NO2) emissions	Various KPIs in the BSIP	Latest progress report published in Nov 2023	
37	Business decarbonisation audits	Promoting Low Emission Plant	Shift to installations using low emission fuels for stationary and mobile sources	2023	2026	Derbyshire Councils, East Midlands Chamber	Shared Prosperity Fund	NO	Funded		Planning	Reduced commercial sector (PM and NO2) emissions	In development	In development	

# 2.3 PM<sub>2.5</sub> – Local Authority Approach to Reducing Emissions and/or Concentrations

As detailed in Policy Guidance LAQM.PG22 (Chapter 8) and the Air Quality Strategy<sup>6</sup>, local authorities are expected to work towards reducing emissions and/or concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)). There is clear evidence that PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particulate matter smaller 2.5 micrometres) has a significant impact on human health, including premature mortality, allergic reactions, and cardiovascular diseases.

The Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF) is a Department of Health data tool for England, intended to focus public health action on increasing healthy life expectancy and reducing differences in life expectancy between communities. The tool uses indicators to assess improvements. Recognising the significant impact that poor air quality can have on health, the PHOF includes an indicator relating to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

The indicator in the PHOF reports the estimates fraction of all-cause adult mortality attributable to anthropogenic particulate air pollution (measured as fine particulate matter). Based on the latest available figures the position in South Derbyshire can be compared to the situation across the rest of England. This comparison is summarised in Table 2.2.

England Average	England Lowest	England Highest	East Midlands Average	Derbyshire Average	South Derbyshire
5.3%	3.5%	7.9%	5.6%	5.4%	5.4%

The estimated sources of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in South Derbyshire have been calculated from background air quality data published by DEFRA. The DEFRA data consists of estimated background concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each 1×1km grid square across all of South Derbyshire attributable to all of the main sources. The estimated average concentration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Defra. Air Quality Strategy – Framework for Local Authority Delivery, August 2023

across all 340km<sup>2</sup> and the maximum estimated concentration (expressed in milligrams per cubic metre,  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>) from each of the main sources of are presented in Table 2.3.

# Table 2.3 Summary of the Average and Maximum Concentrations of PM 2.5 in SouthDerbyshire by 1×1km squares (2022 predictions)

Source	Average Concentration µgm <sup>3</sup>	Proportion of the total PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Maximum Concentration µgm <sup>3</sup>
Motorway	0.000	0.00%	0.010
Trunk A	0.004	0.06%	0.041
Primary A	0.001	0.02%	0.009
Minor	0.003	0.04%	0.012
Brake and Tyre	0.025	0.34%	0.102
Road Abrasion	0.013	0.18%	0.061
Industry	0.124	1.72%	1.472
Domestic	0.152	2.11%	0.731
Rail	0.010	0.14%	0.078
Other	0.038	0.52%	0.424
Secondary	4.305	59.72%	4.517
Residual and salt	2.393	33.20%	3.492
Point sources	0.140	1.95%	2.017

South Derbyshire is not currently taking any additional specific measures to address PM<sub>2.5</sub> beyond those already described in this report.

#### **Smoke Control Area Enforcement**

South Derbyshire has two Smoke Control Areas (SCAs) which were declared in the 1980s in order to help domestic houses transition from solid fuel heating (primarily coal) to

cleaner fossil fuels. The locations of these SCAs are shown on the <u>Smoke Control Area</u> <u>webpage</u> of our website.

Current evidence suggests that despite recent trends in homeowners choosing to install solid fuel appliances, there is a high level of local compliance with the Smoke Control Orders.

During 2023 the Council received just 13 complaints about smoke emissions from the chimneys of domestic properties. Three of these complaints related to properties within the Smoke Control Areas.

Investigations into these complaints did not result in any identified breaches of the Smoke Control Orders and no further interventions were required by Council enforcement officers.

During 2024 South Derbyshire District Council will be exploring the evidence to support a possible revision of the existing Smoke Control Areas.

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

This section sets out the monitoring undertaken within 2023 by South Derbyshire District Council and how it compares with the relevant air quality objectives. In addition, monitoring results are presented for a five-year period between 2019 and 2023 to allow monitoring trends to be identified and discussed.

# 3.1 Summary of Monitoring Undertaken

#### 3.1.1 Automatic Monitoring Sites

South Derbyshire District Council does not undertake any continuous air quality monitoring.

#### 3.1.2 Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites

South Derbyshire District Council undertook non- automatic (i.e. passive) monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> at 24 sites during 2023. Table A.2 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 (NO<sub>2</sub>)

Table A.3 and Table A.4 in Appendix A compare the ratified and adjusted monitored NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean concentrations for the past five years with the air quality objective of

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40µg/m<sup>3</sup>. 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).

For diffusion tubes, the full 2023 dataset of monthly mean values is provided in Appendix B. Note that the concentration data presented in Table B.1 includes distance corrected values, only where relevant.

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

No monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> was carried out by South Derbyshire District Council during 2023.

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

No monitoring of PM<sub>2.5</sub> was carried out by South Derbyshire District Council during 2023.

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

No monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> was carried out by South Derbyshire District Council during 2023.

# **Appendix A: Monitoring Results**

Table A.1 – Details of Automatic Monitoring Sites

South Derbyshire District Council does not currently carry out automatic monitoring of air quality.

#### Table A.2 – 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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
SDDC1	Findern Lane, Burnaston	Roadside	430040	331110	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	30.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC2	27 High Street, Woodville	Roadside	431570	319130	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	4.0	No	2.0
SDDC3	Community Centre, Church Gresley	Urban Background	429300	318620	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	20.0	No	2.0
SDDC4	Castle Apartments, Station Road, Hatton	Roadside	421480	329630	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	10.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC5	24 High Street, Woodville	Roadside	431572	319106	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.0	No	2.0
SDDC6	Woody's, 8 High Street, Woodville	Roadside	431540	319143	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	4.0	No	2.0
SDDC7	The Robin Hood Inn, Lullington Road, Overseal	Roadside	429460	315420	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC8	1 Lullington Road, Overseal	Roadside	429467	315395	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	3.0	No	2.0
SDDC9	99 Woodland Road, Stanton	Roadside	427000	319840	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	3.0	No	2.0
SDDC10	Lamp post, 160 Burton Road, Castle Gresley	Kerbside	427622	318878	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	5.0	1.0	No	2.0
SDDC11	Library, Hartshorne Road, Woodville	Roadside	431500	319250	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	15.0	No	2.0
SDDC12	Lamp post, 32 High Street Repton	Roadside	430494	326810	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	3.0	No	2.0
SDDC13	Lamp post, 35/37 High Street Repton	Kerbside	430508	326810	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0

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) <sup>(1)</sup>	Distance to kerb of nearest road (m) <sup>(2)</sup>	Tube Co- located with a Continuous Analyser?	Tube Height (m)
SDDC14	Roadsign, The Priory, High St, Repton	Roadside	430444	326888	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.0	No	2.0
SDDC15	Roadsign, 2 Woods Meadow, Chellaston Lane	Roadside	439886	332070	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC16	Lampost, 25-39 Hepworth Road	Roadside	431154	318450	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC17	Roadsign, 165 High Street, Woodville	Roadside	432100	318752	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC18	Sign post outside 2a Repton Road, Willington	Roadside	430693	331831	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC19	Road sign, 9 Church Street, Church Gresley	Roadside	429704	318343	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC20	Lampost, 15 Swadlincote Road, Woodville	Roadside	431294	319204	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC21	Lampost - 39 Moira Road, Woodville	Roadside	431487	319003	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0
SDDC22	Lampost on Wragley Way, adj 12 Silverton Drive	Roadside	433236	330729	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC23	Lampost on Wragley Way, adj to 46 Deepdale Lane	Kerbside	434558	330471	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	2.0	No	2.0
SDDC24	Roadsign, 59 Station Road, Hatton	Kerbside	421591	330015	NO <sub>2</sub>	No	0.0	1.5	No	2.0

#### Notes:

(1) Om 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.

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#### Table A.3 – Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results: Automatic Monitoring (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

South Derbyshire District Council does not currently carry out automatic monitoring of air quality.

Site ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Site Type	Valid Data Capture for Monitoring Period (%) <sup>(1)</sup>	Valid Data Capture 2023 (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SDDC1	430040	331110	Roadside	N/A	100.0	20.7	16.5	17.5	17.5	15.9
SDDC2	431570	319130	Roadside	N/A	92.3	25.6	22.6	24.8	21.7	20.2
SDDC3	429300	318620	Urban Background	N/A	100.0	11.3	9.2	9.6	9.8	8.6
SDDC4	421480	329630	Roadside	N/A	84.6	19.5	19.1	20.4	20.5	17.3
SDDC5	431572	319106	Roadside	N/A	100.0	24.3	19.6	19.9	19.8	18.6
SDDC6	431540	319143	Roadside	N/A	92.3	32.7	23.5	23.4	24.1	21.6
SDDC7	429460	315420	Roadside	N/A	100.0	23.3	19.8	19.9	21.7	18.6
SDDC8	429467	315395	Roadside	N/A	92.3	23.5	19.8	22.1	22.8	21.9
SDDC9	427000	319840	Roadside	N/A	100.0	32.3	24.8	26.1	24.5	24.9
SDDC10	427622	318878	Kerbside	N/A	100.0	29.0	24.8	27.7	26.9	26.9
SDDC11	431500	319250	Roadside	N/A	100.0	26.8	22.5	21.6	25.2	21.5
SDDC12	430494	326810	Roadside	N/A	100.0	18.1	13.9	14.8	15.2	13.9
SDDC13	430508	326810	Kerbside	N/A	100.0	17.2	14.4	15.0	15.1	15.7
SDDC14	430444	326888	Roadside	N/A	100.0	27.7	21.1	24.0	24.5	21.1
SDDC15	439886	332070	Roadside	N/A	100.0			16.3	16.2	15.8
SDDC16	431154	318450	Roadside	N/A	92.3			14.0	14.8	14.7
SDDC17	432100	318752	Roadside	N/A	100.0	27.8	24.7	28.0	25.1	22.8
SDDC18	430693	331831	Roadside	N/A	92.3	24.8	22.3	25.6	24.9	22.2
SDDC19	429704	318343	Roadside	N/A	100.0	24.8	17.0	17.4	17.4	17.4
SDDC20	431294	319204	Roadside	N/A	100.0			20.4	21.5	19.2
SDDC21	431487	319003	Roadside	N/A	92.3			17.1	17.7	16.7
SDDC22	433236	330729	Roadside	N/A	92.3				19.1	17.2
SDDC23	434558	330471	Kerbside	N/A	100.0				15.9	14.9
SDDC24	421591	330015	Kerbside	N/A	75.0				18.8	15.9

#### Table A.4 – Annual Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results: Non-Automatic Monitoring (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

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  $\mu g/m^3$ .

Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  are shown in **bold**.

 $NO_2$  annual means exceeding  $60\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the  $NO_2$  1-hour mean objective are shown in <u>bold and</u> <u>underlined</u>.

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%).

#### **Trends in Annual Mean NO2 Concentrations**

This section of the report provides data and commentary on air quality trends over recent years.

Eleven sites have been monitored using diffusion tubes since 2011 (i.e. 13 years of data). Based on a linear regression calculation, all of these sites are shown to have improved over this time period.

A further six sites have been monitored using diffusion tubes since 2012 (i.e. 12 years of data). Based on a linear regression calculation, all of these sites are also shown to have improved over this time period.

To illustrate the long-term reduction in measured NO<sub>2</sub> at these seventeen consistent monitoring locations, the average (mean) of all of the annual NO<sub>2</sub> measurements across all of these sites is illustrated in Figure A.1





Figure A.1 shows that there has been a consistent downward trend in the overall annual average NO<sub>2</sub> measurements across South Derbyshire since 2012.

Until last year, the lowest averaged measurement was in 2020, which was when traffic movement on the local road network was significantly reduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the implications of lock-down restrictions.

The data from 2023 is significant in that it shows that the average annual mean measurement across South Derbyshire was lower than in 2020. Air quality with reference to NO<sub>2</sub> in South Derbyshire can therefore be described as being the best in recorded history.

The maximum and minimum measured NO<sub>2</sub> at each of these seventeen sites along with the year in which the maximum and minimum measured NO<sub>2</sub> were observed are shown in Table A.5.

Monitoring Site	Maximum Measured NO <sub>2</sub>	Year	Minimum Measured NO <sub>2</sub>	Year
SDDC1	30.6	2013	15.9	2023
SDDC2	37.3	2014	20.2	2023
SDDC3	20.0	2013	8.6	2023
SDDC4	27.5	2012	17.3	2023
SDDC5	38.3	2012	18.6	2023
SDDC6	43.5	2012	21.6	2023

#### Table A.5 Maximum and Minimum Measured NO<sub>2</sub> Recorded Between 2011 to 2023

SDDC7	29.4	2013	18.6	2023
SDDC8	32.2	2011	19.8	2020
SDDC9	32.9	2013	24.5	2022
SDDC10	35.4	2017	24.8	2020
SDDC11	33.7	2016	21.5	2023
SDDC12	31.2	2012	13.9	2023
SDDC13	30.9	2012	14.4	2020
SDDC14	46.4	2012	21.1	2023
SDDC17	51.9	2012	22.8	2023
SDDC18	40.0	2012	22.2	2023
SDDC19	31.9	2012	17.0	2023

Table A.5 shows that the highest measured levels of NO<sub>2</sub> in South Derbyshire were predominantly in the period 2012 to 2013. It also shows that all of the lowest measured levels of NO<sub>2</sub> in South Derbyshire were in the period 2020 to 2023.

#### Woodville

Historically, the highest measured levels of NO<sub>2</sub> have been observed in Woodville, and in particular along A511, Woodville High Street. Air quality data for the last five years in Woodville are shown in Figure A.2.

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All long-term monitoring locations along the A512 in Woodville show a pronounced downward trend in the last five years.

Recently commissioned monitoring locations in Woodville were selected to monitor the impact of the opening of the Woodville – Swadlincote Regeneration route. Data from all three of these locations (SDDC16, SDDC 20 and SDDC 21) show that air quality at locations most likely to be adversely affected by the route were well below the AQ Objective.

#### Willington, Repton and Hatton

Air quality data for the last five years in Willington, Repton and Hatton are shown in Figure A.3.





Historically, air quality in Repton, and in particular along the narrow Main Street (B5008) has been of concern and resulted in a detailed assessment in 2015. Monitoring data from the three retained monitoring sites in Repton (SDDC12, SDDC13 and SDDC14) all show that the Air Quality Objective has been consistently achieved and all show a downward five year trend in the measured annual average.

Air quality at one monitoring location at Station Road in Hatton (A511) has consistently been below the Air Quality Objective (SDDC4). Following the addition of another monitoring location further to the north of Station Road, early data shows that this is also well below the AQO. There appears to be a long-term downward trend in NO<sub>2</sub> in Hatton, although this is weaker downward trend than that observed a most of the other monitoring locations in the District.

Air quality in the centre of Willington (SDDC18) and along the A38, north of its junction with the A50 (SDDC1) has consistently been below the AQO.

#### A444, Church Gresley and Overseal

Air quality data for the last five years along the A444 and in Church Gresley and Overseal are shown in Figure A.4.

#### Figure A.4



Historically, air quality in Overseal, and in particular at the crossroads with the A444 in the centre of the village has been of concern and resulted in a detailed air quality assessment in 2010. Monitoring data from the two retained monitoring sites in Overseal (SDDC7 and SDDC8) show that the Air Quality Objective has been consistently achieved and all show a small downward trend in the measured annual average over the last five years.

Air quality at two locations along the A444 (SDDC9 and SDDC10) have consistently been below the Air Quality Objective and show a small downward trend.

Similarly, air quality at two locations in Church Gresley (SDDC3 and SDDC19) have consistently been below the Air Quality Objective and show a small downward trend.

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#### **Stenson and Boulton Moor**

New air quality monitoring locations have recently been established in Boulton Moor (SDDC15) and Stenson (SDDC23 and SDDC24) in response to the potential impacts from significant new areas of residential development and therefore potential extra traffic emissions. It is too early to produce any trend data from these three sites, however initial data shows that air quality at all three locations are well below the AQO.

#### Table A.5 – 1-Hour Mean NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring Results, Number of 1-Hour Means > 200µg/m<sup>3</sup>

No real-time continuous monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> was carried out in 2023.

Table A.6 – Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> Monitoring Results (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

No monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> was carried out in 2023.

Table A.7 – Annual Mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring Results (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

No monitoring of PM<sub>2.5</sub> was carried out in 2023.

Table A.8 – SO<sub>2</sub> 2023 Monitoring Results, Number of Relevant Instances

No monitoring of SO<sub>2</sub> was carried out in 2023.

# Appendix B: Full Monthly Diffusion Tube Results for 2023

DT ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Mean: Raw Data	Annual Mean: Annualised and Bias Adjusted <(0.77)>	Annual Mean: Distance Corrected to Nearest Exposure	Comment
SDDC1	430040	331110	21.9	22.2	23.9	20.3	23.2	16.3	16.1	13.4	21.6	24.6	25.9	18.9	20.7	15.9		
SDDC2	431570	319130	29.5	21.3	26.1	27.4	23.1	23.8	low	21.0	21.8	28.6	37.7	28.7	26.3	20.2		
SDDC3	429300	318620	16.9	16.7	11.4	7.9	8.0	7.1	8.6	9.1	9.8	13.0	20.5	4.7	11.1	8.6		
SDDC4	421480	329630	26.4	14.0	25.8	22.4	22.8	21.1	18.2	19.5	21.5	missing	33.5	missing	22.5	17.3		
SDDC5	431572	319106	33.4	29.0	24.5	21.9	19.7	18.9	21.5	21.8	20.9	24.0	32.8	21.4	24.2	18.6		
SDDC6	431540	319143	43.3	low	30.2	25.4	21.5	19.8	27.4	26.2	28.0	31.0	28.7	27.0	28.0	21.6		
SDDC7	429460	315420	34.3	26.1	28.9	20.8	25.9	21.0	19.0	22.7	28.2	3.3	34.7	25.6	24.2	18.6		
SDDC8	429467	315395	33.9	33.8	34.0	low	23.3	24.8	22.2	23.7	28.2	31.7	32.8	25.0	28.5	21.9		
SDDC9	427000	319840	45.4	40.4	35.6	18.3	22.3	27.8	32.9	27.5	31.9	36.6	40.3	28.7	32.3	24.9		
SDDC10	427622	318878	37.2	44.7	34.1	35.8	33.9	35.7	29.5	24.8	36.1	35.1	43.2	28.6	34.9	26.9		
SDDC11	431500	319250	26.8	37.1	31.2	11.1	25.5	24.3	26.3	26.2	30.0	34.6	34.2	27.9	27.9	21.5		
SDDC12	430494	326810	36.8	11.8	21.2	14.6	13.0	12.7	14.1	15.3	18.5	19.2	23.9	15.8	18.1	13.9		
SDDC13	430508	326810	39.5	23.2	19.5	16.1	17.4	12.4	12.7	17.1	16.6	25.5	26.5	17.8	20.4	15.7		
SDDC14	430444	326888	25.2	35.0	30.4	28.5	21.8	22.5	23.9	27.6	27.8	28.7	35.5	22.2	27.4	21.1		
SDDC15	439886	332070	27.9	25.4	20.7	18.5	20.0	18.3	12.4	16.9	20.8	23.7	23.6	18.7	20.6	15.8		
SDDC16	431154	318450	42.9	24.3	19.9	15.3	13.0	10.5	14.9	15.6	17.8	missing	19.8	15.7	19.1	14.7		
SDDC17	432100	318752	39.9	28.1	34.5	16.3	35.0	35.0	21.8	24.6	28.7	30.2	33.3	27.6	29.6	22.8		
SDDC18	430693	331831	29.7	missing	32.5	31.3	26.5	26.2	24.1	28.2	26.1	28.0	39.9	24.9	28.9	22.2		
SDDC19	429704	318343	34.0	31.6	22.2	17.0	21.4	17.6	18.5	12.2	18.4	23.0	33.1	21.8	22.6	17.4		
SDDC20	431294	319204	20.4	35.0	27.8	23.0	17.3	20.8	21.5	21.7	24.8	29.9	29.6	27.4	24.9	19.2		
SDDC21	431487	319003	32.5	28.1	23.6	20.0	16.8	15.7	13.9	15.3	18.9	20.0	33.5	low	21.7	16.7		
SDDC22	433236	330729	27.1	22.1	23.1	22.1	16.9	17.4	18.7	20.6	missing	25.9	27.0	25.2	22.4	17.2		
SDDC23	434558	330471	23.0	25.1	18.8	15.7	14.5	14.7	13.9	15.8	17.8	23.5	29.1	19.8	19.3	14.9		
SDDC24	421591	330015	Missing	14.2	20.6	22.2	17.0	Missing	17.4	17.0	24.7	missing	30.2	22.2	20.6	15.9		

#### Table B.1 – NO<sub>2</sub> 2023 Diffusion Tube Results (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

⊠ 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.

⊠ National bias adjustment factor used (0.77).

Where applicable, data has been distance corrected for relevant exposure in the final column.

#### South Derbyshire DC confirm that all 2023 diffusion tube data has been uploaded to the Diffusion Tube Data Entry System.

#### Notes:

Exceedances of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective of  $40\mu g/m^3$  are shown in **bold**.

NO<sub>2</sub> annual means exceeding 60µg/m<sup>3</sup>, indicating a potential exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> 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 South Derbyshire During 2023

South Derbyshire District Council has not identified any significant new sources relating to air quality within the reporting year of 2023.

### Additional Air Quality Works Undertaken by South Derbyshire During 2023

South Derbyshire District Council has not completed any additional works within the reporting year of 2023.

#### **QA/QC of Diffusion Tube Monitoring**

Diffusion tubes used for non-automatic monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> are supplied by Environmental Science, Unit 12, Moorbrook, South Mead Industrial Estate, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 7HP (formerly known as Socotec).

The samples were analysed in accordance with SOCOTEC's standard operating procedure ANU/SOP/1015. This method meets the guidelines set out in DEFRA's 'Diffusion Tubes for Ambient NO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring: Practical Guidance.' The tubes were prepared by spiking acetone : triethanolamine (50:50) onto the grids prior to the tubes being assembled. The tubes were desorbed with distilled water and the extract analysed using a segmented flow auto analyser with ultraviolet detection.

This analysis of diffusion tube samples to determine the amount of nitrogen dioxide present on the tube is within the scope of Socotec UKAS schedule. In the AIR PT intercomparison scheme for comparing spiked Nitrogen Dioxide diffusion tubes, SOCOTEC currently holds the highest rank of a **Satisfactory** laboratory.

The monitoring was completed in adherence with the DEFRA 2023 Diffusion Tube Monitoring Calendar.

#### **Diffusion Tube Annualisation**

All diffusion tube monitoring locations within South Derbyshire recorded data capture of ≥75% therefore it was not required to annualise any monitoring data.

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

The diffusion tube data presented within the 2024 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<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> continuous analysers. Alternatively, the national database of diffusion tube co-location surveys provides bias factors for the relevant laboratory and preparation method.

South Derbyshire have applied a national bias adjustment factor of 0.77 to the 2023 monitoring data. A summary of bias adjustment factors used by South Derbyshire DC over the past five years is presented in

Table C.1.

The national bias correction factors used have been taken from spreadsheet version 03/24.

The overall bias correction factor in 2023 is based on data from 28 studies.

Monitoring Year	Local or National	If National, Version of National Spreadsheet	Adjustment Factor
2023	National	03/24	0.77
2022	National	03/23	0.76
2021	National	03/22	0.78
2020	National	03/21	0.77
2019	National	03/20	0.75

#### NO2 Fall-off with Distance from the Road

Wherever possible, monitoring locations are representative of exposure. However, where this is not possible, the NO<sub>2</sub> concentration at the nearest location relevant for exposure has been estimated using the Diffusion Tube Data Processing Tool/NO<sub>2</sub> fall-off with distance calculator available on the LAQM Support website. Where appropriate, non-automatic annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations corrected for distance are presented in Table B.1.

DEFRA guidance recommends that distance correction should be considered at any monitoring site where the annual mean concentration is greater than 36µg/m<sup>3</sup> and the monitoring site is not located at a point of relevant exposure.

No diffusion tube NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring locations within South Derbyshire required distance correction during 2023.

# **QA/QC of Automatic Monitoring**

No automatic monitoring carried out in 2023.

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

Figure D.1 – Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Site

Figure D.1a District Map of All Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in South Derbyshire



Figure D.1b Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Woodville



Figure D.1c Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Site in Burnaston (SDDC1)



#### Figure D.1d Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Site in Hatton



Figure D.1e Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Overseal

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Figure D.1f Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Stanton (A444)



Figure D.1g Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Repton



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Figure D.1h Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Sites in Church Gresley



Figure D.1i Map of Non-Automatic Monitoring Site in Willington

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# Appendix E: Summary of Air Quality Objectives in England

#### Table E.1 – Air Quality Objectives in England<sup>7</sup>

Pollutant	Air Quality Objective: Concentration	Air Quality Objective: Measured as
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	200µg/m <sup>3</sup> not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	40µg/m³	Annual mean
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	50µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean
Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	40µg/m³	Annual mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	350µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO2)	125µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 3 times a year	24-hour mean
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	266µg/m <sup>3</sup> , not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	15-minute mean

 $<sup>^7</sup>$  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					
EU	European Union					
FDMS	Filter Dynamics Measurement System					
LAQM	Local Air Quality Management					
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen Dioxide					
NOx	Nitrogen Oxides					
PM <sub>10</sub>	Airborne particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of $10\mu m$ 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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