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Subject: RE: Air Quality Assessment, MU1 Barnsley
Attachments: RE: Barnsley West - 2021/ENQ/00167 EIA Scoping Request (P18-1848PL)

Paul,

Further to your e-mail response dated 14.05.21 below, please see my further comments (**orange text, bold**).

Kind Regards,

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LAQM.TG(16) states that "exceedances of the NO₂ 1-hour mean are unlikely to occur where the annual mean is below 60µg/m³." The monitoring data in and outside of the AQMA does not indicate concentrations close to this threshold of 60µg/m³, where the highest baseline measured NO₂ concentration within the study area was 45.8µg/m³ in 2018. It is not anticipated that modelled results will approach or exceed NO₂ concentrations of the 60µg/m³ threshold, since modelled results will be verified against local monitoring data. Annual average NO₂ concentrations will however be reviewed, and consideration will be given to assessing short-term objectives if the predicted annual mean is close to or above 60µg/m³. Please confirm that you are in agreement with this approach? **Agreed**

In addition, it is not usual practice in a detailed air quality assessment to consider the short term air quality standard for PM₁₀, however the LAQM.TG(16) guidance offers the following within section 7.92:

"As for NO₂, using a dispersion model to predict exceedances of the PM₁₀ short-term (24 hour mean) objective may be challenging. Therefore, to estimate potential exceedances of the PM₁₀ 24-hour mean objective, local authorities should use the following relationship, provided in previous Technical Guidance, but still considered adequate:

No. 24-hour mean exceedances = $-18.5 + 0.00145 \times \text{annual mean}^3 + (206/\text{annual mean})$."

This formula will be applied to receptors, within the study area, which are predicted to experience the highest PM₁₀ annual mean concentrations. **Agreed**

Sensitivity analysis: The IAQM has recently withdrawn its position statement on the use of sensitivity analyses, stating "There is a growing body of evidence to suggest that the latest COPERT vehicle emission factors, which feed into the EFT (v9 and onwards), reflect the real-world NO_x emissions more accurately. It is judged that an exclusively vehicle emissions-based sensitivity test is no longer necessary. On this basis, the EFT may be used for future year modelling with greater confidence when considering the per vehicle emission, provided that the assessment is verified against measurements made in the year 2016 or later."

Therefore, we plan to use results obtained using the latest EFT v10.1 for our assessment of significance. Results of a worst-case (no improvement in emission factors or background concentrations) sensitivity test will be included as an appendix. **Agreed**

3. Traffic flow information has been provided by the appointed Transport Consultant for the project and will take into account all committed developments. **Please list the committed developments taken account of within your assessment.** Potential queuing zones and slow down sections at junctions/major traffic lights will be modelled at a vehicle speed of 20km/h. **Agreed.** As a result of previous discussions, we have obtained traffic data to cover the Penny Pie Park area and the forthcoming gyratory system will be incorporated in the air quality models of the 2026 Opening Year and 2033 Future Year scenarios (see below).

The transport consultants have informed us that the following committed developments have been included within the traffic dataset:

Planning Reference	Application Summary
2016/0259	Smithy Wood Lane - Residential development of 36 dwellings
2016/0268	Green Road - Residential development of 50 dwellings
2017/1002	Capitol Park - Development of approximately 7,000 sqm of industrial land use
2016/0713	Capitol Park Industrial Estate - Outline application for 16,499 sqm GFA of industrial development
2017/0987	Capitol Park - NHS blood storage facility on Unit C
B/04/1998/DO	Capitol Park - Industrial development with a site area of 0.95 hectares
2018/0965	Penny Pie Park Gyratory
2019/0286	Capitol Park - Employment development of approximately 16,723 sqm
2020/0977	Land off Barugh Green Road - Residential development of 140 dwellings
2020/0040	Highways works comprising the linking of Capitol Close and Higham Lane via a new roundabout

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We have been informed that this scenario is not going to come about under the existing plans for the buildout of the development, and therefore we do not plan to include this scenario within the assessment. **Noted, please note also, the attached e-mail for information only at this stage, from the Council's Head of Planning Joe Jenkinson recently sent to Pegasus about this, suggesting that there are still outstanding issues to be resolved prior to resolving of the timescale for delivery of the link road.**

- a. 2018 Base Year and model verification; **Agreed that 2018 can be used as the base and verification year**

- b. 2026 Opening Year (without Barugh Green Road and Higham Common Road roundabouts);
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6. As for the roundabout applications, model verification for NO₂ will be undertaken using data from the SCRIF applications supplied to us by AECOM, and using Barnsley Metropolitan District Council data from monitoring locations on the A628 Dodworth Road between the M1 and the Pogmoor Crossroads. **Agreed**. As there are no monitoring locations for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} within the study area, we do not propose to undertake model verification for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. **Will any subsequent model verification factor applied to the modelled NO₂ concentrations be also applied to modelled the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations?**
- This isn't something we always do, but we note that LAQM TG(16) does advise that it can be appropriate, so we could apply NO₂ adjustment factors to particulate matter when processing the model output data. **Agreed**
7. Background data for NO₂ will be taken from the Barnsley Gawber Continuous Monitoring Station. It seems that there are no suitable background monitoring locations nearby for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} which would be representative of the proposed development site and therefore these will be obtained from the 2018-based DEFRA background maps for the appropriate grid squares. **Agreed**
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I note the EIA scoping report in support of this application states the following:

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In addition, following the adoption of the Sustainable Travel Supplementary Planning Document, installation of electric vehicle charge points are recommended in accordance with the requirements of this document, the details of which are in the table below.

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It is further recommended that the electric vehicle charge points are demonstrated to be "mode 3", minimum 7 kW (32 AMP) in order to meet future electric vehicle charge point requirements, and these requirements shall be acknowledged when discussing mitigation of operational phase traffic emissions within your assessment.

We have been informed that the client plans to implement EV charging points as required in the Sustainable Travel SPD and have made them aware of the BMBC Good Practice Guidance also. These documents will be noted within the assessment. **An assessment of the proposed development in accordance with the BMBC Air Quality and Emissions Good Practice Planning Guidance will be required in order to determine the scale of the proposed development (minor, medium, major). As this is expected to be a “major” development, an accompanying damage cost calculation in accordance with this guidance will be required, should this be deemed to be the case.**

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We will prepare a plot of the receptor locations. I am not sure exactly what is required from a description, will an approximate address and a comment that it's a residential property be sufficient? **An approximate address along with the 12 digit grid reference will be satisfactory for me to appraise these proposed locations.**

Kind regards,

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