

# Air Quality Assessment: Houghton Main REC

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# 1 Glossary

<b>AADT</b>	Annual Average Daily Traffic
<b>ADMS-5</b>	Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling System
<b>AQMA</b>	Air Quality Management Area
<b>AURN</b>	Automatic Urban and Rural Network
<b>CHP</b>	Combined Heat and Power
<b>CO</b>	Carbon Monoxide
<b>DCLG</b>	Department for Communities and Local Government
<b>Defra</b>	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
<b>DfT</b>	Department for Transport
<b>EPUK</b>	Environmental Protection UK
<b>Exceedence</b>	A period of time when the concentration of a pollutant is greater than the appropriate air quality objective. This applies to specified locations with relevant exposure
<b>HCl</b>	Hydrogen Chloride
<b>HF</b>	Hydrogen Fluoride
<b>IAQM</b>	Institute of Air Quality Management
<b>LAQM</b>	Local Air Quality Management
<b>LDF</b>	Local Development Framework
<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	Microgrammes per cubic metre
<b>NO</b>	Nitric oxide
<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	Nitrogen dioxide
<b>NO<sub>x</sub></b>	Nitrogen oxides (taken to be NO <sub>2</sub> + NO)
<b>NPPF</b>	National Planning Policy Framework
<b>Objectives</b>	A nationally defined set of health-based concentrations for nine pollutants, seven of which are incorporated in Regulations, setting out the extent to which the standards should be achieved by a defined date. There are also vegetation-based objectives for sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Small airborne particles, more specifically particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter

<b>PM<sub>2.5</sub></b>	Small airborne particles less than 2.5 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter
<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	Sulphur Dioxide
<b>SPG</b>	Supplementary Planning Guidance
<b>SPD</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Standards</b>	A nationally defined set of concentrations for nine pollutants below which health effects do not occur or are minimal
<b>TEA</b>	Triethanolamine – used to absorb nitrogen dioxide
<b>TEOM</b>	Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance
<b>TOC</b>	Total Organic Compounds
<b>VCM</b>	Volatile Correction Model
<b>VOC</b>	Volatile Organic Compounds

## Appendix 8.1 Construction Dust Assessment Procedure

A1.1 The criteria developed by IAQM divide the activities on construction sites into four types to reflect their different potential impacts. These are:

- demolition;
- earthworks;
- construction; and
- trackout.

A1.2 The assessment procedure includes the four steps summarised below:

### STEP 1: Screen the Need for a Detailed Assessment

A1.3 An assessment is required where there is a human receptor within 350 m of the boundary of the site and/or within 50 m of the route(s) used by construction vehicles on the public highway, up to 500 m from the site entrance(s), or where there is an ecological receptor within 50 m of the boundary of the site and/or within 50 m of the route(s) used by construction vehicles on the public highway, up to 500 m from the site entrance(s).

A1.4 Where the need for a more detailed assessment is screened out, it can be concluded that the level of risk is *negligible* and that any effects will not be significant. No mitigation measures beyond those required by legislation will be required.

### STEP 2: Assess the Risk of Dust Impacts

A1.5 A site is allocated to a risk category based on two factors:

- the scale and nature of the works, which determines the potential dust emission magnitude (Step 2A); and
- the sensitivity of the area to dust effects (Step 2B).

A1.6 These two factors are combined in Step 2C, which is to determine the risk of dust impacts with no mitigation applied. The risk categories assigned to the site may be different for each of the four potential sources of dust (demolition, earthworks, construction and trackout).

#### Step 2A – Define the Potential Dust Emission Magnitude

A1.7 Dust emission magnitude is defined as either 'Small', 'Medium', or 'Large'. The IAQM explains that this classification should be based on professional judgement, but provides the examples in Table A0.1.

**Table A0.1: Examples of How the Dust Emission Magnitude Class May be Defined**

Class	Examples
<b>Demolition</b>	
<b>Large</b>	Total building volume >50,000 m <sup>3</sup> , potentially dusty construction material (e.g. concrete), on site crushing and screening, demolition activities >20 m above ground level
<b>Medium</b>	Total building volume 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> – 50,000 m <sup>3</sup> , potentially dusty construction material, demolition activities 10-20 m above ground level
<b>Small</b>	Total building volume <20,000 m <sup>3</sup> , construction material with low potential for dust release (e.g. metal cladding or timber), demolition activities <10 m above ground, demolition during wetter months
<b>Earthworks</b>	
<b>Large</b>	Total site area >10,000 m <sup>2</sup> , potentially dusty soil type (e.g. clay, which will be prone to suspension when dry to due small particle size), >10 heavy earth moving vehicles active at any one time, formation of bunds >8 m in height, total material moved >100,000 tonnes
<b>Medium</b>	Total site area 2,500 m <sup>2</sup> – 10,000 m <sup>2</sup> , moderately dusty soil type (e.g. silt), 5-10 heavy earth moving vehicles active at any one time, formation of bunds 4 m – 8 m in height, total material moved 20,000 tonnes – 100,000 tonnes
<b>Small</b>	Total site area <2,500 m <sup>2</sup> , soil type with large grain size (e.g. sand), <5 heavy earth moving vehicles active at any one time, formation of bunds <4 m in height, total material moved <10,000 tonnes, earthworks during wetter months
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Large</b>	Total building volume >100,000 m <sup>3</sup> , piling, on site concrete batching; sandblasting
<b>Medium</b>	Total building volume 25,000 m <sup>3</sup> – 100,000 m <sup>3</sup> , potentially dusty construction material (e.g. concrete), piling, on site concrete batching
<b>Small</b>	Total building volume <25,000 m <sup>3</sup> , construction material with low potential for dust release (e.g. metal cladding or timber)
<b>Trackout <sup>a</sup></b>	
<b>Large</b>	>50 HDV (>3.5t) outward movements in any one day, potentially dusty surface material (e.g. high clay content), unpaved road length >100 m
<b>Medium</b>	10-50 HDV (>3.5t) outward movements in any one day, moderately dusty surface material (e.g. high clay content), unpaved road length 50 m – 100 m
<b>Small</b>	<10 HDV (>3.5t) outward movements in any one day, surface material with low potential for dust release, unpaved road length <50 m

<sup>a</sup> These numbers are for vehicles that leave the site after moving over unpaved ground.

### **Step 2B – Define the Sensitivity of the Area**

A1.8 The sensitivity of the area is defined taking account of a number of factors:

- the specific sensitivities of receptors in the area;
- the proximity and number of those receptors;
- in the case of PM<sub>10</sub>, the local background concentration; and
- site-specific factors, such as whether there are natural shelters to reduce the risk of wind-blown dust.

A1.9 The first requirement is to determine the specific sensitivities of local receptors. The IAQM recommends that this should be based on professional judgment, taking account of the principles in Table A0.2. These receptor sensitivities are then used in the matrices set out in Table A0.3, Table A0.4, and Table A0.5 to determine the sensitivity of the area. Finally, the sensitivity of the area is considered in relation to any other site-specific factors, such as the presence of natural shelters etc., and any required adjustments to the defined sensitivities are made.

### ***Step 2C – Define the Risk of Impacts***

A1.10 The dust emission magnitude determined at Step 2A is combined with the sensitivity of the area determined at Step 2B to determine the *risk* of impacts with no mitigation applied. The IAQM provides the matrix in Table A0.6 as a method of assigning the level of risk for each activity.

### **STEP 3: Determine Site-specific Mitigation Requirements**

A1.11 The IAQM provides a suite of recommended and desirable mitigation measures which are organised according to whether the outcome of Step 2 indicates a low, medium, or high risk. The list provided by the IAQM has been used as the basis for the requirements set out in Appendix 0.

### **STEP 4: Determine Significant Effects**

A1.12 The IAQM does not provide a method for assessing the significance of effects before mitigation, and advises that pre-mitigation significance should not be determined. With appropriate mitigation in place, the IAQM guidance is clear that the residual effect will normally be ‘not significant’ (Institute of Air Quality Management, 2014).

A1.13 The IAQM guidance recognises that, even with a rigorous dust management plan in place, it is not possible to guarantee that the dust mitigation measures will be effective all the time, for instance under adverse weather conditions. The local community may therefore experience occasional, short-term dust annoyance. The scale of this would not normally be considered sufficient to change the conclusion that the effects will be ‘not significant’.

**Table A0.2: Principles to be Used When Defining Receptor Sensitivities**

Class	Principles	Examples
<b>Sensitivities of People to Dust Soiling Effects</b>		
<b>High</b>	users can reasonably expect enjoyment of a high level of amenity; <u>or</u> the appearance, aesthetics or value of their property would be diminished by soiling; and the people or property would reasonably be expected to be present continuously, or at least regularly for extended periods, as part of the normal pattern of use of the land	dwellings, museum and other culturally important collections, medium and long term car parks and car showrooms
<b>Medium</b>	users would expect to enjoy a reasonable level of amenity, but would not reasonably expect to enjoy the same level of amenity as in their home; <u>or</u> the appearance, aesthetics or value of their property could be diminished by soiling; <u>or</u> the people or property wouldn't reasonably be expected to be present here continuously or regularly for extended periods as part of the normal pattern of use of the land	parks and places of work
<b>Low</b>	the enjoyment of amenity would not reasonably be expected; <u>or</u> there is property that would not reasonably be expected to be diminished in appearance, aesthetics or value by soiling; <u>or</u> there is transient exposure, where the people or property would reasonably be expected to be present only for limited periods of time as part of the normal pattern of use of the land	playing fields, farmland (unless commercially-sensitive horticultural), footpaths, short term car parks and roads
<b>Sensitivities of People to the Health Effects of PM<sub>10</sub></b>		
<b>High</b>	locations where members of the public may be exposed for eight hours or more in a day	residential properties, hospitals, schools and residential care homes
<b>Medium</b>	locations where the people exposed are workers, and where individuals may be exposed for eight hours or more in a day.	may include office and shop workers, but will generally not include workers occupationally exposed to PM <sub>10</sub>
<b>Low</b>	locations where human exposure is transient	public footpaths, playing fields, parks and shopping streets
<b>Sensitivities of Receptors to Ecological Effects</b>		
<b>High</b>	locations with an international or national designation <i>and</i> the designated features may be affected by dust soiling; <u>or</u> locations where there is a community of a particularly dust sensitive species	Special Areas of Conservation with dust sensitive features
<b>Medium</b>	locations where there is a particularly important plant species, where its dust sensitivity is uncertain or unknown; <u>or</u> locations with a national designation where the features may be affected by dust deposition	Sites of Special Scientific Interest with dust sensitive features
<b>Low</b>	locations with a local designation where the features may be affected by dust deposition	Local Nature Reserves with dust sensitive features

**Table A0.3: Sensitivity of the Area to Effects on People and Property from Dust Soiling <sup>1</sup>**

Receptor Sensitivity	Number of Receptors	Distance from the Source (m)			
		<20	<50	<100	<350
High	>100	High	High	Medium	Low
	10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low
	1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low
Medium	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low
Low	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low

**Table A0.4: Sensitivity of the Area to Human Health Effects <sup>1</sup>**

Receptor Sensitivity	Annual Mean PM <sub>10</sub>	Number of Receptors	Distance from the Source (m)				
			<20	<50	<100	<200	<350
High	>32 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	High	High	Medium	Low
		10-100	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	28-32 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	24-28 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
	<24 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	>100	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
		10-100	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
		1-10	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Medium	-	>10	High	Medium	Low	Low	Low
	-	1-10	Medium	Low	Low	Low	Low
Low	-	>1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low



**Table A0.5: Sensitivity of the Area to Ecological Effects <sup>1</sup>**

Receptor Sensitivity	Distance from the Source (m)	
	<20	<50
High	High	Medium
Medium	Medium	Low
Low	Low	Low

**Table A0.6: Defining the Risk of Dust Impacts**

Sensitivity of the Area	Dust Emission Magnitude		
	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Demolition</b>			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Medium Risk
Medium	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Low	Medium Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
<b>Earthworks</b>			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Medium	Medium Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Low	Low Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
<b>Construction</b>			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Medium	Medium Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Low	Low Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
<b>Trackout</b>			
High	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
Medium	Medium Risk	Low Risk	Negligible
Low	Low Risk	Low Risk	Negligible

<sup>1</sup> For demolition, earthworks and construction, distances are taken either from the dust source or from the boundary of the site. For trackout, distances are measured from the sides of roads used by construction traffic. Without mitigation, trackout may occur from roads up to 500 m from large sites, 200 m from medium sites and 50 m from small sites, as measured from the site exit. The impact declines with distance from the site, and it is only necessary to consider trackout impacts up to 50 m from the edge of the road.

## Appendix 8.2 Impact Descriptors and Assessment of Significance

A1.14 There is no official guidance in the UK on how to describe the nature of air quality impacts, nor how to assess their significance. The approach developed by the Institute of Air Quality Management<sup>2</sup> (Institute of Air Quality Management, 2009), and incorporated in Environmental Protection UK's guidance document on planning and air quality (Environmental Protection UK, 2010), has therefore been used. This involves three distinct stages: the application of descriptors for magnitude of change; the description of the impact at each sensitive receptor; and then the assessment of overall significance of the scheme.

### Impact Descriptors

A1.15 The definition of **impact magnitude** is solely related to the degree of change in pollutant concentrations, expressed in microgrammes per cubic metre, but originally determined as a percentage of the air quality objective. **Impact description** takes account of the impact magnitude and of the absolute concentrations and how they relate to the air quality objectives or other relevant standards. The descriptors for the magnitude of change due to the scheme are set out Table A0.1, while Table A0.2 sets out the impact descriptors. These tables have been designed to assist with describing air quality impacts at each specific receptor. They apply to the pollutants relevant to this scheme and the objectives against which they are being assessed.

**Table A0.1: Definition of Impact Magnitude for Changes in Ambient Pollutant Concentrations**

Magnitude of Change	Annual Mean Concentration
Large	Increase/decrease ≥10% of objective
Medium	Increase/decrease 5 - <10% of objective
Small	Increase/decrease 1 - <5 % of objective
Imperceptible	Increase/decrease <1% of objective

<sup>2</sup> The IAQM is the professional body for air quality practitioners in the UK.

**Table A0.2: Air Quality Impact Descriptors for Changes to Annual Mean Concentrations at a Receptor <sup>a</sup>**

Absolute Concentration <sup>b</sup> in Relation to Objective	Change in Concentration/day <sup>c</sup>		
	Small	Medium	Large
Above Objective	Slight	Moderate	Substantial
Just Below Objective	Slight	Moderate	Moderate
Below Objective	Negligible	Slight	Slight
Well Below Objective	Negligible	Negligible	Slight

<sup>a</sup> Criteria have been adapted from the published criteria to remove overlaps at transitions.

<sup>b</sup> The 'Absolute Concentration' relates to the 'With-Scheme' air quality where there is an increase in concentrations and to the 'Without-Scheme' air quality where there is a decrease in concentrations.

<sup>c</sup> Where the Impact Magnitude is *Imperceptible*, then the Impact Description is *Negligible*.

## Assessment of Significance

- A1.16 The IAQM guidance (Institute of Air Quality Management, 2009) is that the **assessment of significance** should be based on professional judgement, with the overall air quality impact of the scheme described as either, *insignificant*, *minor*, *moderate* or *major*. In drawing these conclusions, the factors set out in Table A0.3 should be taken into account. A summary of the professional experience of staff contributing to this assessment is provided in Appendix 0.

**Table A0.3: Factors Taken into Account in Determining Air Quality Significance**

Factors
Number of people affected by increases and/or decreases in concentrations and a judgement on the overall balance.
The magnitude of the changes and the descriptions of the impacts at the receptors using the criteria set out in Table A0.1 and Table A0.2.
Whether or not an exceedence of an objective is predicted to arise in the study area where none existed before or an exceedence area is substantially increased.
Whether or not the study area exceeds an objective and this exceedence is removed or the exceedence area is reduced.
Uncertainty, including the extent to which worst-case assumptions have been made.
The extent to which an objective is exceeded, e.g. an annual mean NO <sub>2</sub> of 41 µg/m <sup>3</sup> should attract less significance than an annual mean of 51 µg/m <sup>3</sup> .

## **Appendix 8.3 Professional Experience**

### **Prof. Duncan Laxen, BSc (Hons) MSc PhD MEnvSc FIAQM**

Prof Laxen is the Managing Director of Air Quality Consultants, a company which he founded in 1993. He has over forty years' experience in environmental sciences and has been a member of Defra's Air Quality Expert Group and the Department of Health's Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollution. He has been involved in major studies of air quality, including nitrogen dioxide, lead, dust, acid rain, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone and was responsible for setting up the UK's urban air quality monitoring network. Prof Laxen has been responsible for appraisals of all local authorities' air quality Review & Assessment reports and for providing guidance and support to local authorities carrying out their local air quality management duties. He has carried out air quality assessments for power stations; road schemes; ports; airports; railways; mineral and landfill sites; and residential/commercial developments. He has also been involved in numerous investigations into industrial emissions; ambient air quality; indoor air quality; nuisance dust and transport emissions. Prof Laxen has prepared specialist reviews on air quality topics and contributed to the development of air quality management in the UK. He has been an expert witness at numerous Public Inquiries, published over 70 scientific papers and given numerous presentations at conferences. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Air Quality Management.

### **Penny Wilson, BSc (Hons) CSci MEnvSc MIAQM**

Ms Wilson is a Principal Consultant with AQC, with more than thirteen years' relevant experience in the field of air quality. She has been responsible for air quality assessments of a wide range of development projects, covering retail, housing, roads, ports, railways and airports. She has also prepared air quality review and assessment reports and air quality action plans for local authorities and appraised local authority assessments and air quality grant applications on behalf of the UK governments. Ms Wilson has arranged air quality and dust monitoring programmes and carried out dust and odour assessments. She has provided expert witness services for planning appeals and is a Chartered Scientist and Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management.

### **Laurence Caird, MEarthSci CSci MEnvSc MIAQM**

Mr Caird is a Principal Consultant with AQC, with eight years' experience in the field of air quality including the detailed assessment of emissions from road traffic, airports, heating and energy plant, and a wide range of industrial sources including the thermal treatment of waste. He has experience in ambient air quality monitoring for numerous pollutants using a wide range of techniques and is also competent in the monitoring and assessment of nuisance odours and dust. Mr Caird has worked with a variety of clients to provide expert air quality services and advice, including local authorities, planners, developers and process

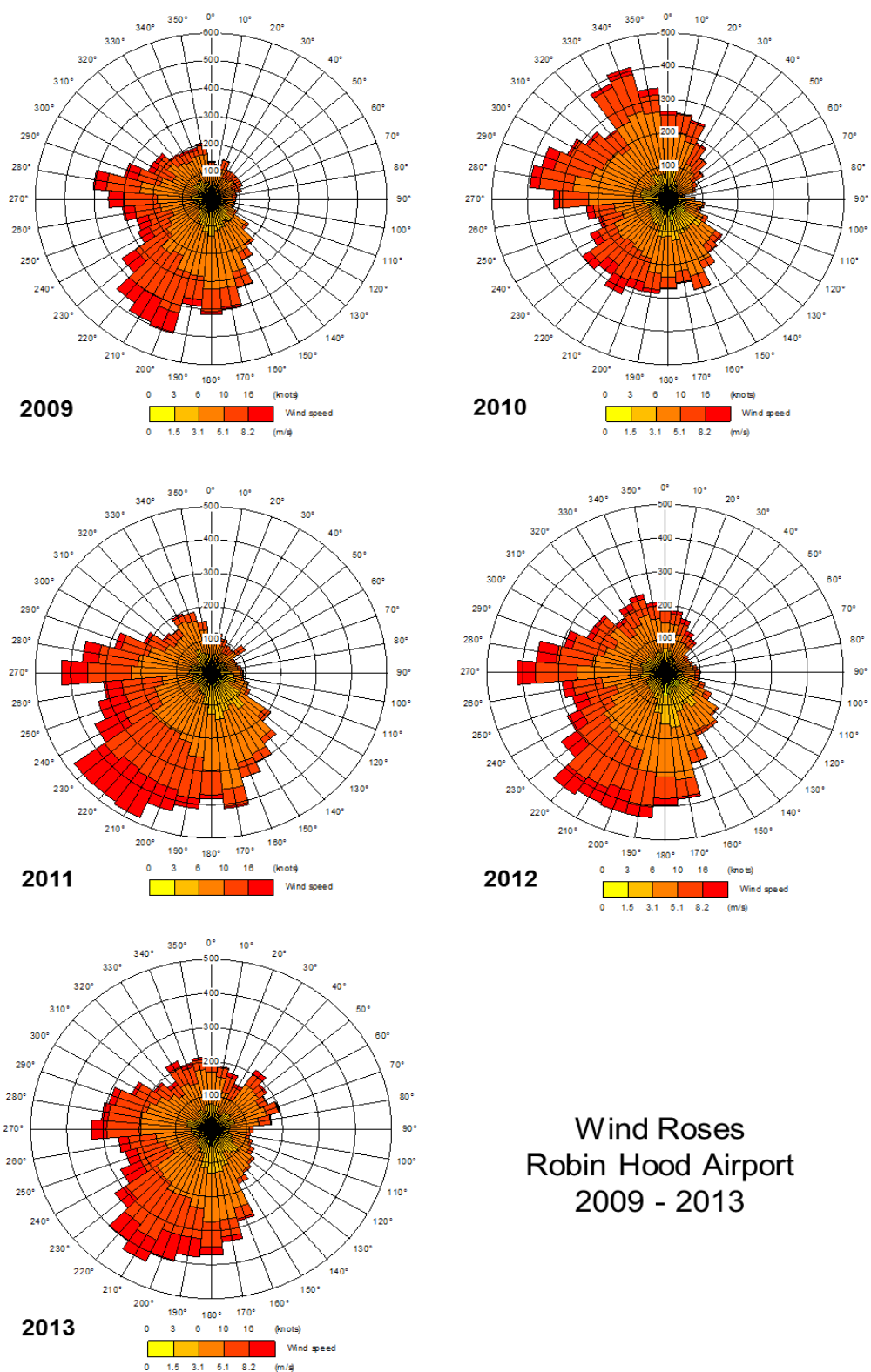
operators. He is a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management and is a Chartered Scientist.

### **Kieran Laxen, MEng (Hons) AMIEnvSc MIAQM**

Mr Laxen is a Senior Consultant with AQC with over five years' experience in the field of air quality management and assessment. Previously having two years' experience in scientific research on internal combustion engines, he now works in the field of air quality. He is involved in a wide range of development projects, most of which have involved use of ADMS modelling methodologies for biomass boilers, CHP plant and roads, and is also competent in the assessment of construction dust. He has pioneered the use of OpenAir software within the Company, which is used to analyse air quality monitoring data, and is responsible for routine calibration of air quality monitoring stations, together with data ratification. He is a Member of the Institute of Air Quality Management.

Full CVs are available at [www.aqconsultants.co.uk](http://www.aqconsultants.co.uk).

## Appendix 8.4 Wind Roses



Wind Roses  
Robin Hood Airport  
2009 - 2013

Figure A1: Figure Wind Roses for Robin Hood Airport 2009-2013

**Table A0.1: Meteorological Data entered into Model.**

<b>Magnitude of Change</b>	<b>Development site</b>	<b>Meteorological site</b>
<b>Surface Roughness (m)</b>	0.2	0.2
<b>Surface albedo</b>	Model default (0.23)	Model default (0.23)
<b>Min MO length (m)</b>	1	30
<b>Priestly-Taylor parameter</b>	Model default (1)	Dispersion site value

## Appendix 8.5 Nitrogen Dioxide Background Concentrations

- A1.17 The nitrogen dioxide background concentrations across the study area have been defined using the national pollution maps published by Defra (2014a). These cover the whole country on a 1x1 km grid and are published for each year from 2010 until 2030. The maps include the influence of emissions from a range of different sources; one of which is road traffic.
- A1.18 Background concentrations in 2012 have been calculated for the study area assuming that there was no reduction in the road traffic component of backgrounds between 2010<sup>3</sup> and 2012. This has been done using the source-specific background nitrogen oxides maps provided by Defra (2014a). For each grid square, the road traffic component has been held constant at 2010 levels, while 2012 values have been taken for the other components. Nitrogen dioxide concentrations have then been calculated using the background nitrogen dioxide calculator which Defra (2014a) publishes to accompany the maps. The result is a set of 'adjusted 2012 background' concentrations. These 2012 'adjusted' values have been calibrated against local measurements made by the local authority. Table A0.1 shows the comparison and the calibration factor. This provides local background map concentrations calibrated against local monitoring data in 2012.

**Table A0.1: Comparison of Mapped to Measured Monitoring Data**

Local Authority Monitoring Site	Mapped Background Data ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Measured Data ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Ratio
AM5	17.3	21	1.21
AM6	34.9	26.3	0.75
DT2	24.0	32.5	1.35
DT19	16.1	24.5	1.52
DT21	18.1	24.3	1.34
DT52	23.6	22.9	0.97
DT88	19.6	33.2	1.69
DT89	21.4	31.6	1.48
DT90	17.1	26.5	1.54
Overall	-	-	<b>1.19<sup>a</sup></b>

<sup>a</sup> Based on the line of best fit being forced through zero.

<sup>3</sup> This approach assumes that has been no reduction in emissions per vehicle but also that traffic volumes have remained constant. This is not the same as the assumption made for dispersion modelling, in which emissions per vehicle are held constant while traffic volumes are assumed to change year on year. Overall, this discrepancy is unlikely to influence the overall conclusions of the assessment.



A1.19 2017 background concentrations have then been calculated assuming that emissions reduce at the official rate and occur from 2012 to 2017. A ratio of 2017 mapped concentration to the 2012 mapped concentration has been calculated and applied to the calibrated 2012 value to provide the 2017 nitrogen dioxide concentrations.

## Appendix 8.6 Construction Mitigation

A1.20 The following is a set of measures that should be incorporated into the specification for the works, this includes both 'highly recommended' and 'desirable' measures for a low risk site:

### Communications

- display the name and contact details of person(s) accountable for air quality and dust issues on the site boundary. This may be the environmental manager/engineer or the site manager; and
- display the head or regional office contact information.

### Dust Management Plan

- Develop and implement a Dust Management Plan (DMP) approved by the Local Authority which documents the mitigation measures to be applied, and the procedures for their implementation and management.

### Site Management

- Record all dust and air quality complaints, identify cause(s), take appropriate measures to reduce emissions in a timely manner, and record the measures taken;
- make the complaints log available to the local authority when asked;
- record any exceptional incidents that cause dust and/or air emissions, either on- or off-site, and the action taken to resolve the situation in the log book; and

### Monitoring

- Undertake daily on-site and off-site inspections where receptors (including roads) are nearby, to monitor dust, record inspection results, and make the log available to the Local Authority when asked. This should include regular dust soiling checks of surfaces such as street furniture, cars and window sills within 100 m of the site boundary, with cleaning to be provided if necessary; carry out regular site inspections to monitor compliance with the DMP, record inspection results, and make an inspection log available to the Local Authority when asked;
- increase the frequency of site inspections by the person accountable for air quality and dust issues on site when activities with a high potential to produce dust area being carried out and during prolonged dry or windy conditions; and

### Preparing and Maintaining the Site

- Plan the site layout so that machinery and dust-causing activities are located away from receptors, as far as is possible;

- erect solid screens or barriers around dusty activities or the site boundary that are as at least as high as any stockpiles on site;
- fully enclose site or specific operations where there is a high potential for dust production and the site is active for an extensive period;
- avoid site runoff of water or mud;
- keep site fencing, barriers and scaffolding clean using wet methods;
- remove materials that have a potential to produce dust from site as soon as possible, unless being re-used on site. If they are being re-used on-site cover as described below; and
- cover, seed, or fence stockpiles to prevent wind whipping.

### **Operating Vehicle/Machinery and Sustainable Travel**

- ensure all vehicles switch off their engines when stationary – no idling vehicles;
- avoid the use of diesel- or petrol-powered generators and use mains electricity or battery-powered equipment where practicable;
- impose and signpost a maximum-speed-limit of 15 mph on surfaced and 10 mph on un-surfaced haul roads and work areas (if long haul routes are required these speeds may be increased with suitable additional control measures provided, subject to the approval of the nominated undertaker and with the agreement of the local authority, where appropriate);

### **Operations**

- Only use cutting, grinding or sawing equipment fitted or in conjunction with suitable dust suppression techniques such as water sprays or local extraction, e.g. suitable local exhaust ventilation systems;
- ensure an adequate water supply on the site for effective dust/particulate matter suppression/mitigation, using non-potable water where possible and appropriate;
- use enclosed chutes, conveyors and covered skips;
- minimise drop heights from conveyors, loading shovels, hoppers and other loading or handling equipment and use fine water sprays on such equipment wherever appropriate; and
- ensure equipment is readily available on site to clean any dry spillages, and clean up spillages as soon as reasonably practicable after the event using wet cleaning methods.

### **Waste Management**

- Avoid bonfires and burning of waste materials.

## **Measures Specific to Construction**

- Avoid scabbling (roughening of concrete surfaces), if possible;
- ensure sand and other aggregates are stored in bunded areas and are not allowed to dry out, unless this is required for a particular process, in which case ensure that appropriate additional control measures are in place;

## **Measures Specific to Trackout**

- Use water-assisted dust sweeper(s) on the access and local roads, to remove, as necessary, any material tracked out of the site. This may require the sweeper being continuously in use;
- avoid dry sweeping of large areas;
- ensure vehicles entering and leaving sites are covered to prevent escape of materials during transport;
- record all inspections of haul routes and any subsequent action in a site log book;
- implement a wheel washing system (with rumble grids to dislodge accumulated dust and mud prior to leaving the site where reasonably practicable);