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1. Introduction

1.1. This document

This document is the North East Scotland (UK0038) air quality plan for the achievement of the EU air quality limit values for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

This plan presents the following information:

- General information regarding the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone
- Details of NO₂ exceedance situation(s) within the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone
- Details of local air quality measures that have been implemented, will be implemented or are being considered for implementation in this non-agglomeration zone.

This air quality plan for North East Scotland should be read in conjunction with the separate UK overview document and the list of UK and national measures that are available on the Defra website (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/air/air-quality/eu/>). The UK overview document sets out, amongst other things, the authorities responsible for delivering air quality improvements and the national measures that are applied in some or all UK zones. The measures presented in this plan and the accompanying UK overview and list of UK measures show how the UK will ensure that compliance with the NO₂ limit values is achieved as soon as possible.

This plan should also be read in conjunction with the supporting UK technical report (<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/air/air-quality/eu/>), which presents information on assessment methods, input data and emissions inventories used in the analysis presented in this plan.

1.2. Context

Two NO₂ limit values for the protection of human health have been set in the Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC). These are:

- The annual limit value: an annual mean concentration of no more than 40 µgm⁻³
- The hourly limit value: no more than 18 hourly exceedances of 200 µgm⁻³ in a calendar year

The Air Quality Directive stipulates that compliance with the NO₂ limit values will be achieved by 01/01/2010. However, where the limit values cannot be achieved by then, the Directive also allows Member States to postpone this attainment date until 01/01/2015 provided air quality plans are established demonstrating how the limit values will be met by this extended deadline.

1.3. Zone status

The assessment undertaken for the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone indicates that the annual limit value is likely to be exceeded in 2010 but achieved before 2015 through introduction of the measures included in the baseline and the non-quantifiable local measures outlined in this plan. Postponement of the compliance date to 2015 is sought for this limit value for this zone.

The assessment undertaken for the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone indicates that the hourly limit value is likely to be exceeded in 2010 on the basis that there is uncertainty in the projections from the 2008 baseline. Compliance is expected by 2015. Postponement of the compliance date to 2015 is sought for this limit value in this zone.

1.4. Plan structure

General administrative information regarding this non-agglomeration zone is presented in section 2.

Section 3 then presents the overall picture with respect to NO₂ levels in this non-agglomeration zone for the 2008 reference year of this air quality plan. This includes the declaration of exceedance

situations within the non-agglomeration zone and presentation of a detailed source apportionment for each exceedance situation.

An overview of the measures already taken and to be taken within the non-agglomeration zone both before and after 2010 is given in section 4.

Baseline modelled projections for 2010, 2015 and 2020 for each exceedance situation are presented in section 5. The baseline projections presented here include, where possible, the impact of measures that have already been taken and measures for which the relevant authority has made a firm commitment to take the measure(s). However, it has not been possible to quantify the impact of all measures. This section therefore also explains which measures have been quantified, and hence included in the model projections, and which measures have not been quantified.

2. General Information about the Zone

2.1. Administrative information

Zone name: North East Scotland

Zone code: UK0038

Type of zone: non-agglomeration zone

Reference year: 2008

Extent of zone: Figure 1 shows the area covered by the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone

Local Authorities within the non-agglomeration zone: Figure 2 shows the location of Local Authorities within the non-agglomeration zone. A list of these Local Authorities is also given below. The numbers in this list correspond to the numbers in Figure 2.

1. Aberdeen City Council
2. Aberdeenshire Council
3. Angus Council
4. Clackmannanshire Council
5. Dundee City Council
6. Moray Council
7. Perth and Kinross Council
8. Stirling Council

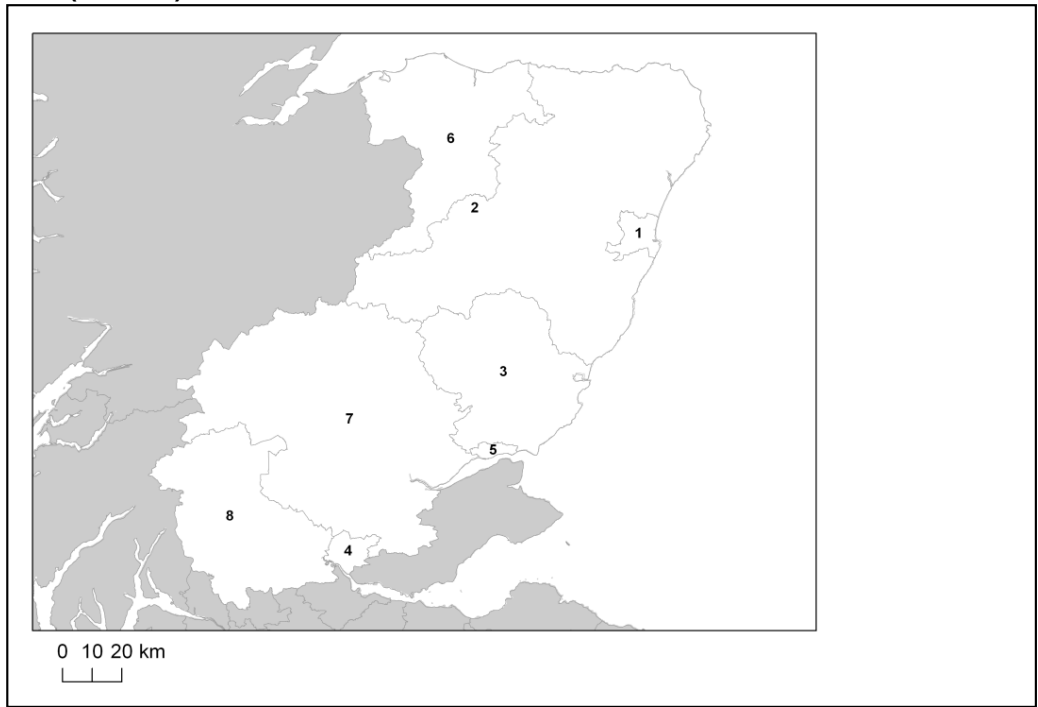
(Note: Local Authority boundaries do not necessarily coincide with zone boundaries. Hence Local Authorities may be listed within more than one zone plan.)

Figure 1. Map showing the extent of the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone (UK0038).



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Figure 2. Map showing Local Authorities within the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone (UK0038).



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2.2. Assessment details

Measurements

NO₂ measurements in this zone were available in 2008 from the following national network monitoring stations (NO₂ data capture for each station in 2008 shown in brackets):

- Aberdeen GB0729A (98%)
- Aberdeen Union Street Roadside GB0923A (95.3%)

Full details of monitoring stations within the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone are available from <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/networks/network-info?view=aurun>.

Modelling

Modelling for the 2008 reference year has been carried out for the whole of the UK (see the UK technical report). This modelling covers the following extent within this zone:

- Total background area within zone (approx): 18837 km²
- Total population within zone (approx): 1001550 people
- Total road length where an assessment of NO₂ concentrations have been made: 230.4 km in 2008 (and similar lengths in previous years).

Zone maps

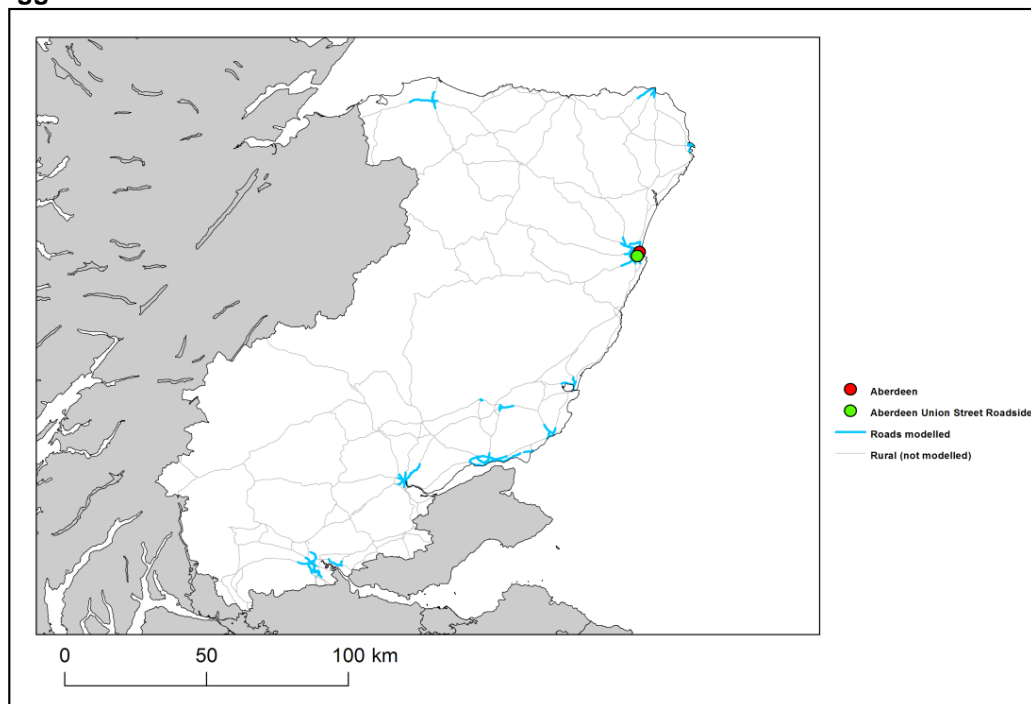
Figure 3 presents the location of the NO₂ monitoring stations within this zone for 2008 and the roads for which NO₂ concentrations have been modelled. NO₂ concentrations at background locations have been modelled across the entire zone at a 1 x 1 km² resolution.

2.3. Reporting Under European Directives

Since 2001 the UK has reported annually on air quality concentrations using a standard excel questionnaire (Decision 2004/461/EC). These questionnaires are available online from <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/gb/eu/annualair>

In addition, the UK has reported on air quality plans and programmes (Decision 2004/224/EC) on an annual basis depending on the reported concentrations in the previous year. Plans and programmes were first reported in this zone in 2005. Plans and programmes for 2005 and all other years for which they have been required are available from <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/gb/eu/aqpp>.

Figure 3. Map showing the location of the NO₂ monitoring sites with valid data in 2008 and roads where concentrations have been modelled within the North East Scotland (UK0038) non-agglomeration zone.



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3. Overall Picture for 2008 reference year

3.1. Introduction

There are two limit values for the protection of health for NO₂. These are:

- The annual limit value (annual mean concentration of no more than 40 µgm⁻³)
- The hourly limit value (no more than 18 hourly exceedances of 200 µgm⁻³ in a calendar year)

Within the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone there were exceedances of both these limit values in 2008. Therefore, two exceedance situations have been declared in this zone, one for the annual mean limit value (NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1) and one for the hourly limit value (NO₂_UK0038_Hourly_1). These are described below.

For both NO₂ limit values, a margin of tolerance for 2008 and other years has been defined in the Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC). Data comparing assessed concentrations at locations within this non-agglomeration zone with the 2008 margin of tolerance are presented in the annual reporting questionnaire for 2008 (<http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/gb/eu/annualair>).

3.2. Reference year: NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1

The NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 exceedance situation covers all exceedances of the annual mean limit value in the North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone in 2008.

Compliance with the annual limit value in this exceedance situation has been assessed using a combination of air quality measurements and modelling. Table 1 presents measured annual mean concentrations at national network stations in this exceedance situation since the 1st Daughter Directive (1999/30/EC) came into force in 2001. This shows that there were measured exceedances of the annual limit value at Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A) in 2008. Table 2 summarises modelled annual mean NO₂ results in this exceedance situation for the same time period. This table shows that, in 2008, 18.4 km of road length was modelled to exceed the annual limit value. There were no modelled background exceedances of this limit value. Table 2 also shows that the maximum modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration in 2008 was 53.9 µgm⁻³. Maps showing the modelled annual mean NO₂ concentrations for 2008 at background and at roadside locations are presented in Figures 4 and 5 respectively. All modelled exceedances of the annual limit value are coloured orange or red in these maps.

The maximum measured concentration in the zone varies due to changes emissions and varying meteorology in different years. However, the models are also updated each year to take into account the most up-to-date science, so the modelled results for different years may not be directly comparable.

The modelling carried out for this exceedance situation has also been used to determine the annual mean NO_x source apportionment for all modelled locations, along with an indicative annual mean NO₂ source apportionment. Table 3 presents summary source apportionment information in this exceedance situation for 2008, including:

- The modelled NO_x and indicative NO₂ source apportionment for the section of road with the highest modelled NO₂ concentration in this exceedance situation in 2008. This is important information because it shows which sources need to be tackled at the point with the largest compliance gap in the exceedance situation. It is not possible to calculate an unambiguous source apportionment for annual mean NO₂ concentrations for the reasons discussed in the UK Technical Report. We have, however, developed a method to provide an indicative source apportionment for annual mean NO₂ concentrations for these air quality plans. This method involves calculating the maximum and minimum possible contribution from each source to the NO₂ concentration. The final source apportionment has been calculated as the average of the minimum and maximum contributions for each source, with the results normalised so that the contributions sum to the total modelled NO₂ concentration. Further information on the methods used for source apportionment are provided in the UK Technical Report.

- The maximum NO_x contribution from each source from across all the roads included in this exceedance situation in 2008. This is important information because it highlights all the key sources that need to be tackled within the exceedance situation in order to achieve compliance across the entire area of the exceedance situation.

Figure A1.1 in Annex 1 presents the annual mean NO_x source apportionment for each section of road within the NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 exceedance situation (i.e. the source apportionment for all exceeding roads only) in 2008. Roads have been grouped into motorways, trunk roads and primary road in this figure.

Table 1. Measured annual mean concentrations at national network stations in NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 for 2001 onwards, µgm⁻³. (Data capture shown in brackets) (a)

Site name (EOI code)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Aberdeen (GB0729A)	25 (95%)	27 (97%)	31 (88%)	26 (90%)	24 (97%)	27 (97%)	24 (95%)	25 (98%)	26 (96%)
Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A)								55 (95%)	52 (70%)

(a) Annual Mean Limit Value = 40 µgm⁻³

Table 2. Annual mean NO₂ model results in NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 for 2001 onwards

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Road length exceeding (km)	18.9	4.6	49.3	36.4	35.0	32.8	30.8	18.4	24.9
Background area exceeding (km ²)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maximum modelled concentration (µgm ⁻³) (a)	51.0	44.5	65.7	57.9	59.7	58.9	56.0	53.9	56.1

(a) Annual Mean Limit Value = 40 µgm⁻³

Table 3. Source apportionment summary information for 2008 in NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 (µgm⁻³).

Spatial scale	Component	Highest road link (a)		Maximum (b)
		NOx	NO2 (d)	NOx
Regional background sources (i.e. contributions from distant sources of > 30 km from the receptor)	Total	5.4	(c)	
	From within the UK	1.8	(c)	1.8
	From transboundary sources (includes shipping and other EU Member States)	3.7	(c)	3.7
Urban background sources (i.e. sources located within 0.3 - 30 km from the receptor)	Total	40.2	17.7	-
	From road traffic sources	13.1	12.3	14.8
	From industry (including heat and power generation)	3.8	(c)	4.7
	From agriculture	0.0	(c)	0.0
	From commercial/residential sources	5.6	(c)	10.2
	From shipping	11.4	(c)	11.4
	From off road mobile machinery	6.1	(c)	6.8
	From natural sources	0.0	(c)	0.0
	From transboundary sources	0.0	(c)	0.0
	From other urban background sources	0.3	(c)	0.5
Local sources (i.e. contributions from sources < 0.3 km from the receptor)	Total	88.8	36.2	-
	From cars	19.1	7.6	26.9
	From HGV rigid	24.6	9.8	28.3
	From HGV articulated	24.6	9.8	33.8
	From Buses	6.9	2.8	41.8
	From LGVs	13.4	6.2	13.4
	From motorcycles	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total (i.e. regional background + urban background + local components)		134.5	53.9	-

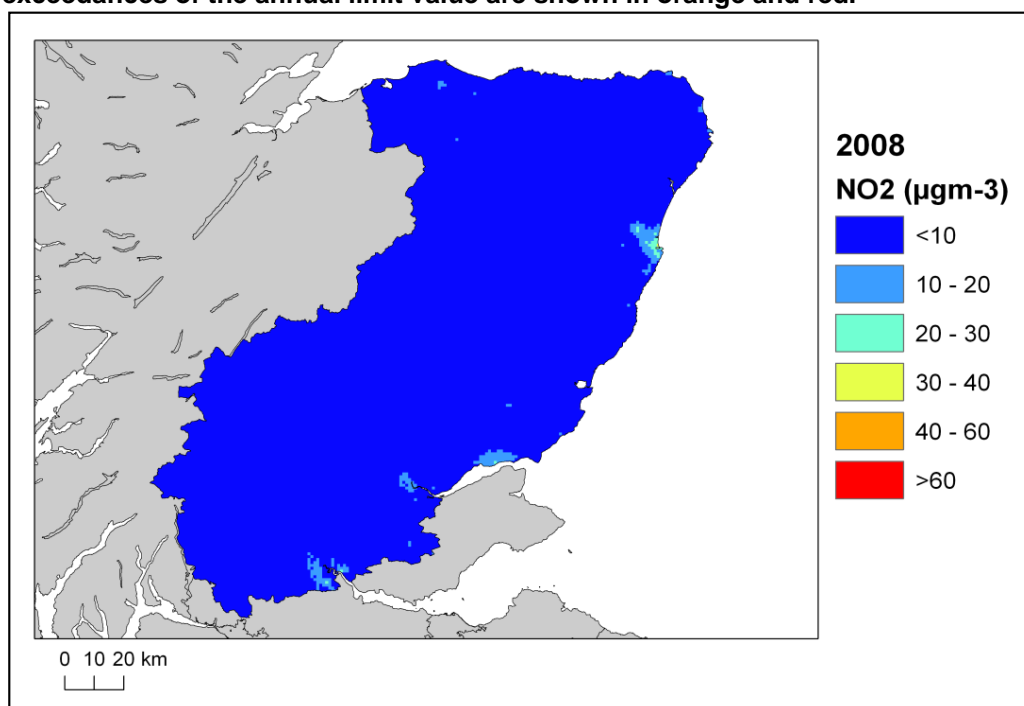
(a) The road with the highest modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration in this exceedance situation in 2008 is a section of the A956, traffic count point id 74313 (OS grid (m): 394510, 805770).

(b) This column gives the maximum contribution for each component from all the roads included in the exceedance situation.

(c) The combined modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration contribution for these components is 5.4 µgm⁻³. A more detailed NO₂ source apportionment is currently unavailable for these sectors.

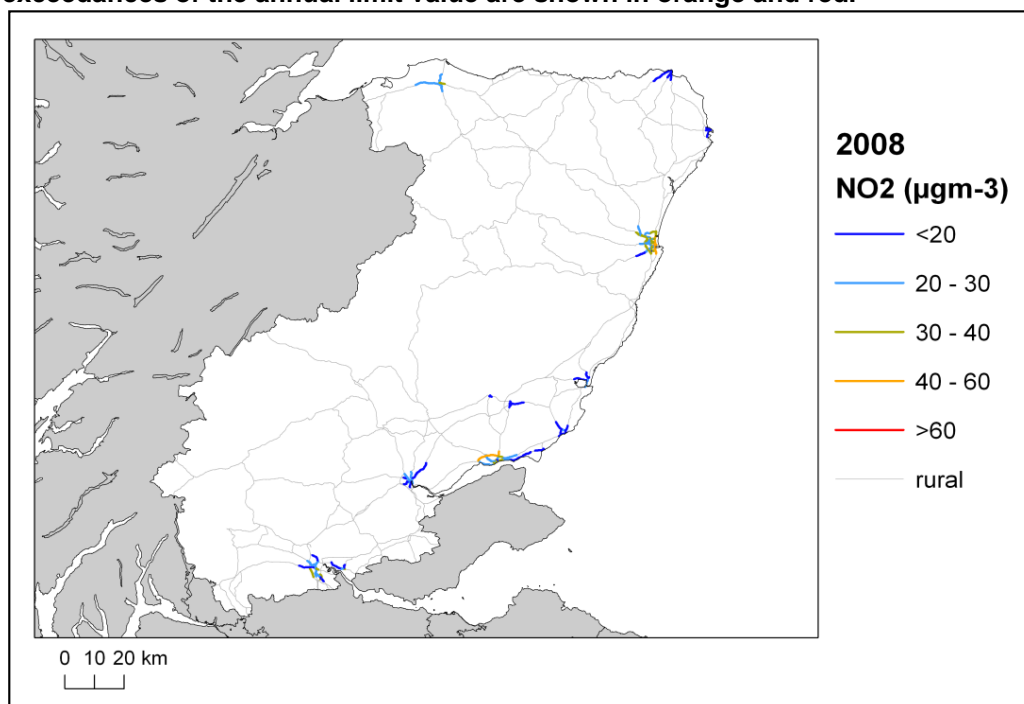
(d) Source apportionment for NO₂ is indicative, see UK Technical Report.

Figure 4. Map of modelled background annual mean NO₂ concentrations 2008. Modelled exceedances of the annual limit value are shown in orange and red.



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Figure 5. Map of modelled roadside annual mean NO₂ concentrations 2008. Modelled exceedances of the annual limit value are shown in orange and red.



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3.3. Reference year: NO₂_UK0038_Hourly_1

This exceedance situation covers all exceedances of the hourly NO₂ limit value in North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone in 2008.

Compliance with the hourly limit value in this exceedance situation has been assessed using air quality measurements only. Table 4 presents measured exceedance statistics at national network stations in this exceedance situation since the 1st Daughter Directive (1999/30/EC) came into force in 2001. This shows that there were measured exceedances of the hourly limit value in 2008 at Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A).

No modelling is available for the hourly limit value in the UK. However, the hourly limit value is generally less stringent than the annual limit value (AQEG, 2004). Hence, the geographical area where the hourly limit value is exceeded within this non-agglomeration zone is likely to be smaller than the area where the annual limit value is exceeded. Additionally, it is reasonable to assume that when compliance is achieved for the annual limit value, compliance with the hourly limit value will also have been achieved.

Table 5 presents the modelled annual mean source apportionment for the road adjacent to the Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A) monitoring station. This is the monitoring station with the highest measured number of hours exceeding the hourly limit value in this exceedance situation in 2008. The annual mean source apportionment is presented here because hourly source apportionment information is not available. In general, the annual mean source apportionment for this location is expected to provide a reasonable approximation of the sources contributing to the exceedance of the hourly limit value in the same location.

Table 4. The measured number of exceedances of the hourly limit value at national network sites in North East Scotland for each calendar year from 2001 onwards. (Data capture shown in brackets) (a)

Site name (EOI code)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Aberdeen (GB0729A)	0 (95%)	0 (97%)	0 (88%)	0 (90%)	0 (97%)	0 (97%)	0 (95%)	0 (98%)	0 (96%)
Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A)								20 (95%)	10 (70%)

(a) Hourly Limit Value = No more than 18 hourly exceedances of 200 μgm^{-3} in a calendar year

Table 5. Source apportionment summary information for 2008 ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)

Spatial scale	Component	A9013 (count point id 50866) (a)	
		NOx	NO ₂ (c)
Regional background sources (i.e. contributions from distant sources of > 30 km from the receptor)	Total	5.4	(b)
	From within the UK	1.8	(b)
	From transboundary sources (includes shipping and other EU Member States)	3.7	(b)
Urban background sources (i.e. sources located within 0.3 - 30 km from the receptor)	Total	33.2	15.5
	From road traffic sources	13.2	10.0
	From industry (including heat and power generation)	1.9	(b)
	From agriculture	0.0	(b)
	From commercial/residential sources	8.8	(b)
	From shipping	3.1	(b)
	From off road mobile machinery	5.6	(b)
	From natural sources	0.0	(b)
	From transboundary sources	0.0	(b)
	From other urban background sources	0.5	(b)
Local sources (i.e. contributions from sources < 0.3 km from the receptor)	Total	72.5	29.5
	From cars	15.1	6.2
	From HGV rigid	9.3	3.9
	From HGV articulated	1.4	0.6
	From Buses	41.8	16.7
	From LGVs	4.8	2.2
	From motorcycles	0.0	0.0
Total (i.e. regional background + urban background + local components)		111.1	45.1

(a) The monitoring station with the maximum number of hours with exceedances in 2008 in this exceedance situation was Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A). This station is located on a section of the A9013 that has a traffic count point id of 50866 (OS grid (m): 393800, 806000).

(b) The combined modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration contribution for these components is $5.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. A more detailed NO₂ source apportionment is currently unavailable for these sectors.

(c) Source apportionment for NO₂ is indicative, see UK Technical Report.

4. Measures

4.1. Introduction

This section (section 4) gives details of measures that address exceedances of the NO₂ limit values within North East Scotland non-agglomeration zone. This includes both measures that have already been taken and measures for which there is a firm commitment that they will be taken.

Section 5 then explains the extent to which it has been possible to incorporate the impacts of these measures into the baseline modelling carried out for this assessment.

4.2. Source apportionment

It is important to understand which sources are responsible for causing the exceedance in order to most effectively tailor measures to address the NO₂ exceedance situation(s) described in section 3 above. This can be achieved by considering the source apportionment for the exceedance situation, also presented in section 3. A summary of what the source apportionment shows and the implications for which measures would therefore be appropriate is given here.

Local road traffic was the dominant source in this exceedance location in the reference year. The largest contribution was from articulated HGVs and Rigid HGVs contributing about 20% each of total NO_x on some of the roads with the highest concentrations. Articulated HGVs, cars and Rigid HGVs were important sources on the trunk roads with the highest concentrations. Articulated HGVs, rigid HGVs and cars and on some roads buses were important sources on the primary roads with the highest concentrations.

This indicates that appropriate measures should impact on local road traffic sources in this zone. Other measures may also be beneficial depending on the source apportionment for the urban background.

4.3. Measures

Measures potentially affecting NO₂ in this non-agglomeration zone have been taken and/or are planned at a range of administrative levels. These are:

- European Union
- National (i.e. England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or whole UK)
- Local (i.e. UK Local Authorities)

Details of European Union measures (e.g. euro standards, fuel quality directives, integrated pollution prevention and control) can be found on the European Commission's website (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/index_en.htm). Details of national measures are given in the UK overview document and list of UK and National measures.

Relevant Local Authority measures within this exceedance situation are listed in Table A2.1 (see Annex 2). Relevant Local Authority measures are considered to be those measures which directly target, or are in close geographical proximity to roads and/or background grid squares in exceedance of one or other of the NO₂ limit values. Other Local Authority measures may also have been taken in this zone, but they are not listed in this table. All the measures listed in Table A2.1 have been carried out, are in the process of being carried out or a firm commitment had been made to carry them out on the timetables listed at the point at which information on local measures was collected.

4.4. Measures timescales

Timescales for national measures are given in the UK overview document and list of UK and National measures.

Information on local measures was collected in autumn 2009. Hence, any Local Authority action plans and measures adopted by Local Authorities after this time have not been included in this air quality

plan. Many of the measures listed in Annex 2 will either have happened before autumn 2009 or have been planned for implementation before or during 2010. Others will be planned for after 2010. It should be noted that many of the measures taken before or during 2010 will continue to have a beneficial impact on air quality after the end of 2010.

Local Authorities report on progress with the implementation of their action plans annually and review action plan measures regularly. Where future Local Authority measures to improve air quality are under consideration these would be included in future local authority action plans and published by the local authority.

5. Baseline Model Projections

5.1. Overview of model projections

Baseline projections for 2010

Model projections for 2010, starting from the 2008 reference year described in section 3, have been calculated in order to determine whether compliance with the NO₂ limit values is likely to be achieved for each exceedance situation by the original deadline for compliance of 01/01/2010. Details of the methods used for the baseline emissions and concentration projections modelling are provided in the UK technical report.

For national measures, it has not been possible to quantify the impact of all measures on emissions and ambient concentrations. The impact for all quantifiable measures has been included in the baseline projections.

The impacts of the individual Local Authority measures have not been explicitly included in the baseline model projections. However, measures may have been included implicitly if they have influenced the traffic counts for 2007 (used as a basis for the compilation of the emission inventory) or in the traffic activity projections to 2010 and beyond (used to calculate the emission projections). It should be recognised that these measures will have a beneficial impact on air quality, even if it has not been possible to quantify this impact here.

A number of the local measures in Table A2.1 can be considered to be 'smarter choices' measures (see <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/smarterchoices/ctwwt/> for a detailed description of this type of measure). We have quantified the impact of this group of measures on a national scale within the projections. Details of how this has been done can be found in the UK technical report. Table A2.1 indicates which local measures we have considered to be 'smarter choices'.

Baseline projections for 2015

Model projections for 2015, starting from the 2008 reference year described above, have been calculated in order to determine whether compliance with the NO₂ limit values is likely to be achieved for each exceedance situation by the revised deadline for compliance of 01/01/2015 on the basis of EU-wide measures and the measures currently planned. This modelling is described in detail in the UK technical report. Many of the measures listed in annex 2 of this document and the supporting list of UK and national measures will continue or will continue to have an impact beyond the original deadline for compliance of 01/01/2010.

5.2. Baseline projections: NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1

Table 6 presents summary results for the baseline model projections for 2010, 2015 and 2020 for the NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1 exceedance situation. This shows that the maximum modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration predicted for 2010 in this exceedance situation is 47 µgm⁻³. By 2015, the maximum modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration is predicted to drop to 33 µgm⁻³. Hence, the model results suggest that compliance with the NO₂ annual limit value can be achieved by 2015 under baseline conditions in this exceedance situation. Postponement of the compliance date to 2015 is sought for this limit value in this zone.

The projected modelled NO_x and indicative NO₂ annual mean source apportionments for 2010, 2015 and 2020 at the location with the biggest compliance gap in 2008 are presented in Table 7. The model results suggest that this location will continue to have the highest annual mean NO₂ concentration within this exceedance situation in 2010, 2015 and 2020. This source apportionment information is useful because it shows which sources need to be tackled at the point with the largest compliance gap in the exceedance situation.

Table 8 shows the maximum NO_x contribution from each source apportionment component from any road across the whole exceedance situation. This source apportionment information is useful because it highlights all the key sources that need to be tackled within the exceedance situation in order to achieve compliance across the entire area of the exceedance situation. It should be noted that this table only includes roads which continue to be in exceedance in the relevant year. Hence, for

example, the road with the largest contribution from cars in 2010 may no longer be included in the table in 2015 if the road is predicted to be compliant in 2015.

Figures 6 and 7 show maps of projected annual mean NO₂ concentrations in 2010, 2015 and 2020 at background and roadside locations respectively. Maps for 2008 are also presented here for reference.

It should be noted that the baseline projections presented here include the impacts of measures, where they can be quantified, that have already been or will be implemented.

Table 6. Annual mean NO₂ model results in NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1

	2008	2010	2015	2020
Road length exceeding (km)	18.4	7.0	0.0	0.0
Background area exceeding (km ²)	0	0	0	0
Maximum modelled concentration (µgm ⁻³) (a)	53.9	47.0	33.0	22.2

(a) Annual Mean Limit Value = 40 µgm⁻³

Table 7. Modelled source apportionment for 2010, 2015 and 2020 under baseline conditions for traffic count point 74313 on the A956 (the road section with the maximum modelled annual mean NO₂ concentration in 2008 in NO₂_UK0038_Annual_1. OS grid (m): 394510, 805770). 2008 results are also presented here for reference (units: μgm^{-3}).

Spatial scale	Component	NOx				NO2 (indicative)			
		2008	2010	2015	2020	2008	2010	2015	2020
Regional background sources (i.e. contributions from distant sources of > 30 km from the receptor)	Total	5.4	4.8	4.2	3.5	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From within the UK	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From transboundary sources (includes shipping and other EU Member States)	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.4	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Urban background sources (i.e. sources located within 0.3 - 30 km from the receptor)	Total	40.2	34.9	28.7	25.1	17.7	15.8	14.1	13.1
	From road traffic sources	13.1	9.1	5.9	3.7	12.3	12.0	11.4	11.3
	From industry (including heat and power generation)	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From agriculture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From commercial/residential sources	5.6	5.6	5.2	4.8	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From shipping	11.4	10.9	11.1	11.1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From off road mobile machinery	6.1	5.7	3.0	2.1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From natural sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From transboundary sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	From other urban background sources	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Local sources (i.e. contributions from sources < 0.3 km from the receptor)	Total	88.8	74.0	42.0	19.2	36.2	31.1	18.9	9.1
	From cars	19.1	12.8	8.8	5.9	7.6	5.3	4.0	2.8
	From HGV rigid	24.6	21.9	11.3	4.0	9.8	8.9	4.9	1.8
	From HGV articulated	24.6	21.5	10.8	3.5	9.8	8.7	4.7	1.6
	From Buses	6.9	6.2	3.7	1.7	2.8	2.6	1.6	0.8
	From LGVs	13.4	11.5	7.3	4.0	6.2	5.5	3.7	2.1
	From motorcycles	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total (i.e. regional background + urban background + local components)		134.5	113.6	74.9	47.8	53.9	47.0	33.0	22.2

(a) The total annual mean NO₂ contribution for all components labelled (a) in 2008 was modelled to be 5.4 μgm^{-3} .

(b) The total annual mean NO₂ contribution for all components labelled (b) in 2010 is predicted to be 3.9 μgm^{-3} .

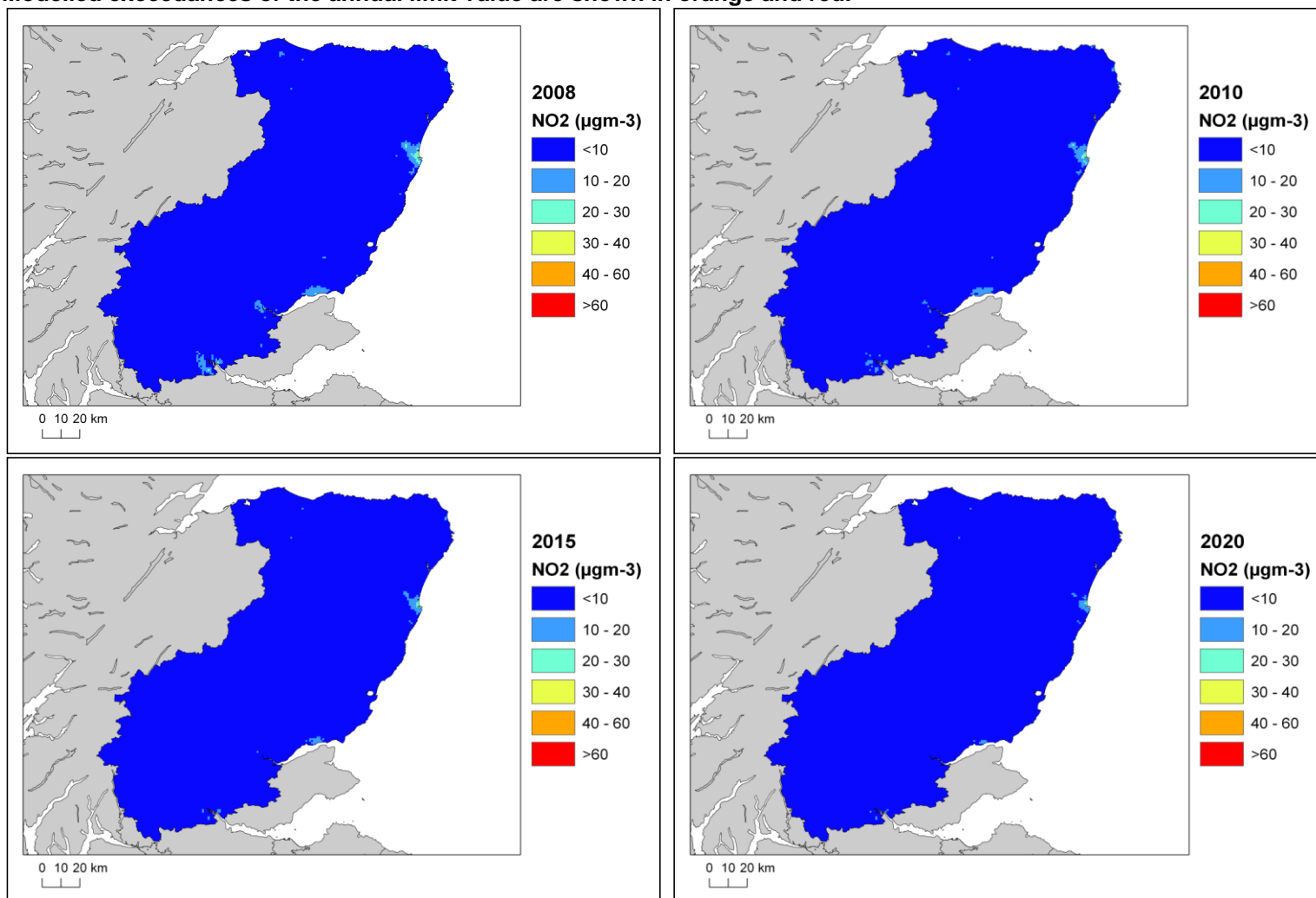
(c) The total annual mean NO₂ contribution for all components labelled (c) in 2015 is predicted to be 2.7 μgm^{-3} .

(d) The total annual mean NO₂ contribution for all components labelled (d) in 2020 is predicted to be 1.8 μgm^{-3} .

Table 8. The maximum NO_x contribution from each source from across all the roads included in the exceedance situation on which exceedances remain in 2010, 2015 and 2020 under baseline conditions. Zeros indicate that there are no exceedances in the relevant year.

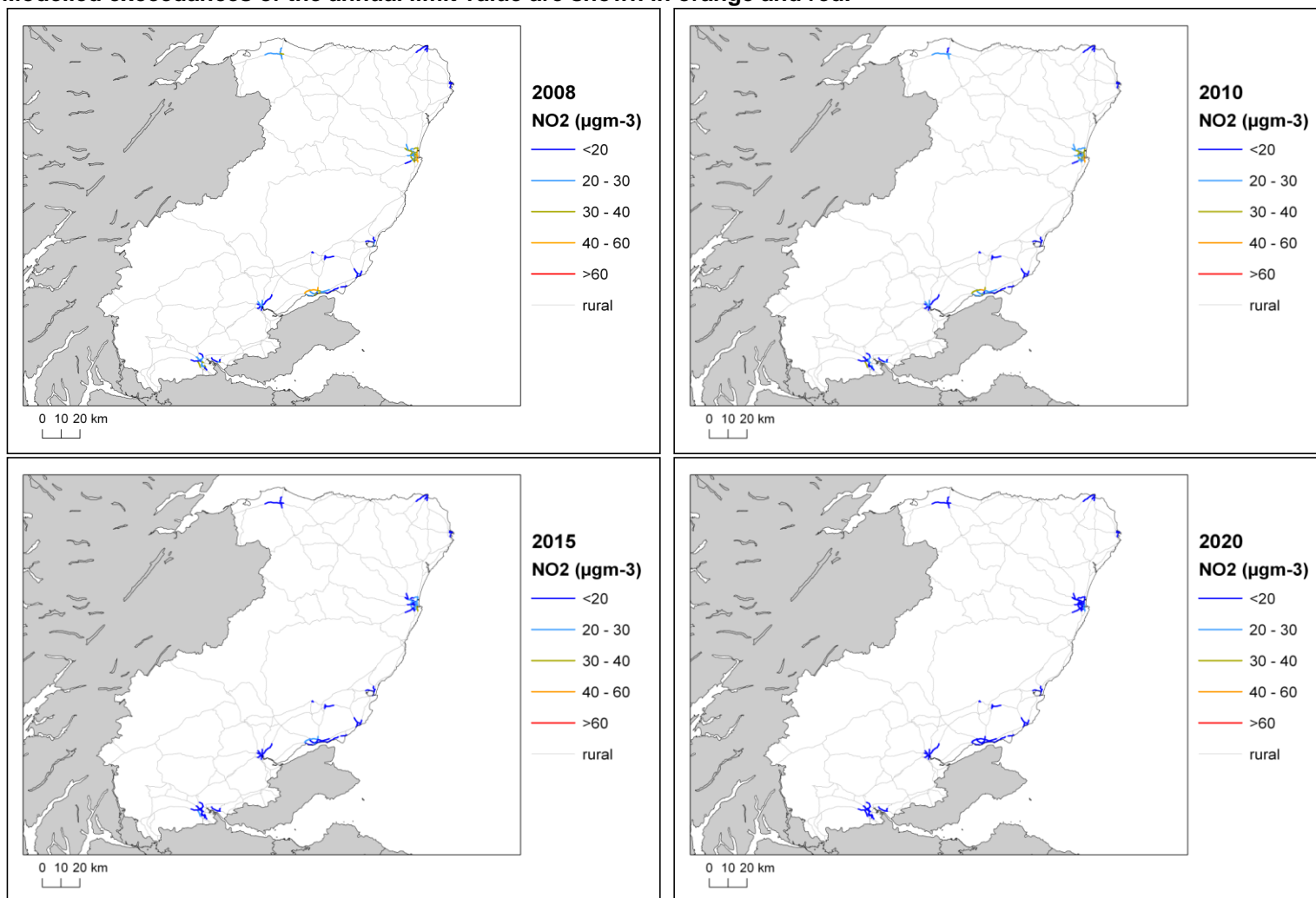
Spatial scale	Component	NO _x			
		2008	2010	2015	2020
Regional background sources (i.e. contributions from distant sources of > 30 km from the receptor)	From within the UK	1.8	1.5	0.0	0.0
	From transboundary sources (includes shipping and other EU Member States)	3.7	3.2	0.0	0.0
Urban background sources (i.e. sources located within 0.3 - 30 km from the receptor)	From road traffic sources	14.8	10.3	0.0	0.0
	From industry (including heat and power generation)	4.7	3.8	0.0	0.0
	From agriculture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	From commercial/residential sources	10.2	8.7	0.0	0.0
	From shipping	11.4	10.9	0.0	0.0
	From off road mobile machinery	6.8	6.3	0.0	0.0
	From natural sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	From transboundary sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	From other urban background sources	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Local sources (i.e. contributions from sources < 0.3 km from the receptor)	From cars	26.9	17.7	0.0	0.0
	From HGV rigid	28.3	25.2	0.0	0.0
	From HGV articulated	33.8	28.1	0.0	0.0
	From Buses	41.8	6.2	0.0	0.0
	From LGVs	13.4	11.5	0.0	0.0
	From motorcycles	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0

Figure 6. Background baseline projections of annual mean NO₂ concentrations in 2010, 2015 and 2020. 2008 is also included here for reference. Modelled exceedances of the annual limit value are shown in orange and red.



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Figure 7. Roadside baseline projections of annual mean NO₂ concentrations in 2010, 2015 and 2020. 2008 is also included here for reference. Modelled exceedances of the annual limit value are shown in orange and red.



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5.3. Baseline projections: NO₂_UK0038_Hourly_1

Table 9 presents summary results for the baseline model projections for 2008, 2010, 2015 and 2020 for the NO₂_UK0038_Hourly_1 exceedance situation. Specifically this table shows how many hours are predicted to exceed 200 µgm⁻³, in the calendar year listed, at monitoring stations with a measured exceedance of the hourly limit value in 2008. To be compliant with the hourly limit value, hourly NO₂ may not exceed 200 µgm⁻³ more than 18 times in any given calendar year. The model 'data capture' is also shown in brackets. This 'data capture' reflects the proportion of the year for which the model was able to predict hourly NO₂ concentrations. More information about model 'data capture' and how the model works is available in the UK technical report.

Table 9 shows that compliance with the hourly limit value is expected to be achieved in this exceedance situation by 2010, when only 2 hours are modelled to exceed 200 µgm⁻³ at Aberdeen Union Street Roadside, which is the monitoring site with highest number of modelled hourly exceedances in 2010.

Table 10 presents the modelled annual mean NO_x and indicative NO₂ source apportionment for the road adjacent to the Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A) monitoring station. This is the monitoring station with the highest measured and modelled number of hours exceeding the hourly limit value in this exceedance situation in 2008 and for future years. The annual mean source apportionment is presented here because hourly source apportionment information unavailable. In general, the annual mean source apportionment for this location is expected to provide a reasonable approximation of the sources contributing to the exceedance of the hourly limit value in the same location.

It should be noted that the baseline projections presented here include the impacts of additional measures, where they can be quantified, that have already been or will be implemented.

Table 9. The modelled number of exceedances of the hourly limit value at national network sites in North East Scotland. (Data capture shown in brackets) (a)

Site name (EOI code)	2008	2010	2015	2020
Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A)	5 (82.7%)	2 (82.2%)	0 (81.7%)	0 (81.4%)

(a) Hourly Limit Value = No more than 18 hourly exceedances of 200 µgm⁻³ in a calendar year

Table 10. Source apportionment summary information for 2008 (μgm^{-3})

Spatial scale	Component	A9013 (count point id 50866, OS grid (m): 393800, 806000) (a)							
		NOx				NO2 (indicative)			
		2008	2010	2015	2020	2008	2010	2015	2020
Regional background sources (i.e. contributions from distant sources of > 30 km from the receptor)	Total	5.4	4.8	4.2	3.5	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From within the UK	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.1	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From transboundary sources (includes shipping and other EU Member States)	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.4	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Urban background sources (i.e. sources located within 0.3 - 30 km from the receptor)	Total	33.2	27.8	21.8	18.6	15.5	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From road traffic sources	13.2	8.7	5.8	4.1	10.0	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From industry (including heat and power generation)	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From agriculture	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From commercial/residential sources	8.8	8.8	8.2	7.5	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From shipping	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From off road mobile machinery	5.6	5.2	2.8	2.0	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From natural sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	From transboundary sources	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Local sources (i.e. contributions from sources < 0.3 km from the receptor)	From other urban background sources	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Total	72.5	61.2	36.6	18.0	29.5	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From cars	15.1	10.1	7.0	4.6	6.2	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From HGV rigid	9.3	8.3	4.3	1.5	3.9	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From HGV articulated	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.6	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From Buses	41.8	37.4	22.1	10.2	16.7	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
	From LGVs	4.8	4.1	2.6	1.4	2.2	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Total (i.e. regional background + urban background + local components)	From motorcycles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
		111.1	93.8	62.6	40.1	45.1	39.2	27.8	18.8

(a) The monitoring station with the maximum number of hours with exceedances in 2008 in this exceedance situation was Aberdeen Union Street Roadside (GB0923A). This station is located on a section of the A9013 that has a traffic count point id of 50866.

(b) The combined modelled annual mean NO_2 concentration contribution for these components is $5.5 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$. A more detailed NO_2 source apportionment is currently unavailable for these sectors.

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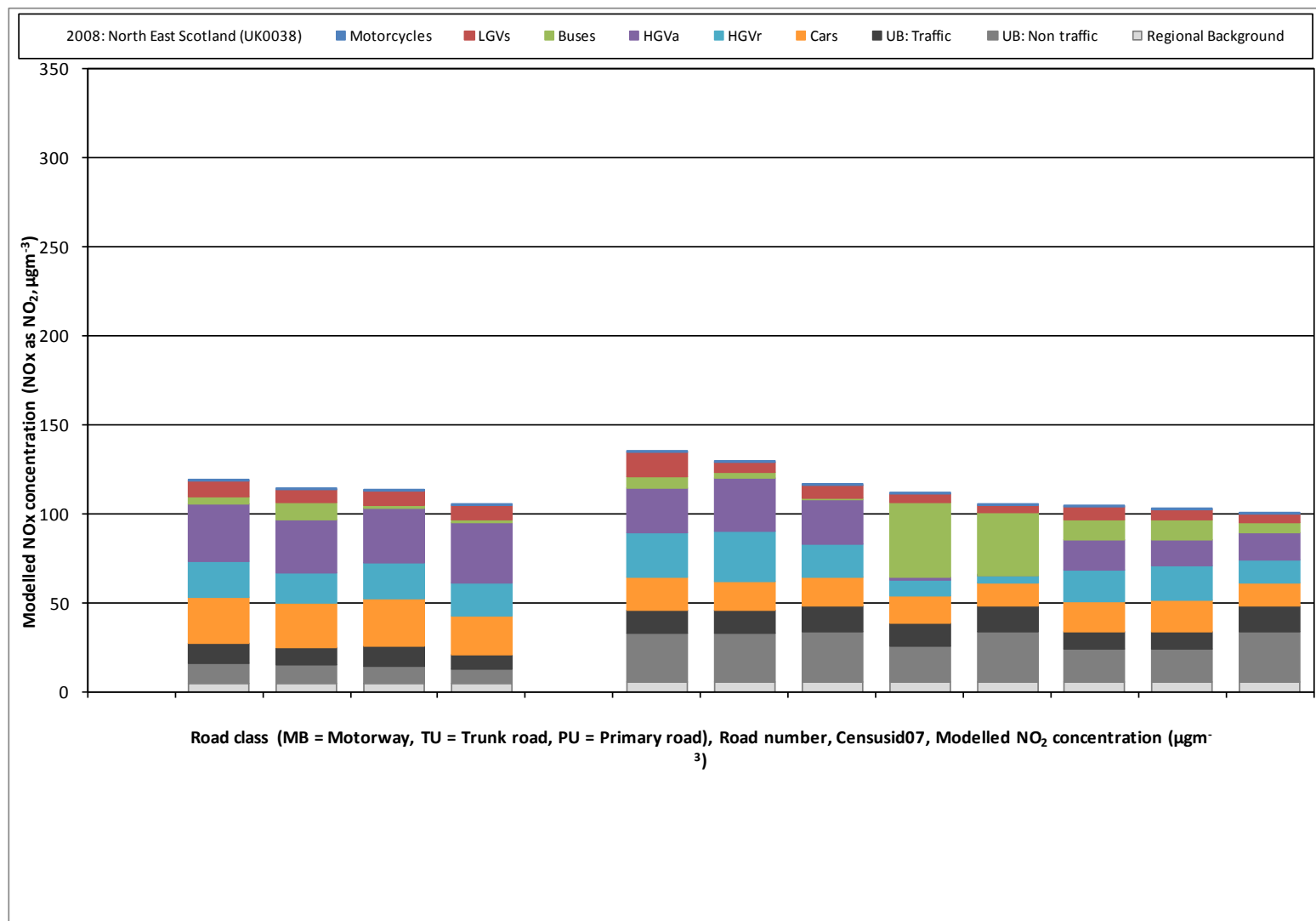
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Annex 2: Tables of measures

Table A2.1 Relevant Local Authority measures taken before or during 2010 within North East Scotland (UK0038)

LA (a)	Measure code (b)	Title	Description	Other information
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_F 1	Promotion, Education & Awareness Raising	Raise Public Awareness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Education/information • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: 2006 • Reduction timescale: Long term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_C 1	Fleet Management & clean fuels	New and Replacement Vehicle Policy. Adopt a policy to purchase only clear and alternative fuelled vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Education/information • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: 2006 • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_C 2	Fleet Management & clean fuels	Vehicle Emission Testing. Continued implementation of powers to carry out vehicle emission testing and issue fixed penalty notices on drivers of vehicles that fail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Other • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: 2004 • Reduction timescale: Long term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_A 1	Physical Traffic Management	Idling Vehicles. Continued implementation of powers to instruct motorists to switch off their engines while vehicles are parked and issue fixed penalty notices on drivers who fail to co-operate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Economic/fiscal • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: 2004 • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_A 2	Public Transport Initiatives - Bus	Public Transport. Improve public transport in conjunction with bus operators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Economic/fiscal • Sources affected: Transport

LA (a)	Measure code (b)	Title	Description	Other information
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: No time scale. • Reduction timescale: Long term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_F 2	Partnership & Travel Plans	Green Transport Plans. Introduce Green Transport Plans for all appropriate Council premises and new and existing developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Education/information • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: Ongoing. • Reduction timescale: Long term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : Yes • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_E 1	Land Use Planning	Assess Air Quality/New Developments. Assess air quality as part of the evaluation of new developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Technical • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: Ongoing. • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_A 3	Physical Traffic Management	Modern Transport System/Park and Ride. Completion of Park and Ride Network Implement bus priority routes around the outskirts of Aberdeen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Education/information • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: Ongoing • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_A 4	Physical Traffic Management	Controlled Parking. Continue the implementation of controlled parking areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Education/information • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: Ongoing • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d):

LA (a)	Measure code (b)	Title	Description	Other information
ABERDEEN	Local_ABERDEEN_A5	Public Transport Initiatives - Bus	Accord Card. Introduce the multifunctional contactless Smartcard (Accord Card) and extend its use to enhance public transport opportunities.	Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type: Economic/fiscal • Sources affected: Transport • Spatial scale: local • Implementation date: Ongoing • Reduction timescale: Medium term • Regulatory: No • Smarter Choices (c) : No • Reference (d): Local_zone38_Aberdeen_AQActionplan_1

(a) Name of responsible Local Authority.

(b) The Letter in the measure code indicates the main source sector that will be affected by the measure. Letters are assigned as follows: A - measures to reduce emissions from mobile sources, B - measures to reduce emissions from stationary sources, C - fuels and petrol stations, D - Economic incentives to reduce emissions (e.g. congestion charging, controlled parking zones), E - measures related to traffic planning/redesigning infrastructure, F - information/educational measures, G - change of transport mode (e.g. scheme to encourage people out of cars and onto bikes), H - Other.

(c) Measures have been classified as 'smarter choices' or not based on expert judgement

(d) References available for download from: <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/library/NO2ten/>

