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## **Annual Status Report**

The Report sets out the Annual Status Report, which forms part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

North Dorset District Council has no AQMA, and consequently there is no associated air quality action plan (AQAP). The report highlights there has been no routine monitoring carried out since 2009, a decision made due to pollutant concentrations being consistently and significantly below objective levels. However, a short term NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring campaign is going to be undertaken in 2018/19 via diffusion tubes at 6 locations across the district to provide an update on air quality in these areas.

The ASR highlights that there are no sources of concern within the district. The most recent detailed assessment for PM<sub>10</sub> was at the HGV wash facility in Gillingham concluded that it was unlikely objectives would be exceeded. No further complaints have been received and there has been a reduction in the use of the equipment.

The report outlines a number of on-going measures the council undertakes to protect and improve local air quality, including the Carbon Management Programme and Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2026). The council website provides links to Interactive cycle maps, cycle training, and a car share scheme. The council has also committed to addressing climate change and is working in collaboration with Public Health Dorset and Southampton University to formulate a PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring and modelling project.

On the basis of the evidence provided by the local authority the conclusions reached are acceptable for all sources and pollutants, under the provisos listed below.

The next step for North Dorset District Council is to submit an Annual Status Report in 2019.

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## Commentary

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance.

1. We appreciate that comments made about last year's ASR have been taken on board.
2. A short monitoring campaign of NO<sub>2</sub> is going to be undertaken for one year at 6 locations to assess the air quality. The locations are: Blandford Forum, Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton, Melbury Abbas and Spetisbury. The results of this campaign will be reported in the 2019 ASR. This short term monitoring is welcomed.
3. This monitoring will provide the Council with updated information to aid them in future air quality decisions, and ensure compliance with section 82 of the Environmental Act 1995, which states that every local authority shall review the air quality within its area, both at the present time and the likely future air quality.
4. Further monitoring of PM<sub>10</sub> at the HGV wash facility in Gillingham is not considered to be necessary as there have not been any further complaints and use has decreased. This is supported as long as the situation remains the same. However, should the situation change then monitoring should be reinstated.
5. An update on the collaboration with Public Health Dorset and Southampton University to formulate a PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring and modelling project should be reported on in the next ASR.

This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Annual Status Report adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

**Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate.**

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## **Appraisal Response Comment Form**

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**Comments on appraisal/Further information:**