



Detailed Air Quality Assessment



Swanage Heritage Railway

Sulphur Dioxide Levels at the Northbrook Road Depot, Swanage

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Summary

This report was completed to comply with the Council's duty under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 and the Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

In 2006 the Council's Updating and Screening Assessment identified the Swanage Railway Depot as requiring a detailed assessment for possible breaches of the air quality objectives for sulphur dioxide (SO₂). This report details the findings of that assessment incorporating monitoring between August 2008 and February 2009 using a real time UV fluorescence SO₂ analyser.

Elevated levels of SO₂ were noted over the 6 month period, attributed to steam locomotives in the depot area, however overall no actual breaches of the air quality objectives were recorded. This report concludes that the site complies with the air quality objectives for SO₂ and that no further monitoring is required.

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1. Introduction

Background

- 1.1 Swanage Heritage Steam Railway runs on a 6 mile stretch of line between Norden (near Corfe Castle) and the seaside resort of Swanage in the isle of Purbeck. The railway was completed to Swanage in 1885 and originally connected to the Wareham mainline. In 1972 British Rail closed the line and subsequently removed the entire track. From 1975 however members of the Swanage Railway Society have replaced and renovating the line, to the extent today that the line has been completely replaced, although the service currently provided is from Norden (Outside Corfe Castle) to Swanage.
- 1.2 The railway currently offers an extensive service (2008 time table Appendix I) from Norden Park and Ride to Swanage. The station at Swanage terminates adjacent to the towns high street and is located within a mixed residential / commercial environment. Tourism in the district is an important part of the local economy and it is fair to say that the Swanage heritage railway is an integral part of the local community and one of the most prominent tourist attractions in the area.
- 1.3 The railway operates a small depot area some 150m west of the main Swanage Railway Station (picture 1 Grid Ref: 402657 78926) which is subject to this investigation. The area is used to carry out maintenance of locomotives, storage and loading of coal, in addition to the stationing of engines over night.

Updating and Screening Assessment

- 1.4 The Swanage Railway Trust has a training policy for all firemen working on the railway which has the aim of reducing emissions from their engines; in addition they also operate a policy of using coal which has low sulphur content. The Council's Updating and Screening Assessment of 2006 however concluded that a detailed assessment was required as locomotives were regularly stationed in the depot for long periods of time, meaning the site met the criteria published in TGQM. TG(03) for a detailed air quality assessment to be carried out.

Table 1 below shows the air quality objectives for SO₂ as prescribed in the Air Quality Regulations (ref TGQM.TG(09))

Concentration of SO ₂	Measured as	Date to be achieved
350ug/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 24 times a year	1 hour mean	31.12.2004
125ug/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 3 times	24 hour mean	31.12.2004

per year		
266ug/m ³ not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year	15 minutes mean	31.12.2005

1.5 Observations of the area confirmed that locomotives were regularly left partially in steam for long periods and also steamed up in the morning prior to the commencement of services. There are a number of residential premises in close proximity (within 40m) to the depot area on Northbrook Road and Court Road and it was reasonable to expect that there could be extended periods of public exposure to sulphur dioxide fumes.

Other Monitoring Data

- 1.6 The Council operates a nitrogen dioxide (NOx) tube survey in the district and has two sites near the depot area in Swanage. Raised levels of NOx could indicate that there was a potential problem, however in reality both sites show long term levels to be well below the national air quality objective (17 ug/m³ and 23 ug/m³ annual average).
- 1.7 There are no other significant sources of SO₂ in the area



Picture 1 Depot area, Swanage:

Re-siting of the Depot area

- 1.8 Swanage Railway Trust has considered re-siting the depot due to the close proximity of housing and its relatively small size. In 2006 the Council was aware of these proposals and decided to postpone the commencement of a detailed assessment whilst these plans were developed.
- 1.9 In early January 2008 however, no further progress had been made on relocation and it was decided to proceed with this detailed air quality assessment.

Detailed Assessment

- 1.10 The Council contracted the services of TRL Air Quality Monitoring Services in early 2008 to carrying out site monitoring and to contribute technical expertise to the selection of the most representative monitoring position. TRL carried out the monitoring using a kiosk containing an ultra-violet fluorescence continuous monitoring SO₂ analyser over the 6 month period August 2008 – February 2009. This period corresponded to the peak periods of activity in the summer on the railway, running into the autumn when services were reduced. The monitoring also aimed to cover the Christmas period when special services on the line were run.

2. Methodology

Site Characterisation:

- 2.1 Prior to carrying out monitoring, a site investigation and assessment was carried out considering the following:

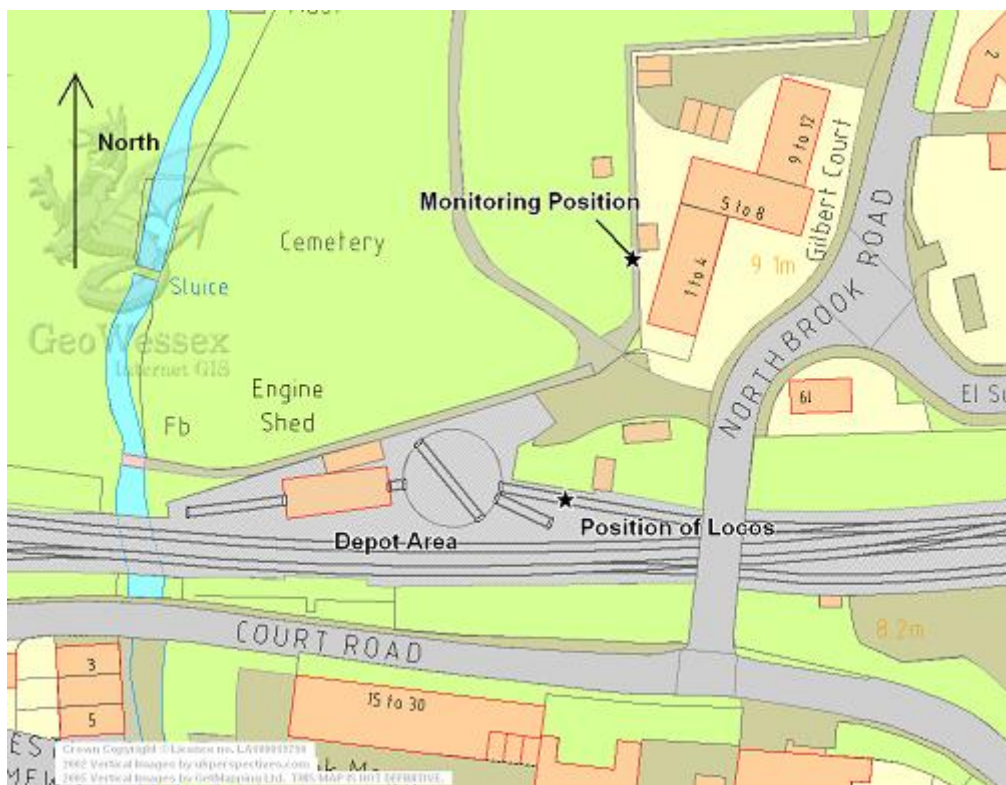
Table 2 Site Characterisation

Factor	Comments
Potential Sources of SO₂	Two or more steam locos steaming up and being left partially in steam for periods exceeding 1 hour, on occasions being left overnight in the depot.
Location of Potential Sources	Locos left in a secure area known as the depot which is close to Swanage Railway Station and company offices. Site is within the urban area of the town with residential property in close proximity.
Location of Potential Receptors	Nearest residential flats located on Court Road and Gilbert Court, nearest residential premises with open / garden areas Gilbert Court also lies down wind of site. (prevailing wind from the SW.)
Distance to potential receptors	Nearest residential façade is located at Court Road 35m from source, Gilbert Court residential flats and gardens located 37m from source
Potential Periods of Exposure	There is the potential for extended periods (over 12hours) of exposure in residential gardens and within residential premises.
Topography and layout of site	Land NE (downwind) of the source is raised to the extent that the emissions from steam locos in the depot are approximately at ground level comparatively to residential flats at Gilbert Court, Northbrook Road.
Prevailing Weather	Prevailing weather in Swanage is from the SW.

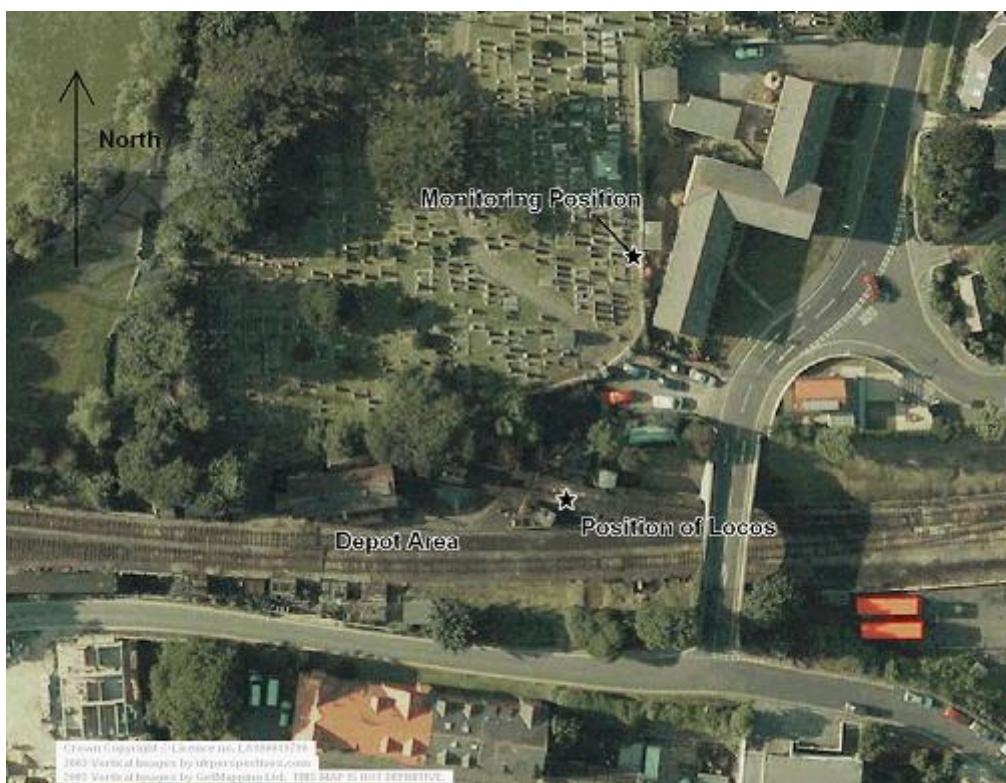
Monitoring Location

- 2.2 It was concluded that the monitoring position needed to be located NE of the source bearing in mind topography and prevailing weather and to represent the maximum potential public exposure. Following the site visit with TRL staff, Gilbert Court was identified as representing the most appropriate monitoring location. The position chosen was adjacent to the residential gardens of Gilbert Court, 5m from the façade of the property, 39m downwind (NE) of the source.

Figure 1 Site Plan showing monitoring position and source



Picture 2 Overhead photograph of site



Monitoring Kiosk

- 2.3 A kiosk was installed by TRL Ltd on 7th August 2008 containing:
- ultra violet fluorescence SO₂ continuous monitoring analyser.
 - Weather station including temperature and wind direction.
 - Remote data access capability.

Picture 3 Kiosk at monitoring point to the rear of Gilbert Court



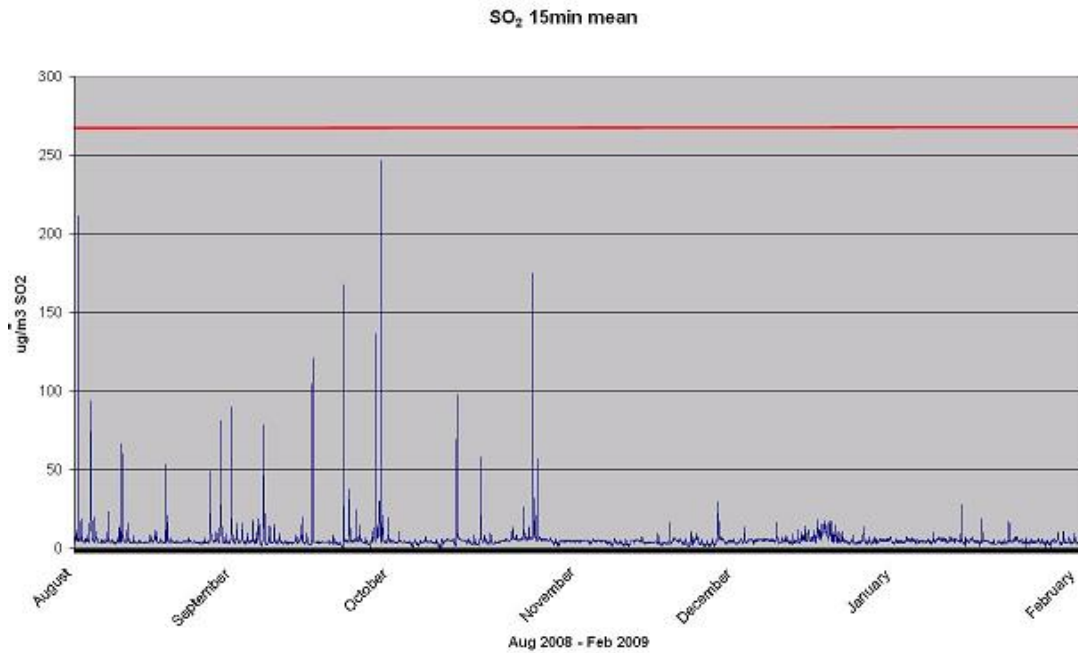
Monitoring was carried out continuously over a 6 month period between 15th August 2008 and 18th February 2009. The period was representative of the various services offered by the railway. (Railway Time Table 2008 Appendix I.)

Calibration, Data Ratification and Capture.

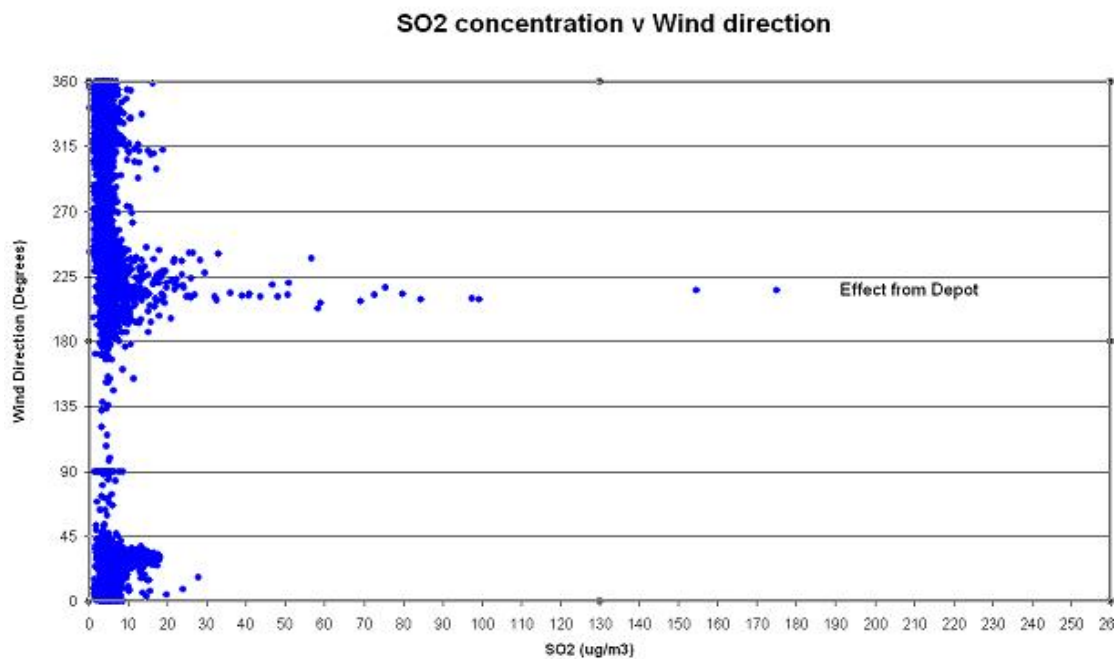
- 2.4 Calibration of zero and span to traceable gases occurred ever 4 weeks including pre and post installation with data ratified accordingly. (Calibration Data shown in Appendix III) Data capture throughout the monitoring period was exceptionally good exceeding 99.5% for the total period the instrument was installed.

3. Results

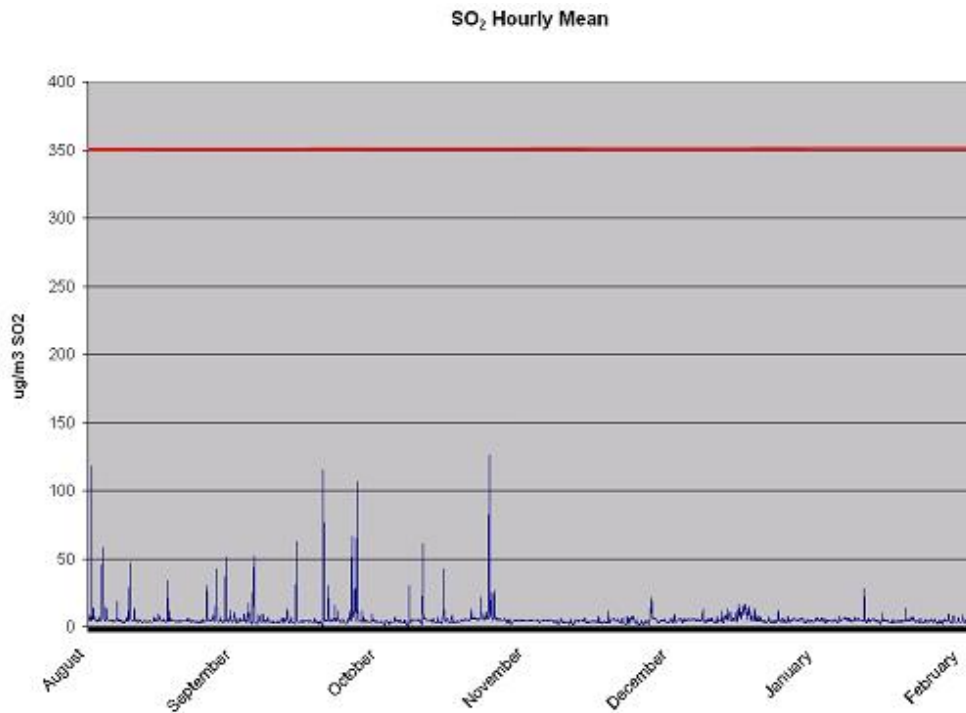
3.1 Graph 1: Complete results of SO₂ levels: 15 minute average short term exposure: The air quality objective is 266ug/m³ not to be exceeded more than 35 times. No exceedances recorded



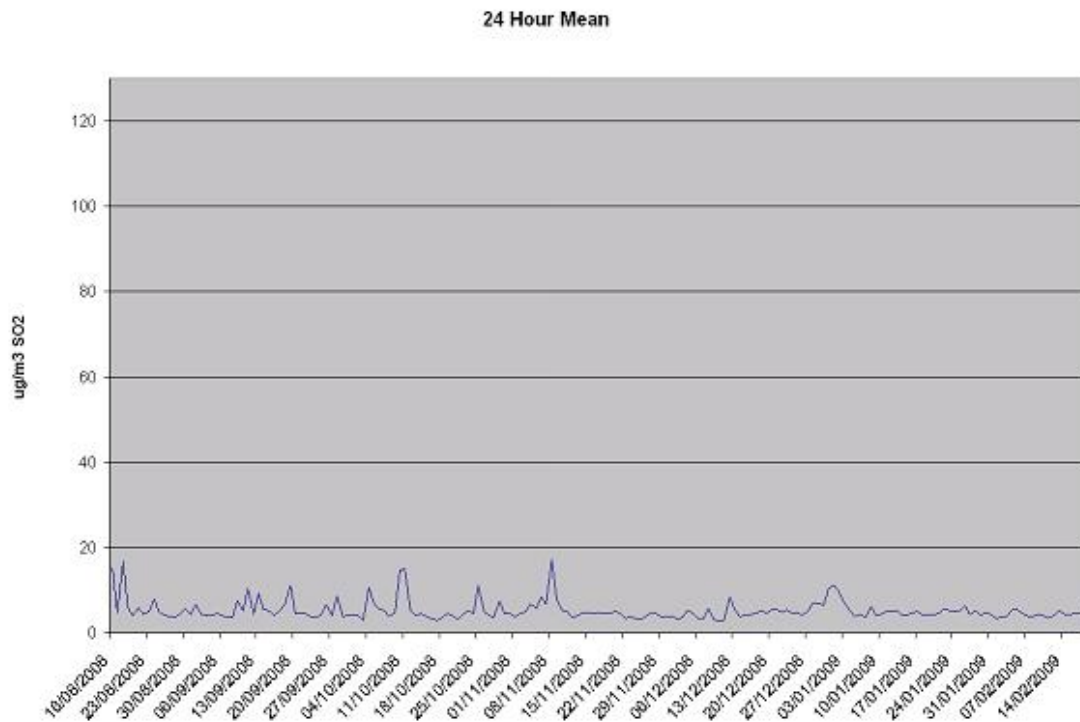
3.2 Graph 2: Levels of SO₂ (15 minute average) vs wind direction August 2008 – February 2009.



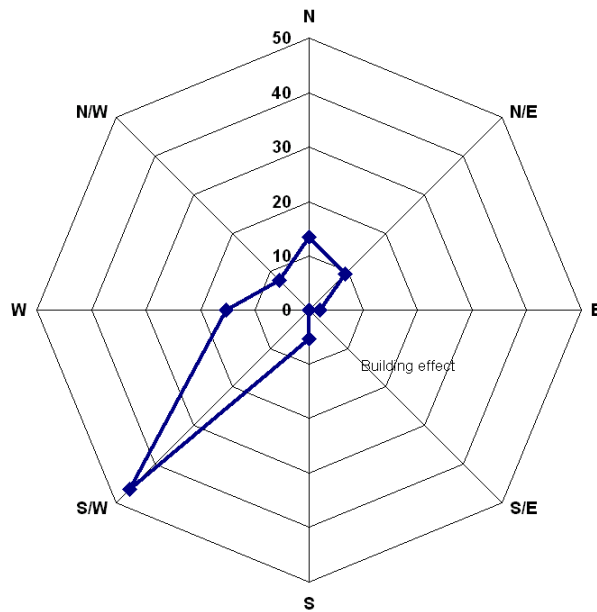
3.3 Graph 4: Complete results of SO₂ levels: Hourly Mean: The air quality objective is 350ug/m³ not to be exceeded more than 24 times per year. No exceedances recorded.



3.4 Graph 5: Complete results of SO₂ levels: 24 Hour Mean: The air quality objective is 125 ug/m³ not to be exceeded more than 3 times per year. No exceedances recorded.



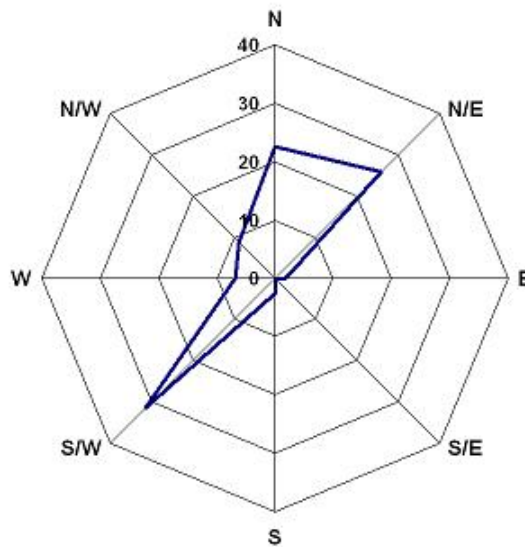
3.5 Graph 6: Wind Rose: August 08 – February 09. Graph shows the % of time the wind came from a particular direction.



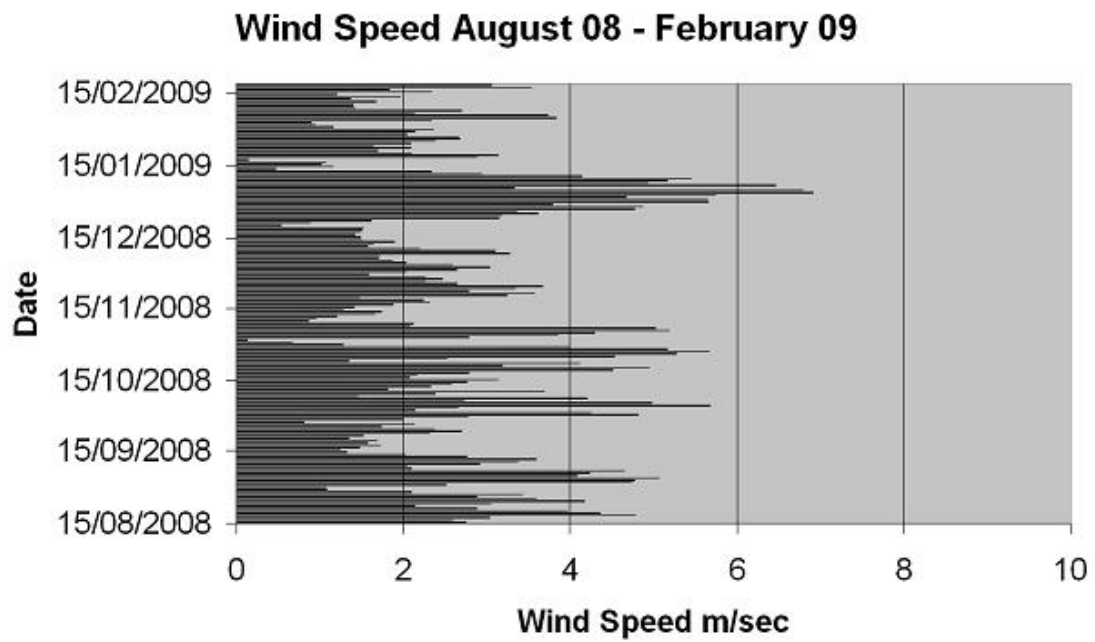
The wind rose shows that the predominant wind direction over the monitoring period was from the SW, downwind of the source. Note the lack of wind from a SE direction this is attributed to the façade of Gilbert Court.

3.6 Graph 7: Wind Rose 1st – 31st December 2008 showing that the predominant wind direction in December was from N to NE. (49% of the time)

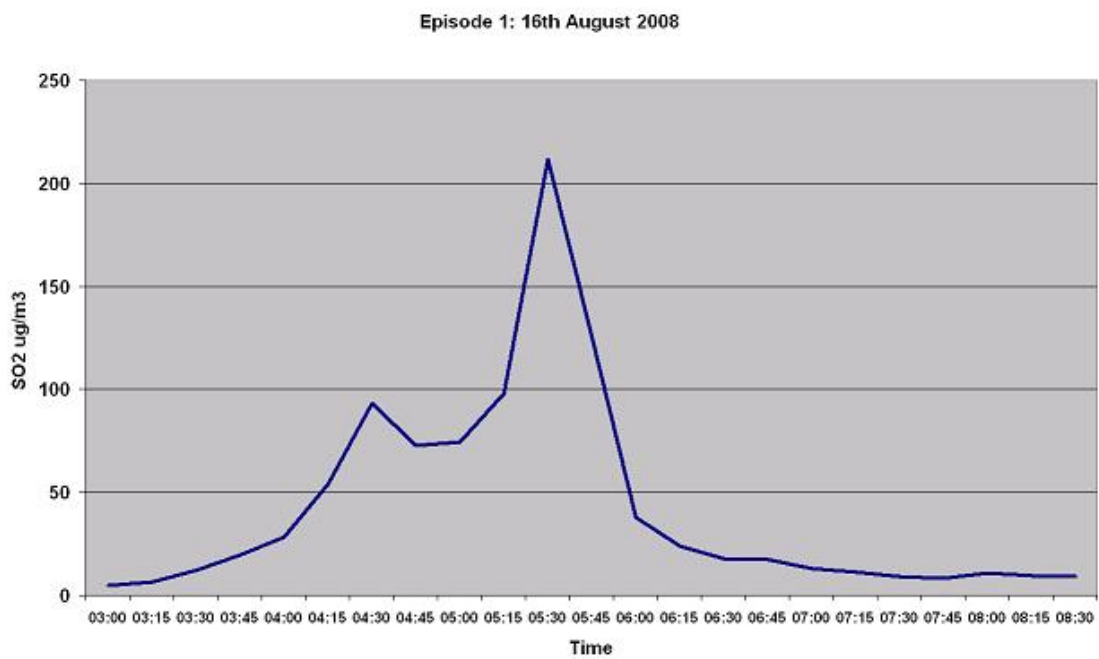
Wind Rose December 2008



3.7 Graph 8: Wind Speed August 2008 – February 2009



3.8 Graph 9 Pollution Episode Saturday 16th August 2008



Graph 10 Pollution Episode 2 Monday 18th August 2008

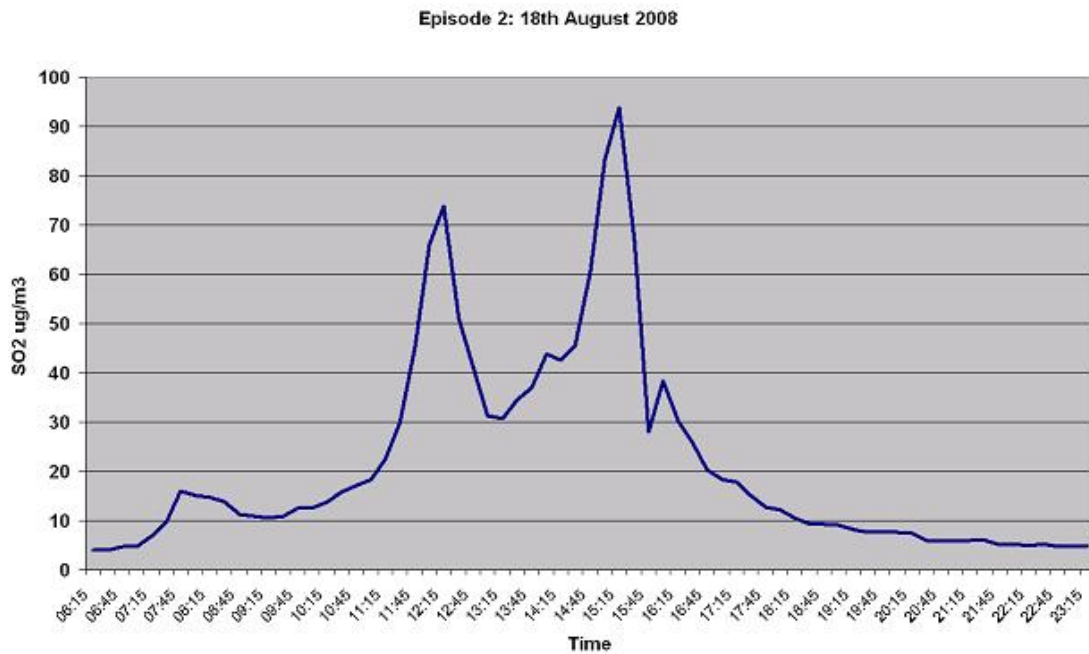


Table 3 Occurrence of Pollution Events

Pollution Episode								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Date	16/08/2008	18/08/2008	24/08/2008	01/09/2008	09/09/2008	11/09/2008	13/09/2008	19/09/2008
Day	Saturday	Monday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	Friday
Time	08.30hrs	15.15hrs	07.30hrs	08.30hrs	15.45hrs	16.99hrs	15.30hrs	10.45hrs
Peak	211	94	66	53	49	81	90	46
Span of Event - hrs (above 20ug/m3)	2.75	5.75	2.5	5.75	1.25	1	2	2.75
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Date	19/09/2008	28/09/2008	04/10/2008	05/10/2008	10/10/2008	11/10/2008	11/10/2008	
Day	Friday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	
Time	15.30hrs	14.30hrs	07.45hrs	08.15hrs	08.30hrs	00.00hrs	09.15hrs	
Peak	58	121	168	38	136	30	247	
Span of Event - hrs (above 20ug/m3)	3.25	6.75	2	1.25	2.5	6.75	2.5	

- 73% of pollution events occur on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- 78% of pollution events occurring in the morning occur between 07.00hrs and 09.15hrs.
- All pollution events in the afternoon occurred between 2.30pm – 4pm.
- The average span of a pollution event (levels measured above 20ug/m³) was 3¹/₄ hrs

4. Discussion & Conclusions

Discussion

4.1 During the period of 6 months monitoring the following was found:

- There were no exceedances recorded for any of the three air quality objectives for SO₂.
- The most significant measurements occurred over the short term 15 minutes period. The maximum levels recorded were marginally below 250ug/m³ and were related to peak activity at the depot in the first 3 months of monitoring.
- The predominant wind direction throughout the 6 month period was from the SW. (47%)
- Activity is known to have decreased at the depot after October and this was reflected in the reduction of SO₂ measured.
- There was no noticeable increase in SO₂ levels measured in December 2008. It was expected that Christmas services would increase measurable levels of SO₂ however the predominant wind direction shifted to a North – North-easterly.
- Monitoring picked up a minor secondary source of SO₂, N to NNE of the monitoring point. Possible sources include Ibstock Bricks (brick works approx 1500m NW of site), the passenger ferry movements to and from Poole Harbour (N of site) or nearby domestic coal use. This source was not however considered significant.
- The majority of pollution events occur on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday between 07.00hrs and 09.15hrs and corresponded to steaming up locomotives in the depot area.
- All pollution events in the afternoon occurred between 2.30pm – 4pm.
- The average span of a pollution event (levels measured above 20ug/m³) was 3¹/₄ hrs

Conclusions

4.2 Results show that there were no breaches of the air quality objectives over the six month period. The weather over this period was considered to be representative of the normal conditions experienced in the area.

As no exceedances of the air quality objectives were recorded it is not considered necessary to carryout any further monitoring of the site. In conclusion this report finds that the site is in compliance with the Air Quality Objectives for SO₂.

Appendix I

SWANAGE RAILWAY

2008 TIMETABLE

To find your train look for the date on the calendar and then go to the timetable of that colour. Where there is no colour on the calendar trains do not run.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S	M T W T F S S
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

MARKET DAY FARE
Travel out on any train before 0945, return on any train.
Adult: £4.00
Concession: £3.00

EVENING ROVER FARES
Travel on any train after 1700 and enjoy unlimited travel for the evening.
Adult: £4.00
Concession: £3.00

BLUE TIMETABLE All these trains operate DAILY when blue timetable is in operation.

FAIRFAX ONLY 2nd March until 28th September.

Swanage	depart	0950	1110	1240	1350	1510	1610	1810	1910	2010	2100	2200	2300
Harrison	depart	All trains stop at Harrison on request.											
Harmans Cross	depart	1000	1120	1250	1400	1520	1620	1820	1920	2020	2120	2210	2310
Corfe Castle	depart	1010	1130	1300	1410	1530	1630	1830	1930	2030	2130	2220	2320
Norden Park & Ride	arr	1011	1131	1301	1411	1531	1631	1831	1931	2031	2131	2221	2321

SANTA SPECIALS
December 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 23rd, 24th, 27th & 28th

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SPECIAL EVENTS 2008

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21st-24th Mar Easter Specials
15th-16th April Railway at Work Weekend
17th-20th April Branch Line Weekend
16th-17th May Swanage Railway Beer Festival & Diesel Walk
24th-26th Aug Swanage Regatta & Carnival
12th-14th Sep Grand Steam Gala and Vintage Transport Rally
23rd-26th Nov Fun to be remembered
23rd-26th Nov 1940s Weekend
26th Dec-1st Jan Merry Xmas Specials

Our Special Event days timetables and fares are listed on literature. Please visit our website for full details.

GREEN TIMETABLE All these trains operate DAILY when green timetable is in operation.

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS 1st March to 27th Sept and DAILY 28th Sept to 10th Sept.

Swanage	depart	0950	1030	1110	1250	1310	1350	1430	1510	1530	1610	1710	1810	1910	2010	2100	2200
Harrison	depart	All trains stop at Harrison on request.															
Harmans Cross	depart	1000	1040	1120	1300	1320	1350	1430	1510	1530	1610	1710	1810	1910	2010	2100	2200
Corfe Castle	depart	1010	1050	1130	1310	1330	1350	1430	1510	1530	1610	1710	1810	1910	2010	2100	2200
Norden Park & Ride	arr	1011	1051	1131	1311	1331	1351	1431	1511	1531	1611	1711	1811	1911	2011	2101	2201

YELLOW TIMETABLE All trains run DAILY when yellow timetable is in operation.

Swanage	depart	0950	1030	1110	1150	1230	1310	1350	1430	1510	1530	1610	1710	1810	1910	2010	2100	2200	2300	
Harrison	depart	All trains stop at Harrison on request.																		
Harmans Cross	depart	1000	1040	1120	1200	1240	1320	1400	1440	1520	1600	1640	1720	1820	1920	2020	2120	2210	2310	
Corfe Castle	depart	1010	1050	1130	1210	1250	1330	1410	1450	1530	1610	1650	1730	1830	1930	2030	2130	2220	2320	
Norden Park & Ride	arr	1011	1051	1131	1211	1251	1331	1411	1451	1531	1611	1651	1731	1830	1930	2030	2130	2221	2321	

MARKET DAY TRAINS

Swanage	depart	0920	Norden P & R	depart	0925
Harrison	depart <th>0920</th> <td>Corfe Castle</td> <td>depart <th>0927</th> </td>	0920	Corfe Castle	depart <th>0927</th>	0927
Harmans Cross	depart <th>0927</th> <td>Harmans Cross</td> <td>depart <th>0930</th> </td>	0927	Harmans Cross	depart <th>0930</th>	0930
Corfe Castle	depart <th>0937</th> <td>Harrison</td> <td>depart <th>0940</th> </td>	0937	Harrison	depart <th>0940</th>	0940
Norden P & R	arr	0920	Swanage	arr	0945

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WINTER SERVICES Saturdays & Sundays 6th Jan - 3rd Feb 2008

	Swanage	Harmans X	Corfe	Norden
Swanage	1030	1110	1150	1230
Harmans X	1039	1119	1159	1239
Corfe	1032	1112	1152	1232
Norden	1013	1053	1133	1213

There will be no service to or from Swanage Station during this period.



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Dear Mr Conway

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2007 AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT

Thank you for keeping Defra informed of progress regarding this matter. As concerns about sulphur dioxide concentrations around the Swanage station have been ongoing for some time now, monitoring should be established in this area as soon as possible. A Detailed Assessment is required without delay once 6 months monitoring data has been collected.

Purbeck District Council should submit a Progress Report by April 2008, and a Detailed Assessment will be expected once 6 months monitoring near Swanage station has been completed. It is stressed that this Detailed Assessment should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably within the next 12 months.

An Updating and Screening Assessment should be submitted by April 2009 irrespective of any other Review and Assessment reporting carried out.

Yours sincerely

Tutu Aluko
AIR, ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DIVISION



Appendix III

UV SO2 Analyzer Calibration & Data Capture

Swanage SO2:			Calibration	Data							
Cal Date	Zero	Span	Cylinder gas conc	Factor	Cylinder ID	Expiry date	Data period start	Data period end	Data points	Increment	
01/08/2008	-0.1	471.2	470	0.997242	109470	06/02/2009					
15/08/2008	1.3	472.3	470	0.997877	109470	06/02/2009	14	368	354	0.0000017943	
28/08/2008	3.30	450.7	470	1.050514	109470	06/02/2009	374	1621	1247	0.0000422111	
16/09/2008	3.30	430.4	470	1.100445	109470	06/02/2009	1626	3438	1812	0.0000275556	
22/10/2008	0.00	450.4	470	1.043517	109470	06/02/2009	3443	6893	3450	-0.0000165009	
26/11/2008	2.60	449.1	470.0	1.052632	109470	06/02/2009	6543	9902	3359	0.0000027135	
17/12/2008	2.60	406.8	430.0	1.063830	194906	10/06/2011	9907	11918	2011	0.0000055685	
27/01/2009	2.60	412.8	430.0	1.048269	194906	10/06/2011	11922	15865	3943	-0.0000039464	
18/02/2009	3.30	399.3	430.0	1.085859	194906	10/06/2011	15869	17982	2113	0.0000177896	

Data Capture:

	15/8/08 – 22/10/08			22/10/08 – 18/2/09		
	15 Minute SO ₂	Hourly SO ₂	24hr SO ₂	15 Minute SO ₂	Hourly SO ₂	24hr SO ₂
	ug/m3	ug/m3	ug/m3	ug/m3	ug/m3	ug/m3
min	0.5	0.6	3.0	0.23	1.4	2.6
avg	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.00	5.0	5.0
std	8.2	7.3	3.0	3.89	3.6	1.9
med	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.63	4.6	4.6
max	246.7	118.2	16.7	175.05	126.1	17.2
Count (No of periods)	6512	1629	67	11406	2856	120
Capture (%)	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.71	99.9	100.0
Exceedances	0	0	0	0	0	0

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