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**Community Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme Report  
Quarter 1, 2024**





## Overview of Monitoring Programme

MVV started ambient air quality monitoring in the vicinity of the EfW CHP Facility in August 2014. Two pollutants are / were measured in the on-going survey, Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter (as PM<sub>10</sub>). Monitoring of NO<sub>2</sub> is carried out at ten locations in the area. Two PM<sub>10</sub> real time monitoring stations were installed in 2014 in the vicinity of Camels Head junction and Moor Lane. These were monitored by MVV until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, when they were handed over and adopted by Plymouth City Council for continued monitoring by the Environmental Health Dept. Therefore, this report will no longer deliver results from the PM<sub>10</sub> monitors.

## Nitrogen Dioxide

Oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) are formed at the high temperatures and pressures found within vehicle engines and other combustion processes. Some of the nitrogen in the air and the fuel, mainly in the form of nitric oxide (NO), is oxidised to form NO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. NO<sub>2</sub> is associated with adverse effects on human health, and it is this pollutant for which air quality standards have been set in the UK and elsewhere within the EU.

Diffusion tubes are used to measure levels of NO<sub>2</sub> within an area. These are small plastic tubes containing a chemical absorbent which reacts with NO<sub>2</sub> present in the air. The tubes are changed each month and then sent away to a laboratory for analysis. The results give a NO<sub>2</sub> level for each calendar month and these are used to derive an annual average which can be compared against the National Standards annual average air quality objective. **NOTE: The test campaign of 10 years will conclude in September 2024 and MVV will have discharged the monitoring requirements at the end of quarter three.**

## Locations

The NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring sites have been divided between the area around the Camels Head junction (which could potentially be affected by emissions from site-related road traffic) and other locations representative of the urban background in St Budeaux and King's Tamerton.

## National Standards

The national air quality objective values, against which the monitoring results are compared, are shown in the Table below:

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES SET IN UK REGULATIONS			
Pollutant	Averaging Period	Objective Value (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Maximum Permitted Exceedances
Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	Annual average	40	None
	Hourly average	200	18 hours per year
Particulate matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual average	40	None
	Daily average	50	35 days per year



## Quarter 1, 2024

This quarterly update presents the results of monitoring carried out during Jan, Feb and Mar 2024.

### 1. Operational or Other Activity

No abnormal conditions identified during the reporting period. There are slightly higher than usual levels in the vicinity of Carlton Terrace and Erith Avenue, immediately adjacent to and on the approach to the Wolseley Road arterial junction to HMNB and A38. However, these levels do not exceed the air quality standards.

### 2. NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tubes

Jan: 10 tubes deployed 28/12/2023 and 10 recovered 31/1/2024.

Feb: 10 tubes deployed 31/01/2024, 10 recovered 1/3/2024.

Mar: 10 tubes deployed 1/3/2024, 10 recovered 4/4/2024.

### 3. PM<sub>10</sub> Monitors

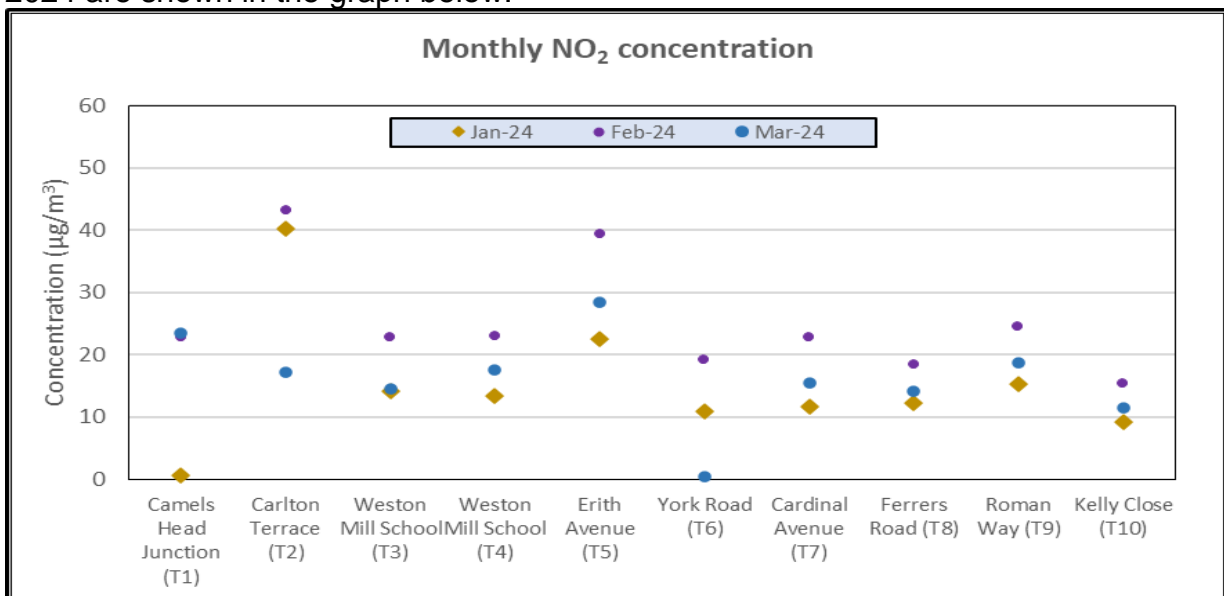
In line with planning conditions the two monitoring stations at Wolseley Road and Moor Lane have been adopted by Plymouth City Council with effect from October 2020 and results will no longer be delivered via this report.

### 4. NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Monitoring

Note: Results shown include an adjustment for laboratory blank but are provisional until bias adjustment has taken place. In line with planning conditions this monitoring programme shall last for 10 years and will conclude fourth quarter of 2024.

### Three Monthly Monitoring

The results of the monitoring for the three-month period January to the end of March 2024 are shown in the graph below.





## Summary of Results

A summary of results to date are shown in the Tables below where the rolling 12-month average can be directly compared with the Annual Air Quality mean objective. The mean concentrations to date are seen to be within the air quality objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at all the monitoring sites.



NO <sub>2</sub> MONITORING															
		Monthly NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) 2024													
Locatio	Description	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	2024 Average	Average of all results to date
T1	Camels Head Junction	0.52	22.76	23.39	12.70									14.84	23.95
T2	Junction of Weston Mill Drive & Carlton Terrace	40.2	43.26	17.23	15.11									28.95	20.14
T3	Weston Mill School	14.13	22.83	14.48	10.63									15.52	18.95
T4	Weston Mill School	13.44	23.03	17.52	10.79									16.19	18.17
T5	Erith Avenue	22.56	39.44	28.46	18.46									27.23	29.55
T6	York Road	10.99	19.22	0.47	7.88									9.64	14.28
T7	Cardinal Avenue	11.62	22.84	15.46	8.57									14.62	14.85
T8	Ferrers Road, St Budeaux	12.14	18.36	14.06	8.91									13.37	14.41
T9	Roman Way, adjacent Plaistow Hill Infant & Nursery Sch.	15.33	24.48	18.75	15.10									18.41	25.67
T10	Kelly Close, Barne Barton	9.17	15.33	11.38	8.63									11.13	12.80

Key  
 Air quality standard not exceeded  
 Air quality standard exceeded



NO <sub>2</sub> MONITORING														
		12-month rolling average NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )												
Locatio	Description	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Mean
T1	Camels Head Junction	0.52	11.64	15.56	14.84									10.64
T2	Junction of Weston Mill Drive & Carlton Terrace	40.20	41.73	33.57	28.95									36.11
T3	Weston Mill School	14.13	18.48	17.15	15.52									16.32
T4	Weston Mill School	13.44	18.23	18.00	16.19									16.47
T5	Erith Avenue	22.56	31.00	30.15	27.23									27.74
T6	York Road	10.99	15.11	10.23	9.64									11.49
T7	Cardinal Avenue	11.62	17.23	16.64	14.62									15.03
T8	Ferrers Road, St Budeaux	12.14	15.25	14.86	13.37									13.90
T9	Roman Way, adjacent Plaistow Hill Infant & Nursery Sch.	15.33	19.90	19.52	18.41									18.29
T10	Kelly Close, Barne Barton	9.17	12.25	11.96	11.13									11.13

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## Chimney Emission Data

Chimney emission data for the MVV Environment Devonport EfW CHP Facility is published weekly on the MVV website.

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