Appendix 5: Air quality monitoring networks

Greater London has well over 100 air quality monitoring sites that are currently in operation, most of which are owned by local authorities and are part of the London Air Quality Network (LAQN). Defra also has a number of monitoring sites in London, which are part of the UK's automatic network. Figure A5.1 shows the distribution of these monitoring sites in London.

This appendix summarises the different monitoring networks and outlines which monitoring sites have been used for the analysis undertaken in this report, results of which are discussed in sections 8 and 10.

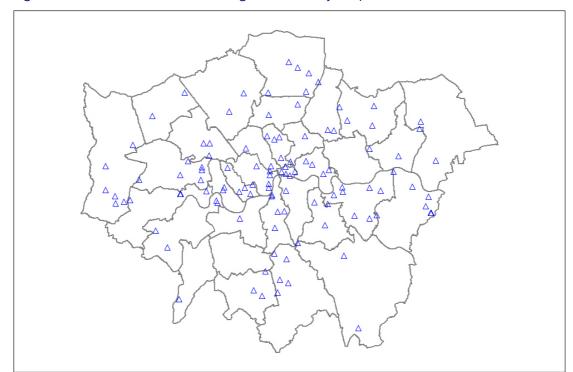


Figure A5.1 Location of monitoring sites currently in operation in Greater London.

A5.1 London Air Quality Network (LAQN)

The LAQN is facilitated by London Council's on behalf of the London boroughs who fund the equipment. The network is operated and managed by Kings College London and real-time data is available at www.londonair.org.uk. Table A5.1 lists the LAQN sites which are currently in operation in London.

Table A5.1 List of operating London Air Quality Network sites in London (as of end 2007).

Borough and site name	Site classification
Barking & Dagenham T Rush Green	suburban
Barking & Dagenham 2 Scrattons Farm	suburban
Barking & Dagenham 3 North Street	roadside
Barnet I Tally Ho Corner	kerbside
Barnet 2 Finchley	urban background
Bexley I Slade Green	suburban
Bexley 2 Belvedere	suburban
Bexley 3 Thamesmead	suburban
Bexley 4 Erith	industrial
Bexley 5 Bedonwell	suburban
Bexley 7 Thames Road North	roadside
Bexley 8 Thames Road South	roadside
Brent 3 Harlesdon	roadside
Brent 4 Ikea	roadside
Brent 5 Neasden Lane	industrial
Bromley 5 Biggin Hill	suburban
Bromley 7 Central	roadside
Camden I Swiss Cottage	kerbside
Camden 3 Shaftesbury Avenue	roadside
Camden 5 St Martins Lane	urban background
City of London Senator House	urban background
City of London Farringdon Street	roadside
City of London Sir John Cass School	urban background
City of London Beech Street	roadside
City of London Wallbrook Wharf	kerbside
Croydon 2 Purley Way	roadside
Croydon 3 Thornton Heath	suburban
Croydon 4 George Street	roadside
Croydon 5 Norbury	kerbside
Croydon 6 Euston Road	suburban

Borough and site name Site classification

Crystal Palace | Crystal Palace Parade roadside

Ealing I Ealing Town Hall urban background

Ealing 2 Action Town Hall roadside

Ealing 6 Hangar Lane roadside

Ealing 7 Southall urban background

Ealing 8 Horn Lane industrial

Ealing 10 Court Way urban background

Enfield I Bushill Park suburban

Enfield 2 Church Street roadside

Enfield 3 Salisbury School, Ponders End urban background

Enfield 4 Derby Road roadside

Greenwich 4 Eltham suburban

Greenwich 5 Trafalgar Road roadside

Greenwich 7 Blackheath roadside

Greenwich 8 Woolwich Flyover roadside

Greenwich 9 Westhorne Avenue roadside

Greenwich 10 A206 roadside

Greenwich 12 Millennium Village suburban

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Greenwich 13 Plumstead High Street

Greenwich Bexley 6 Falconwood roadside

Hackney 4 Clapton urban background

Hackney 6 Old Street roadside
Haringey I Town Hall roadside
Haringey 2 Priory Park suburban

Harrow I Stanmore urban background

Harrow 2 North Harrow roadside
Havering I Rainham roadside
Havering 3 Romford roadside

Heathrow Airport urban background

Hillingdon 1 South Ruislip roadside
Hillingdon 2 Hillingdon Hospital roadside

roadside

Borough and site name Site classification

Hillingdon 3 Oxford Avenue roadside
Hounslow 2 Cranford suburban

Hounslow 4 Chiswick High Rd roadside

Hounslow 5 Brentford roadside

H'smith and Fulham I Hammersmith Broadway roadside

H'smith and Fulham 2 Brook Green urban background

Islington 2 Holloway Road roadside

Kens and Chelsea I North Kensington urban background

Kens and Chelsea 3 Knightsbridge roadside

Kens and Chelsea 4 Kings Road roadside

Kingston I Chessington suburban

Lambeth I Christchurch Road roadside

Lambeth 2 Vauxhall Cross roadside

Lambeth 3 Loughborough Junction urban background

Lambeth 4 Brixton Rd kerbside

Lambeth 5 roadside

Lewisham I Catford urban background

Lewisham 2 New Cross roadside

Marylebone Rd kerbside

Redbridge I Perth Terrace urban background

Redbridge 3 Fulwell Cross kerbside

Redbridge 4 Garner Close roadside

Redbridge 5 A406 roadside

Richmond I Castleneau roadside

Richmond 2 Barnes Wetlands suburban

Richmond 27 Lincoln Avenue roadside

Southwark | Elephant and Castle urban background

Sutton 3 Carshalton suburban
Sutton 4 Wallington kerbside
Sutton 5 Beddington Lane industrial

Tower Hamlets I Poplar urban background

Borough and site name Site classification

Tower Hamlets 2 Mile End Road roadside

Tower Hamlets 3 Bethnal Green urban background

Tower Hamlets 4 Blackwall Tunnel roadside

Waltham Forest | Dawlish Road urban background

Waltham Forest 3 Chingford roadside

Wandsworth 2 Town Hall urban background

A5.2 Automatic Urban and Rural Network

Within the Greater London area, there are some additional monitoring sites which are part of Defra's Automatic Urban and Rural Network (the AURN) but which are separate to the LAQN. Table A5.2 lists those sites which are currently operating in Greater London.

Table A5.2 Automatic Urban and Rural Network sites operating in Greater London.

Site name Site classification

Bloomsbury AURN urban background

Kingsbury AURN suburban

West London AURN urban background

Westminster AURN urban background

Teddington AURN suburban

Hillingdon AURN suburban

Harlington AURN urban background

Kensington and Chelsea Cromwell Rd roadside

A5.3 London local authority monitoring

In addition to the sites listed above, some local authorities in London manage their own monitoring sites, to their own local standards of data control. For example, the City of London runs monitoring sites at Sir John Cass School, Wallbrook Wharf and Farringdon Street and City of Westminster owns a site at Charing Cross library. These are part of the LAQN, but do not operate to the same level of data control. The London Borough of Newham has several monitoring sites including Wren Close and Cam Road which are not part of the LAQN. Data quality control at these sites was deemed to be at a high enough level to include them in the data analysis in Section 8.

A5.4 Data quality assurance and control

Air quality measurements are made through a variety of continuous monitoring equipment. These measurements are subject to a two stage quality assurance process of validation and ratification. Data validation is performed by calibrating the monitoring equipment to ensure its best performance. The ratification process occurs after the data is obtained and takes into account the service history and performance of the equipment over time and further quality checks. Equipment in both the LAQN and AURN monitoring sites are required to be type approved through European regulations and regular audits are carried out by independent organisations.

A5.5 London wide trend analysis

Table A5.3 provides a summary and brief description of the monitoring sites from these networks that were chosen for the analysis carried out in Section 8.

Table A5.3 Summary of sites used for London wide trend analysis.

Site Code	Site name	Pollutants	Site classification and geographical location
BXI	Slade Green	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ ,	Background/outer London
BX2	Belvedere	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ ,	Background/outer London
BX7	Thames Rd North	PM _{2.5} , O ₃	Roadside/outer London
BX8	Thames Rd South	PM _{2.5} , O ₃	Roadside/outer London
GB6	A2 Falconwood	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ , O ₃	Roadside/outer London
EA2	Acton Town Hall	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} ,	Roadside/inner London
MYI	Marylebone Road	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ , O ₃	Roadside/inner London
BL0	Bloomsbury	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
HK4	Clapton	PM _{2.5} , O ₃	Background/inner London
BNI	Tally Ho Corner	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
CR4	George Street	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
CYI	Crystal Palace Parade	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
HII	South Ruislip	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
CDI	Swiss Cottage	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
CD3	Shaftesbury Ave	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
GR5	Trafalgar Road	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
HGI	Haringey Town Hall	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
HS4	Chiswick High Rd	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
IS2	Holloway Rd	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
KC2	Cromwell Rd	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/inner London

Site Code	Site name	Pollutants	Site classification and geographical location
RI2	Barnes Wetlands	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/inner London
BG2	Scrattons Farm	PM ₁₀	Background/outer London
BN2	Finchley	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/outer London
HRI	Stanmore	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/outer London
HS2	Cranford	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/outer London
LH2	Heathrow	PM ₁₀	Background/outer London
KCI	North Kensington	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
NEW3	Newham Wren Clse	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
THI	Poplar	PM_{10} , NO_2 , O_3	Background/inner London
TH3	Bethnal Green	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/inner London
WLI	Dawlish Rd	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background/inner London
BY7	Central Bromley	NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
CR2	Purley Way	NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
CR5	Norbury	NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
EN4	Derby Rd Edmonton	NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
HVI	Rainham	NO ₂ ,	Roadside/outer London
RB3	Fullwell Cross	NO ₂	Roadside/outer London
KC3	Knightsbridge	NO ₂ ,	Roadside/inner London
KC4	Kings Rd	NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
RB4	Garner Close	NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
TH2	Mile End Rd	NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
BGI	Rush Green	NO ₂ ,	Background/outer London
BTI	Kingsbury	NO ₂ ,	Background/outer London
CR6	Euston Road	NO ₂	Background/outer
EAI	Ealing Town Hall	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London
ENI	Bushill Park	NO ₂	Background/outer London
EN3	Ponders End	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London
HFI	Broadway	NO ₂	Roadside/inner London
GR4	Eltham	NO ₂ ,	Background/outer London
HI0	Hillingdon AURN	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London
RBI	Perth Terrace	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London

Site Code	Site name	Pollutants	Site classification and geographical location
ST3	Carshalton	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London
TD0	Teddington	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/outer London
CTI	Senator House	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
HG2	Priory Park	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
SKI	Elephant & Castle	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
WM0	Westminster AURN	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background/inner London
NEW2	Newham Cam Rd	O ₃	Background/inner London
LWI	Catford	O ₃	Background/inner London
RI2	Castleneau	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside/Inner London

A5.6 Regional trend analysis

Table A5.4 provides a summary of those air quality monitoring sites which have been used in Section 10 to undertake the regional air quality analysis. These sites are either part of Defra's Automatic Urban and Rural monitoring network or they are run by the local authorities in the relevant area.

Table A5.4 Summary description of UK regional comparator air quality monitoring sites.

Site name	Area	Pollutants measured	Site classification
Canterbury	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background
Chatham	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Folkestone	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Maidstone	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Rochester	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃ , PM _{2.5}	Background
Gravesham Industrial	Kent	NO ₂	Background
Thanet Margate	Kent	NO ₂	Background
Thanet Rural	Kent	O ₃	Background
Tunbridge Wells	Kent	NO ₂	Background
Ashford	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside
Dover Centre	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside
Maidstone A229	Kent	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Roadside
Canterbury roadside	Kent	NO ₂	Roadside
Chatham roadside	Kent	NO ₂	Roadside
Dartford St Clements	Kent	NO ₂	Roadside

Site name	Area	Pollutants measured	Site classification
Dartford Town Centre	Kent	NO ₂	Roadside
Dover Old Town Hall	Kent	NO ₂	Roadside
Harwell	Oxford	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Oxford St Ebbes	Oxford	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Oxford Centre	Oxford	NO ₂	Roadside
Bolton	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , O ₃	Background
Oldham West End House	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , O ₃	Background
Tameside Two Trees	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Trafford	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂	Background
Manchester Picaddilly	Manchester	NO ₂ , O ₃	Background
Manchester Town Hall	Manchester	NO ₂	Background
Bury	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃	Roadside
Glazebury	Manchester	O ₃	Background
Manchester South	Manchester	O ₃	Background
Salford M60	Manchester	PM ₁₀ , O ₃	Roadside