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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results for 2021 of an ongoing programme of air quality monitoring in Jersey, carried out by Ricardo Energy & Environment on behalf of the Natural Environment Department of the Government of Jersey.

An automatic monitoring station for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) has been located in the Central Market, Halkett Place, St Helier since January 2008. In November of 2021 this was re-located to a new position to measure NO₂ levels from traffic using Beresford Street. In addition, non-automatic diffusion tube samplers were used for indicative monitoring of NO₂ at 22 sites, and a suite of four hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes) at a further six sites. However, of the NO₂ sites 4 were closed and 5 new sites were opened, for BTEX, one site was closed and relocated part way through the year. Hydrocarbon monitoring sites included areas likely to be affected by specific emission sources (such as a petrol station and a paint-spraying process), as well as general background locations. The 2021 non-automatic monitoring programme continued a long-term survey that has operated in Jersey since 1997.

The Covid-19 pandemic affected the deployment and collection of NO₂ and hydrocarbon diffusion tubes. It is recommended that tubes are exposed for twelve periods approximating to calendar months, based on the UK's Defra diffusion tube calendar. Local restrictions meant that the November 2020 deployment was not collected until February 2021 and so the January 2021 exposure was missed. The tubes were supplied and analysed by Gradko International Ltd and changed by Technical Officers of Jersey's Natural Environment Department.

The automatic monitoring site at Halkett Place met the EC Directive limit value (and AQS objective) for the 1-hour mean NO₂ concentration (with 0 of 18 allowed 1-hour exceedances). The instrument failed to achieve the 85% data capture required to create an annual average however the period mean was below the annual mean NO₂ concentration limit value.

The 2021 automatic monitors period mean (21 µg m⁻³) was slightly higher than that recorded in 2020 (19 µg m⁻³).

Annual mean concentrations of NO₂ did not exceed the EC Directive limit value of 40 µg m⁻³ at any of the diffusion tube sites. For comparison annual averages had a bias adjustment factor applied which gave lower annual averages for all sites. Diffusion tubes measure over a monthly period therefore, the results are an average and not applicable to measuring peaks or low levels of pollution at any specific time.

The diurnal pattern in concentrations of oxides of nitrogen at Halkett Place was similar to that observed in previous years. There was a clear peak in the early morning between 07:00 and 08:00, with another slight peak in the afternoon rush-hour. The morning peak is thought to reflect early activity of market retailers arriving to set-up for the day using refrigerated vehicles and daily refuse collections. These vehicles may need to be left with engines running whilst carrying out their operations, contributing to NO₂ levels. The new Beresford Street site appears to show similar patterns, but more data are required to provide a full analysis. Each of the hydrocarbon sites provided annual means below that required of the EC Directive limit value for benzene (5 µg m⁻³ as an annual mean, to be achieved by 2010⁴). Since the introduction of catalytic converters in 1991 and the limiting of benzene concentrations in petrol to 1% in the year 2000, ambient measured concentrations have declined in the UK⁸. The site at Faux Bie Terrace measured the highest annual mean benzene concentrations, of 0.6 µg m⁻³. Faux Bie Terrace represents the nearest relevant public exposure to a petrol station. Concentrations here have decreased since a stage 2 vapour recovery system was installed in 2016.

Overall hydrocarbons showed a decrease compared with 2020. Over the long term, hydrocarbon concentrations have generally decreased at La Bas Centre and Halkett Place. However, at the Faux Bie site concentrations had sharply increased until 2016 followed by substantial decreases since 2016. With the paint spraying business at Hansford lane closed since 2019 the concentrations measured here have continued to decrease. The site was closed and moved to another paint spraying business on Rue de Pres in May 2021.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

This report describes a programme of air quality monitoring carried out on the island of Jersey in 2021, undertaken by Ricardo Energy & Environment, on behalf of the Government of Jersey Natural Environment department. This is the 25th consecutive year in which an annual monitoring programme has been carried out; the first was undertaken in 1997. This ongoing monitoring programme has provided a long-term dataset of pollutant concentrations.

The pollutants measured were nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and a range of hydrocarbon species (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and three xylene compounds). NO₂ was measured by an automatic monitor, situated at Halkett Place before being closed in mid-November due to access and health and safety issues. The new site was situated in the central market measuring NO₂ levels from traffic using Beresford Street. This was supplemented by indicative monitoring of NO₂ using low-cost passive samplers (Palmer type diffusion tubes). At the beginning of the year there were 17 locations, however over the course of the year four locations were closed and a further five were opened, meaning by the end of the year there were 18 locations on the island. The suite of hydrocarbon species were monitored using 'BTEX' diffusion tubes at five sites, one of which changed location during the year.

This report presents the results obtained in the 2021 survey and compares the data from Jersey with relevant air quality limit values, objectives and guidelines as well as data from selected UK monitoring stations and previous years' monitoring programmes.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

This year's monitoring is the continuation of a survey that has been carried out since 1997. This report is the latest in a series of annual reports¹. The objective, as in previous years, was to monitor at sites where pollutant concentrations were expected to be high and compare these with background locations. The monitoring sites consisted of urban and rural background sites, in addition to locations where higher pollutant concentrations might be expected, such as roadside and kerbside sites, as well as locations close to specific emission sources (for example, a petrol station).

1.3 IMPACT OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON MONITORING

Covid-19 has had unprecedented impacts on daily life for all of the world and Jersey is no different. When looking at the temporal, especially seasonal, variations the impacts of the pandemic must be considered. In order to combat a second wave of infections new restrictions were introduced on the 30th of November 2020, were tightened three days later and lasted into the new year. As part of Jersey's reopening strategy Stage 1 allowed schools to reopen to pupils on the 11th of January 2021. Stage 2 began on the 3rd of February, with non-essential retail reopening. Stage 3 began on the 22nd of February with the reopening of hospitality venues and visitor attractions. Further reopening Stages took place throughout the spring and summer of 2021, with all legal restrictions removed with entry to Stage 7 on the 26th of August 2021.

Tourism is a major part of Jersey's economy and has an impact on the island's air quality, the variety of restrictions on travel over the course of the pandemic must also be considered when looking at the data from 2021. On the 15th of January all regions and countries were put on the government's "Red" list, meaning visitors had to self-isolate for 14 days. On the 26th of April a traffic light model was put in place which saw different testing and isolation rules for "Green", "Amber" and "Red" regions. In July the traffic light system was removed and instead fully vaccinated travellers would no longer have to isolate. Non vaccinated travellers would have to isolate until they tested negative. Enhanced testing and isolation remained in place for those few countries that were on the UK's International restricted list. These measures continued for the rest of 2021.

In response to the Omicron variant travellers to Jersey that had been outside of the common travel area were required to take a PCR test on arrival from the 30th of November 2021 and isolate until a result is given.

In 2021 total arrivals by air and sea to the island rose by 62% to 405,200 but were still 66% lower than the numbers recorded in 2019 ¹².

Covid-19 restrictions had a significant impact on almost all onsite activities, strict stay at home orders reduced the frequency of LSO (Local Site Operator) site visits to the automatic instrument and of diffusion tube changes.

With regards to diffusion tubes, they are to be exposed for a set period, with the year being divided into periods approximating to calendar months. This results in the duration of the exposure periods varying between four and five weeks. However, due to the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible for the collection and deployment schedule to be followed at the beginning of 2021.

This resulted in the January deployment being missed, the November 2020 deployment was collected in February 2021, resulting in an exposure period over 2000 hours. Results from exposure periods outside this range must be considered compromised and non-representative of actual concentrations, as the rate of diffusion may not have been accurately defined. For the purposes of this report, the extended November 2020 exposure was not included in any analysis in this report.

While Jersey is not bound to the requirements of LAQM.TG(16) it is worth noting that it advises that automatic monitors are serviced once every 6 months, within 3 weeks of a QA/QC audit. LSO calibrations are, for the site type of Halket place, to be carried out every 4 weeks. Covid-19 restrictions meant that the 4 weekly scheduled calibrations were not always able to be undertaken.

In order to evaluate the automatic data, the 2021 audit and available LSO calibrations were thoroughly checked. On the establishment that the audit showed no faults with the instrument the data was thoroughly checked before being reviewed by an expert panel, who made the decision that the data could be marked valid.

2. DETAILS OF THE MONITORING PROGRAM

2.1 POLLUTANTS MONITORED

2.1.1 NO_x

A mixture of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and nitric oxide (NO) is emitted by combustion processes. The mixture of oxides of nitrogen is termed NO_x. NO is subsequently oxidised to NO₂ in the atmosphere. NO₂ is an irritant to the respiratory system and can affect human health. Ambient concentrations of NO₂ are likely to be highest in the most built-up areas, especially where traffic is congested, or where buildings either side of the street create a 'canyon' effect, impeding the dispersion of vehicle emissions. The units used for NO₂ concentration in this report are micrograms per cubic metre (µg m⁻³). The earliest reports in this series used parts per billion (ppb). To convert from µg m⁻³ to ppb for comparison with the earlier reports, if required, the following relationship should be used:

1 µg m⁻³ = 0.523 ppb for nitrogen dioxide at 293 K (20 °C) and 1013 mb.

2.1.2 Hydrocarbons

There are many sources of hydrocarbon emissions. Methane for example, is a naturally occurring gas, while xylene compounds are synthetic and used in many applications, for example as solvents in paint. A range of hydrocarbons are found in vehicle fuel and occur in vehicle emissions. In most urban areas, vehicle emissions constitute the major source of hydrocarbons, in particular benzene. There is the potential they may be released to the air from facilities where fuels are stored or handled (such as petrol stations).

A wide range of hydrocarbons are emitted from fuel storage, handling and combustion. It is not easy to measure all these hydrocarbon species (particularly the most volatile) without expensive continuous monitoring systems. However, there are four species associated with fuels and vehicle emissions which, though not the largest constituent of such emissions, are easy to monitor using passive samplers due to their moderate volatility. These are benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene. Diffusion tubes are

available for monitoring this group of organic compounds and are known as 'BTEX' tubes (BTEX being an acronym for the compounds measured).

2.1.2.1 Benzene

Of the organic compounds measured in this study, benzene is the one of most concern as it is a known human carcinogen; long-term exposure can cause leukaemia. It is found in small concentrations in petrol and other liquid fuels; for urban areas, the major source for benzene is vehicle emissions. In the UK, the annual mean concentrations for benzene in ambient air are typically less than $3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and have declined since the introduction of catalytic converters in 1991 and the limiting of benzene concentrations in petrol to 1% in the year 2000⁸. In this report, concentrations of benzene are expressed in micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Some earlier reports in the series used parts per billion (ppb). To convert to ppb, if necessary, the following relationship should be used:

$1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3} = 0.307 \text{ ppb}$ for benzene at 293 K (20 °C) and 1013 mb (only applicable to benzene).

2.1.2.2 Toluene

Toluene is found in petrol; it can be used as a solvent in paints and inks; it is also a constituent of tobacco smoke. There are no EU limit values for ambient toluene concentration, although there are occupational limits for workplace exposure², and a World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline of $260 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for the weekly mean³.

The major concern associated with human exposure to toluene is its effect on the central nervous system: it is not believed to be carcinogenic³. Typical ambient concentrations are usually less than $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in rural areas and in the range $5\text{-}150 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in urban areas³.

In this report, concentrations are expressed in micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Some earlier reports in the series used parts per billion (ppb). To convert to ppb, if necessary, the following relationship should be used:

$1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3} = 0.261 \text{ ppb}$ for toluene at 293 K (20 °C) and 1013 mb (only applicable to toluene).

2.1.2.3 Ethylbenzene

There are no limits for ambient concentrations of ethylbenzene. Although, there are occupational limits relating to workplace exposure², as discussed in previous reports, these are several orders of magnitude higher than typical outdoor ambient concentrations.

2.1.2.4 Xylene

Xylene exists in ortho (o), para (p) and meta (m) isomers. Occupational limits relating to workplace exposure are 100 ppm over 8 hours and 150 ppm over 10 minutes. Xylene, like toluene, can cause odour nuisance near processes where it is used (such as vehicle paint spraying).

In this report, concentrations of ethylbenzene and xylenes are expressed in micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Some earlier reports used parts per billion (ppb). To convert to ppb, if required, the following relationship should be used:

$1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3} = 0.226 \text{ ppb}$ for ethylbenzene or xylenes at 293 K (20 °C) and 1013 mb (applicable to ethylbenzene, m-, p- and o-xylene).

2.2 AIR QUALITY LIMIT VALUES AND OBJECTIVES

This report compares the results of the monitoring survey with air quality limit values and objectives applicable worldwide, in Europe and the UK. These are summarised in Appendix 1 and below.

2.2.1 World Health Organisation

The most recent World Health Organisation revised air quality guidelines⁷ were published in 2005, for pollutants including NO_2 . These were set using currently available scientific evidence on the effects of air pollutants on health and vegetation. The WHO guidelines are advisory only, and do not carry any mandatory status. They are summarised in Appendix 1. There are also WHO guidelines for ambient concentrations of, benzene and toluene³.

The WHO non-mandatory guideline⁷ for NO₂ is that the annual mean should not exceed 40 µg m⁻³. For toluene, the WHO recommends a guideline³ value of 0.26 mg m⁻³ (260 µg m⁻³) for the weekly mean.

New WHO guidelines¹³ for NO₂ were introduced in September 2021, the recommended annual mean limit being reduced to 10 µg m⁻³ and a 24 hour mean of 25 µg m⁻³. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Annual mean limits were reduced to 15µg m⁻³ and to 5µg m⁻³ respectively¹³.

2.2.2 European Community

Throughout Europe, ambient air quality is regulated by the most recent EC Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe (2008/50/EC)⁴. This Directive (referred to as the Air Quality Directive) sets limit values, which are mandatory, and other requirements for the protection of human health and ecosystems. Both NO₂ and benzene are covered by this Directive. The Government of Jersey have agreed to meet the EU health limits.

The Air Quality Directive⁴ contains limit values for NO₂ as follows:

- 200 µg m⁻³ as an hourly mean, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per calendar year. To have been achieved by 1st January 2010.
- 40 µg m⁻³ as an annual mean, for protection of human health. To have been achieved by 1st January 2010.
- There is also a limit for annual mean total oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), of 30 µg m⁻³, for protection of vegetation (relevant in rural areas only).

The same Directive⁴ also sets a limit of 5 µg m⁻³ for the annual mean of benzene, to have been achieved by 2010. Having achieved the limit values by the due dates, Member States must maintain compliance in future years.

2.2.3 UK Air Quality Strategy

The UK Air Quality Strategy (AQS)⁵ contains standards and objectives for a range of pollutants including NO₂ and benzene. These are also summarised in Appendix 1. Only those objectives relating to the whole UK (as opposed to specifically England, Wales, etc.) are applicable to Jersey, and the AQS does not at present have mandatory status in the Government of Jersey.

The UK Air Quality Strategy's objectives for NO₂ are very similar to the EC Directive limits above, the only difference being that they had to be achieved by 31st December 2005.

The UK Air Quality Strategy⁵ sets the following objectives for benzene:

- 16.25 µg m⁻³ (for the running annual mean), to have been achieved by 31st December 2003.
- 3.25 µg m⁻³ (for the calendar year mean in Scotland and Northern Ireland), to have been achieved by 31st December 2010.
- 5 µg m⁻³ (for the calendar year mean in England and Wales), to have been achieved by 31st December 2010.

Both the 2010 benzene objectives apply to specific parts of the UK only, so strictly speaking do not apply in Jersey. However, the objective of 5 µg m⁻³ applicable to England and Wales is the same as the EC Directive limit value, which Jersey has chosen to comply with.

2.2.4 Jersey Air Quality Strategy

The most recent Jersey Air Quality Strategy was published in 2013¹⁰ and is largely based on the WHO⁷, EU⁴ and UK⁵ policies described above and its limit values are the same. As Jersey is not an EU member state there is no legal requirement to implement the EU Directive however, the Government of Jersey recognise the importance and relevance of the limit values to Jersey. The Jersey Air Quality Strategy works within the EU and UK limit values and puts in place a project plan and policies to ensure compliance. In light of reductions in concentrations and improvements in technology since the AQS was last published, now would be a good opportunity to review and potentially update the document.

2.3 MONITORING METHODOLOGIES

2.3.1 Automatic Methods

Oxides of nitrogen were monitored using a chemiluminescent analyser, located at the Central Market, Halkett Place, St Helier. This automatic monitoring site started operation in January 2008 and finished operation in November 2021. At this point it moved, staying within the Central Market but with the inlet measuring from Beresford Street.

The chemiluminescent NO_x analyser provides a continuous output, proportional to the pollutant concentration. The output is recorded and stored every 10 seconds and averaged to 15-minute average values by internal data loggers. The analyser is connected to a modem and interrogated by telephone to download the data to Ricardo Energy & Environment. Data are downloaded daily and uploaded onto the publicly available website: <http://jerseyair.ricardo-aea.com>

2.3.2 Diffusive Sampling of NO₂ and Hydrocarbons

The automatic monitoring sites of Halkett Place and Beresford Street were supplemented by indicative monitoring, using diffusion tubes, for NO₂ and BTEX hydrocarbons. Diffusion tubes are 'passive' samplers, i.e. they work by absorbing the pollutants direct from the surrounding air and need no power supply. They are located in places and heights of relevant exposure, usually attached to lampposts at approximately 2m-4m above ground.

2.3.2.1 NO₂ diffusion tubes

Palmes-type diffusion tubes were used for NO₂. These consist of a small plastic tube, approximately 7 cm long. During sampling, one end is open and the other closed. The closed end contains an absorbent for the gaseous species (in this case NO₂) to be monitored. The tube is mounted vertically with the open end at the bottom. Ambient NO₂ diffuses up the tube during exposure and is absorbed as nitrite. The average ambient pollutant concentration for the exposure period is calculated from the amount of pollutant absorbed.

2.3.2.2 BTEX diffusion tubes

BTEX diffusion tubes are different in appearance from NO₂ tubes. They are longer, thinner, and made of metal rather than plastic. These tubes are fitted at both ends with brass Swagelok fittings. A separate 'diffusion cap' is supplied. Immediately before exposure, the Swagelok end fitting is replaced with the diffusion cap. The cap is removed after exposure and is replaced with the Swagelok fitting. BTEX diffusion tubes are very sensitive to interference by solvents.

2.3.2.3 Preparation and analysis

Diffusion tubes were prepared and analysed by Gradko International Ltd. They were supplied to the local Technical Officers of Jersey's Government, who carried out the tube changing. The tubes were supplied in a sealed condition prior to exposure. After exposure, the tubes were again sealed and returned to Gradko for analysis.

The UK Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(16)⁶ states that when using diffusion tubes for indicative NO₂ monitoring, correction should be made where applicable for any systematic bias (i.e. over-read or under-read compared to the automatic chemiluminescent technique; the reference method for NO₂). By co-locating diffusion tubes with the automatic monitoring site at Halkett Place, it is possible to calculate a bias adjustment factor, which could be applied to the annual mean diffusion tube measurements in this survey. The NO₂ diffusion tube results in this report are uncorrected except where clearly specified. BTEX diffusion tubes are not affected by the same sources of bias as NO₂ diffusion tubes, therefore the BTEX results have not been bias adjusted.

Each monthly batch of diffusion tubes was accompanied by a 'travel blank' NO₂ and BTEX tube. These tubes were taken with the exposure tubes to the site but were not exposed. They were returned to the site operator's premises and were kept in a sealed bag in a cupboard. When the exposed tubes were collected, the 'travel blank' tubes were taken by the operator to the site. The travel blanks were sent with the exposed tubes for analysis. The purpose of these tubes was to indicate if any contamination of the tubes had occurred. This was particularly relevant in the case of the BTEX tubes because they can easily be contaminated by exposure to solvents.

Gradko also retained one tube from each batch, in a sealed bag in their premises, as a 'laboratory blank'. The travel blank results for NO₂ were not used to apply any correction to the results from the exposed tubes – only to highlight possible contamination issues. BTEX results were blank corrected using the travel blank, or the laboratory blank where the analyst judged this to be appropriate.

2.3.2.4 Calendar of diffusion tube exposure periods

The calendar of exposure periods used for the NO₂ and BTEX diffusion tubes is shown in Table 2-1. They were intended to be an approximation to calendar months, while allowing for the tubes to be changed on a consistent day of the week. Due to complications caused by Covid-19 (See section 1.3) it was not always possible to stick to the intended dates, actual change over dates are also shown in the below Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Diffusion tube exposure periods

Month	Intended Start Date	Intended End Date	Actual Start Date	Actual End Date
January	06/01/2021	03/02/2021	N/A	N/A
February	03/02/2021	03/03/2021	03/02/2021	03/03/2021
March	03/03/2021	31/03/2021	03/03/2021	31/03/2021
April	31/03/2021	05/05/2021	31/03/2021	05/05/2021
May	05/05/2021	02/06/2021	05/05/2021	03/06/2021
June	02/06/2021	30/06/2021	03/06/2021	30/06/2021
July	30/06/2021	04/08/2021	30/06/2021	05/08/2021
August	04/08/2021	01/09/2021	05/08/2021	01/09/2021
September	01/09/2021	29/09/2021	01/09/2021	30/09/2021
October	29/09/2021	03/11/2021	30/09/2021	03/11/2021
November	03/11/2021	01/12/2021	03/11/2021	01/12/2021
December	01/12/2021	05/01/2022	01/12/2021	05/01/2021

2.4 MONITORING SITES

Automatic monitoring of oxides of nitrogen was carried out at the Central Market, Halkett Place, in St Helier (Figure 2-1) between January the 1st and November the 4th. The site was then moved to the other side of the Central Market, located on Beresford Street and began monitoring on the 11th November (Figure 2-2). These sites represent a roadside location where levels of NO₂ are expected to be high and where members of the public are regularly exposed for periods of one hour or more. The inlet funnel (circled) of Halkett place (Figure 2-1) is just visible as a white tube protruding from the building façade above the hanging basket just beyond the yellow shop front. It was at a height of about four metres. The Beresford sites inlet funnel, circled on Figure 2-2, is located on a column at a height of approximately four meters.

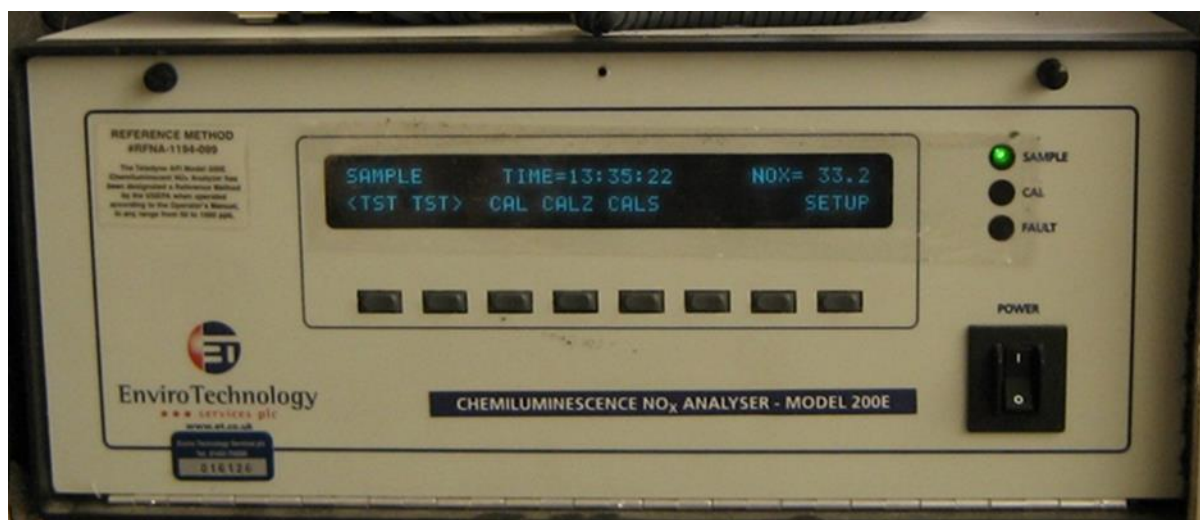
The chemiluminescent NO_x analyser itself, Figure 2-3, is located within the building. The analyser is calibrated by officers from the Natural Environment Department. Details of complications caused by Covid-19 restrictions are outlined in section 1.3 and the calibration procedure is provided in Appendix 2.

Figure 2-1: Automatic NO_x monitoring site, Halkett Place, St Helier



Figure 2-2: Automatic NO_x monitoring site at Beresford Street, St Helier



Figure 2-3: Automatic NO_x analyser at Halkett Place and Beresford Street, St Helier

As explained in section 2.3, diffusion tubes were used to monitor NO₂ at sites in a range of different environments around Jersey.

Diffusion tubes were also co-located with the automatic monitoring site at both locations, and the results of this co-located monitoring are used to assess the precision and accuracy of the diffusion tubes, relative to the automatic chemiluminescent analyser, which is defined within Europe as the reference method for NO₂. The tubes at this site were exposed in triplicate, to allow assessment of precision. All other diffusion tube sites use single tubes.

After the March 2021 exposure the Esplanade (Hospital) and Kensington Place (Hospital) sites were closed down, these were originally designed to monitor base line NO₂ levels for the new hospital project at Gloucester Street. These were replaced by three new sites, Overdale (Nursery), Overdale (Bend) and Overdale (Entrance), to monitor the new construction location. Les Quennevais school (old) was moved to a new site named Les Quennevais school (new) for the October exposure. Table 2-2 lists the 22 NO₂ diffusion tube sites used during 2021.

BTEX hydrocarbons were monitored at six sites during 2021, with the Hansford Lane paint spraying monitoring site being moved to Rue De Pres next to a paint spray operation in May 2021, shown in Table 2-3. The aim was to investigate sites likely to be affected by different emission sources and compare these with background sites.

Figure 2-4 to Figure 2-6 show their locations.

Table 2-2: NO₂ monitoring sites in Jersey

Site Name	Grid Reference	Method	Description
Halkett Place (Central Market)	653 486	Automatic analyser, diffusion tubes in triplicate	Central Market, Halkett Place, St Helier
Beresford Street	652 484	Automatic analyser, diffusion tubes in triplicate	Central Market, Beresford Street, St Helier
Le Bas Centre	658 489	Diffusion tube	Urban background
Union Street	653 486	Diffusion tube	Kerbside in St Helier – corner of Union Street and New Street
St Saviours Hill	659 494	Diffusion tube	Kerbside in St Helier

Site Name	Grid Reference	Method	Description
Broad Street	652 486	Diffusion tube	Urban background
Weighbridge	651 483	Diffusion tube	Roadside at bus station near centre of St Helier
Liberation Station	652 485	Diffusion tube	Kerbside opposite entrance to new bus station
Georgetown	661 480	Diffusion tube	Kerbside on major road
The Parade	648 489	Diffusion tube	Roadside site at General Hospital
Les Quennevais School (old)	579 496	Diffusion tube	Residential background
Les Quennevais School (new)	584 499	Diffusion tube	Residential background
Beaumont	597 516	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Rue des Raisies	689 529	Diffusion tube	Rural background
Rouge Bouillon School	650 494	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
St Saviours School	667 495	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Gloucester Street (Hospital)	648 487	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Kensington Place (Hospital)	646 486	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Esplanade (Hospital)	645 485	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Overdale 1 – Nursery	645 489	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Overdale 2 – Bend	643 488	Diffusion tube	Kerbside
Overdale 3 - Entrance	644 492	Diffusion tube	Kerbside

Kerbside: less than 1 m from kerb of a busy road.

Roadside: 1 – 5 m from kerb of a busy road.

Background: > 50 m from the kerb of any major road.

Note: all grid references are from OS 1:25000 Leisure Map of Jersey and are given to the nearest 100 m.

Table 2-3: BTEX monitoring sites in Jersey

Site name	Grid reference	Description
Les Bas Centre	658 489	Urban background site which has operated since 1997.
Central Market	653 486	Central Market, Halkett Place, St Helier
Harrington's Garage	585 489	Roadside site located on Rue de Genets.

Site name	Grid reference	Description
Hansford Lane	633 499	Urban background site near a paint spraying process.
Faux Bie	658 495	Urban background site, near fuel filling station. Represents the nearest public exposure to a petrol station.
Rue de Pres	671 479	Urban background site on an industrial estate near a paint spraying process.

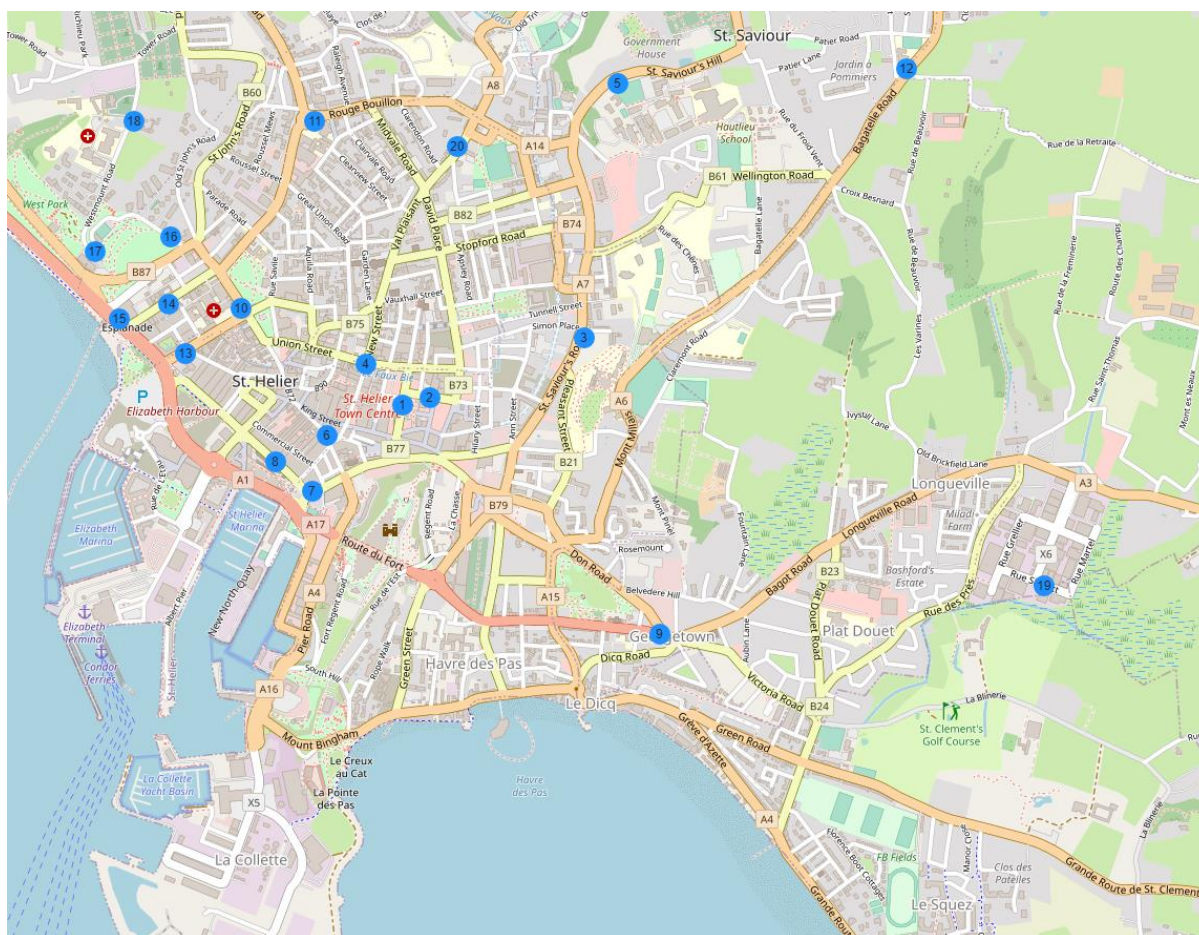
Le Bas Centre is intended to monitor hydrocarbon concentrations at an urban background location.

Hansford Lane was close to a paint spraying process, a potential source of hydrocarbon emissions, especially toluene and xylenes. However, the business moved and so the site was considered no longer beneficial. It was moved after the April 2021 exposure to Rue de Pres, in an industrial estate near to another paint spraying business.

The Faux Bie site is located near a fuel filling station, a potential source of hydrocarbon emissions including benzene. The monitoring site is between a fuel filling station and a nearby block of flats and is intended to represent public exposure to emissions from the filling station. The fuel supplier uses a vapour recovery system to reduce emissions when filling the storage tanks and has done so since December 2016.

The Harrington's Garage site was introduced as a replacement to the Airport Fence location and has been in operation since January 2019. The site is located on the A13 Rue de Genets, aiming to assess levels of BTEX from a typical garage with petrol and diesel storage and dispensing facilities.

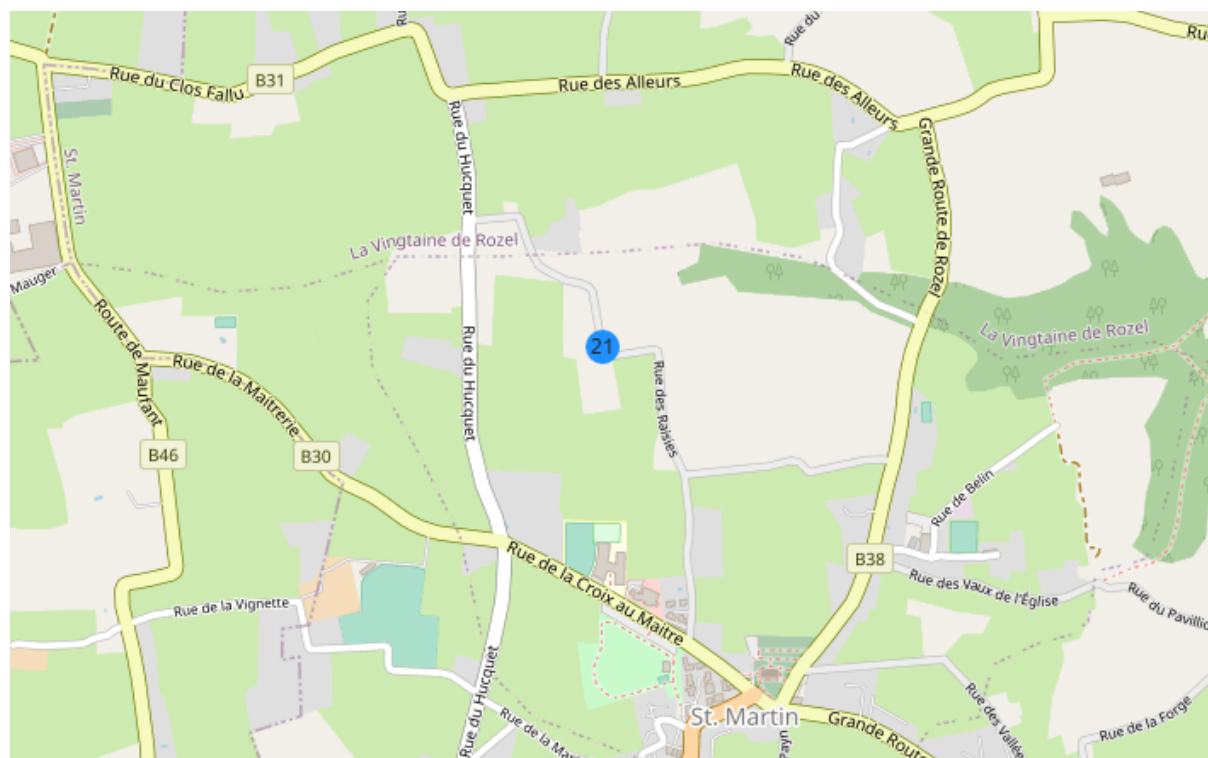
Figure 2-4: Site locations in St Helier town



Number	Site Name	Pollutants	Number	Site Name	Pollutants
1	Halkett Place (Central Market)	NO ₂ , BTEX, automatic NO _x (and automatic PM ₁₀ – locally managed)	8	Liberation Station	NO ₂
2	Beresford Street (Central Market)	NO ₂ , BTEX, automatic NO _x (and automatic PM ₁₀ – locally managed)	9	Georgetown	NO ₂
3	Le Bas Centre	NO ₂ , BTEX	10	The Parade	NO ₂
4	Union Street	NO ₂	11	Rouge Bouillon School	NO ₂
5	St Saviours Hill	NO ₂	12	St Saviours School	NO ₂
6	Broad Street	NO ₂	13	Gloucester Street (Hospital)	NO ₂
7	Weighbridge	NO ₂	14	Kensington Place (Hospital)	NO ₂

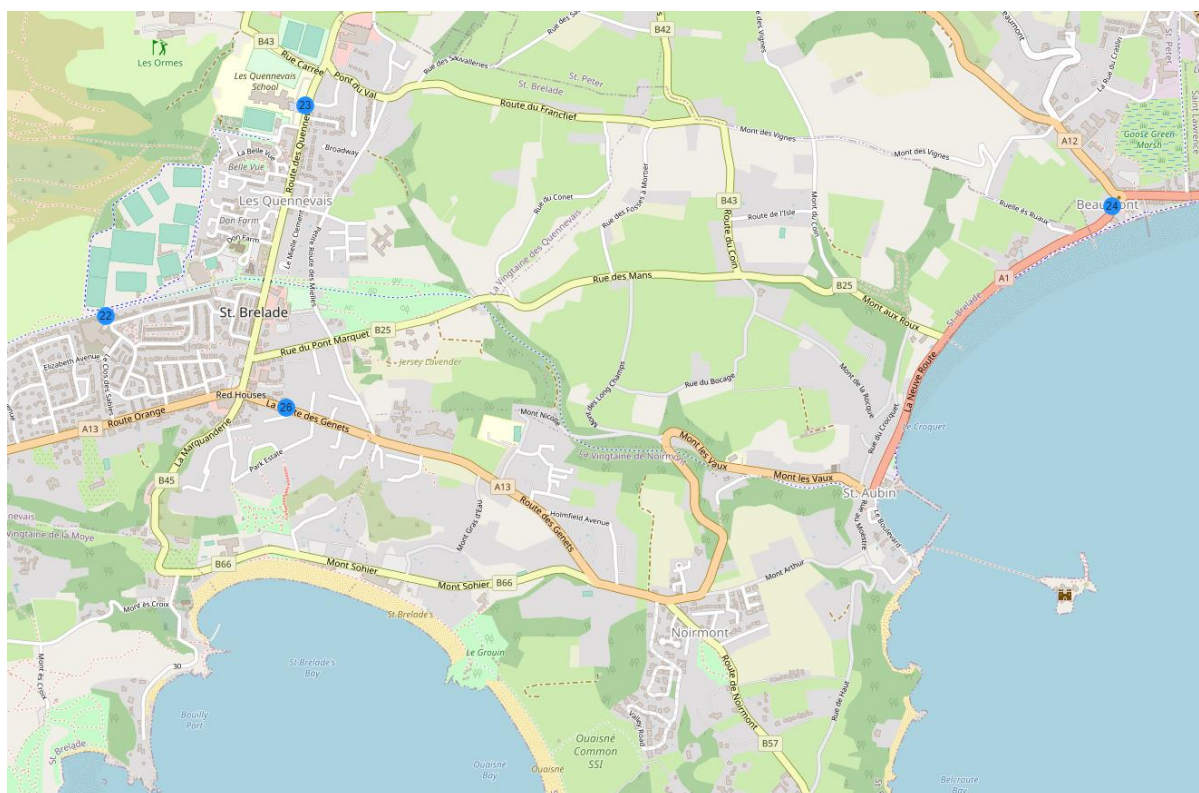
Number	Site Name	Pollutants	Number	Site Name	Pollutants
15	Esplanade (Hospital)	NO ₂	18	Overdale 3 - Entrance	NO ₂
16	Overdale 1 - Nursery	NO ₂	19	Rue des Raisies	BTEX
17	Overdale 2 - Bend	NO ₂	20	Faux Vie	BTEX

Figure 2-5: Site locations in Eastern Jersey



Number	Site name	Pollutants
21	Rue Des Raisies	NO ₂

Figure 2-6: Site locations in Western Jersey



Number	Site name	Pollutants
22	Les Quennevais School (old)	NO ₂
23	Les Quennevais School (new)	NO ₂
24	Beaumont	NO ₂
25	Hansford Lane	BTEX
26	Harrington's Garage	BTEX

3. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND DATA CAPTURE

3.1 QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

A full intercalibration audit of the Jersey Halkett Place air quality monitoring site takes place annually, summarised in Table 3-1. In addition to instrument and calibration standard checking, the air intake sampling system is cleaned, and all other aspects of site infrastructure are checked. A second audit, which counted as a commissioning audit for Beresford Street took place in January 2022 and its summaries in Table 3-2.

Table 3-1: results of the July 2021 intercalibration audit

Species	Analyser Serial no	Zero Response	Zero uncertainty ppb	Calibration Factor	Factor uncertainty %	Converter eff. (%)
NOx	16126	-0.2	2.7	1.3563	3.6	98.5

Species	Analyser Serial no	Zero Response	Zero uncertainty ppb	Calibration Factor	Factor uncertainty %	Converter eff. (%)
NO	16126	-0.3	2.7	1.3528	3.6	n/a

Table 3-2: results of the January 2022 intercalibration audit

Species	Analyser Serial no	Zero Response	Zero uncertainty ppb	Calibration Factor	Factor uncertainty %	Converter eff. (%)
NOx	1002	4.8	2.8	1.5659	3.8	98.7
NO	1002	3.1	2.8	1.5458	3.8	n/a

Following the instrument and calibration gas checking, and the subsequent scaling and ratification of the data, the overall accuracy and precision figures for the pollutants monitored at Jersey can be summarised as shown in Table 3-3. These are given in ppb, the “native” unit of the automatic data.

Table 3-3: Estimated accuracy and precision of the data presented

Pollutant	Precision	Accuracy
NO	± 5 ppb	± 15%
NO ₂	± 5 ppb	± 15%

3.2 DATA CAPTURE

Overall data capture statistics for the monitoring site are given in Table 3-3. An annual data capture rate of 85% or greater for ratified data is recommended in the Defra Technical Guidance LAQM TG(16)⁶ in order to assess annual data sets against long term targets. The Halkett Place site ran from the 1st of January until the 4th of November, when it was closed. The Beresford Street site was commissioned on the 11th of November and data collection continued past the 31st December. As a result, neither site was running for the entire year and could not meet the annual data capture recommendation. The percentages in this report, unless otherwise stated, are period data captures, calculating data capture for the period they were operational. Data capture for the full calendar year at Halkett Place was 73% and so under the 75% required to create an annual average. However, the high data capture while the site was operational means that collected data is still valuable and useful for analysis. Moving the site in good time prior to 2022 meant that any potential issues that resulted from the move could have been fixed before the start of a new period.

There was one instance of a data gap (where data were rejected) over 24 hours, this was between the 29th of July and the 9th of September due to the failure of the instrument pump.

Table 3-3: Data capture statistics, 2021 (%)

Site	NO	NO ₂	NO _x
Halkett Place	83.5	83.5	83.5
Beresford Street	94.9	94.9	94.9

3.3 DIFFUSION TUBE UNCERTAINTY AND DETECTION LIMITS

Diffusion tubes are an indicative technique, with greater uncertainty than more sophisticated automatic methods. The reported margins of uncertainty on the analysis are shown in Table 3-4. However, uncertainties arising from the exposure phase also contribute to the overall uncertainty; it is usually estimated that the overall uncertainty on diffusion tube measurements are approximately $\pm 25\%$ for NO_2 and BTEX hydrocarbons.

Table 3-4: Percentage uncertainty on the analysis of diffusion tubes

	NO ₂	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m/pXylene	oXylene
% Uncertainty	± 9.7	± 15.7	± 13.2	± 12.1	± 11.0	± 11.7

The limits of detection in ambient air depend partly on the exposure time, and therefore vary to some extent from month to month. The analytical limit of detection was in the range $0.028 \mu\text{g NO}_2$ to $0.031 \mu\text{g NO}_2$. The ambient concentration that this equates to depends on the exposure period, but for the 4-week and 5-week periods used in this study, the limit of detection ranged from $0.458 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ to $0.636 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. For benzene, the limit of detection equated to an ambient concentration between $0.16 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $0.20 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. The laboratory advises that results lower than 10 times the limit of detection, LOD, will have a higher level of uncertainty. In the case of the NO_2 sites, ambient concentrations are well above this threshold, apart from at Les Quennevais and Rue des Raisies. Therefore, the NO_2 measurements at these two sites are likely to have overall uncertainty greater than $\pm 25\%$ and should be treated as indicative only. However, for BTEX hydrocarbons in Jersey a large number of results were below 10 times the LOD, except for some measurements of benzene, toluene and m+p xylenes at some sites and other isolated measurements. The BTEX hydrocarbon measurements are therefore likely to have overall uncertainty greater than $\pm 25\%$ and should be treated as indicative only.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

4.1.1 Automatic NO₂ Monitoring Results

Table 4-1 and Table 4-2 show the key statistics for oxides of nitrogen measured by the automatic analysers at Halkett Place and Beresford Street respectively. Figure 4-1 shows time series plots of hourly mean NO , NO_2 and NO_x concentrations, the vertical dotted line separates the data from the two sites. The purpose of this plot is to illustrate how concentrations of these pollutant species varied on a short time scale and throughout the year.

Table 4-1: Oxides of nitrogen at Jersey Halkett Place- air quality statistics for 2021

Pollutant	NO $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	NO ₂ $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	NO _x $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
Maximum hourly mean	430	186	744
Maximum running 8-hour mean	110	69	220
Maximum running 24-hour mean	55	44	119
Maximum daily mean	51	43	119
Average	12	21	40
Data capture	83.5*	83.5	83.5

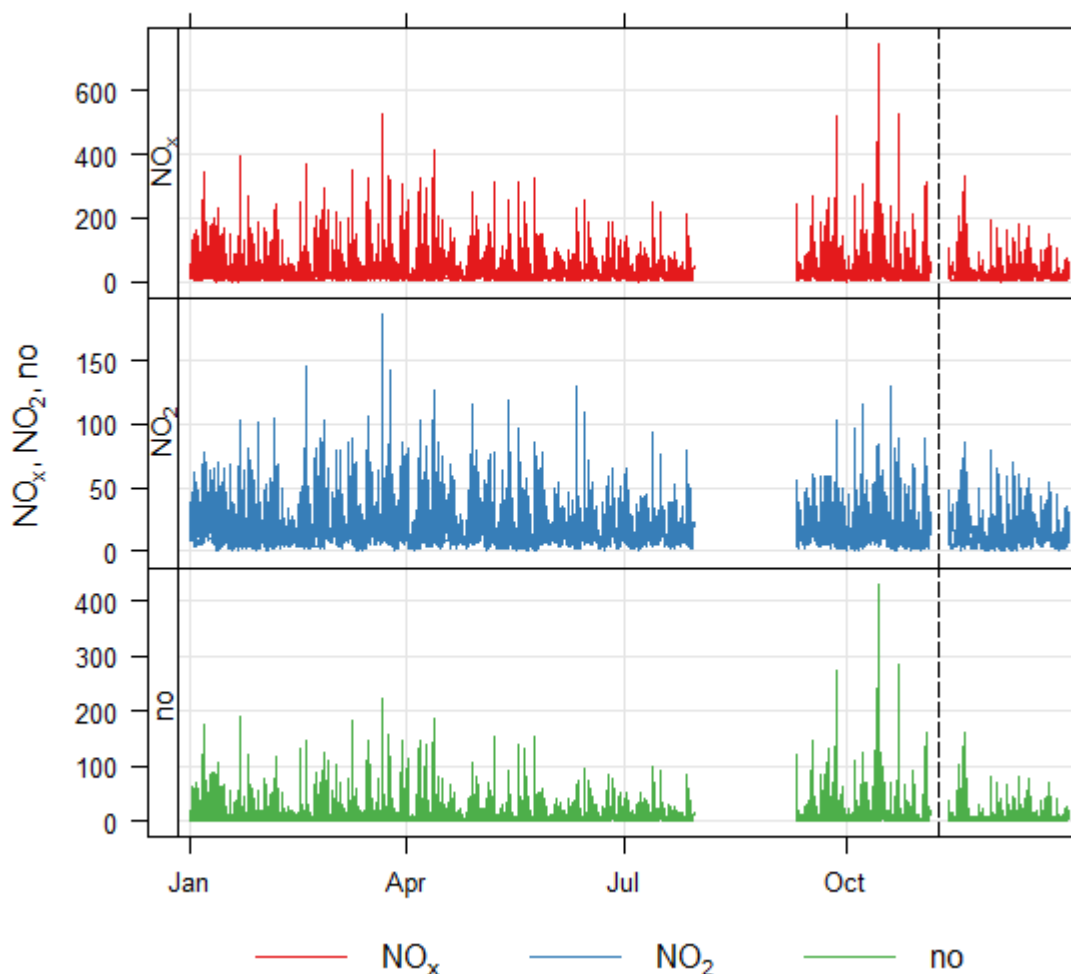
* Data recorded between the 1st January 2021 and the 4th November 2021.

Table 4-2: Oxides of nitrogen at Jersey Beresford Street- air quality statistics for 2021

Pollutant	NO $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	NO ₂ $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	NO _x $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
Maximum hourly mean	160	86	331
Maximum running 8-hour mean	69	54	158
Maximum running 24-hour mean	35	39	93
Maximum daily mean	29	33	78
Average	11	18	35
Data capture	94.9*	94.9	94.9

*Data recorded between the 11th November 2021 and the 31st December 2021.

Figure 4-1: Time series plots of hourly mean pollutant concentrations at Halkett Place (to the left of the dotted line) and Beresford Street (to the right of the dotted line), 2021 ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



*Data loss between 29th July and 9th September was due to the instruments pumps failing.

4.1.2 NO₂ Diffusion Tube Results

NO₂ diffusion tube results are presented in Table 4-3. Although reported by the analyser to two decimal places, the monthly mean results reported here have been rounded to the nearest integer, in view of the estimated uncertainty of $\pm 25\%$ on diffusion tube measurements. There are two exceptions - Les Quennevais and Rue des Raisies - where concentrations are typically less than $10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$: These sites' results are given to one decimal place.

Details of site closures and openings during 2021 are given in Section 2.4

Covid-19 restrictions led to difficulties in sticking to the deployment calendar and these are explained in section 1.3.

The following individual tubes are either absent or have not been included in the annual average:

- All sites – January exposure – Due to covid restrictions the November 2020 exposure was collected at the start of February 2021
- Gloucester Street (Hospital) – February exposure “Not deployed, returned with Nov 20”
- Les Quennevais – August and September exposures “Demolition in progress, tube not present” and “No tube present and no access due to demolition”

Table 4-3 includes monthly values, the raw 2021 annual mean and the Bias adjusted 2021 annual mean. Sites that recorded a data capture less than 75% do not have an annual mean assigned to them. The annual mean for 2020 is included for comparative purposes (Covid restrictions during 2020 caused issues with deployment and collection of tubes. This resulted in not enough data being collected to calculate a Bias adjustment factor for 2020). Raw (not bias adjusted) monthly values are reported to allow for comparison against past data recorded before bias adjustment was introduced. Individual monthly mean NO₂ results ranged from 3.8 µg m⁻³ (in August at the Rue des Raïses site) to 43 µg m⁻³ (in February at the St Saviours Hill site and at Beaumont in April and November). The annual mean for the majority of sites remained relatively consistent between 2020 and 2021 with most sites being within +/- 3 µg m⁻³. For this report the annual mean will be used unless otherwise stated.

Table 4-3: NO₂ diffusion tube results 2021, Jersey. Concentrations (rounded), µg m⁻³.

Site	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021 Annual mean	Bias Adjusted 2021 annual mean	2020 Annual mean
The Parade (K)	-	25	24	20	19	23	21	20	22	24	27	20	22	20	21
Union Street (R)	-	27	25	20	23	21	22	19	21	25	26	22	23	20	26
Broad Street (K)	-	19	19	15	15	17	16	15	16	18	19	15	17	15	19
Halkett Place 1 (R)	-	24	24	24	22	22	22	23	25	23	26	-	23	21	22
Halkett Place 2 (R)	-	25	26	23	21	22	22	21	26	23	25	-	23	21	22
Halkett Place 3 (R)	-	23	26	23	22	23	22	22	23	23	25	-	23	21	22
Halkett Place Mean	-	24	25	23	22	22	22	22	24	23	26	-	23	21	22
Weighbridge (K)	-	28	29	26	29	27	27	26	28	31	32	23	28	25	29
Liberation Station (R)	-	31	30	36	25	34	28	26	33	34	33	21	30	27	24

Site	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021 Annual mean	Bias Adjusted 2021 annual mean	2020 Annual mean
Les Quennevais (S)	-	9.0	7.0	5.6	4.2	5.3	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1
Beaumont (K)	-	32	33	43	27	37	31	33	37	28	43	22	33	30	27
Esplanade (Hospital) (R)	-	40	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Gloucester Street (Hospital) (K)	-	-	14	32	31	28	32	27	31	35	31	25	28	25	29
Kensington Place (Hospital) (K)	-	27	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Rouge Bouillon School (S)	-	23	23	23	17	22	18	18	20	21	28	18	21	19	18
St Saviours Hill (R)	-	43	36	36	37	33	37	34	37	39	36	31	36	32	38
St Saviours School (S)	-	20	17	17	16	16	11	15	16	16	19	14	16	14	15

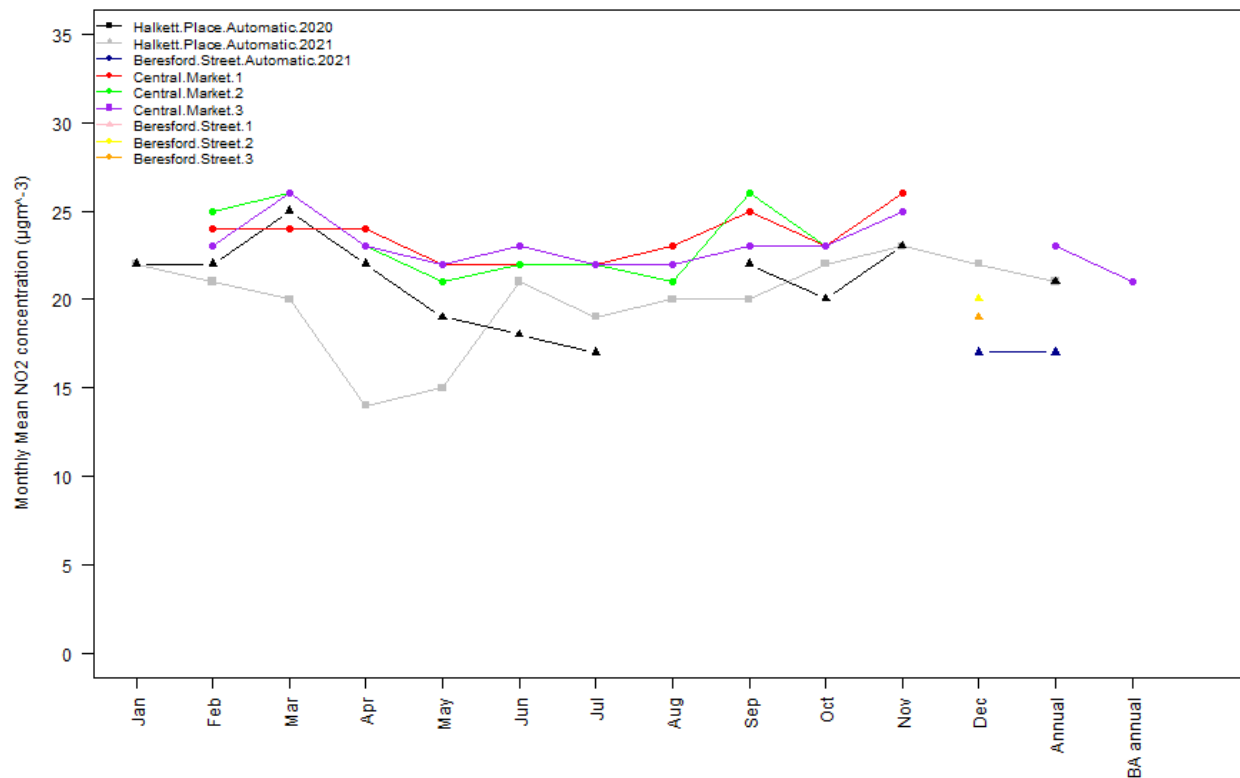
Site	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021 Annual mean	Bias Adjusted 2021 annual mean	2020 Annual mean
Rue des Raisies (Ru)	-	6.8	6.1	5.3	4.0	5.9	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.1	4.6	5.3	5.0	4.4	4.5
Georgetown (K)	-	33	29	34	29	29	30	28	34	31	37	25	31	28	28
Le Bas Centre (UB)	-	21	20	17	18	17	17	16	18	20	19	17	18	16	19
Overdale Nursery (K)	-	-	-	14	11	13	11	8	14	15	15	13	13	11	-
Overdale Bend (K)	-	-	-	12	11	11	12	11	12	12	13	13	12	10	-
Overdale Entrance (K)	-	-	-	9	8	10	8	11	8	10	11	10	9	8	-
Les Quennevais (New Site) (S)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	8	-	-	-
Beresford Street 1 (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
Beresford Street 2 (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-

Site	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr- 21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct- 21	Nov-21	Dec-21	2021 Annual mean	Bias Adjust ed 2021 annual mean	2020 Annual mean
Beresford Street 3 (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-

K = kerbside, R = roadside, UB = urban background, S = suburban, Ru = rural.

Figure 4-2 shows the monthly mean NO₂ concentrations, as measured by diffusion tubes and by the automatic analyser, at Halkett Place and Beresford Street for the same monitoring period. Agreement between the two methods were generally good. For several months, for instance June, measurements from two or more tubes and the automatic instrument tubes recorded the same values and so are overlain.

Figure 4-2: Co-location results at Halkett Place and Beresford Street, Jersey, 2021



4.2 COMPARISON WITH NO₂ GUIDELINES, LIMIT VALUES AND OBJECTIVES

Limit values, AQS objectives and WHO guidelines for NO₂ are shown in Appendix 1. These are based on the hourly and annual means.

The Air Quality Directive⁴ contains limit values for NO₂ as follows:

- 200 µg m⁻³ as an hourly mean, not to be exceeded more than 18 times per calendar year. To have been achieved by 1st January 2010.
- 40 µg m⁻³ as an annual mean, for protection of human health. To have been achieved by 1st January 2010.
- There is also a limit for annual mean total oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), of 30 µg m⁻³, for protection of vegetation (relevant in rural areas).

The UK Air Quality Strategy⁵ contains objectives for NO₂, which are very similar to the Directive limits above, the only difference being they had to be achieved by 31st December 2005.

The 1-hour mean at both the Halkett Place and Beresford Street automatic monitoring sites did not exceed 200 µg m⁻³ in 2021. Therefore, this site met the EC Directive limit value and AQS objective for this parameter. The period means concentration of 21 µg m⁻³ and 18 µg m⁻³ as measured by the automatic analyser at Halkett Place and Beresford Street respectively were well within the EC limit value of 40 µg m⁻³.

Due to the long sampling period of diffusion tubes, it is only possible to compare the results from the diffusion tube sites in this study against limit values relating to the annual mean. Neither the raw nor bias adjusted annual average calculated in this report showed a site exceeding the annual mean limit value of 40 µg m⁻³.

The $30\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ limit for protection of vegetation is only applicable at rural sites and is therefore only relevant to Rue des Raisies. The annual mean NO_2 concentration of $5\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ at this rural site was well within the limit value.

4.3 TEMPORAL VARIATION IN NO_2 CONCENTRATION

4.3.1 Temporal Variation in NO and NO_2 at Halkett Place and Beresford Street, 2021

Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4 show how concentrations of nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) typically varied over monthly, weekly, daily and hourly timescales, as measured by the automatic monitors, at Halkett Place and Beresford Street, and averaged over the course of the year. Figure 4-5 and Figure 4-6 show individual monthly diurnal plots and Figure 4-7 shows monthly average NO_2 for 2018 – 2021.

Figure 4-3: Temporal variation in concentrations of NO and NO_x at Halkett Place, 2021

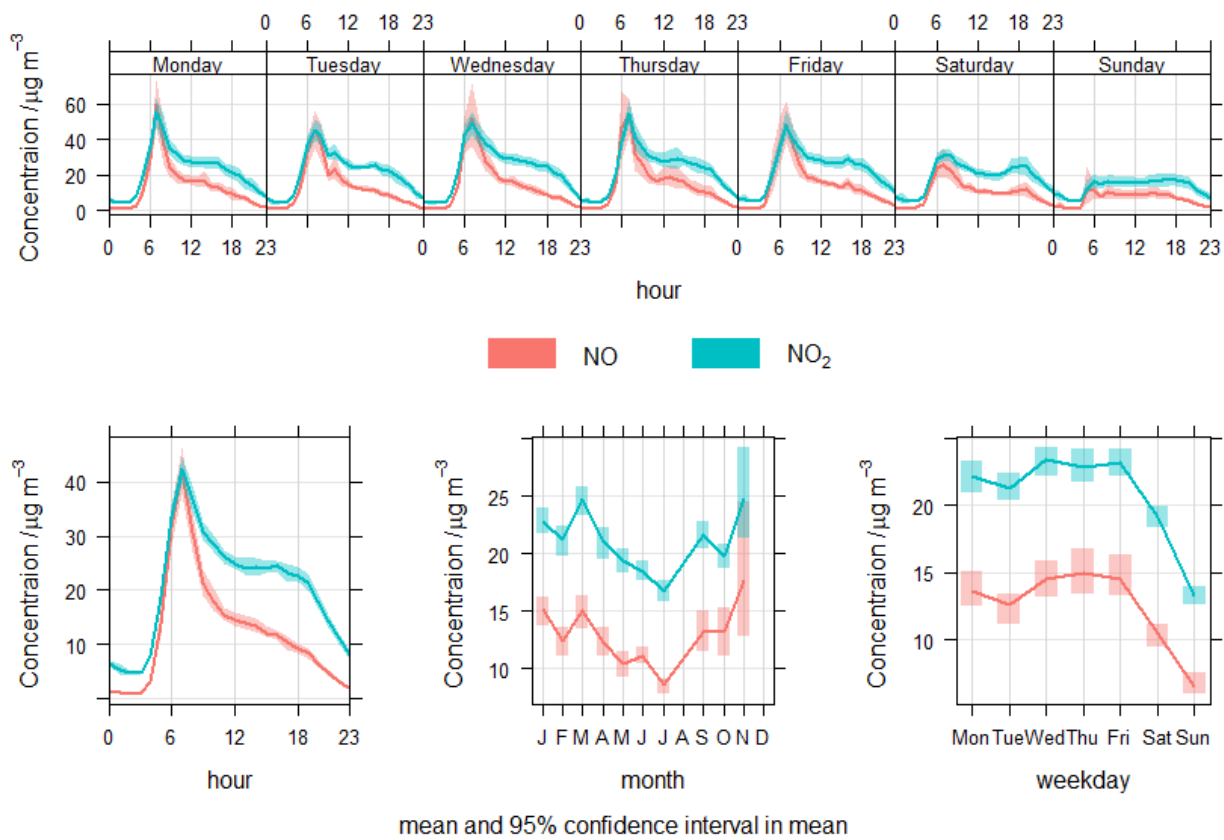


Figure 4-4: Temporal variation in concentrations of NO and NO_x at Beresford Street, 2021

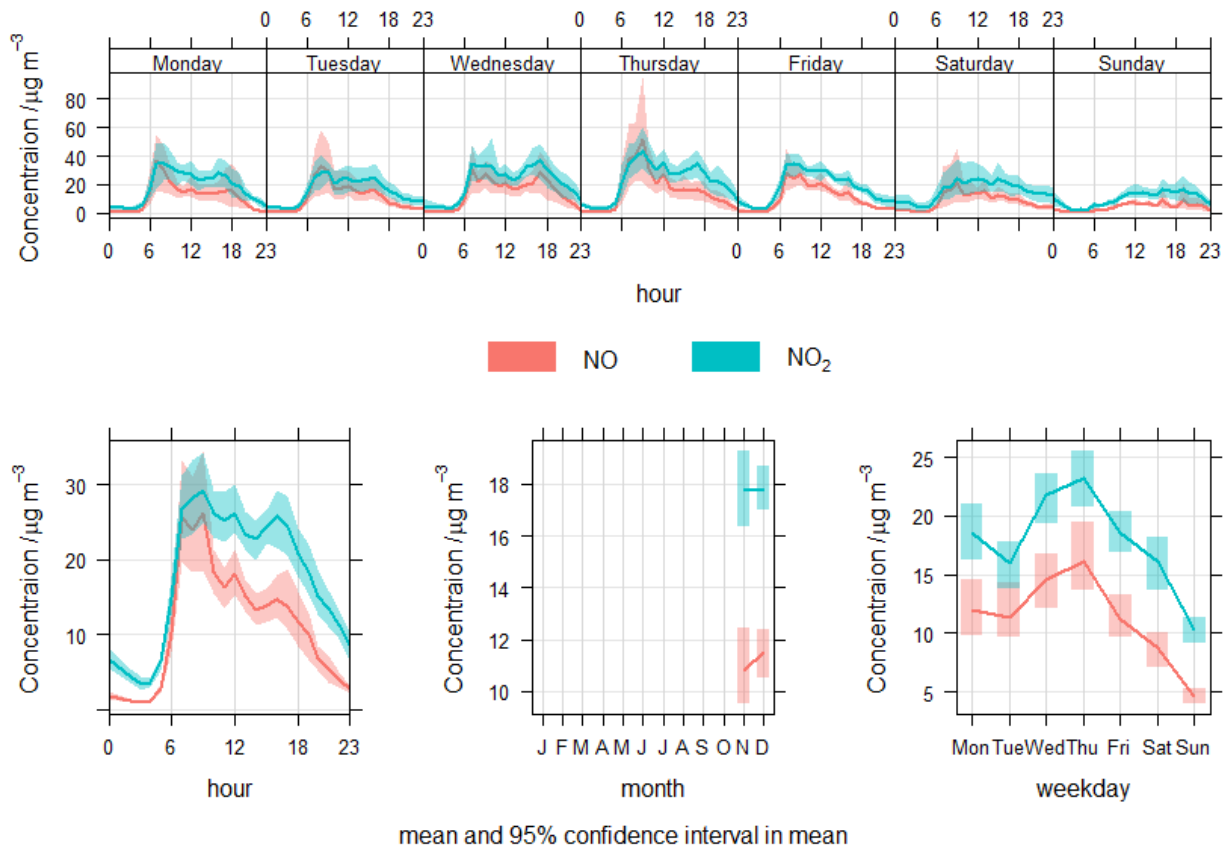


Figure 4-5: Hourly variation in concentrations of NO and NOx at Halkett Place each month, 2021

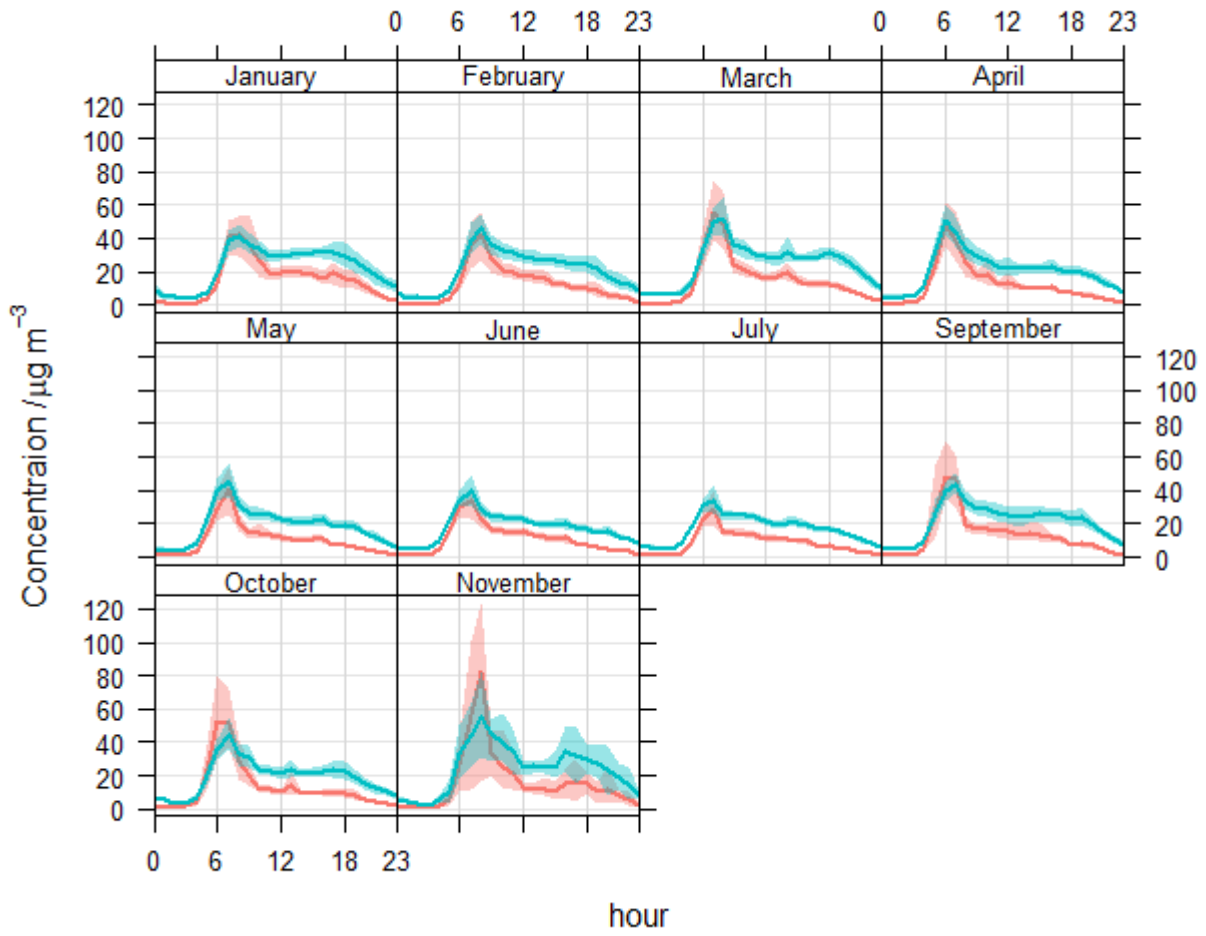


Figure 4-6: Hourly variation in concentrations of NO and NOx at Beresford Street each month, 2021

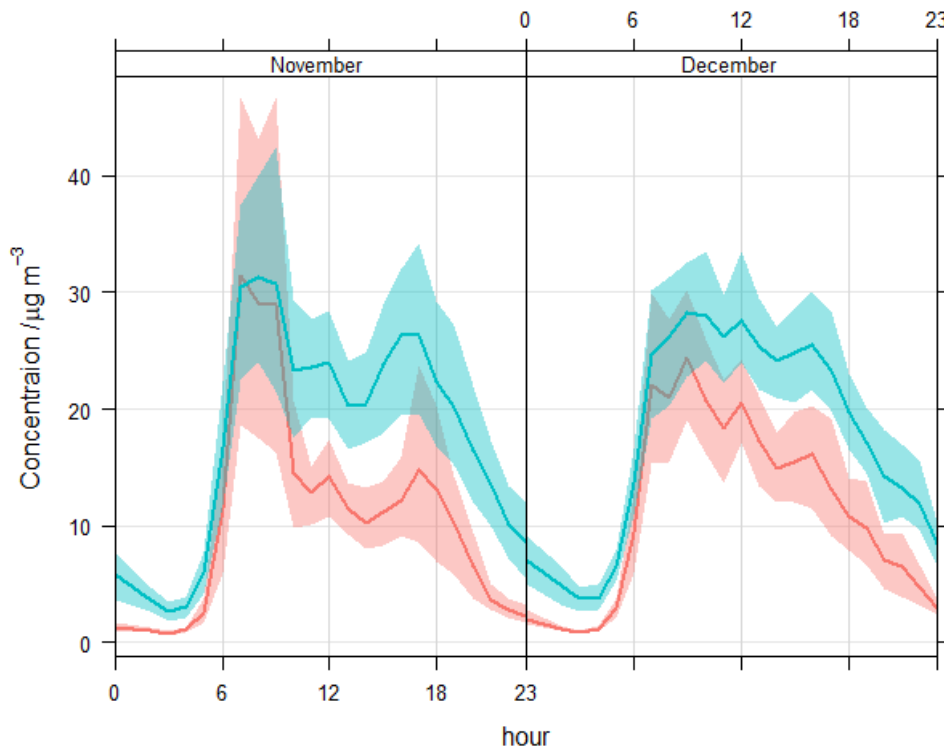
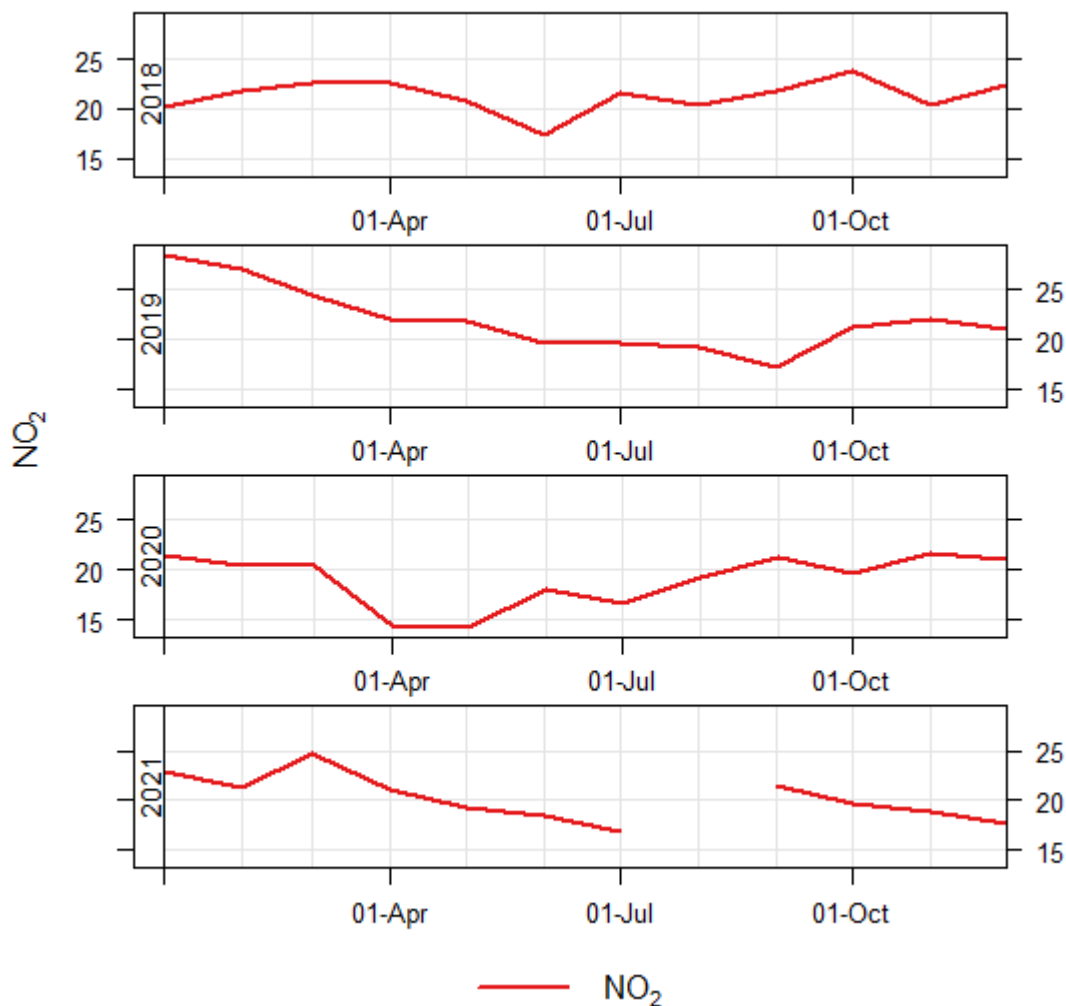


Figure 4-7: Average concentrations of NO₂ at Halkett Place (Beresford Street from November 2021), for each month, 2018 - 2021



Seasonal variations are common for the pollutants measured at this site and can be observed in the ‘month’ plots of Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4. General trends for all time measures continue much the same as in 2020, however Figure 4-4 shows the clear impacts of local restrictions on the diurnal data trends and is discussed further below.

Clear seasonal variation can be seen in the NO and NO₂ concentrations. The autumn and winter months recorded higher levels when emissions may be higher with increased vehicle usage in poor weather. Periods of cold, still weather also reduce pollutant dispersion. The impacts of covid restrictions are less clearly seen than in 2020, likely due to their looser nature.

The analyses of each pollutants’ weekly variation showed that the same type of diurnal patterns occur for all the days of the week except for Sunday. NO early morning and late afternoon rush hour peaks are, in general, much more pronounced Monday to Friday and overall levels are lower over the weekend. Particularly Sundays when most shops are closed.

The diurnal variation analyses for the full year can be viewed in the ‘hour’ plots in Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4, and for individual months in Figure 4-5 and Figure 4-6. Both show typical urban area daily patterns for NO and NO₂. Pronounced peaks can be seen for these pollutants during the morning, corresponding to rush hour traffic at around 07:00. While at both Halkett Place and Beresford Street it is particularly early and sharp, the peak at Halkett place is generally higher. This may be explained by the Central market opening every day except Sundays. The peak coincides with the time at which the market traders arrive and set up for the day with refrigerated lorries making deliveries, just prior to the market opening at 07:30. In addition, a refuse lorry arrives at this time to collect the previous day’s waste. It is believed vehicle emissions from these activities are responsible for the distinctive morning pattern at Halkett Place particularly considering the need for the

refrigerated and refuse vehicles to keep their engines running to maintain temperatures and operate lifting equipment respectively. Concentrations tend to decrease during the middle of the day, with a much broader evening road traffic rush-hour peak, building up slightly from early afternoon. The market closes at 2PM on Thursdays, when looking at Figure 4-3 and Figure 4-4 no significant change can be seen compared to the other days of the week, suggesting that the market does not have a significant impact on pollutant concentrations at this time of day.

Both Halkett Place and Beresford Street exhibit very gentle afternoon NO₂ rush hour peaks (as observed at many roadside UK AURN sites), much lower than the magnitude of the morning rush hour peak. In the afternoon, concentrations of oxidising agents in the atmosphere (particularly ozone) tend to increase, leading to enhanced oxidation of NO to NO₂. This typically causes the afternoon NO₂ peak at many urban sites to be higher than the morning NO₂ peak.

However, this is not the case at Halkett Place. The likely reason is that there is little afternoon rush hour traffic in this area. Most traffic is associated with the market and shoppers, occurring during the morning, afternoons are relatively quiet.

Figure 4-4 shows that despite non-essential shops being closed into February and Jersey's unlocking period running between January and August only slight increases in the intensity of the morning peak can be seen. The November peak is especially pronounced; however, it must be remembered the Halkett Place site was only running for 4 days and so is likely not representative of the entire month.

As stated in section 1.3 Jersey has a significant tourism industry and pollutant concentrations can remain relatively high during the summer months. Figure 4-7 depicts the monthly averages for both 2021, 2020 and the two years prior. As is to be expected the impact of covid restrictions on pollutant concentrations can be seen with the significant drop in April and May of 2020 which is more pronounced than in prior years. The transition from winter to summer concentrations in 2021 is more gradual with a profile similar to 2019. Concentrations in December 2021 are lower than each of the three years prior, this could be down to the change in site location or changes in travel patterns due to the Omicron variant of Covid. It must however be remembered that meteorology can't be ignored as it can have a significant impact on concentrations. Within Jersey's "COVID19 lockdown effects on air quality"¹⁴ report a de-weather model was presented, this analysis removes the influence of meteorology and shows both a business-as-usual data set and actual 2020 measured data. Lower than expected concentrations of NO₂ were seen throughout April and May, as well as the impact of renewed restrictions at the end of the year into 2021.

4.3.2 Source investigation

In order to investigate the possible sources of air pollution being monitored around Halkett Place and Beresford Street, meteorological data measured at Jersey airport were used to add a directional component to the air pollutant concentrations. Wind speed and direction data was gathered using data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) meteorological database.

Figure 4-8 and Figure 4-9 show the measured wind speed and direction data for Halkett Place and Beresford Street respectively. The lengths of the "spokes" against the concentric circles indicate the percentage of time during the year that the wind was measured from each direction. The prevailing wind can be seen to be from the west. Each "spoke" is divided into coloured sections representing wind speed intervals of 2 ms⁻¹. The mean wind speed while the automatic instrument was at Halkett Place was 5.48 ms⁻¹, and 6.45 ms⁻¹ after the site was moved to Beresford Street. The maximum measured wind speed during 2021 was 19.4 ms⁻¹. The highest wind speeds were recorded in October 2021.

Figure 4-8: Wind rose showing the wind speed and directions at Jersey airport 1st January to 4th November 2021

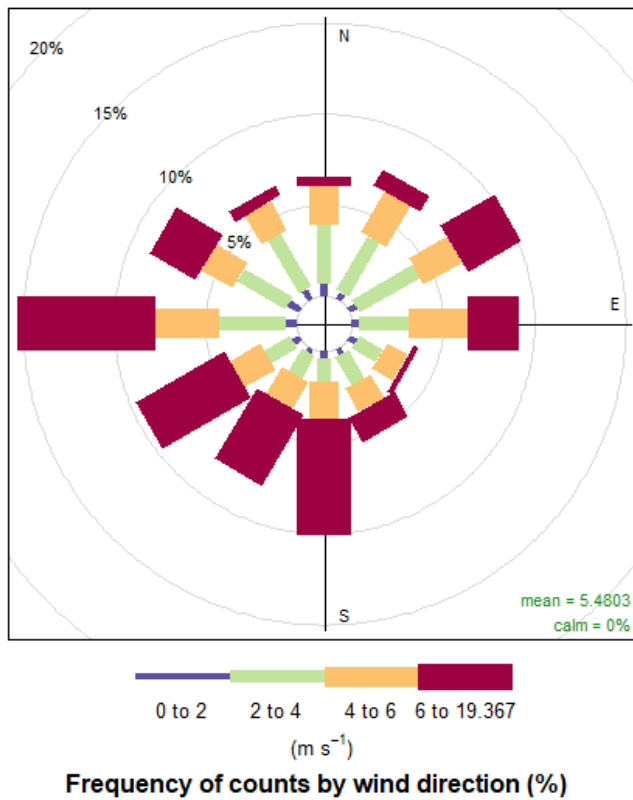


Figure 4-9: Wind rose showing the wind speed and directions at Jersey airport 11th November to 31st December 2021

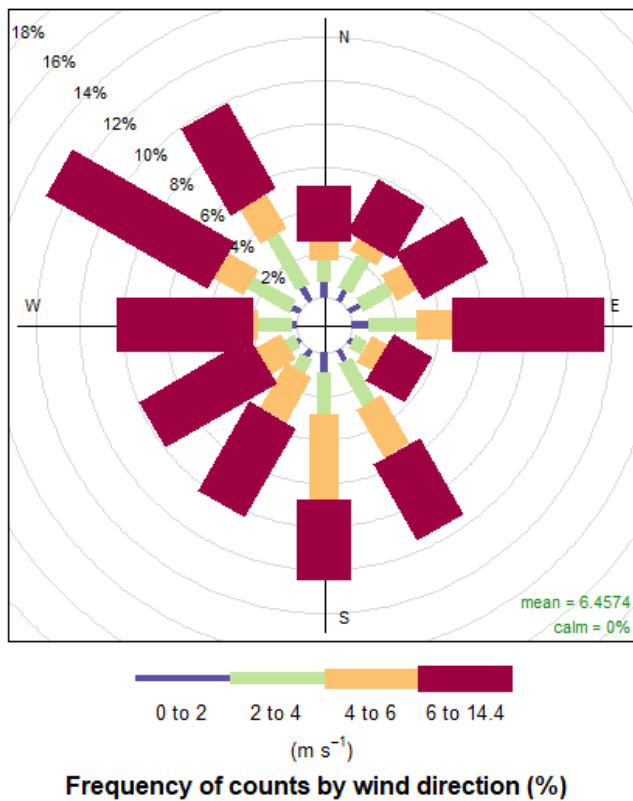


Figure 4-10 to Figure 4-13 show bivariate plots of hourly mean concentrations of NO and NO₂ at Halkett Place and Beresford Street against wind speed and wind direction.

These plots should be interpreted as follows:

- The wind speed is indicated by the distance from the centre of the plot; the grey circles indicate wind speeds in 5 ms⁻¹ intervals.
- The pollutant concentration is indicated by the colour (as indicated by the scale).

These plots therefore show how pollutant concentrations varied with wind direction and wind speed.

The plots do not show distance of pollutant emission sources from the monitoring site. However, in the case of primary pollutants such as NO, the concentrations at very low wind speeds are dominated by emission sources close by, while at higher wind speeds, effects are seen from sources further away.

Figure 4-10: Pollution rose for NO at Halkett Place 2021

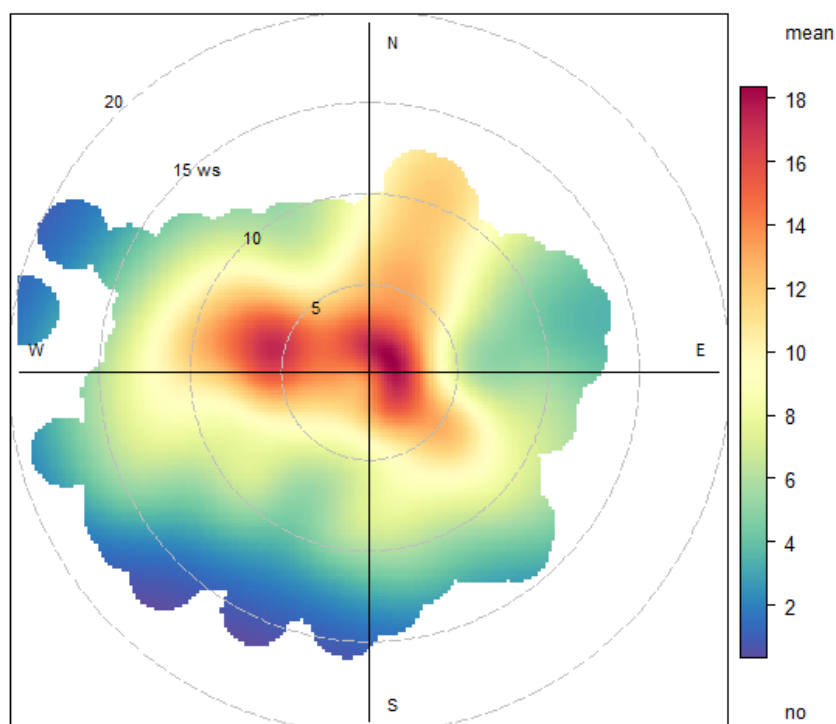


Figure 4-11: Pollution rose for NO at Beresford Street 2021

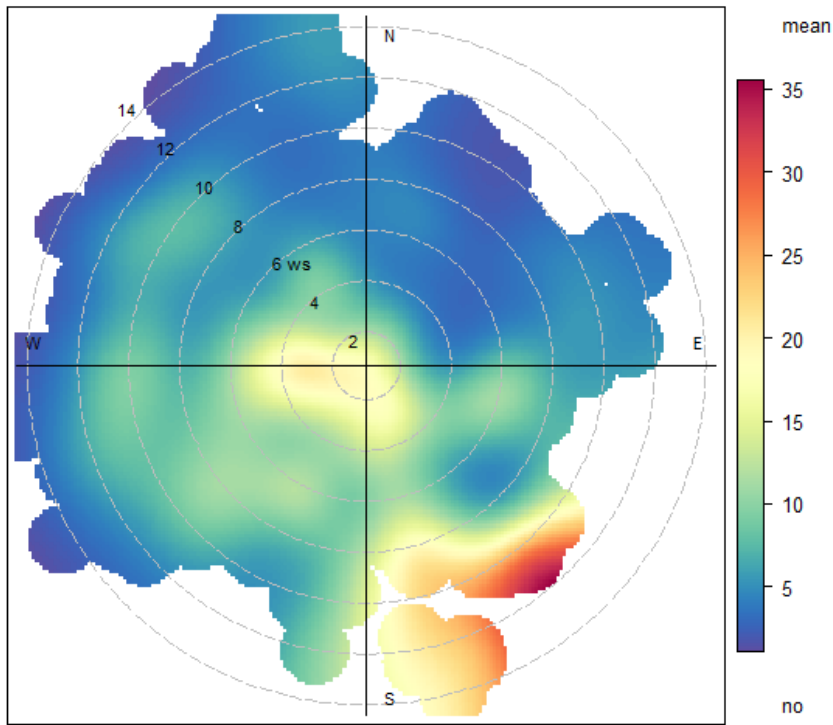


Figure 4-12: Pollution rose for NO₂ at Halkett Place 2021

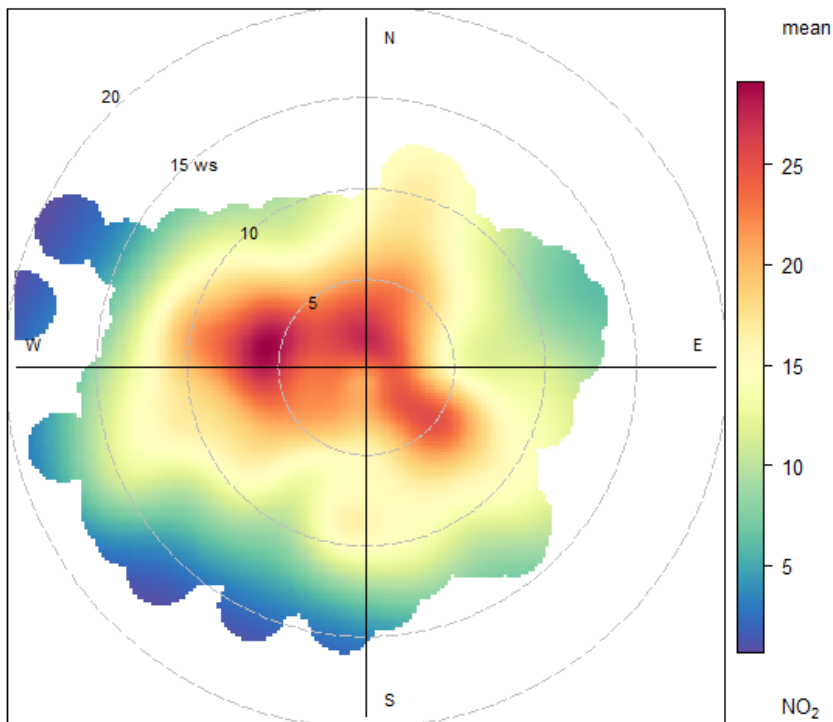


Figure 4-13: Pollution rose for NO₂ at Beresford Street 2021

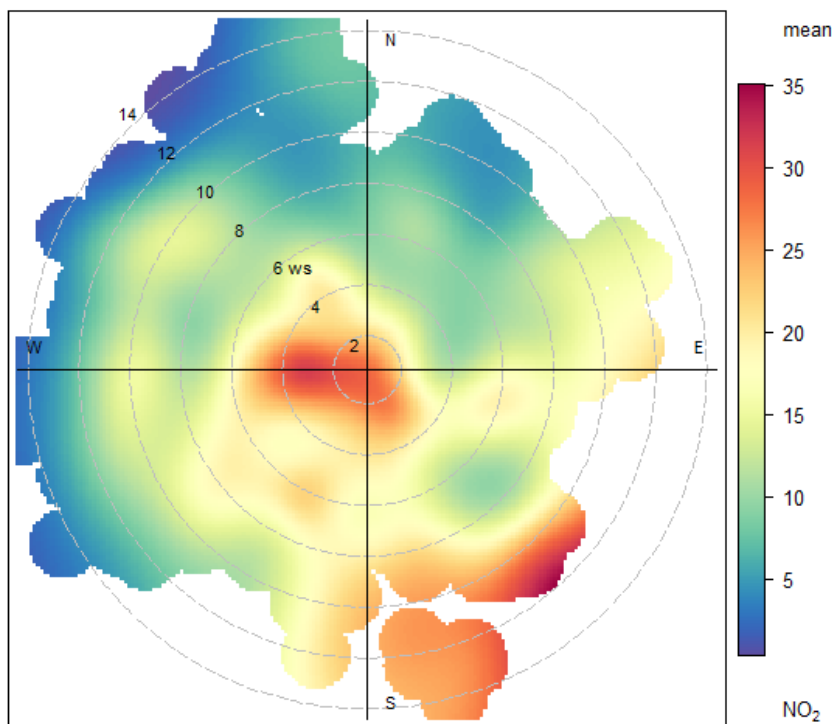


Figure 4-10 to Figure 4-13 show that elevated concentrations of NO and NO₂ occurred under calm and light wind conditions at both sites. Such conditions will have allowed NO and NO₂ emitted from nearby sources to build up, reaching higher concentrations. These sources are primarily vehicles on the surrounding streets and those using Halkett Place as a cut through or parking location. Delivery drivers to the market are advised not to leave engines idling in order to help reduce this however, refrigerated vehicles may not be able to abide by this.

There is also evidence of higher concentrations of both pollutants seen under windier conditions from multiple directions. For Halkett Place the main additional elevated areas are to the northwest, northeast and southeast. Beresford Street sees a particularly strong signal from the southeast, though due to the lack of data this may be influenced by a singular event and so a proper analysis can't be presented in this report.

At Halkett Place as in previous years there is evidence of a source from the A9 and A2 main roads, Burrard Street, Waterloo Street and Don Street as well as most of the developed areas that lie to the northwest of the monitoring site, all of which would account for increased concentrations. There is also the possibility of a street canyon effect which would allow concentrations of pollutants to build up when prevailing wind from the NW blows across the top of the buildings rather than along Halkett Place in its roughly NNE-SSW orientation. Beresford Street runs perpendicular to Halkett Place and may experience a similar canyon effect. To the southwest of the site lie the A1 and port. Warmer colours on the SSE edge of the polar plot indicate that higher levels of both pollutants can also be seen at higher windspeeds from the direction of the La Route du Fort tunnel.

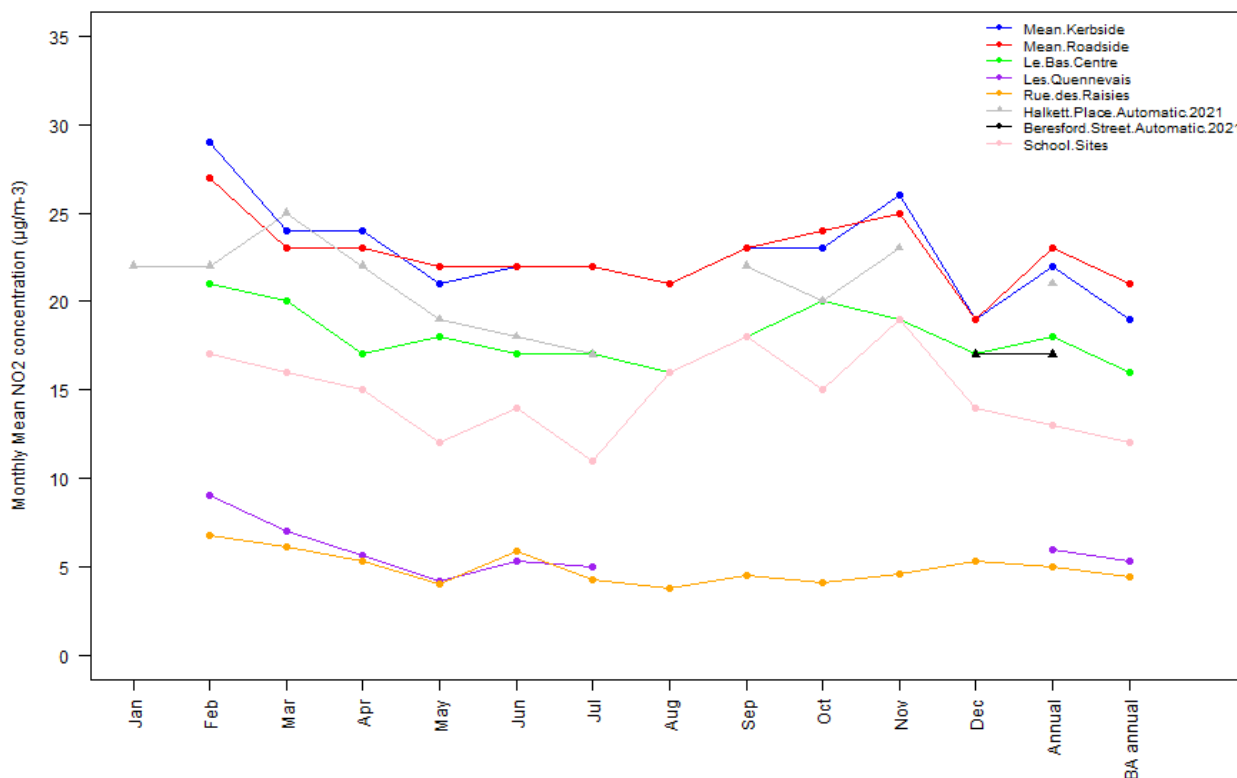
4.3.3 Seasonal Variation in NO₂ Concentration

Figure 4-14 shows the monthly mean NO₂ concentrations, from months with a sample period of 4-5 weeks, measured at the diffusion tube sites and Halkett Place. Including:

- The mean of the ten kerbside sites.
- The mean of the six roadside sites.
- The monthly means measured at:
 - The single urban background site (Le Bas Centre).

- The suburban residential site (Les Quennevais).
- The rural site (Rue des Raisies).
- The school sites (Rouge Bouillon School, St Saviours School, Les Quennevais School (old) and Les Quennevais School (new)).
- The monthly means (based on the same periods as the diffusion tube exposures) for the Halkett Place and Beresford Street automatic site.

Figure 4-14: Non bias adjusted monthly mean NO₂ concentrations at diffusion tube sites and the two automatic monitoring sites, 2021



The typical pattern in UK urban areas is for NO₂ concentrations to be generally higher in the winter and lower in the summer. Historically, the sites in Jersey have not shown this, or indeed any, consistent seasonal pattern. The tube collection issues experienced in 2020/2021 meant that the January exposure was missed. The highest concentrations were generally recorded in the winter months of February and November. The highest monthly mean out of all sets of sites were recorded in February at the kerbside sites measuring an average of 29 µg/m³. The spring and summer months between March and September had consistently average concentrations with very little variation. The average for the schools' sites shows a significant jump in August, this could in part be explained by the removal of the Les Quennevais site from the average, however all the other site averages show increased concentrations from September to November.

4.3.4 Comparison with UK NO₂ data

Table 4-4 compares the annual NO₂ concentration measured at Halkett Place with those measured at a selection of UK air quality monitoring stations in the national Automatic Urban and Rural Network using automatic (chemiluminescent) NO₂ analysers. The sites used for comparison are listed below.

- Brighton Preston Park – an urban background site in Brighton, Sussex
- Exeter Roadside – a roadside site in the centre of Exeter, Devon
- Plymouth Centre – an urban centre site in the coastal city of Plymouth, Devon
- Yarner Wood – a rural moorland site in Devon.

Table 4-4: Comparison of NO₂ in Jersey with UK automatic sites, 2020-2021

Site	2021 Annual mean NO ₂ concentration $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Annual mean NO ₂ concentration 2020 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
Exeter Roadside	19	10
Bournemouth	10	9
Plymouth Tavistock Road	17	15
Plymouth Centre	12	14
Yarner Wood	4	3
Jersey Halkett Place (automatic)	21	19

The annual mean NO₂ concentrations, from diffusion tubes with exposure periods between 4 and 5 weeks, measured at the kerbside and roadside sites in Jersey (rounded to the nearest integer) ranged from 9 to 36 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. However, bias adjusted annual averages ranged from 8 to 32 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ which while lower is still elevated. Both calculations give levels higher than the annual means at all the mainland sites.

The mean concentrations measured at Exeter Roadside, 19 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, and Plymouth Tavistock Road, 17 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, are lower than the 21 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ as measured by the automatic analyser at Halkett Place. The Jersey urban background site at Le Bas Centre had an annual mean NO₂ concentration of 16 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, lower than that of the automatic analyser at Halkett Place. The residential background/school site at Les Quennevais had a period mean (February to July) NO₂ concentration of 5.3 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, this is slightly higher than the rural Yarner Wood site in Devon. The annual mean of 4.4 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ at the Jersey rural background site, Rue des Raisies, was the same than that measured at the Yarner Wood site if rounded to the nearest integer.

All sites with the exception of Plymouth Centre showed an increase in levels compared to 2020. Halkett Place did show an increase, similar in magnitude to Bournemouth and Plymouth Tavistock Road and less than Exeter.

4.3.5 Trends in NO₂ at Long-running Sites

There are ten sites in the survey which have been in operation since 2005 or earlier and therefore now have 15 years of data. The annual mean NO₂ concentrations for sites which had over 75% data capture are shown in Table 4-5 and illustrated in Figure 4-15, the 4 new sites are not included in as they did not run the entire year. Broad Street became pedestrianised on the 23rd of May 2020 in order to allow greater social distancing for pedestrians, this is reflected in a 27% reduction in the annual mean concentrations in 2020. The data is not adjusted for diffusion tube bias as there was no reliable information on which to carry out bias adjustment prior to 2002. Therefore, for consistency, unadjusted data is used in this section.

Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at historic kerbside, roadside and urban background sites (Weighbridge, Georgetown, Beaumont, The Parade, Broad Street, and Le Bas) from 2004 onwards have been shown to be decreasing. In 2021 all sites remained below 40 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$.

Many sites saw concentrations increase compared to 2021, while this could be down to the relaxation of restrictions and show a real increase in concentrations it must also be remembered that the 2020 data set was not complete and compromised.

Figure 4-15 illustrates how since 2012 annual mean NO₂ concentrations at several of the sites have remained stable with typical fluctuations from year to year due to meteorological conditions and other factors.

As traffic volumes have increased since monitoring began, fluctuations in concentrations are likely linked to increased vehicle efficiency and cleaner fuels. A recent study into vehicle emissions in Jersey⁹ found that newer petrol vehicles produce fewer NO_x emissions. It also found that there is an increase in newer petrol cars compared to a decline in diesel on the island. Plans to introduce MOT style testing are currently being implemented with full implementation expected to be in place from 2024. This will further increase visibility of emissions and potentially reduce the number of heavily polluting vehicles on the roads, in turn contributing to a continued reduction in ambient concentrations.

As a more focused example of the differences between site locations; it is interesting to note the lower trend of readings from the now discontinued New Street site compared to Union Street. The two locations were very close with the Union Street tube located on the corner of Union Street and New Street which run perpendicular to each other. New Street is access only and therefore, carries much lower traffic volumes. As the prevailing wind is from the West with the least wind coming from the North, very little of the pollution from Union Street is carried to the more southerly New Street location. This indicates how localised NO₂ distribution can be with certain mitigating factors.

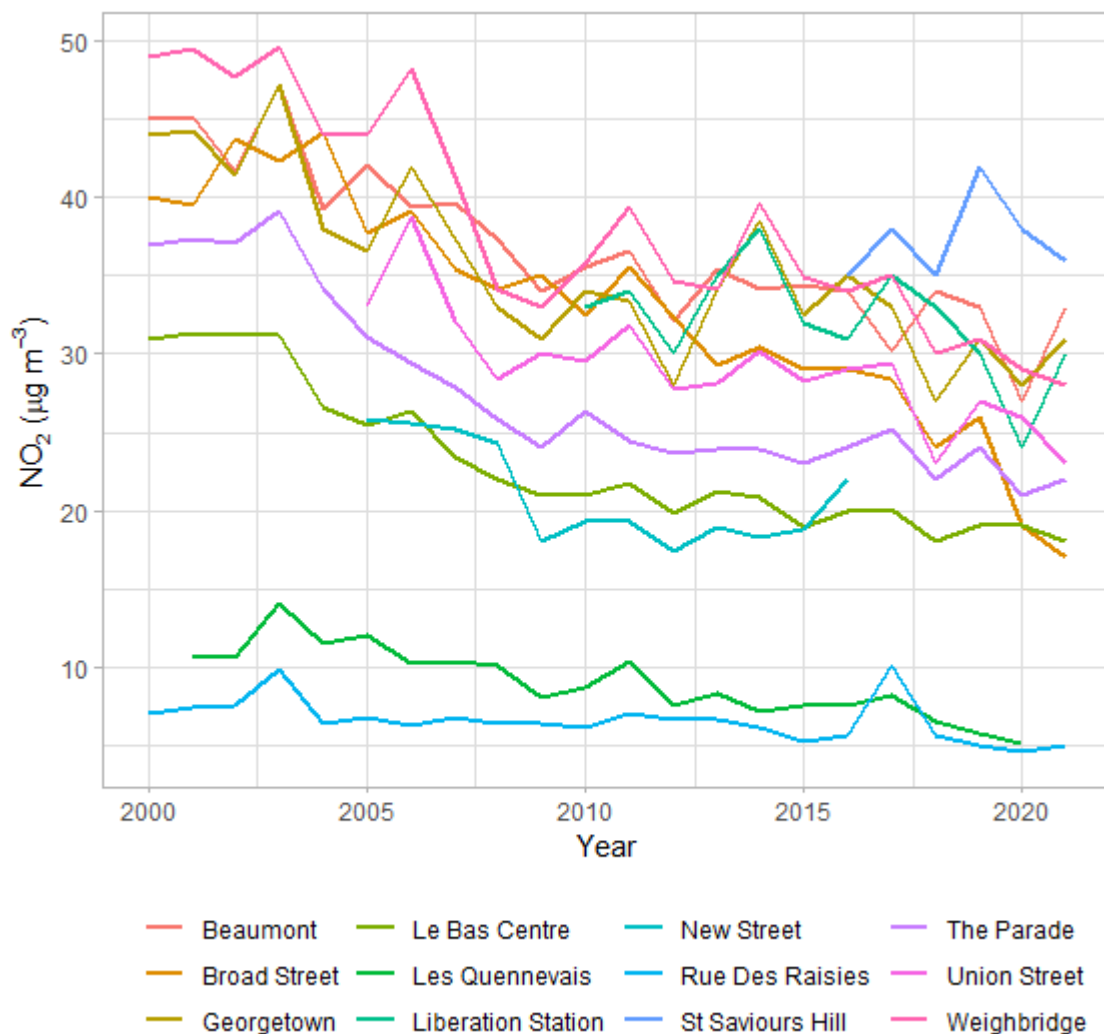
Table 4-5: Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at the diffusion tube sites, µg m⁻³ (NOT bias adjusted)

Site	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beaumont (K)	42	47	39	42	39	40	37	34	36	37	32	35	34	34	34	30	34	33	27	33
Broad Street (K)	44	42	44	38	39	35	34	35	32	36	32	29	30	29	29	28	24	26	19	17
Georgetown (K)	41	47	38	37	42	37	33	31	34	33	28	34	39	32	35	33	27	31	28	31
The Parade (K)	37	39	34	31	29	28	26	24	26	24	24	24	24	23	24	25	22	24	21	22
Weighbridge (K)	48	50	44	44	48	41	34	33	36	39	35	34	40	35	34	35	30	31	29	28
Rouge Bouillon School (K)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	18	21
St Saviours School (K)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15	16
Gloucester Street (Hospital) (K)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	29	28

Site	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Kensington Place (Hospital) (K)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	28	-
Esplanade (Hospital) (K)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	32	-
New Street (R)	-	-	-	26	26	25	24	18	19	19	17	19	18	19	22	-	-	-	-	-
Union Street (R)	-	-	-	33	39	32	28	30	30	32	28	28	30	28	29	29	23	27	26	23
Le Bas Centre (UB)	31	31	27	25	26	23	22	21	21	22	20	21	21	19	20	20	18	19	19	18
Les Quennevais (S)	11	14	12	12	10	10.3	10.1	8.0	8.7	10.4	7.6	8.4	7.1	8	7.6	8.1	6.5	5.7	5.1	-
Rue Des Raisies (Ru)	8	10	6	7	6	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.2	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.1	5	5.6	10.1	5.6	5.0	4.6	5
Liberation Station (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	34	30	35	38	32	31	35	33	30	24	30
St Saviours Hill (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	38	35	42	38	36

K = kerbside, R = roadside, UB = urban background, S = suburban, Ru = rural

Figure 4-15: Annual mean NO₂ concentrations (NOT adjusted for diffusion tube bias)



4.4 HYDROCARBONS

Full monthly results of the hydrocarbon survey for the six BTEX sites and a summary of the annual average hydrocarbon concentrations are shown in Appendix 4. Travel blank values are included in Appendix 4. These gave consistently lower results than the exposed tubes with the exception of December 2021 which had elevated levels in the Travel Blank. The December exposure at Rue de Pres was noted to have a “loose end cap” and it is possible that the elevated concentrations reported were influenced by the travel blank. Due to the limited amount of data we currently have available for this site it is not yet known if these are unusually high for the site and so the data has been left in.

For BTEX tubes monthly data is displayed in Figure 4-16 to Figure 4-21 and Table 4-6 shows the annual means, none of these include concentrations for January due to the November 2020 tube collection taking place in February 2021. Beresford Street is not included as it only monitored for a single month. Hansford lane, while included only monitored for three months and so is a period mean. Rue de Pres started monitoring in May and so is also a period mean.

Table 4–6: Summary of average hydrocarbon concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), Jersey, 2021

Site	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
Le Bas Centre	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.2
Halkett Place (Central Market)	0.3	1.3	0.7	1.2	0.4
Harrington's Garage	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.1
Hansford Lane	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.2
Faux Bie Terrace	0.6	2.8	0.4	1.4	0.5
Rue de Pres	0.2	1.9	0.7	3.1	1.4
Travel blank	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.3

The highest annual mean concentrations of benzene and toluene in 2021 were measured at Faux Bie, which is between a petrol station and the nearest housing to it (12m from flats), and Rue de Pres, on an industrial estate near a paint spraying process, which also recorded the highest annual mean for each of the other three hydrocarbon species. It is important to note that, despite the higher concentrations at these two sites compared to other Jersey sites, the annual mean of $0.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for Benzene is still well below the annual limit value of $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$.

At Faux Bie Terrace after a Stage 2 Vapour Recovery System was installed at the fuel filling station in 2016, and the replacement of the fuel storage tanks during August 2017, all hydrocarbon pollutants having decreased at this location. Concentrations over the last three years have remained relatively flat before 2021.

The Hansford Lane site has in the past measured relatively high concentrations of m+p-xylene and o-xylene while not thought to be a significant source of benzene or toluene. The site location was initially chosen due to its proximity to a paint spraying business, however, this closed in 2019 and was replaced by an electric bike storage unit which likely explains the reduced concentrations recorded. In light of this the diffusion tube location was closed and moved in 2021 to Rue de Pres.

Figure 4-16: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Le Bas Centre, 2021

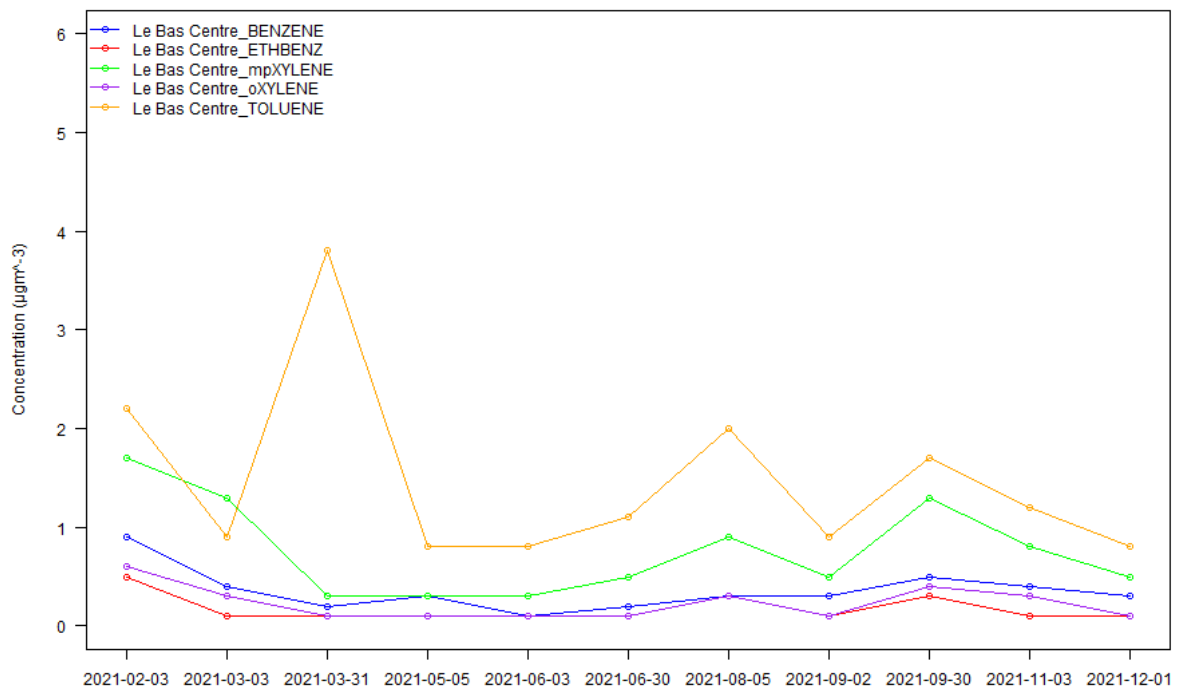


Figure 4-17: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Halkett Place, 2021

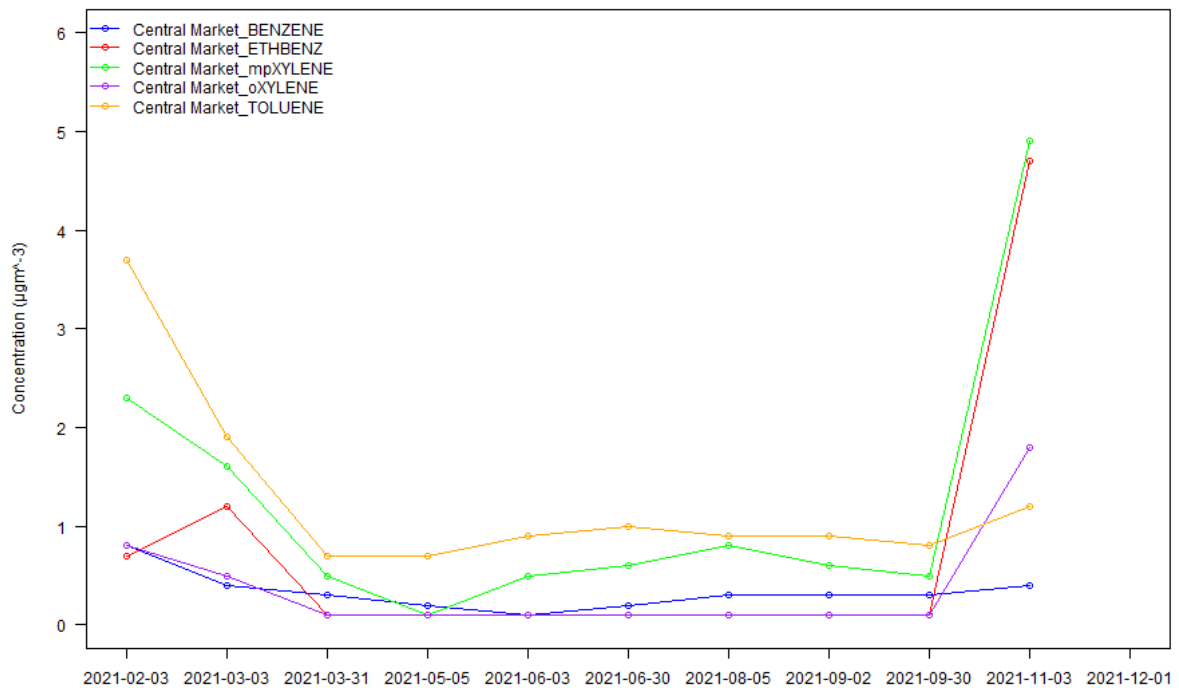


Figure 4-18: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Harrington's Garage, 2021

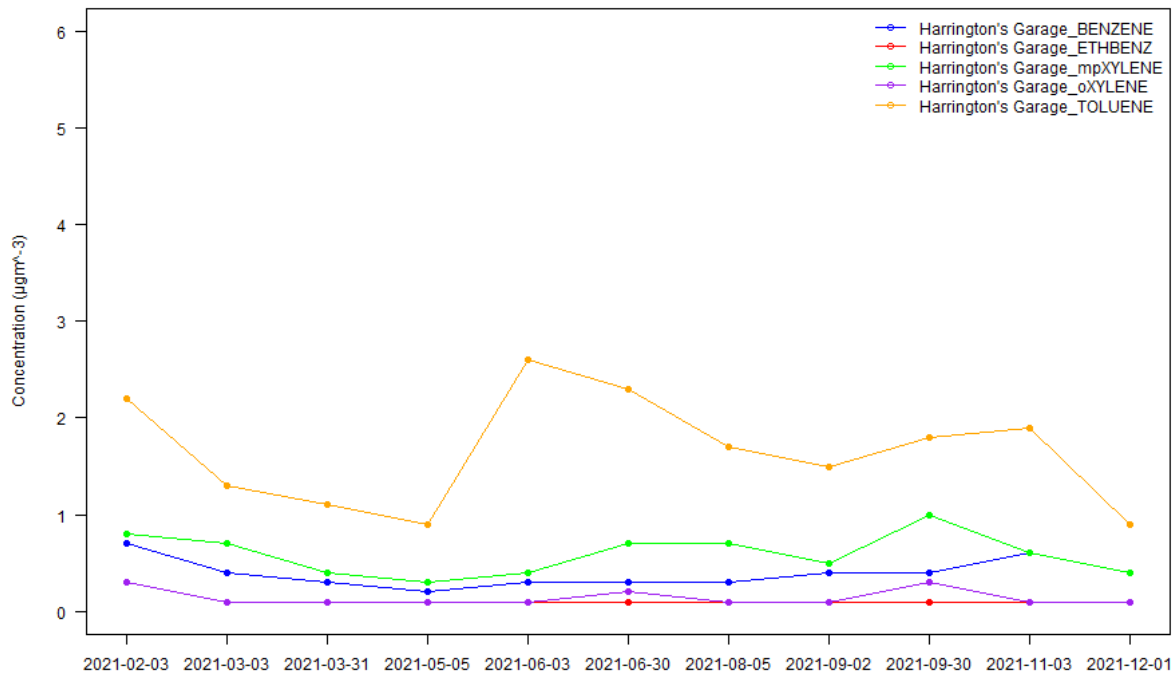


Figure 4-19: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Hansford Lane, 2021

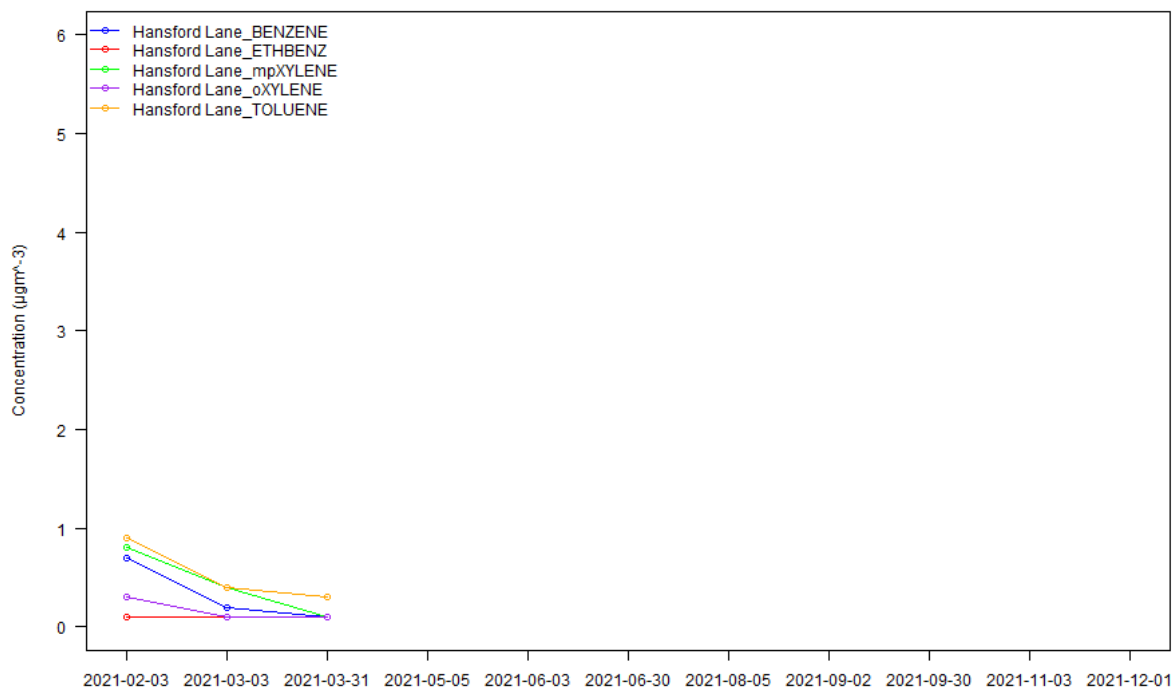


Figure 4-20: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Faux Bie, 2021

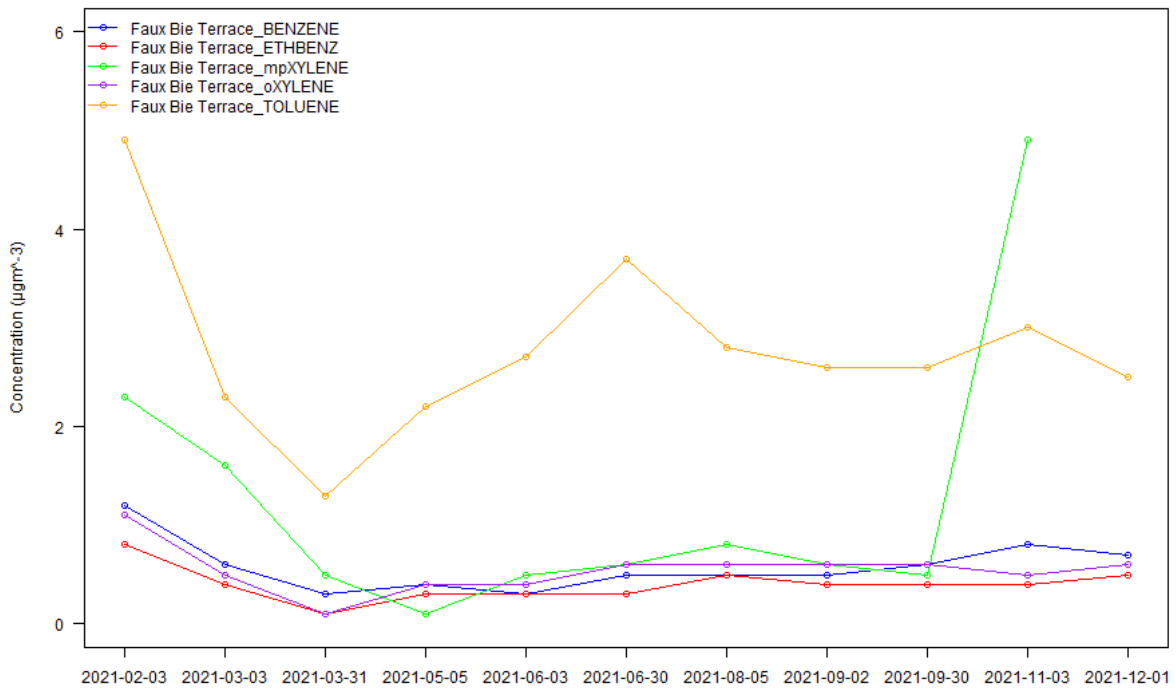
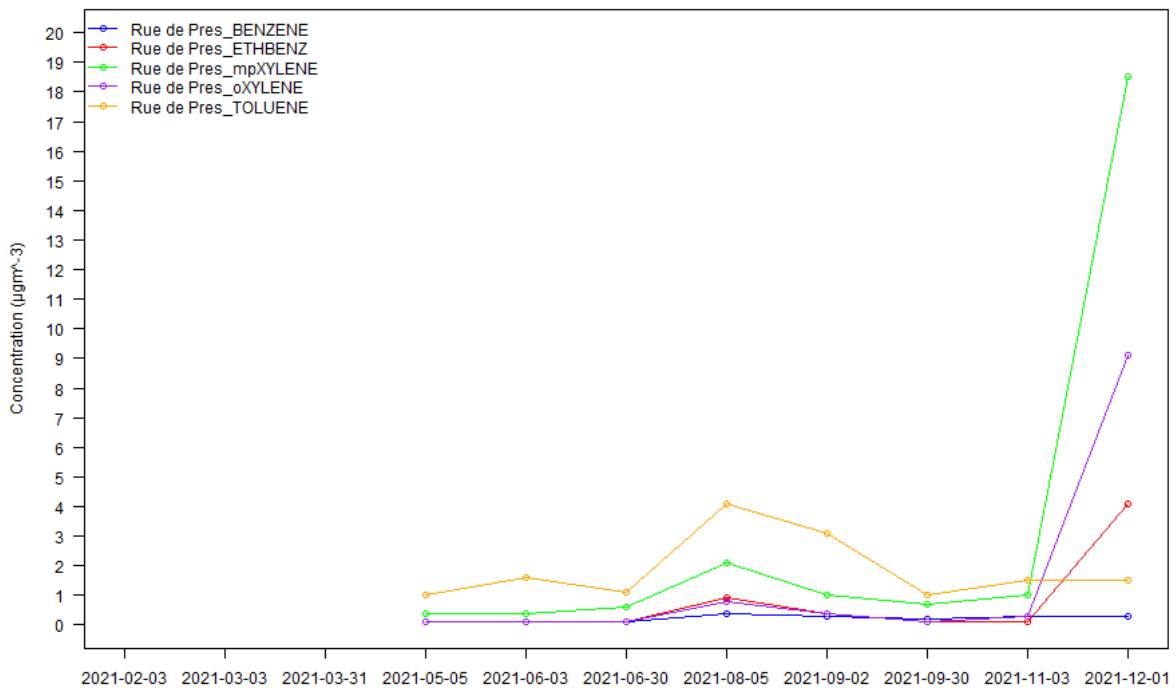


Figure 4-21: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations at Rue de Pres, 2021



4.4.1 Comparison with Limit Values and Objectives

Of the hydrocarbon species monitored, only benzene is the subject of any applicable air quality standards. The Air Quality Directive⁴ sets a limit of $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for the annual mean of benzene, to be achieved by 2010. All sites met this limit in 2021 and have done so since 1999 (or since they started operation).

The UK Air Quality Strategy⁵ sets the following objectives for benzene:

- $16.25 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (for the running annual mean), to have been achieved by 31st December 2003.
- $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (for the calendar year mean), to have been achieved by 31st December 2010 in England and Wales. This is the same as the EC limit value.
- $3.25 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (for the calendar year mean), to have been achieved by 31st December 2010 in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

These AQS objectives are not at present mandatory in Jersey.

The annual mean benzene concentration (which can be considered a good indicator of the running annual mean) was well within the 2003 objective of $16.25 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ at all the Jersey sites. The calendar year mean benzene concentration was below $3.25 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ at all Jersey sites. Therefore, these sites meet the tightest AQS objectives for benzene (those applying to Scotland and Northern Ireland).

4.4.2 Comparison with Previous Years' Hydrocarbon Results

Figure 4-22 to Figure 4-26 show how the annual mean hydrocarbon concentrations at the six Jersey sites have changed over the years of monitoring. The data is also provided in tabular form in Appendix 4.

It is important to remember that pollutant concentrations are expected to show considerable year-to-year variation mainly due to meteorological variations and other factors. Covid-19 restrictions impacted the deployment of BTEX tubes in 2020, see section 1.3, which has resulted in several months being considered compromised. It is likely that the reduction in NO_2 would be somewhat mirrored in BTEX pollutants as they share many of the same emission sources. While the time weighted annual averages are expected to be lower than the annual averages, due to them including periods of restrictions, results from months with a non-standard exposure period will not be included in the annual averages shown in Figure 4-22 to Figure 4-26. Hansford Lane recorded less than 75% data capture in 2021 due to the site closing. The reasoning for the closure was that the paint spraying operation had shut down and had been replaced by an electric bike storage facility. It should therefore be expected that the 2021 readings are lower than their historical average despite only monitoring for months that historically see higher concentrations, the period mean has been included below to provide a comparison. Year-to-year changes are therefore of less importance than the observation of long-term trends, which are discussed below. Beresford Street and Rue de Pres are not included as they have not yet run for a full calendar year.

Concentrations of all pollutants at all sites saw significant reductions compared to 2020. It is possible that given how low monthly concentrations generally are these results have been skewed due to the absence of a January exposure period, as historically some of the highest concentrations have been recorded in January. This is coupled with the fact that the 2020 data set included pre pandemic winter readings and an incomplete data meaning the data for complete years may be much closer.

Figure 4-22: Time series of benzene concentrations

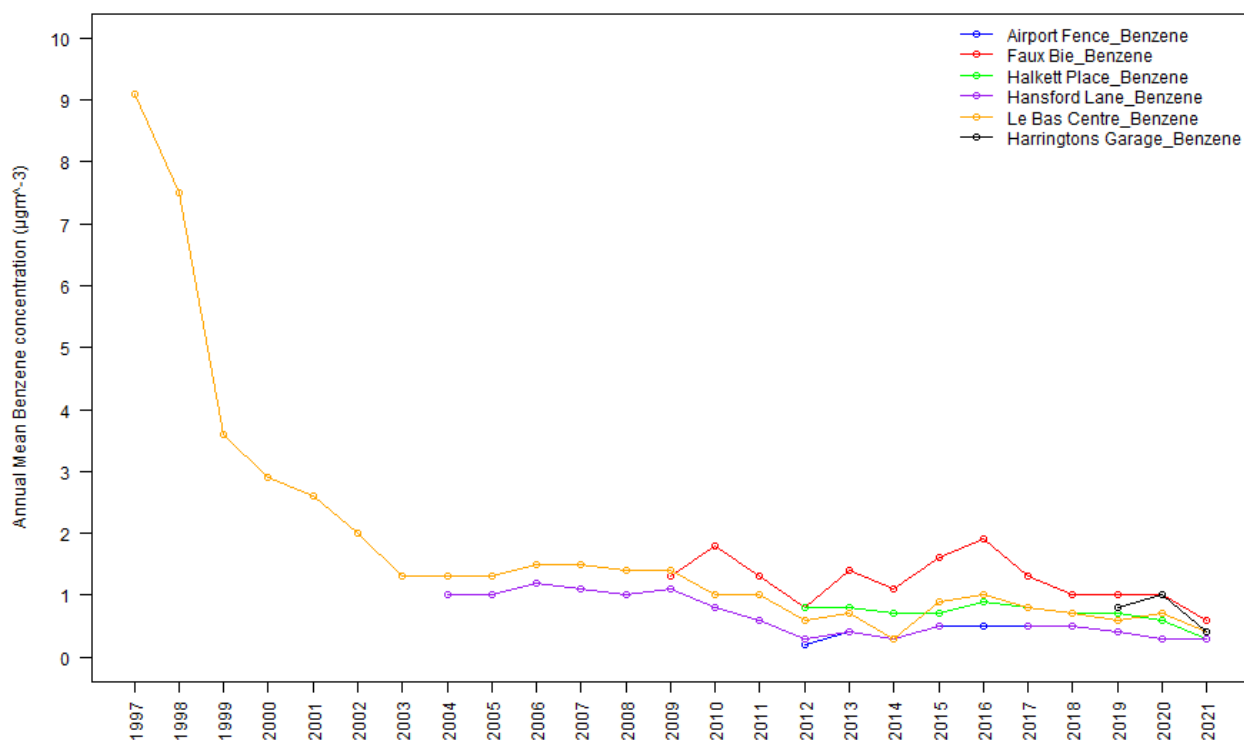


Figure 4-22 shows the annual mean benzene concentrations. The EU limit value is $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and the typical LoD as concentration equivalent is $0.097 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. Le Bas Centre has been in operation since 1997 and the annual mean concentrations of benzene show a marked drop over the years running to the year 2000 due to the maximum permitted benzene content of petrol sold in the UK being reduced from 2% in unleaded (5% in super unleaded), to 1% as of 1st January 2000. This site has shown a further modest decrease between 2009 and 2012, as has Hansford Lane. Annual mean concentrations at all sites were equal to or lower than $1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in 2021 and represent a similar or lower annual averages to concentrations measured in 2020.

Figure 4-23: Time series of Toluene concentrations

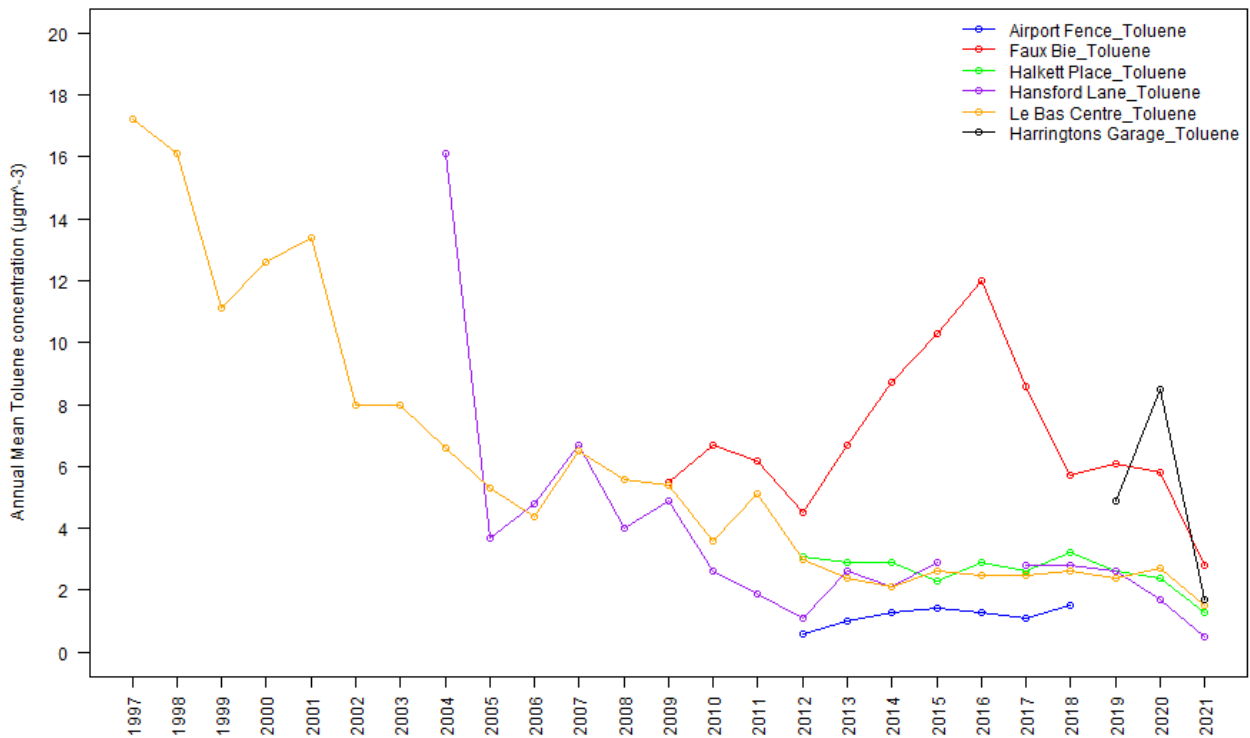
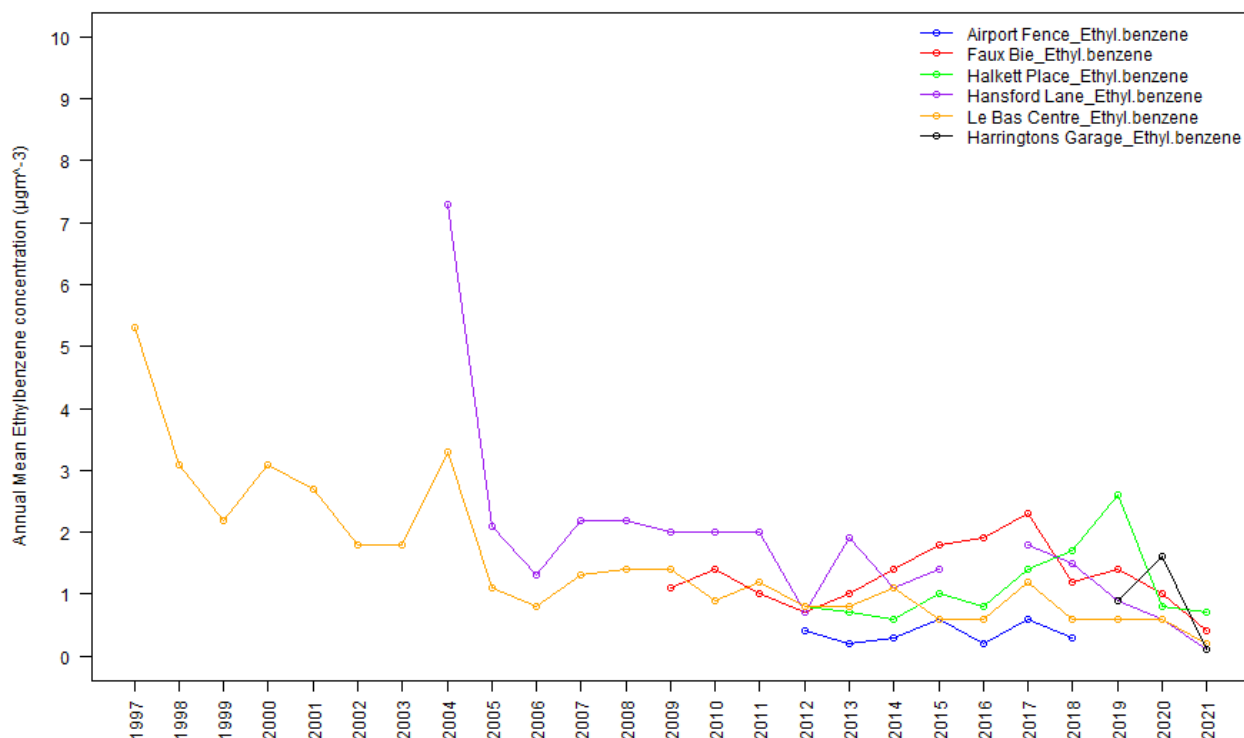


Figure 4-23 shows toluene concentrations. The ambient concentration equivalent to the typical LoD for toluene is $0.11 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. The two longest-running sites, Le Bas Centre and Hansford Lane, show general decreases over the past twelve years, though these are not consistent. All sites have had relatively stable yearly averages since 2012 except for concentrations at the Faux Bie site which increased year on year between 2012 and 2016. However, concentrations decreased considerably after filling station upgrades in 2016 and 2017. 2021 average concentrations at Harrington’s Garage decreased to be in-line with the other sites. All sites saw a significant reduction in toluene concentrations in 2021.

Figure 4-24: Time series of ethylbenzene concentrations



The pattern for ethylbenzene, Figure 4-24, generally show that all sites have reduced their annual averages over the past 5 years. The exception to this is Harrington’s Garage which saw a modest increase from the previous year in 2020, likely impacted by a high January result. In 2021 the concentrations fell back down to be in line with the other sites. This illustrates that a longer time period is required to establish a trend that isn’t influenced by short term events or meteorological conditions.

Figure 4-25: Time series of m+p-xylene concentrations

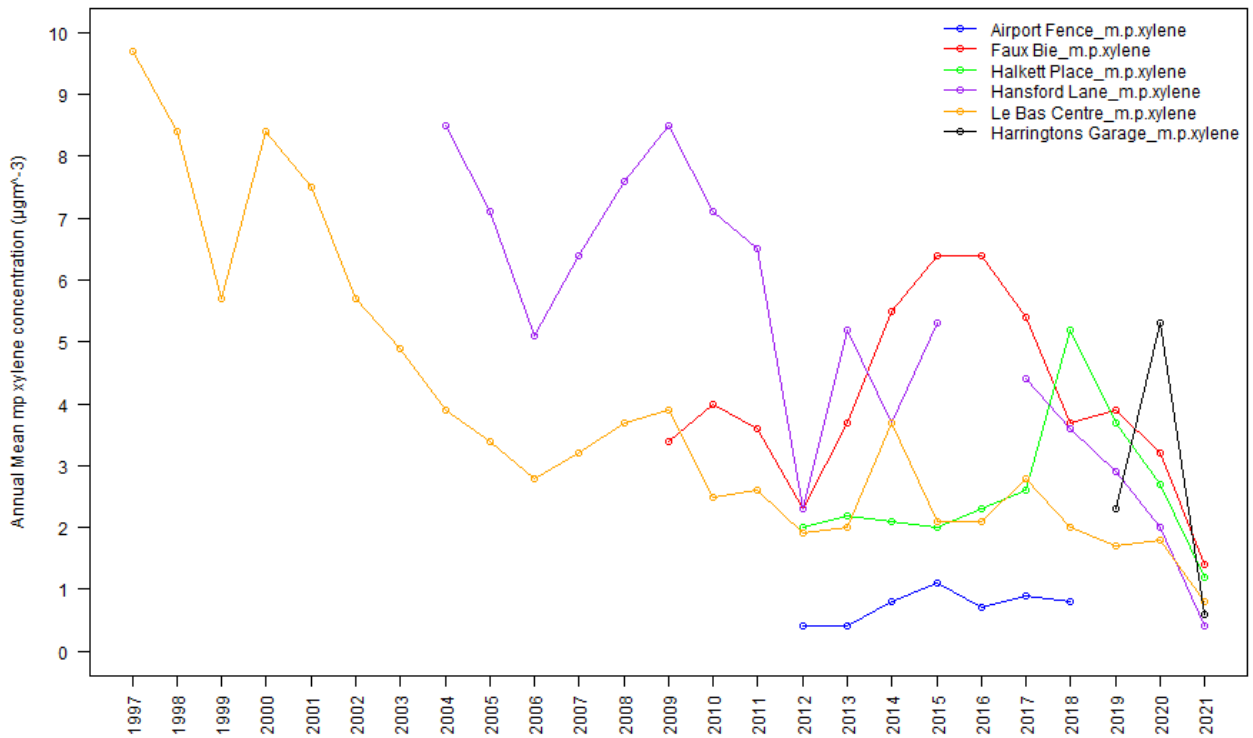
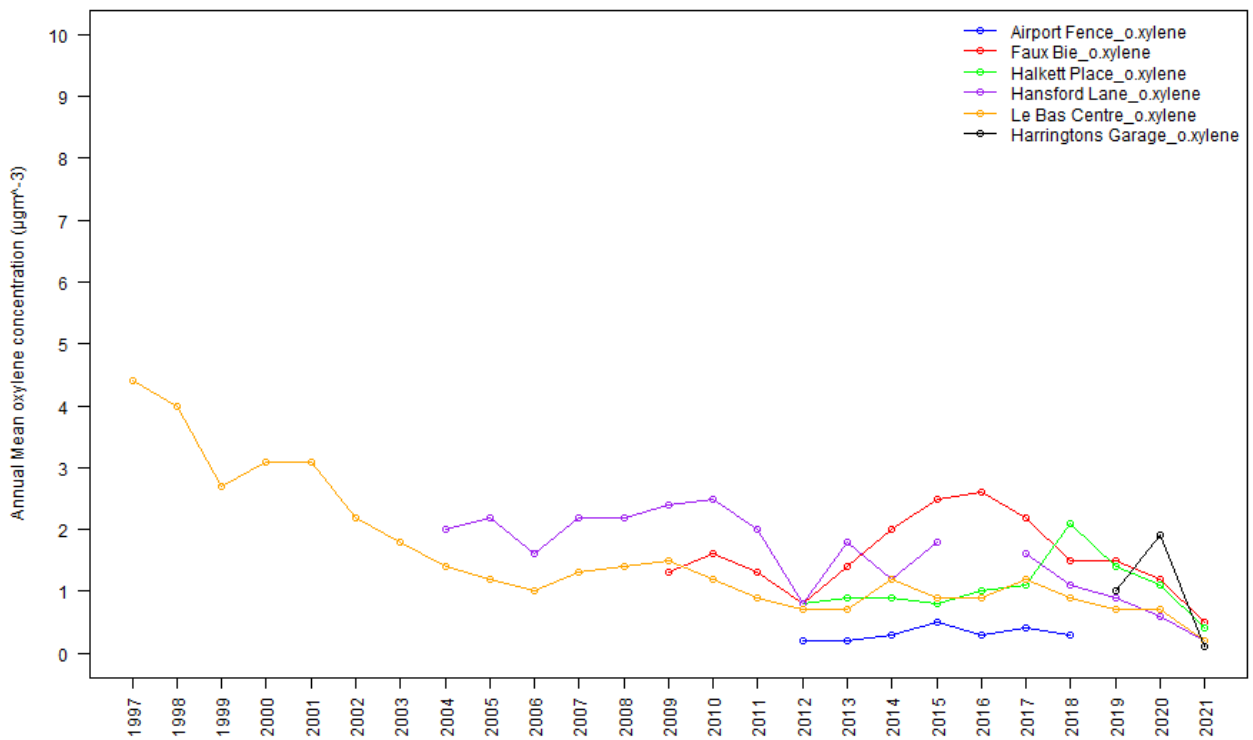


Figure 4-26: Time series of o-xylene concentrations



Concentrations of xylenes (Figure 4-25 and Figure 4-26) have generally decreased since monitoring began except for Faux Bie which saw a steady increase since 2012, though this has reversed since filling station upgrades in 2016 and 2017. At Hansford Lane, concentrations of m+p-xylene and of o-xylene have fluctuated considerably from year to year; however, overall concentrations and as with the other BTEX species have shown a large drop since the closure of the paint spraying business in 2019.

M+p-xylene and o-xylene concentrations in 2021 at Harrington's Garage dropped from their 2020 highs to be more inline with the other sites. Further detailed analysis of annual concentrations at this site will be made as multiple years of data are obtained.

It is also important to note how low current hydrocarbon concentrations are, compared to the LoD equivalent concentration (in 2021, typically around $0.22 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for benzene, $0.22 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for toluene and $0.26 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for the other hydrocarbons).

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ricardo Energy & Environment has continued the ongoing air quality monitoring programme in Jersey during 2021, on behalf of the Government of Jersey. This was the 25th year of monitoring. Oxides of nitrogen were monitored at one automatic monitoring station which changed location in November from a roadside position at the Central Market, Halkett Place in St Helier to a roadside position at the Central Market, Beresford Street, St Helier. Diffusion tubes were also co-located (in triplicate) with the automatic site at both locations. This was supplemented by diffusion tubes for indicative monitoring of NO₂ at an additional 22 sites around the island, of which four were relocations.

The Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions have had an impact on both the data itself and its collection. This can be seen in the difficulties in keeping the diffusion tubes aligned with the deployment calendar at the start of the year. Due to the delay in collecting the November 2020 tubes the January 2021 exposure was missed.

Hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, collectively termed BTEX) were measured at six sites, with one site closing and other opening part way through the year, using diffusion tubes. The sites were located at a range of different locations on the island, one of which has been in operation since 1997.

5.1 NO₂ RESULTS

1. The period mean NO₂ concentration measured by the automatic analyser at Halkett Place was 21 µg m⁻³. The Halkett Place automatic analyser recorded 84% data capture for the portion of the year before it was relocated. The calendar year data capture rate was 73%, below the percentage needed to report an annual mean. This is within the EC Directive limit value and AQS objective of 40 µg m⁻³ for annual mean NO₂. Having achieved compliance by 2010 as required by all European Union member states the Government of Jersey are advised to continue to demonstrate ongoing compliance as has been done since 2010.
2. The 2021 automatic instrument period mean shows a slight increase from the 2020 annual mean. The 2020 period mean, between 01/01/2020 and 04/11/2020, was 20 µg m⁻³. So, again, 2021 shows a slight increase.
3. The EC Directive limit value (and AQS objective) for 1-hour mean NO₂ concentration is 200 µg m⁻³, with 18 exceedances permitted per calendar year. There were no hourly means greater than this value measured at Halkett Place or Beresford Street. Therefore, both sites met the limit value objective.
4. Diffusion tubes exposed in triplicate alongside the automatic analyser gave a 23µgm⁻³ annual mean. The Bias adjusted annual mean gave a result of 21µgm⁻³.
5. Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at all diffusion tube monitoring sites were within the EC limit value.
6. The diurnal variation in oxide concentrations of nitrogen at both automatic sites were generally typical of an urban site but had a particularly early (and sharp) morning rush hour peak, with a slight afternoon rush hour peak. This is thought to be due to traffic patterns around the site; this being early morning traffic associated with the market and waste collection from the previous day. Refrigerated and refuse lorries are commonly left with engines running to allow food to be kept refrigerated or frozen and lift bins respectively.
7. Seasonal variations in monthly mean NO₂ concentrations at the diffusion tube sites are harder to see than in recent years however, the highest concentrations in 2021 were generally measured in February and November and the lowest concentrations recorded in July and August.
8. Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at Jersey's urban sites appear to have generally decreased between 2003 and 2012. Since then, concentrations have remained largely stable at most sites, with a slight decrease occurring in 2020 and 2021.
9. Annual mean NO₂ concentrations at all of Jersey's diffusion tube monitoring sites were similar in 2021 compared with 2020. Pollutant concentrations are expected to fluctuate from year to year, due to meteorological and other factors, the COVID-19 pandemic being the obvious major one for 2020 and beyond.

5.2 HYDROCARBON DIFFUSION TUBE RESULTS

1. Annual mean benzene concentrations at all four sites with annual averages were within the EC Directive limit value of 5 µg m⁻³. Having achieved compliance by 2010 as required, the Government of Jersey must continue to demonstrate ongoing compliance.

2. The Hansford Lane site continued to record some of the lowest concentrations of all the BTEX hydrocarbons, and several results were below the limit of detection of the method. In 2019 the paint spraying business at Hansford lane closed and was replaced by an electric bike storage unit. The site was closed at the end of the April exposure period and moved close to another paint straying business on Rue de Pres trading estate.
3. Annual mean concentrations of BTEX hydrocarbons were slightly lower than those measured in recent years.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the monitoring programme be continued as part of Jersey's Air Quality Strategy¹⁰.

Measured concentrations of BTEX hydrocarbons at most of the sites were very low. The results should therefore only be taken as indicative measurements, for the purpose of confirming that benzene concentrations at the sites are within relevant limit values. However, if accurate measurement of hydrocarbons are required, it may be appropriate to consider installation of pumped-tube sampling at key sites, as used at UK mainland Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network sites.

A review of the diffusion tube network is recommended to assess any sites that no longer represent relevant exposure and can be removed or relocated.

The diffusion tube results indicate no sites breaching or close to the annual average NO₂ limit values. As such, an expansion of the automatic NO_x monitoring network is not recommended at this time. Based on the 2019 Clean Air Strategy¹¹ and its emphasis on PM_{2.5} reduction the Government of Jersey may wish to install reference equivalent analysers in an aim to expanding their particulate monitoring network and demonstrating compliance with the annual WHO PM_{2.5} guideline of 5 µg m⁻³.

With ongoing reductions in concentrations and improvements in technology since the AQS was last published in 2013, now would be a good opportunity to review and potentially update the document.

Ricardo understands that with a recent restructure during 2021, with Air Quality monitoring moving to a dedicated scientific team, and Government Plan funding allocation, the Government of Jersey have moved to prioritise the development of the existing Air Quality monitoring programme to meet new and existing environmental challenges.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Air quality limit values, objectives and guidelines

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Appendix 1 - Air quality limit values, objectives and guidelines

Air pollution guidelines used in this report

UK and International Ambient Air Quality Limit Values, Objectives and Guidelines

Table A1-1: Nitrogen Dioxide

Guideline set by	Description	Criteria based on	Value ⁽¹⁾ /µg m ⁻³ (ppb)
The Air Quality Strategy ⁽²⁾	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2005, for protection of human health	1-hour mean	200 (105) Not to be exceeded more than 18 times per calendar year.
Set in regulations ⁽³⁾ for all UK:	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2005, for protection of human health	Annual mean	40 (21)
Not intended to be set in regulations:	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2000, for protection of vegetation.	Annual mean NO _x (NO _x as NO ₂)	30 (16)
ED Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe ⁽⁴⁾	Limit Value for protection of human health. To be achieved by Jan. 1 st 2010	1 hour mean	200 (105) not to be exceeded more than 18 times per calendar year
	Limit Value for protection of human health. To be achieved by Jan. 1 st 2010	Calendar year mean	40 (21)
	Limit Value (total NO _x) for protection of vegetation. To be achieved by Jul. 19 th 2001	Calendar year mean	30 (16)
World Health Organisation ⁽⁵⁾	Health Guideline	1-hour mean	200
(Non-Mandatory Guidelines)	Health Guideline	Annual mean	40

¹ Conversions between µg m⁻³ and ppb are as used by the EC, i.e. 1 ppb NO₂ = 1.91 µg m⁻³ at 20 °C and 1013 mB.

² The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. March 2011.

³ Air Quality Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/64), Air Quality Standards (Wales) Regulations 2007 (Welsh SI 2007 717 (W63)), Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007 No. 182), Air Quality Standards (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 (Statutory Rule 2007 No. 265).

⁴ Council Directive 2008/50/EC.

⁵ WHO Air Quality Guidelines for Europe (2000).

Table A1-2: Benzene

Guideline set by	Description	Criteria based on	Value ⁽⁶⁾ /μg m ⁻³ (ppb)
The Air Quality Strategy ^(7,8) All UK	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2003	Running annual mean	16.25 (5)
England ⁽⁹⁾ & Wales ⁽¹⁰⁾ only:	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2010	Annual mean	5 (1.54)
Scotland ⁽¹¹⁾ & Northern Ireland	Objective for Dec. 31 st 2010	Running annual mean	3.25 (1.0)
ED Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe ⁽¹²⁾	Limit Value. To be achieved by Jan 1 st 2010	Annual calendar year mean	5 (1.5)

Table A1-3: Toluene

Guideline set by	Description	Criteria based on	Value ⁽¹⁾ /μg m ⁻³ (ppb)
World Health Organisation ⁽¹³⁾ (Non-Mandatory Guideline)	Health Guideline	1-week mean	260 μg m ⁻³ or 0.26 mg m ⁻³

⁶ Conversions between μg m⁻³ and ppb are as used by the EC, i.e. 1 ppb NO₂ = 1.91 μg m⁻³ at 20 °C and 1013 mB.

⁷ The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. July 2007, The Stationery Office, ID 5611194 07/07.

⁸ Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/928), Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/97), Air Quality (Wales) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/1940 (W138)).

⁹ Air Quality (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/3043).

¹⁰ Air Quality (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/3182 (W298)).

¹¹ Air Quality (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/297).

¹² Council Directive 2008/50/EC.

¹³ WHO Air Quality Guidelines for Europe (2000).

Appendix 2 - Calibration procedures for automatic analyser

The analyser at Halkett Place, now Beresford Street, is calibrated monthly by officers from the Natural Environment Department. Standard gas calibration mixtures are used to check the instrument's span, and chemically scrubbed air is used to check the instrument's zero. All gas calibration standards used for routine analyser calibration are certified against traceable primary gas calibration standards from the Gas Standards Calibration Laboratory at Ricardo Energy & Environment. The calibration laboratory operates within a specific and documented quality system and has UKAS accreditation for calibration of the gas standards used in this survey.

An important aspect of QA/QC procedures is the annual intercalibration and audit check usually undertaken every 12 months. This audit has two principal functions, firstly to check the instrument and the site infrastructure, and secondly to recalibrate the transfer gas standards routinely used on-site, using standards recently checked in the calibration laboratory. Ricardo Energy & Environment's audit calibration procedures are UKAS accredited to ISO 17025.

At these visits, the essential functional parameters of the monitors, such as noise, linearity and, for the NO_x monitor, the efficiency of the NO₂ to NO_x converter are fully tested. In addition, the on-site transfer calibration standards are checked and re-calibrated if necessary, the air intake sampling system is cleaned and checked and all other aspects of site infrastructure are checked. In 2020 this exercise was delayed to the summer of 2021 and was followed by a full service of the analyser and sampler pump.

Appendix 3 - Nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes: Bias adjustment factor

The precision and accuracy of the diffusion tubes in this study were quantified by exposing them in triplicate alongside the automatic NO_x analyser at Halkett Place and then Beresford Street. The percentage by which the diffusion tubes over- or under-estimate with respect to the automatic chemiluminescent analyser (defined within the European Community as the reference method for NO₂) is calculated as follows.

$$\text{Percentage bias } B = 100 \times (D - C) / C$$

Where D = the average NO₂ concentration as measured using diffusion tubes; and

C = the average NO₂ concentration as measured using the automatic analyser.

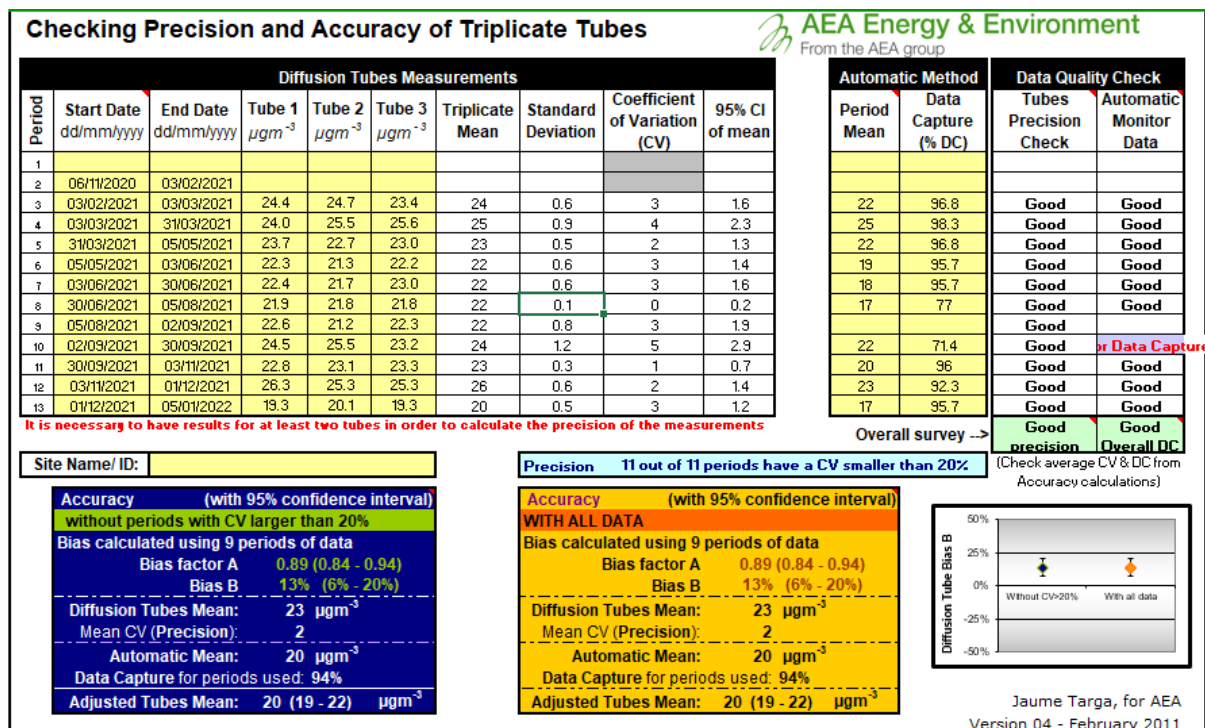
The diffusion tube annual mean concentrations measured at the other (non-co-located) sites can be adjusted for the diffusion tube over/under-read by application of a bias adjustment factor, calculated as follows.

$$\text{Bias adjustment factor} = C / D$$

Where D and C are the annual mean NO₂ concentrations as measured using diffusion tubes and the automatic analyser respectively, as above.

These calculations were carried out using a spreadsheet tool developed by Ricardo Energy & Environment (at that time trading as AEA Energy & Environment): Figure A3-1, see below. This spreadsheet shows the diffusion tube concentrations to one decimal place as reported by the analyst – but given the uncertainty on diffusion tube measurements, it is only considered valid to report to the nearest integer in the report, except at the sites with lowest concentrations.

Figure A3-1: Precision and bias spreadsheet showing Halkett Place, and for December Beresford Street, dataset



Appendix 4 - BTEX diffusion tubes: Monthly dataset and annual means 1997 - 2021

Figures in red are results less than the analytical limit of detection. They have been treated as ½ LoD for calculation purposes. Results are supplied in units of parts per billion (ppb) and converted.

* Data was not used to create the annual mean

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Le Bas Centre

Le Bas Centre	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	0.87	2.17	0.45	1.71	0.57
03/03/2021	0.37	0.87	0.14	1.32	0.33
31/03/2021	0.24	3.79	0.11	0.35	0.11
05/05/2021	0.30	0.83	0.13	0.28	0.13
02/06/2021	0.11	0.83	0.14	0.32	0.14
30/06/2021	0.19	1.06	0.11	0.51	0.11
04/08/2021	0.30	2.00	0.28	0.91	0.34
01/09/2021	0.28	0.91	0.14	0.54	0.14
29/09/2021	0.49	1.65	0.33	1.25	0.44
03/11/2021	0.39	1.23	0.14	0.81	0.30
01/12/2021	0.34	0.80	0.11	0.47	0.11
Annual Mean	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.2

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Halkett Place

Halkett Place	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	0.83	3.72	0.73	2.33	0.82
03/03/2021	0.42	1.93	1.18	1.55	0.54
31/03/2021	0.26	0.70	0.11	0.45	0.11
05/05/2021	0.23	0.71	0.13	0.13	0.13
02/06/2021	0.11	0.93	0.14	0.47	0.14
30/06/2021	0.21	0.98	0.11	0.63	0.11
04/08/2021	0.28	0.94	0.14	0.75	0.14
01/09/2021	0.33	0.92	0.14	0.60	0.14

Halkett Place	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
29/09/2021	0.33	0.79	0.11	0.54	0.11
03/11/2021	0.39	1.15	4.67	4.93	1.81
01/12/2021	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Mean	0.3	1.3	0.7	1.2	0.4

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Harrington's Garage

Harrington's Garage	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	0.73	2.21	0.28	0.83	0.33
03/03/2021	0.40	1.34	0.14	0.75	0.14
31/03/2021	0.28	1.14	0.11	0.39	0.11
05/05/2021	0.21	0.94	0.13	0.30	0.13
02/06/2021	0.29	2.55	0.14	0.41	0.14
30/06/2021	0.25	2.25	0.11	0.74	0.23
04/08/2021	0.30	1.73	0.14	0.69	0.14
01/09/2021	0.41	1.52	0.14	0.46	0.14
29/09/2021	0.40	1.81	0.11	0.97	0.25
03/11/2021	0.56	1.85	0.14	0.64	0.14
01/12/2021	0.38	0.94	0.11	0.39	0.11
Annual Mean	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.1

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Hansford Lane

Hansford Lane	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	0.67	0.94	0.14	0.79	0.30
03/03/2021	0.22	0.38	0.14	0.38	0.14
31/03/2021	0.08	0.28	0.11	0.11	0.11
05/05/2021	-	-	-	-	-
02/06/2021	-	-	-	-	-
30/06/2021	-	-	-	-	-

Hansford Lane	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
04/08/2021	-	-	-	-	-
01/09/2021	-	-	-	-	-
29/09/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/11/2021	-	-	-	-	-
01/12/2021	-	-	-	-	-
Annual Mean	-	-	-	-	-

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Faux Bie

Faux Bie	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	1.25	4.91	0.80	2.87	1.06
03/03/2021	0.62	2.29	0.36	1.43	0.47
31/03/2021	0.30	1.29	0.11	0.51	0.11
05/05/2021	0.40	2.24	0.27	0.87	0.39
02/06/2021	0.33	2.73	0.28	0.88	0.39
30/06/2021	0.46	3.72	0.32	1.44	0.58
04/08/2021	0.48	2.81	0.50	1.59	0.61
01/09/2021	0.53	2.64	0.38	1.44	0.63
29/09/2021	0.58	2.59	0.37	1.62	0.58
03/11/2021	0.80	3.00	0.39	1.36	0.52
01/12/2021	0.71	2.52	0.45	1.67	0.61
Annual Mean	0.6	2.8	0.4	1.4	0.5

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Rue de Pres

Rue de Pres	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/03/2021	-	-	-	-	-
31/03/2021	-	-	-	-	-
05/05/2021	0.10	1.04	0.13	0.36	0.13
02/06/2021	0.11	1.63	0.14	0.43	0.14

Rue de Pres	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
30/06/2021	0.08	1.10	0.11	0.60	0.11
04/08/2021	0.43	4.14	0.88	2.05	0.80
01/09/2021	0.30	3.06	0.39	0.99	0.43
29/09/2021	0.19	0.96	0.11	0.74	0.11
03/11/2021	0.25	1.45	0.14	0.99	0.34
01/12/2021	0.29	1.46	4.06	18.50	9.06
Annual Mean	-	-	-	-	-

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Beresford Street

Beresford Street	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/03/2021	-	-	-	-	-
31/03/2021	-	-	-	-	-
05/05/2021	-	-	-	-	-
02/06/2021	-	-	-	-	-
30/06/2021	-	-	-	-	-
04/08/2021	-	-	-	-	-
01/09/2021	-	-	-	-	-
29/09/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/11/2021	-	-	-	-	-
01/12/2021	0.39	0.77	0.11	1.38	0.27
Annual Mean	-	-	-	-	-

Table A4-1: Monthly mean hydrocarbon concentrations, $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ – Travel Blank

Travel Blank	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
06/01/2021	-	-	-	-	-
03/02/2021	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.02
03/03/2021	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02
31/03/2021	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.02
05/05/2021	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.13	0.01

Travel Blank	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene
02/06/2021	-	-	-	-	-
30/06/2021	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02
04/08/2021	0.10	0.52	0.05	0.34	0.13
01/09/2021	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.30	0.18
29/09/2021	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.42	0.06
03/11/2021	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.85	0.08
01/12/2021	0.07	0.18	5.85	5.81	2.29
Annual Mean	0.07	0.07	0.6	0.8	0.28

Table A4-7: Comparison of hydrocarbon concentrations, Jersey, 1997-2021

	Benzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Toluene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Ethylbenzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	m+p-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	o-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
Le Bas Centre					
1997	9.1	17.2	5.3	9.7	4.4
1998	7.5	16.1	3.1	8.4	4
1999	3.6	11.1	2.2	5.7	2.7
2000	2.9	12.6	3.1	8.4	3.1
2001	2.6	13.4	2.7	7.5	3.1
2002	2	8	1.8	5.7	2.2
2003	1.3	8	1.8	4.9	1.8
2004	1.3	6.6	3.3	3.9	1.4
2005	1.3	5.3	1.1	3.4	1.2
2006	1.5	4.4	0.8	2.8	1
2007	1.5	6.5	1.3	3.2	1.3
2008	1.4	5.6	1.4	3.7	1.4
2009	1.4	5.4	1.4	3.9	1.5
2010	1	3.6	0.9	2.5	1.2
2011	1	5.1	1.2	2.6	0.9
2012	0.6	3	0.8	1.9	0.7
2013	0.7	2.4	0.8	2	0.7
2014	0.3	2.1	1.1	3.7	1.2
2015	0.9	2.6	0.6	2.1	0.9
2016	1	2.5	0.6	2.1	0.9
2017	0.8	2.5	1.2	2.8	1.2
2018	0.7	2.6	0.6	2	0.9
2019	0.6	2.4	0.6	1.7	0.7
2020	0.7	2.7	0.6	1.8	0.7

	Benzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Toluene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Ethylbenzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	m+p-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	o-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
2021	0.4	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.2
Halkett Place					
2012	0.8	3.1	0.8	2	0.8
2013	0.8	2.9	0.7	2.2	0.9
2014	0.7	2.9	0.6	2.1	0.9
2015	0.7	2.3	1	2	0.8
2016	0.9	2.9	0.8	2.3	1
2017	0.8	2.6	1.4	2.6	1.1
2018	0.7	3.2	1.7	5.2	2.1
2019	0.7	2.6	2.6	3.7	1.4
2020	0.6	2.4	0.8	2.7	1.1
2021	0.3	1.3	0.7	1.2	0.4
Hansford Lane					
2004	1	16.1	7.3	8.5	2
2005	1	3.7	2.1	7.1	2.2
2006	1.2	4.8	1.3	5.1	1.6
2007	1.1	6.7	2.2	6.4	2.2
2008	1	4	2.2	7.6	2.2
2009	1.1	4.9	2	8.5	2.4
2010	0.8	2.6	2	7.1	2.5
2011	0.6	1.9	2	6.5	2
2012	0.3	1.1	0.7	2.3	0.8
2013	0.4	2.6	1.9	5.2	1.8
2014	0.3	2.1	1.1	3.7	1.2
2015	0.5	2.9	1.4	5.3	1.8
2016					
2017	0.5	2.8	1.8	4.4	1.6
2018	0.5	2.8	1.5	3.6	1.1
2019	0.4	2.6	0.9	2.9	0.9
2020	0.3	1.7	0.6	2	0.6
Faux Bie					
2009	1.3	5.5	1.1	3.4	1.3
2010	1.8	6.7	1.4	4	1.6
2011	1.3	6.2	1	3.6	1.3
2012	0.8	4.5	0.7	2.3	0.8
2013	1.4	6.7	1	3.7	1.4
2014	1.1	8.7	1.4	5.5	2
2015	1.6	10.3	1.8	6.4	2.5
2016	1.9	12	1.9	6.4	2.6
2017	1.3	8.6	2.3	5.4	2.2

	Benzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Toluene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Ethylbenzene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	m+p-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	o-xylene $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
2018	1	5.7	1.2	3.7	1.5
2019	1	6.1	1.4	3.9	1.5
2020	1	5.8	1	3.2	1.2
2021	0.6	2.8	0.4	1.4	0.5
Harrington's Garage					
2019	0.8	4.9	0.9	2.3	1
2020	1	8.5	1.6	5.3	1.9
2021	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.1

