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1 Introduction

1.1 Monitoring Period

- 1.1.1 This report covers data captured by the air quality monitors at Carnwath Road Riverside (CARRR) during November 2017.
- 1.1.2 Data presented in this report are classified as 'Provisional'. Data Ratification, a detailed manual check of the data set, is carried out on a quarterly basis. This requires a longer-term view of the dataset incorporating the review of all calibration data, information from analyser services and repairs and any other information available for the particular site or analyser over the whole ratification period. Data are fully ratified at the end of each calendar year of monitoring.

1.2 Monitoring Methods

1.2.1 Monitoring is undertaken using Osiris instruments to measure concentrations of particulate matter, accompanied by a continuous monitoring unit (CMU) that contains equipment to measure particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

Osiris Instruments

- 1.2.2 The Osiris instruments measure concentrations of Total Suspended Particles (TSP); particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in aerodynamic diameter, which is known as 'PM₁₀'.
- 1.2.3 The monitoring is continuous, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 1.2.4 Where data capture is less than 90%, an explanation of the reason for the low data capture is provided.
- 1.2.5 Further details of the Osiris monitoring method are described in Appendix A.

Continuous Monitoring Unit (CMU)

- 1.2.6 In addition to the Osiris instruments, air quality monitoring is undertaken using a continuous monitoring unit (CMU) located on the corner of Philpot Square.
- 1.2.7 This CMU contains two monitors; a TEOM-FDMS monitor to measure PM₁₀ concentrations, and a Thermo-42i chemiluminescent analyser to measure nitrogen dioxide concentrations.

1.3 Monitoring Locations

- 1.3.1 There are five Osiris monitors installed at CARRR and one CMU installed on the corner of Philpot Square, the locations of which are shown in Appendix B.
- 1.3.2 The locations have been agreed with the local planning authority, the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBHF).

2 Osiris Monitoring Results

2.1 **Results Summary**

2.1.1 The measured concentrations recorded by the Osiris instruments located at Carnwath Road are shown in the Table 2 and Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 below.

Table 1: Osiris Unit Air Quality Monitoring Results: November 2017

Osiris Monitor ID	Average PM ₁₀ Concentration (µg/m ³)	Data Capture (%)	Number of Exceedances of the 15-Minute PM ₁₀ Alert Level of 250 μg/m ³ .
CARRR/AA/1	13.0	100	0
CARRR/AA/2	19.4	100	3
CARRR/AA/3	12.7	100	0
CARRR/AA/4	16.5	100	2
CARRR/AA/5	11.0	99.8	0

Figure 1 Graph of 15-min PM₁₀ Concentrations at CARRR/AA/1: November 2017





Figure 2 Graph of 15-min PM₁₀ Concentrations at CARRR/AA/2: November 2017

Figure 3 Graph of 15-min PM₁₀ Concentrations at CARRR/AA/3: November 2017





Figure 4 Graph of 15-min PM₁₀ Concentrations at CARRR/AA/4: November 2017

Figure 5 Graph of 15-min PM₁₀ Concentrations at CARRR/AA/5: November 2017



2.2 Results Discussion

- 2.2.1 The key observations in relation to the measured concentrations of PM₁₀ are summarised below:
- 2.2.2 PM₁₀:
 - Data capture for the month was 100% at sites CARRR/AA/1, CARRR/AA/2, CARRR/AA/3 and CARRR/AA/4. Data capture was 99.8% at CARRR/AA/5; and
 - There were three exceedances of the 15-minute PM_{10} alert level of 250 μ g/m³ at CARRR/AA/2, and two exceedances at CARRR/AA/4.

2.3 Alert Level Exceedances

2.3.1 There were three exceedances of the 15-minute PM_{10} alert level of 250 µg/m³ at CARRR/AA/2, and two exceedances at CARRR/AA/4. A summary of these occurrences is shown in Table 3 below.

Alert ID	Osiris Monitor Location	Date	Time	PM ₁₀ Conc. (μg/m ³)	Source of dust
CARRR/AA/ 2_W44_1	CARRR/AA/2	01/11/2017	08:45	311.7	No obvious source of dust/emissions that could have caused the exceedance was identified within the site boundary. The main activity taking place was the installation of cladding for the acoustic shed. There were also vehicle movements however surfaces were damp. On review of the site boundary it was
					noted that a temporary works area was set up for installation of crossings on Carnwath Rd. The ground was generally clear of dust however some areas were noted to be quite dusty.
CARRR/AA/ 2_W46_1	CARRR/AA/2	13/11/2017	17:00	289.5	Site activities taking place at the time of the alert closest to the monitor were internal works within the acoustic shed such as steel fixing. There was also some work occurring to remove a small ramp outside the site at the eastern corner on Carnwath Road. This was enabling work in preparation for the installation of road crossings by LBHF's contractor.
CARRR/AA/ 2_W46_2	CARRR/AA/2	15/11/2017	12:00	301.4	The exact cause of the exceedance was unknown. Works onsite at the time near the monitor comprised of steel fixing within the acoustic shed. All activities were being managed in relation to dust management locally and all haul routes dampened down. Outside of site the northern hoarding approx. 15m away from the monitor location was having the artwork placed on it. The works although did not include
CARRR/AA/ 4_W45_1	CARRR/AA/4	10/11/2017	10:15	420.0	Works occurring in the area were trimming back and removal of shrubbery within 3m of the monitor, placement of river walk slabs and installation of hoarding. The river walk slab replacement works (RW926) consisted of a base layer of

 Table 2: PM₁₀ Alert Level Exceedance Details

					sand and cement, this area could not be excessively dampened.
CARRR/AA/ 4_W47_1	CARRR/AA/4	21/11/2017	14:15	261.8	The site activity taking place closest to the monitor and was believed to have been the cause of the alert was the continued erection of the 7.5 m hoarding in the south-eastern corner of the site. Specifically at the time of the alert, the operatives working in the area were having a general tidy up, including sweeping, prior to going on a break. The monitor was situated in the immediate vicinity of these works and was at ground level prior to being installed at the top of the hoarding.

2.3.2 On each occasion where the alert level was exceeded, an investigation was carried out to determine the potential source(s) of dust which may be causing the high PM₁₀ levels. A summary of the identified potential sources of dust and the action taken to remediate these sources are provided in Table 3 above.

3 CMU Monitoring Results

3.1 Results Summary

3.1.1 Summary statistics from the CMU on the corner of Philpot Square are shown in Table 4, Figure 6 and Figure 7.

Table 3: Measured PM_{10} and NO_2 Concentrations – September 2017

Site	Statistic	PM ₁₀	NO ₂
	Period Data Capture (%)	80.0 ^a	96.8
	Period mean (µg/m ³)	21.9	35.3

^a Data capture for PM₁₀ was low due to technical faults with the monitoring equipment.

Figure 6 Graph of 24-hour mean PM₁₀ (µg/m³) at Philpot Square: November 2017



Figure 7 Graph of 1-hour mean NO₂ (µg/m³) at Philpot Square: November 2017



4 Secondary Data

- 4.1.1 Monitoring data for PM₁₀ and nitrogen dioxide are available from the nearby Wandsworth Putney air quality monitoring station. This station is operated by Kings College London as part of the LAQN, which is the major centralised air quality network in London.
- 4.1.2 Results of PM₁₀ monitoring at Wandsworth Putney for November 2017 are shown in Figure 8 below. Results of nitrogen dioxide monitoring are shown in Figure 9.

Figure 8 Graph of 24-hour mean PM_{10} (µg/m³) at Wandsworth Putney: November 2017



4.1.3 The average PM₁₀ concentration at Wandsworth Putney during this period was 17.0 µg/m³, which was lower than the average concentrations at Carnwath Road set out in Table 5. Figure 8 shows elevated concentrations at the start of November, which reflects trends observed at the Philpot Square CMU. This trend is part of a broader 'Guy Fawkes 2017' episode of high PM₁₀ observed towards by the LAQN.



Figure 9 Graph of 1-hour mean NO₂ (µg/m³) at Wandsworth Putney: September 2017

4.2 The average NO₂ concentration at Wandsworth Putney during this period was 35.5 μg/m³, which is consistent with measurements from the Philpot Square CMU out in Table 5. Despite the low data capture, the NO₂ concentrations plotted in Figure 9 show similar trends to those observed at Carnwath Road, with elevated concentrations observed on the 25th November.

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A.1 Air Quality Monitoring Methodology - Osiris

- A.1.1 The Osiris air quality monitoring units installed at CARRR measure concentrations of particulate matter with a diameter of less than 10 micrometres, known as PM₁₀.
- A.1.2 The Osiris monitors are operated continuously and work by pumping air through a heated inlet to remove moisture, and past an optical sensor which measures the concentration of PM₁₀ in the sampled air.
- A.1.3 The Osiris monitors are set up to record average PM₁₀ measurements every 15 minutes, which are sent via a mobile connection to an online database which stores the recorded data. Concentrations are recorded in micrograms of PM₁₀ per cubic metre of air (µg/m³).
- A.1.4 One of the Osiris monitors at CARRR is connected to a wind sensor which records local wind speed and direction. This is to help identify possible sources of any high PM₁₀ measurements which are recorded.
- A.1.5 The Osiris monitors are all subject to the following routine checks and maintenance:
 - Daily online checks of monitoring data and power connection;
 - Quarterly on-site calibration checks; and
 - Annual monitor servicing.
- A.1.6 It is desirable to achieve over 90% successful data capture on the Osiris monitors. An overall data capture rate of 100% is ideal; however, best practice guidance acknowledges that monitoring methods such as the Osiris can be prone to occasional power losses, communication errors and erroneous readings, which result in data capture lower than 100%. Successful data capture greater than 90% represents a high performance with no devaluation of the monitoring results. Where data capture is less than 90% in any monitoring period, justification as to the reasons for the low data capture are to be provided.

A.2 Alert Levels

- A.2.1 The Osiris monitors are set up so that they send an automated alert message to CARRR site management, environmental managers and air quality specialists if 15-minute PM₁₀ concentrations exceed a set level known as an 'alert level'.
- A.2.2 The purpose of the alert level is to provide a warning of unusually high concentrations of PM₁₀, which may be an indication that dust is being produced by site works, but might also indicate other causes such as regional dust episodes (e.g. Saharan dust clouds) and other local dust and PM₁₀ sources such as road traffic, roadworks and utility works, bonfires, or adjacent construction sites. Dry and windy weather conditions are often the cause of high dust and PM₁₀ levels.

A.2.3 When an alert level message is received, it is immediately investigated. If site works are identified as a possible contributory factor in the high PM₁₀ levels, then remedial action is taken. This might include using additional dust mitigation measures, relocating or stopping the dusty activity, or completely stopping works.

A.3 Air Quality Monitoring Methodology - CMU

- A.3.1 The CMU installed at Philpot Square measures concentrations of particulate matter with a diameter of less than 10 micrometres, known as PM₁₀.
- A.3.2 Particulate matter is measured by a TEOM-FDMS analyser which operates by drawing air through a permeation dryer and then into a sensor unit where particulate matter is collected and weighed. Auxiliary air is directed through a purge filter, and then to the sensor unit to provide a 'reference' measurement. This allows the monitor to account for volatile particulates.
- A.3.3 Nitrogen dioxide concentrations are measured by a Thermo 42i chemiluminescent analyser. This operates by converting nitrogen dioxide to nitric oxide and measuring the resulting infrared light emissions to determine concentrations in the airflow.
- A.3.4 The TEOM-FDMS and Thermo 42i chemiluminescent analysers are set up to record average PM_{10} and nitrogen dioxide measurements every 15 minutes, which are sent via a mobile connection to an online database which stores the recorded data. Concentrations are recorded in micrograms of per cubic metre of air (μ g/m³).

Appendix B

B.1 Air Quality Monitoring Locations

- B.1.1 There are five Osiris monitors installed at CARRR, in the following locations:
 - CARRR/AA/1: Osiris monitor fitted to a lamppost on Peterborough Road. An anemometer (wind speed and direction sensor) is attached to this monitor.
 - CARRR/AA/2: Osiris monitor fitted to a lamppost on Carnwath Road.
 - CARRR/AA/3: Osiris monitor fitted to a lamppost on the redirected Thames Path west of the CARRR site.
 - CARRR/AA/4: Osiris monitor fitted to hoarding on the eastern boundary of the work site.
 - CARRR/AA/5: Osiris monitor fitted to hoarding adjacent to works at River Wall 922.
- B.1.2 The figure below shows the locations of the five Osiris monitors at CARRR (CARRR/AA/1, CARRR/AA/2, CARRR/AA/3, CARRR/AA/4 and CARRR/AA/5).
- B.1.3 The location of the Continuous Monitoring Unit (CMU) at Philpot Square is shown as CARRR/CM/1.



