

# Talk title: The London Low Emission Zone

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## Summary

The London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) covers the whole of Greater London and was introduced by the Greater London Authority (GLA) in February 2008 (phase 1 of the scheme). Phase 2 began in July 2008. The first 2 steps required all Heavy Goods vehicles (HGVs) and Buses to comply with EURO 3 emissions standard for PM<sub>10</sub>. As such it is too early to report on the actual changes in air quality and so this summary is limited to looking at the methods used to assess the LEZ prior to its introduction, outlining the monitoring strategy for the LEZ and summarising the additional research being undertaken in support of the LEZ.

The motivation for the LEZ was the widespread exceedences of EU limit values and UK National Air Quality Objectives, including the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> standard (40 µg m<sup>-3</sup>) as well as exceedences of the annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> standards of (40 µg m<sup>-3</sup> and 23 µg m<sup>-3</sup>), although the latter standard no longer exists. Finally there is also widespread exceedence of daily PM<sub>10</sub> standard of 50 µg m<sup>-3</sup> not to be exceeded for more than 35 days in a calendar year. As such PM<sub>10</sub> air quality was the focus of the scheme, although benefits were also sought for NO<sub>2</sub> as well as avoiding increases in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The key aim of the LEZ is to improve air quality and public health by encouraging improvements to the emissions performance of heavier vehicles (goods vehicles, buses and coaches) travelling in London, and is a key part of wider policies being pursued by the Mayor of London as set out in his Air Quality Strategy<sup>1</sup>.

To ensure that the impact of the LEZ is well understood a monitoring strategy has also been put in place with the aim of:

- Characterising the LEZ impacts;
- Understanding the impacts rather than simply measuring them; Contributing to wider scientific understanding of the air quality science associated with the scheme.

The assessment of the scheme was undertaken using emissions/dispersion modelling techniques, the results of which were used to assess population exposure and health damage costs. The basis of the assessment was the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI)<sup>2</sup>. Predictions were made for future years 2008, 2010 and 2012 looking at numerous strategies for reducing emissions from 'in-scope', heavy goods vehicles, large vans and buses. Compliance with the scheme could result in the adoption of various strategies from the vehicle operators included fitting vehicles with new engines, buying newer vehicles, swapping vehicles within existing fleets across the UK and fitting exhaust technology. As such the effects of the LEZ are predicted to go well beyond Greater London and into the whole of the UK.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/air\\_quality/air\\_quality\\_strategy.jsp](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/strategies/air_quality/air_quality_strategy.jsp)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/environment/air\\_quality/research/emissions-inventory.jsp](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/environment/air_quality/research/emissions-inventory.jsp)

Results from the LAEI showed that especially for PM emissions ‘in-scope’ vehicles, i.e. those affected by the introduction of the LEZ represented approximately 20-30% of HGVs and approaching 40% of coaches in 2007/08 and that these vehicles had a significant contribution to total vehicle emissions. Forecast emissions changes varied by year and resulted in reductions of 3-10% of PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> without increasing CO<sub>2</sub> to any significant degree. From these results, population exposures to concentrations above EU limit values were reduced significantly. Reductions of approximately 10% for annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> and 7% for annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> were typical in 2008.

Two approaches were used to calculate the health damage costs of the LEZ scheme and these were based upon the UK method (proposed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA<sup>3</sup>) and that proposed for the EC as part of the CAFÉ programme, the latter accounting for a wider range of health impacts. The benefits of the scheme were calculated at between £200 - 420 million, for the UK and EC methods, respectively. It is notable that the benefits were not solely associated with London but also in the rest of the UK and also that air pollution benefits far outweighed other impacts such as SocioEconomic, noise and road safety.

A number of important features of air quality in London limit the impact that any traffic management project can have and this includes the contribution of ‘other’ sources, mainly long range transport of secondary PM aerosol into London, which dominates the annual mean PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. It is notable that for NO<sub>x</sub> the opposite is true and that the vast majority is from London itself. However it is also notable that trends in PM<sub>10</sub> since 2000 have shown no obvious downward trajectory (Fuller and Green, 2006) and that this is at odds with the emissions inventories which show a gradual decline. The reason for this is not immediately apparent. Some of the methods used to tackle the LEZ were associated with fitting particle filters on vehicles and in doing so the potential to increase the emissions of primary NO<sub>2</sub> were apparent. Primary NO<sub>2</sub> has been the subject of a number of publications (AQEG 2007, Carslaw and Beevers 2004 and 2005) and this knowledge has led to the creation of the first primary NO<sub>2</sub> emissions inventory (NO<sub>2</sub>p) in London.

The monitoring programmes have begun and are based upon the measurement sites of the London Air Quality Network (LAQN) but especially 7 LEZ ‘Supersites’ some of which belong to the LAQN and others which were established for the LEZ. Each site was upgraded with additional monitoring equipment and included species such as particle counts, black carbon measurements, roadside O<sub>3</sub> (for estimating NO<sub>2</sub>p), PM<sub>2.5</sub> and FDMS PM<sub>10</sub>. From these data new source apportionment techniques are being used, including ‘Polar plots’ to identify the source characteristics of the measurements but also the examination of a number of measurement time series. These include Elemental Carbon from aethalometer measurements, speciation of PM including EC/OC, ions and metals as well as statistical analysis of the ‘Supersite’ measurement time series. The latter work is aimed at removing the meteorological signal from the measurements using Generalised Additive Modelling (GAM) techniques and in doing so to identify more clearly the LEZ signal.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/roadusers/lez/LEZ-Health-Impact-Assessment-November-2006.pdf>

In addition use will be made of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data to measure the 'on-road' vehicle stock and use these data within the emissions modelling work to more accurately assess the LEZ impacts. Finally, measurements of Oxidative Potential are being undertaken to look at spatial and temporal differences in the toxicity of PM samples taken during the campaign. To maximise our potential to observe the anticipated decreases in the oxidative potential of ambient PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, in association with altered traffic densities and vehicle mix following the introduction of the LEZ, we established a detailed pre-implementation measurement campaign. This entailed an assessment of the intrinsic oxidizing properties of London PM, with a specific focus on the contribution of traffic derived components. By using a synthetic RTLF model (Mudway et al, 2004) we obtained an integrative summary of the activity of the redox-active components associated with PM, whilst use of a simplified ascorbate only model, with or without metal chelators, enabled us to dissect out the relative contributions of metals and organic radicals to the oxidative signal.

Finally the work undertaken in the LEZ study has opened up a number of opportunities for analysing, not only the impacts of the LEZ in London, but also the benefits of other policies affecting exposure of the population to vehicle emissions. London resembles many international cities in terms of its, population demographics and health status, as well as its ambient PM concentrations. The results arising from this accountability research are therefore of relevance to international public health, and may provide a model for the implementation and analysis other such schemes that will undoubtedly follow.

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# Talk summary

Methods employed to assess the LEZ;

Monitoring of the LEZ;

Additional research in support of the LEZ.



# Motivation for the LEZ

Widespread exceedences of the annual  $\text{NO}_2$  standard in London;

$\text{PM}_{10}$ : Central London roadside  $> 40 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  but widespread exceedence of the  $23 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (R.I.P);

Number of days  $> 50 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  ?? (VCM) (very year dependent)



## Key aims of the LEZ

The first phase of which was introduced successfully on 4 February 2008 (second phase in July 2008);

The LEZ is intended to improve air quality and public health by encouraging improvements to the emissions performance of heavier vehicles (goods vehicles, buses and coaches) travelling in London;

The LEZ is a key part of wider policies being pursued by the Mayor of London as set out in his Air Quality Strategy.

### The aims of monitoring

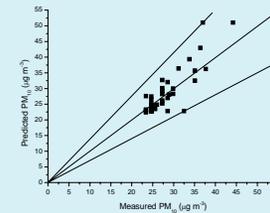
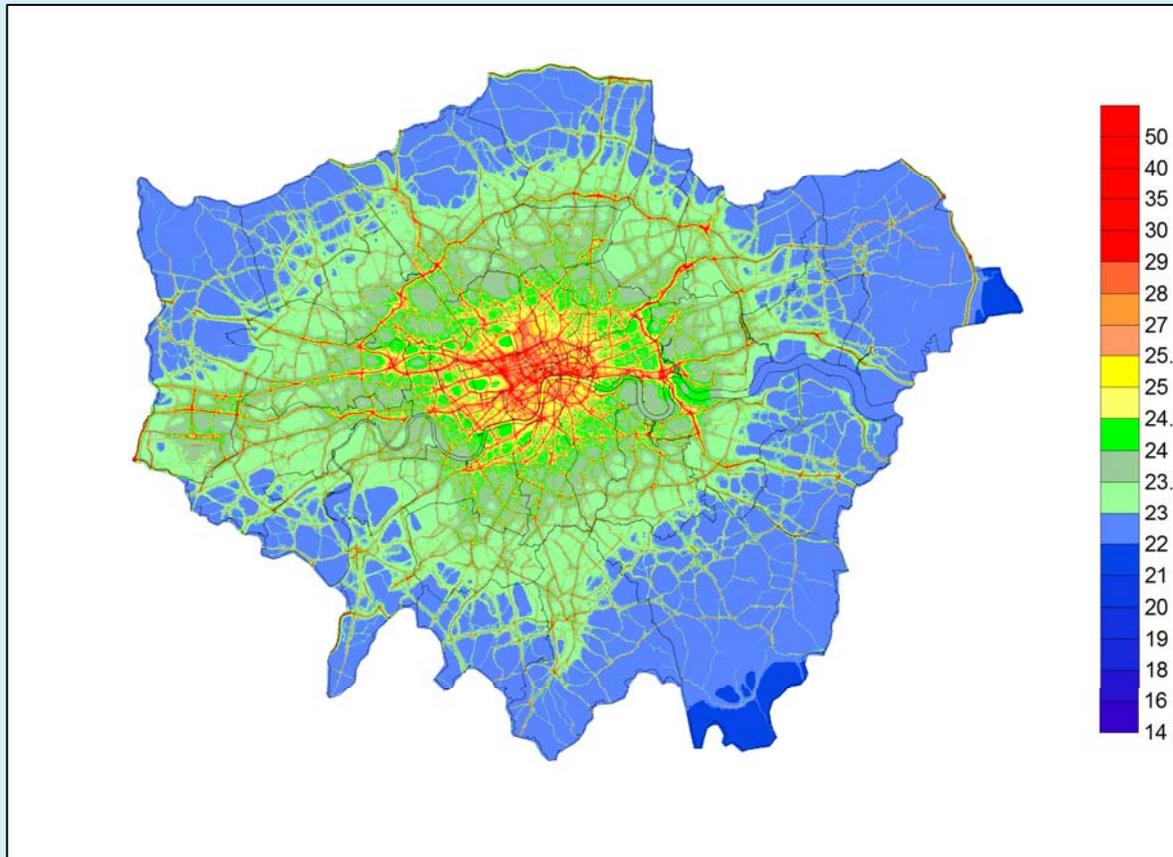
The monitoring work is aimed at characterising the LEZ impacts;

The monitoring should seek to understand as well as simply measure;

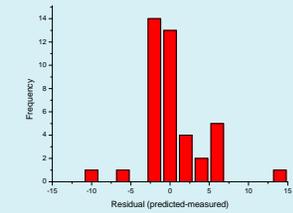
The scope of the monitoring should contribute to wider scientific understanding of the air quality science associated with the scheme.



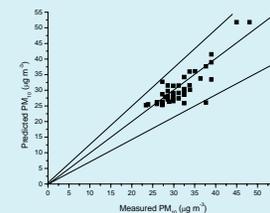
# London PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations and LEZ area.



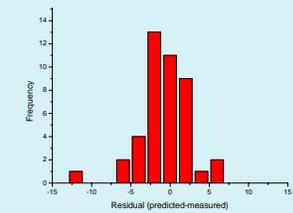
Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> 2003 (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)



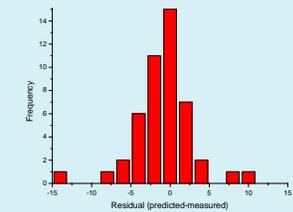
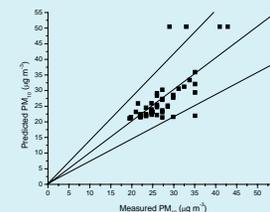
PM<sub>10</sub> residuals (predicted-measured) (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)



Annual Mean PM<sub>10</sub> 2004 (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)



PM<sub>10</sub> residuals (predicted-measured) (µg m<sup>-3</sup>)





# Key implementation dates

	4 February 2008 Euro III for PM 3 January 2012 Euro IV for PM
	7 July 2008 Euro III for PM
	3 January 2012 Euro IV for PM
	4 October 2010 Euro III for PM
	

**From February 2008**, a standard of **Euro III** for particulate matter (PM) for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) over 12 tonnes in weight;

**From July 2008**, a standard of **Euro III** for PM for goods vehicles between 3.5 and 12 tonnes in weight, and for buses and coaches;

**From October 2010**, a standard of **Euro III** for PM for heavier Light Goods Vehicles (LGVs) and minibuses; and

**From January 2012**, the standard will be tightened to **Euro IV** for PM for goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes, buses and coaches

**Penalty:**

£200, (£500 (14days) up to £1000) – HGV’s/Buses

£100, (£250 (14days) up to £500) – LGV’s



## Pollutants to be tackled

PM<sub>10</sub> but also NO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>; PM<sub>2.5</sub>?

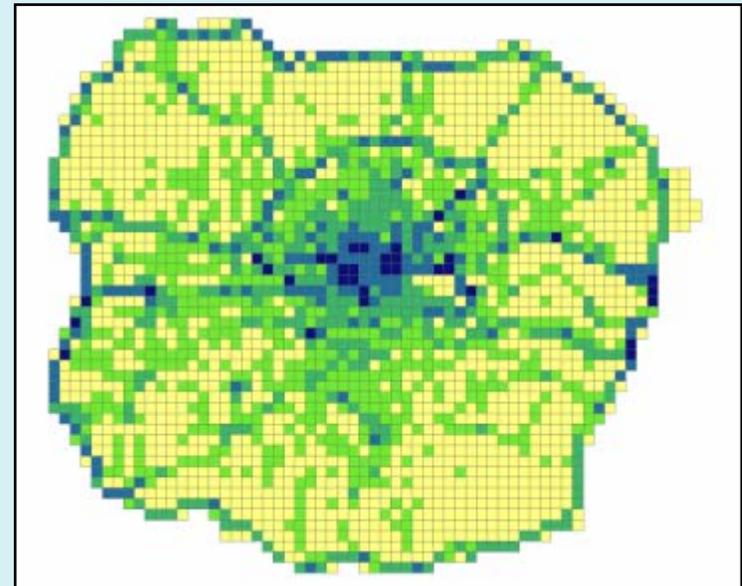
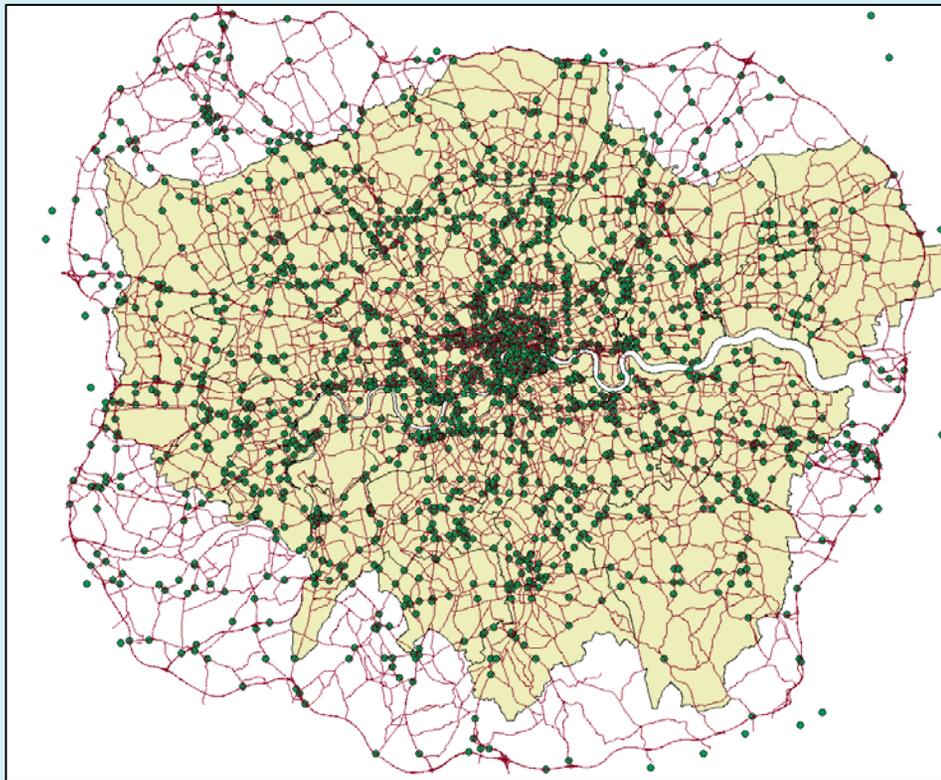
Vehicle fleets are expected to change in different ways:

New engines, replacement with newer vehicles, swapping vehicles within a large fleet across the UK, exhaust technology.

Effects outside London.



# London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) area



Km<sup>2</sup> Exhaust PM<sub>10</sub>  
Rigid HGVs  
(tonnes/annum)

0.000000 - 0.093683
0.093684 - 0.229787
0.229788 - 0.397634
0.397635 - 0.661656
0.661657 - 1.298650



# Features of the road traffic emissions Inventory LAEI

Bottom-up, based upon a large number of traffic counts (11 vehicles types) and speed estimates (floating car);

National and London vehicle stock (bus and taxi);

Speed related emissions factors (Barlow et al., 2001);

16 pollutants:  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{PM}_{10}$ ,  $\text{PM}_{\text{T\&B}}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , Primary  $\text{NO}_2$ ;

Road scale emissions up to M25 plus 1 x 1 km annual totals, cold starts;

Diesel car penetration: 42% of total car sales by 2010;

SRC – 50%  $\text{NO}_x$  reduction, DPF – 95% PM reduction, 0.8% increase in  $\text{CO}_2$  .



# Emissions toolkit – source of LAEI road traffic data

**Controls**

Base year: 2014

**Pollutants**

NOx	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CO2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel use	<input type="checkbox"/>
NM VOC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CH4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhaust PM10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N2O	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhaust PM2.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAH	<input type="checkbox"/>
SO2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyre_brake PM10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benzene	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tyre_brake PM25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1,3 Butadiene	<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary NO2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Major roads table: WE\_detr\_rotating\_census\_hourly\_LEZ5\_Yr2015  
 LTS roads table: WE\_LTS\_hourly\_LEZ5\_Yr2015  
 Minor roads table: WE\_Minor\_roads\_LEZ5\_Yr2015

Vehicle Flows... Vehicle Technology... Vehicle Speed...

**stock : Form**

Area of London to which stock applies: central london

Base year: 2014

Petrol cars Diesel cars Taxis Petrol LGVs Diesel LGVs HGVs Non-LT Buses LT Buses Fleet

Rigid		Articulated	
Old:	0.000	Old:	0.000
pre Euro I:	0.000	pre Euro I:	0.000
Euro I:	0.000	Euro I:	0.000
Euro II:	0.003	Euro II:	0.001
Euro II (CRT):	0.004	Euro II (CRT):	0.003
Euro III:	0.043	Euro III:	0.016
Euro III (CRT):	0.012	Euro III (CRT):	0.007
Euro IV:	0.169	Euro IV:	0.138
Euro V:	0.770	Euro V:	0.836
Euro VI:	0.000	Euro VI:	0.000
LPG:	0.000	LPG:	0.000
CNG:	0.000	CNG:	0.000
Sum:	1.000	Sum:	1.000

**speed : Form**

Area of London to which speed applies: central london

hour 1	1	hour 13	1
hour 2	1	hour 14	1
hour 3	1	hour 15	1
hour 4	1	hour 16	1
hour 5	1	hour 17	1
hour 6	1	hour 18	1
hour 7	1	hour 19	1
hour 8	1	hour 20	1
hour 9	1	hour 21	1
hour 10	1	hour 22	1
hour 11	1	hour 23	1
hour 12	1	hour 24	1



# LAEI 2004/08/10 emissions results

**Mobile sources** – railways, aircraft, ships, motor vehicles;

**Stationary sources** – domestic and commercial gas combustion, boilers, large industrial plant, smaller part B industrial processes etc;

**Other sources** – agriculture/natural, sewage treatment, solvents.

Tonnes/annum	NO <sub>x</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub> (T&B)	NO <sub>x</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub> (T&B)	NO <sub>x</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub> (T&B)
year	2004	2004	2008	2008	2010	2010
Vehicle Emissions	43804	2824 (1025)	33851	2462 (1053)	27054	2184 (1074)
All other sources* (includes Industrial processes and Gas combustion)	44247	1132	small changes	small changes	small changes	small changes

% contribution	Year	motorcycles	cars	taxis	Bus and coaches	LGV	Rigid	Artic
NO <sub>x</sub>	2004	0.3	29.8	2.0	9.4	10.1	21.8	26.6
PM <sub>10</sub>	2004	3.3	40.7	4.4	3.7	20.6	13.4	13.8
CO <sub>2</sub>	2004	0.8	59.1	1.9	4.2	11.0	9.4	13.6

In-Scope	2007	2008
Rigid HGVs	35	27
Artic HGVs	24	17
Coaches	42	35



# Previous LEZ input data processing (source: TfL)

Impact sheet processed to calculate final vehicle stock for every scenario and vehicle type affected by LEZ

2008 EIII for PM10		On Scheme Commencement, Vehicle Becomes:						
Vehicle Standard Prior to Jan 2008		E0	EI	EII	EIII	EII + RPC	EIII + RPC	EIV
<b>HGV (Artic)</b>								
	E0	<b>10.52%</b>	0.00%	0.00%	<b>50.76%</b>	<b>9.58%</b>	0.00%	<b>29.13%</b>
	EI	-	<b>10.52%</b>	0.00%	<b>50.76%</b>	<b>9.58%</b>	0.00%	<b>29.13%</b>
	EII	-	-	<b>10.52%</b>	<b>46.21%</b>	<b>18.69%</b>	0.00%	<b>24.58%</b>
	EIII	-	-	-	<b>100%</b>	0%	0.00%	0.00%
	EII + RPC	-	-	-	-	<b>100%</b>	0.00%	0.00%
	EIII + RPC	-	-	-	-	-	<b>100%</b>	0.00%
	EIV	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>100%</b>



## Forecast LEZ emissions effects NO<sub>x</sub>

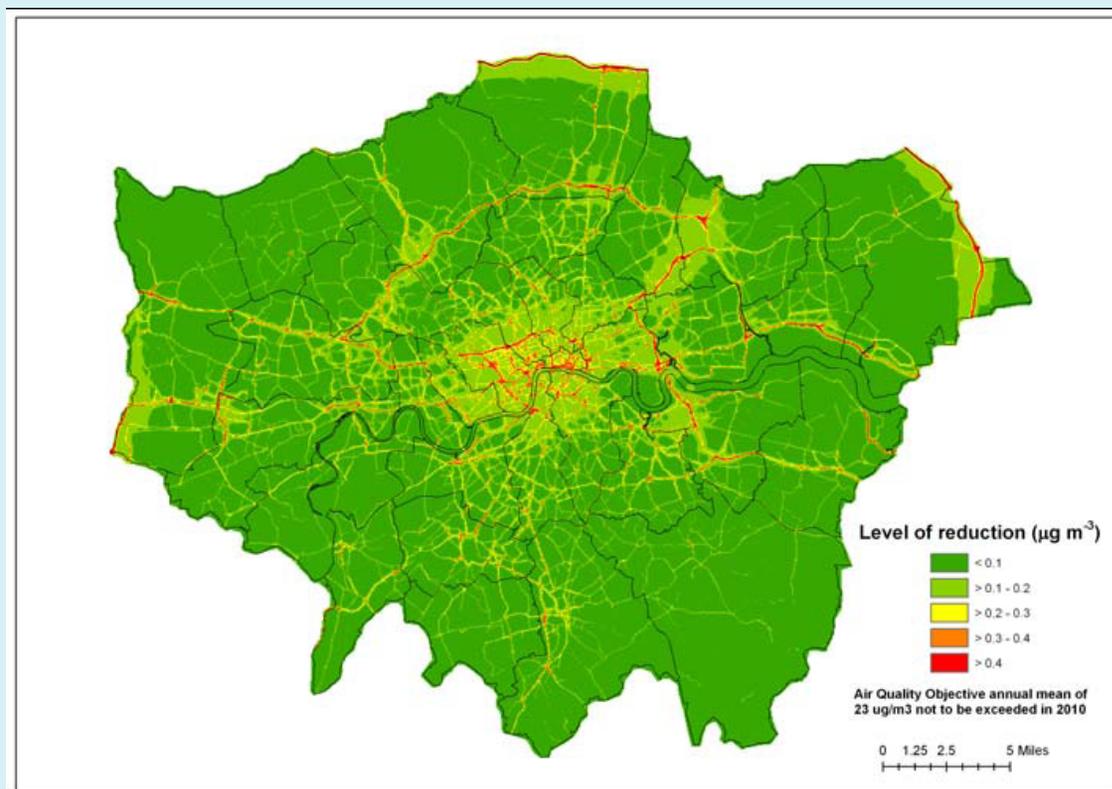
Area*	2008	2010	2012	2015
CCS	24	17	49	21
Inner	210	135	414	166
Outer	491	285	964	380
External	564	228	1047	391
<b>Total</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>2474</b>	<b>957</b>
% emission reduction	3.8%	2.5%	9.8%	4.4%

## Forecast LEZ emissions effects PM<sub>10</sub>

Area*	2008	2010	2012	2015
CCS	1	2	3	1
Inner	12	14	26	9
Outer	25	29	57	19
External	25	20	54	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>47</b>
% emission reduction	2.6%	2.9%	6.6%	2.3%



## Reductions in PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations in 2012 as a result of the introduction of the LEZ





## Proportion of Borough population in exceedence areas (pre-LEZ), and reduction in population in exceedence areas post possible LEZ implementation in 2008 (AEA, 2006)

Borough	Annual mean NO <sub>2</sub> > 40 ug/m <sup>3</sup>			Annual mean PM <sub>10</sub> > 23 ug/m <sup>3</sup>			No. of days > 50 ug/m <sup>3</sup> daily mean PM <sub>10</sub>		
	% popn exc. 40 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Popn exc. 40 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	% reduction in exc. popn	% popn exc. 23 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	Popn exc. 23 ug/m <sup>3</sup>	% reduction in exc. popn	% popn exc. 10 days	Popn exc. 10 days	% reduction in exc. popn
Barking and Dagenham	1.2%	2,116	18.7%	1.6%	2,705	10.8%	0.9%	1,576	4.9%
Barnet	5.5%	18,025	10.2%	4.3%	13,925	5.1%	2.8%	9,174	5.0%
Bexley	1.5%	3,355	10.5%	1.6%	3,652	7.7%	0.9%	1,959	15.3%
Brent	10.4%	28,610	10.7%	4.4%	11,938	8.7%	2.4%	6,646	10.4%
Bromley	0.3%	829	17.4%	0.5%	1,646	3.7%	0.3%	790	11.6%
Camden	53.5%	110,124	7.3%	20.6%	42,512	5.4%	10.8%	22,337	3.3%
City of London	100.0%	7,448	0.0%	49.8%	3,712	4.0%	34.6%	2,581	10.5%
Croydon	4.4%	15,028	10.1%	3.1%	10,659	9.7%	1.6%	5,595	13.8%
Ealing	11.7%	36,500	7.8%	6.9%	21,640	4.8%	4.2%	13,207	7.5%
Enfield	3.7%	10,654	10.0%	4.2%	12,036	6.8%	3.1%	8,957	2.6%
Greenwich	6.8%	15,161	10.3%	4.8%	10,794	5.9%	3.1%	6,863	7.3%
Hackney	23.3%	49,221	11.6%	7.4%	15,622	9.7%	3.9%	8,151	12.1%
Hammersmith and Fulham	32.2%	55,372	8.7%	10.5%	17,988	6.5%	6.3%	10,324	7.1%
Haringey	8.4%	18,909	11.5%	4.1%	9,257	8.3%	2.2%	4,984	9.8%
Harrow	0.4%	911	19.0%	0.8%	1,724	12.3%	0.3%	540	13.2%
Havering	0.5%	1,137	12.5%	0.9%	2,124	6.8%	0.5%	1,059	4.3%
Hillingdon	3.3%	8,376	8.9%	2.5%	6,199	5.9%	1.4%	3,573	6.3%
Hounslow	5.3%	11,746	10.8%	5.6%	12,328	5.4%	3.6%	7,997	7.7%
Islington	50.7%	92,775	9.5%	11.3%	20,700	7.0%	6.1%	11,242	5.2%
Kensington and Chelsea	89.9%	148,648	4.9%	23.3%	38,490	3.7%	15.7%	26,010	2.6%
Kingston upon Thames	2.4%	3,696	5.8%	3.6%	5,462	6.8%	2.4%	3,665	6.2%
Lambeth	30.7%	85,111	12.1%	9.8%	27,115	6.7%	5.7%	15,746	7.6%
Lewisham	9.6%	24,740	10.1%	5.0%	12,936	9.3%	2.9%	7,500	11.6%
Merton	6.5%	12,753	13.5%	2.9%	5,707	10.6%	1.7%	3,272	4.0%
Newham	10.3%	26,197	12.2%	3.8%	9,569	11.4%	2.0%	5,086	3.7%
Redbridge	4.3%	10,777	10.6%	3.7%	9,074	4.1%	2.1%	5,330	5.0%
Richmond upon Thames	2.4%	4,329	9.1%	3.5%	6,206	7.1%	2.4%	4,352	5.4%
Southwark	35.3%	89,936	9.0%	12.6%	32,111	6.0%	6.9%	17,508	4.2%
Sutton	0.5%	947	31.5%	1.4%	2,538	12.7%	0.6%	1,148	13.2%
Tower Hamlets	23.4%	47,668	12.3%	12.1%	24,689	5.1%	8.8%	17,859	5.7%
Waltham Forest	20.6%	46,832	8.4%	4.4%	9,963	6.0%	2.7%	6,048	9.1%
Wandsworth	25.2%	68,307	11.1%	6.3%	17,107	5.9%	3.8%	10,264	8.3%
Westminster	93.4%	176,042	2.2%	38.7%	72,939	5.7%	20.9%	39,394	6.4%



## Health Impacts ( $\text{NO}_2$ and $\text{PM}_{10}$ )\*

Two approaches were used for quantifying health effects :

New Defra methodology, as developed for the Defra UK Air Quality Strategy Review (AQSR), and published by the IGCB (the Inter-Department Group on Costs and Benefits) in April (IGCB 2006, COMEAP).

An alternative, the European Commission part of the Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) programme, a much wider range of health impacts (morbidity).

DEFRA – 5200 years of life gained, 43 respiratory and cardiovascular hospital admissions avoided.

EU – additionally: 310,000 cases of lower respiratory symptoms, 30,000 cases of respiratory medication and 231,000 restricted activity days avoided.

DEFRA discounted benefits: £200 million.

EC Café CBA analysis: £420 million.

Not just in London (central London saw greatest benefits).

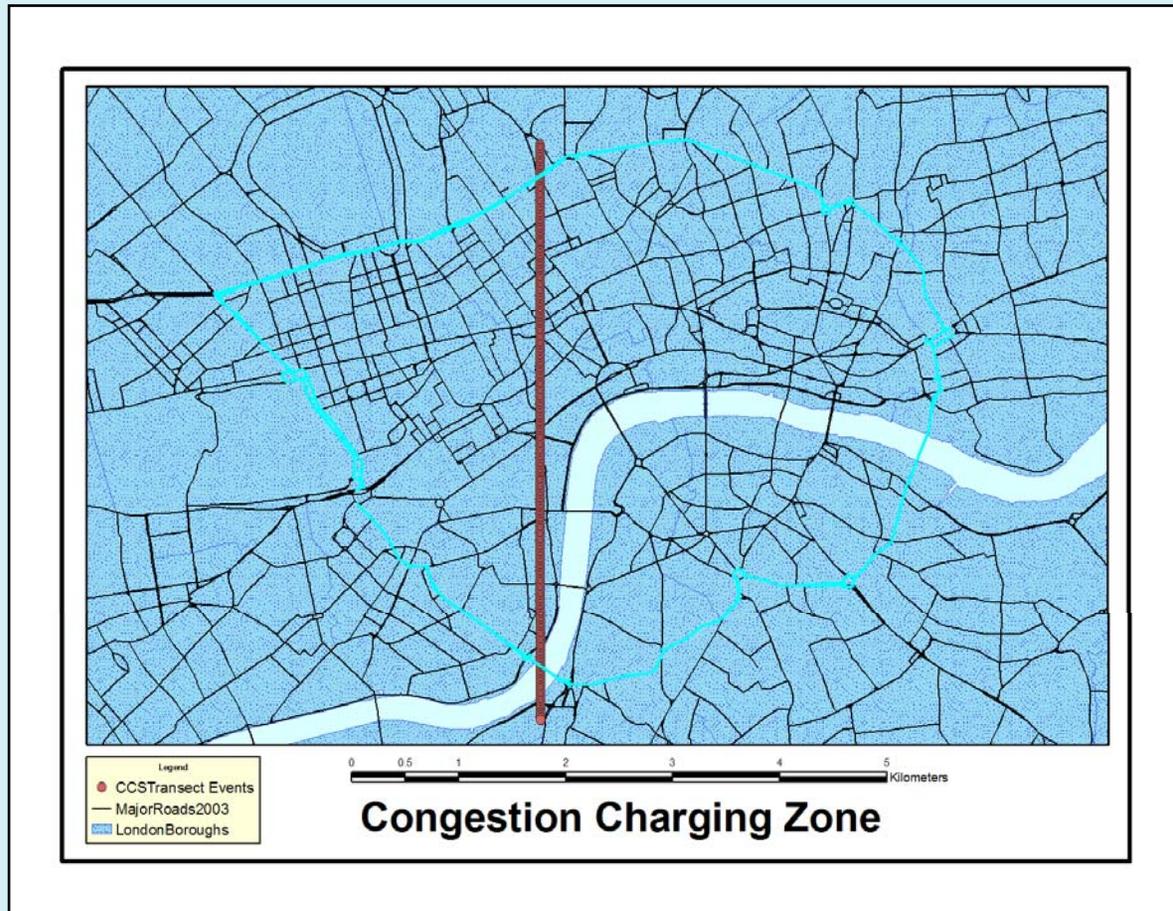
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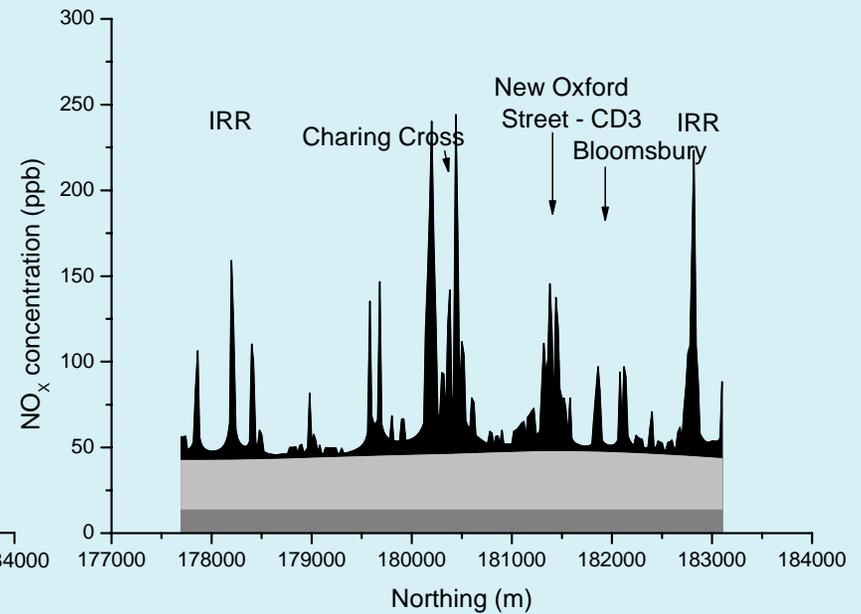
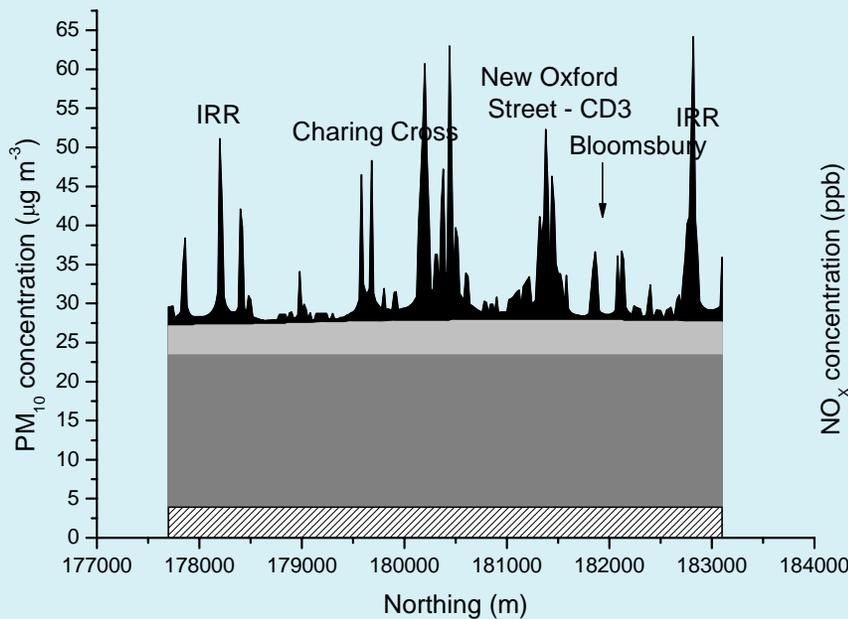


## Transect location





# Model output PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> – by source type



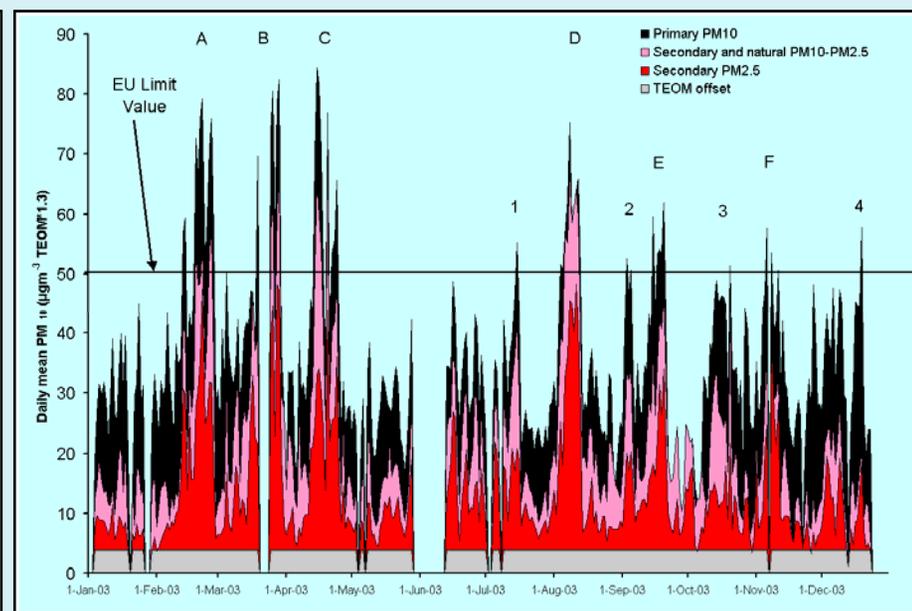
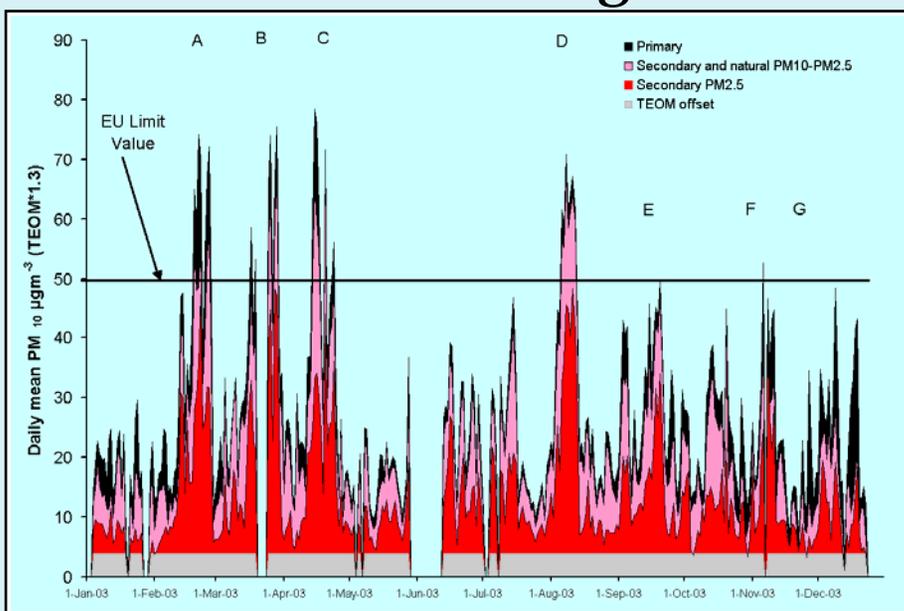
Dark grey – rural, light grey – London background sources, black – roadside.

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# PM<sub>10</sub> Source Apportionment Inner London Background

# Inner London Roadside



Using PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> measurements divided into three source components: *primary emissions* (associated with NO<sub>x</sub>), *secondary aerosol* (mainly the PM<sub>2.5</sub> not associated with NO<sub>x</sub>) and *natural particles* (the PM<sub>10</sub>-PM<sub>2.5</sub> component not associated with NO<sub>x</sub>).

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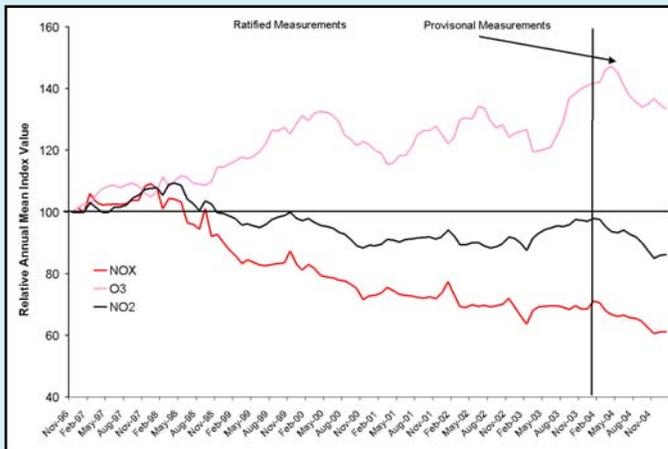
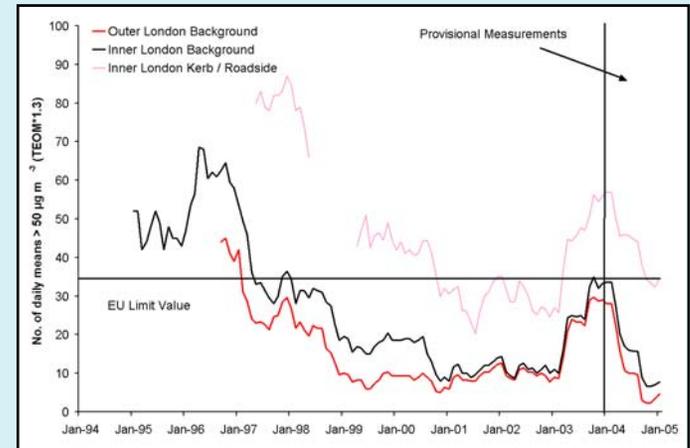
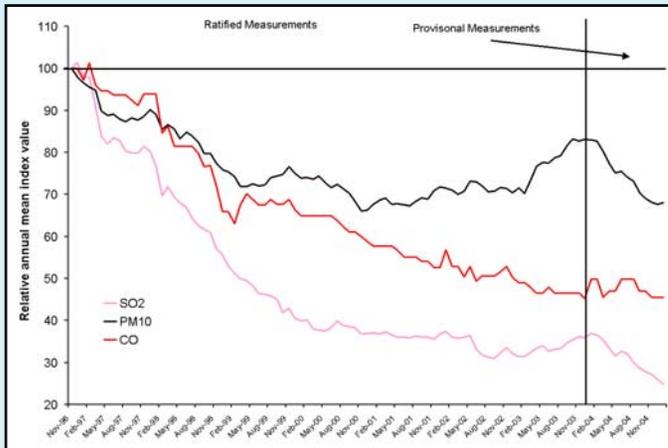
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# Air Quality trends in London





# NO<sub>2</sub> primary trends in London (AQEG, NO<sub>2</sub>)

Table 1 NO<sub>2</sub> : NO<sub>x</sub> ratios (%) for different vehicle classes

Vehicle category	Motorcycles	Petrol Cars	Diesel Cars	HGV	Bus	<u>Petrol LGVs</u>	<u>Diesel LGVs</u>
Pre Euro1	0.04	0.04 <sup>1</sup>	0.105 <sup>2</sup>	0.14 <sup>1</sup>	0.175 <sup>1</sup>	0.04	0.22 <sup>1</sup>
Euro 1	0.04	0.04	0.105	0.14	0.175	0.04	0.22
Euro 2	0.04	0.04	0.105	0.14	0.175	0.04	0.22
Euro 3	0.04	0.04	<u>speed related (0.2 to 0.4)<sup>3</sup></u>	0.14	0.175	0.04	<u>speed related (0.2 to 0.4)<sup>3</sup></u>
Euro 4+	0.04	0.04	<u>speed related (0.2 to 0.4)</u>	0.14	0.175	0.04	<u>speed related (0.2 to 0.4)<sup>3</sup></u>
Oxidation Catalyst	-	-	<u>speed related (0.2 to 0.4)</u>	-	0.35 <sup>3</sup>	-	-
Particle trap	-	-	0.23	0.48 <sup>3</sup>	0.4 <sup>3</sup>	-	0.23
Selective catalytic reduction	-	-	-	-	0.4 <sup>3</sup>	-	-

1 (Latham et.al, 2001), 2 (Richards et. al, 2002), 3 (D Carshaw, personal comm.)



## Validation using LAQN measurements

Based on individual data from 37 measurements sites, a multiple regression has been used to estimate the mean primary NO<sub>2</sub> for different vehicle types.

The regression links the estimated NO<sub>2</sub> concentration due to primary NO<sub>2</sub> with the estimated concentration of NO<sub>x</sub> due to different vehicle types. The latter has been estimated using the NO<sub>x</sub> emission estimates provided by ERG expressed as a fraction of the NO<sub>x</sub> concentration estimate above background.

The following model was obtained:

$$[\text{NO}_2]_{\text{primary}} = 0.39 (\pm 0.02) [\text{NO}_x]_{\text{buses}} + 0.12 (\pm 0.05) [\text{NO}_x]_{\text{HGVs}} + 0.18 (\pm 0.05) [\text{NO}_x]_{\text{cars+LGVs}} - 1.35 (\pm 0.76)$$

This suggests primary NO<sub>2</sub> values of around 39% for buses, 12% for HGVs and 18% for cars and LGVs considered together.

*Reference:* Carslaw, D. C., Beevers, S. D., Bell, M. C. 2006. Risks of exceeding the hourly EU limit value for nitrogen dioxide resulting from increased road transport emissions primary nitrogen dioxide, Atmospheric Environment "in press"



# NO<sub>2</sub> primary trends in London

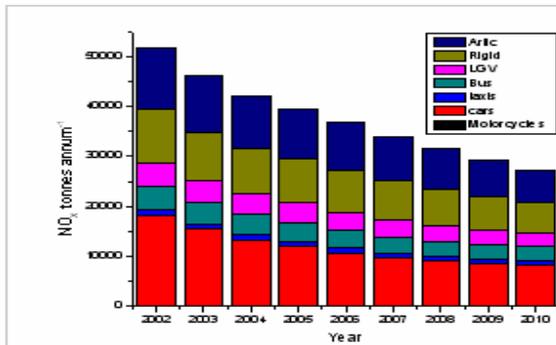


Figure 1 Total NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in London by vehicle type

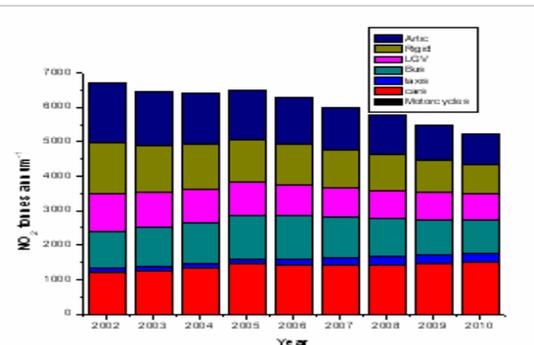


Figure 2 Total NO<sub>2</sub> emissions in London by vehicle type

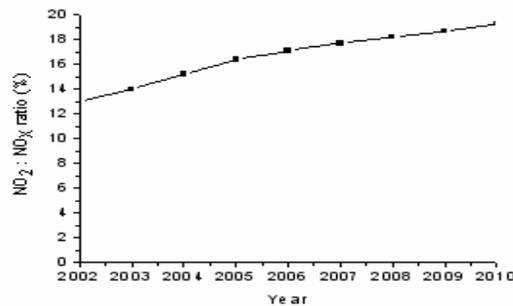


Figure 3 The percentage NO<sub>2</sub> to NO<sub>x</sub> ratio for all vehicle types.

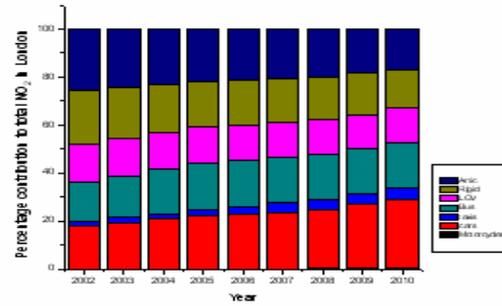


Figure 4 The percentage contribution to total London NO<sub>2</sub> emissions by vehicle type



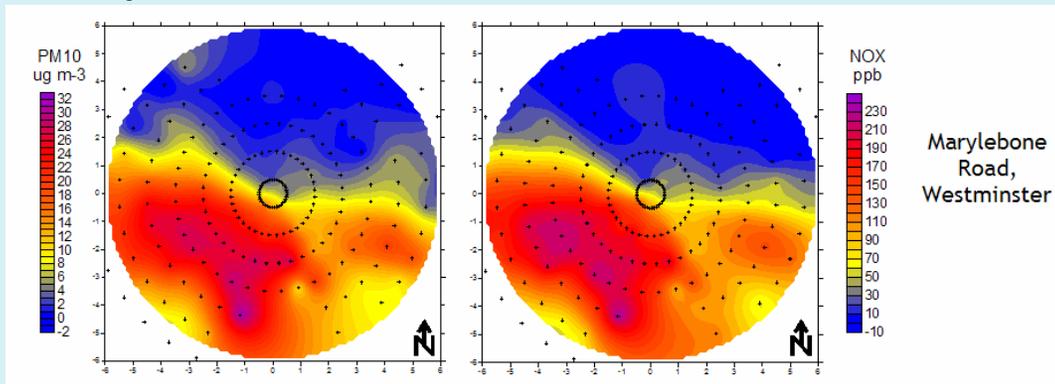
## New LEZ supersites

Site code	Site name, borough and location	Parameters monitored
MY1	Marylebone Road, Westminster, Central London	TEOM PM <sub>10</sub> , FDMS PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , P <sub>NUM</sub> , BC, NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , Hydrocarbons, meteorology
HK6	Old Street, Hackney, Central London	TEOM PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub>
BX8	A206 Cray, Bexley, East London	FDMS PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , meteorology
GR8	Westthorne Avenue (A2 / South Circular Interchange), Greenwich, South East London	FDMS PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , meteorology
GR9	Woolwich Flyover (A2), Greenwich, South East London	TEOM PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>
BT4	North Circular (Ikea), Brent, North West London	TEOM PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , P <sub>NUM</sub> , BC, meteorology
TH4	Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach, Tower Hamlets, East London	FDMS PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , P <sub>NUM</sub> , BC, NO <sub>x</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , meteorology

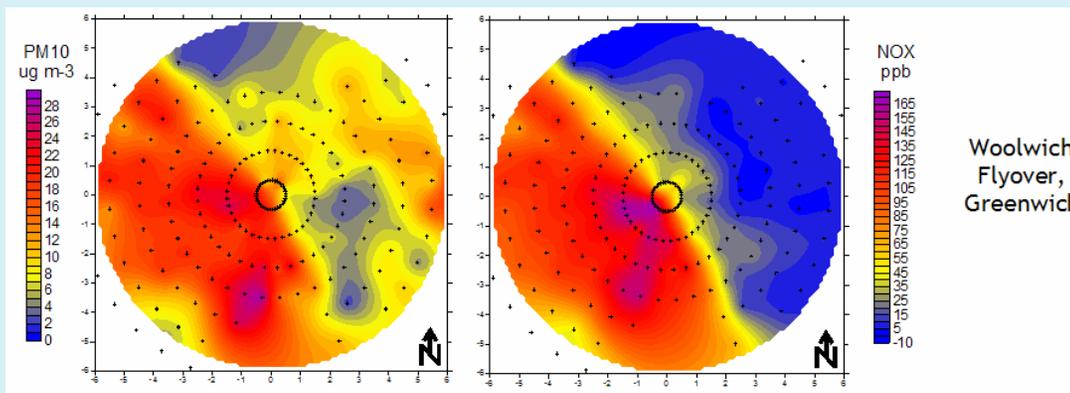
Note that all sites also have continuous automatic traffic counters, periodic manual classified traffic counts and ANPR camera sampling of Euro Class profiles.



# LEZ supersite details – polar plots Marylebone Rd, Westminster



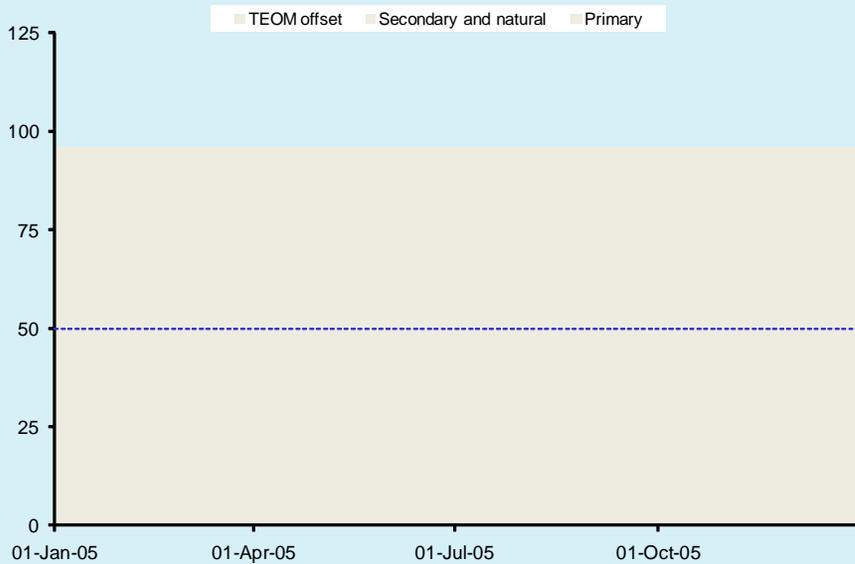
# Woolwich flyover, Greenwich



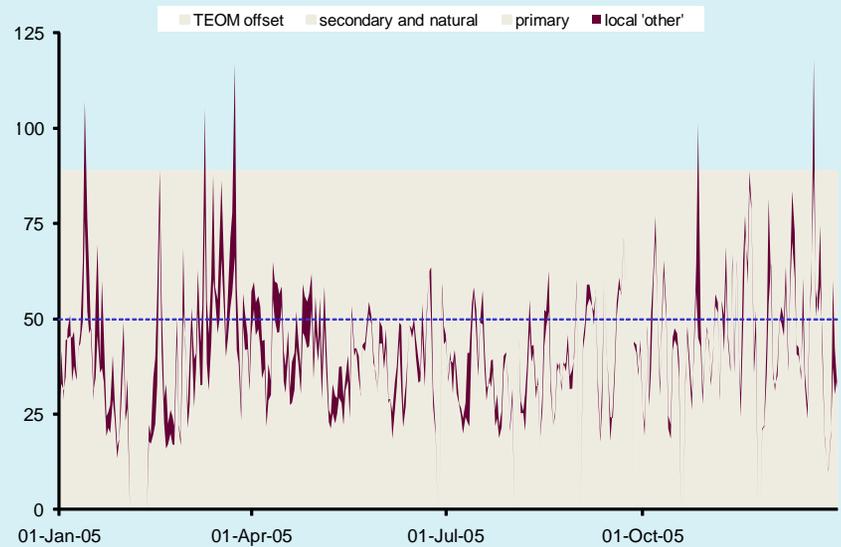


# LEZ supersite details

## Marylebone Rd, Westminster



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# Monitoring and future work

## 1. Examining the historical concentration of Elemental Carbon in London

Studies such as Fuller and Green (2004) and Harrison et al (2008) have highlighted that PM concentrations are not reducing as forecast by emission inventories and there is evidence that PM from primary sources is increasing. However, there is a lack of historic speciation measurements with which to identify the causes, although the situation has improved somewhat in the last year. King's are accessing the archive of  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  samples from a kerbside and a background site from 2000 onwards for analysis using a lab based aethalometer. This will provide a measurement of the changes in elemental carbon over time to help to identify the sources of  $PM_{10}$  in London. This will allow reductions in PM from the LEZ to be placed in context of other changes in PM source and composition.

## 2. Chemical Speciation at LEZ Supersites

Daily samples of  $PM_{10}$  will be made for 2 30 day campaigns (summer and winter) at Tower Hamlets 4 and Brent 4. Chemical components will be measured (EC/OC, ions, metals). Harrison's method of pragmatic mass closure (2003, 2008) will be used to assess the chemical components of  $PM_{10}$ .

3. Removing the met. signal from time series measurements using GAM modelling methods to remove the inter annual variability and potentially other non-LEZ signals.



# Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) data

100 sites across a range of road types

Data taken at monthly intervals

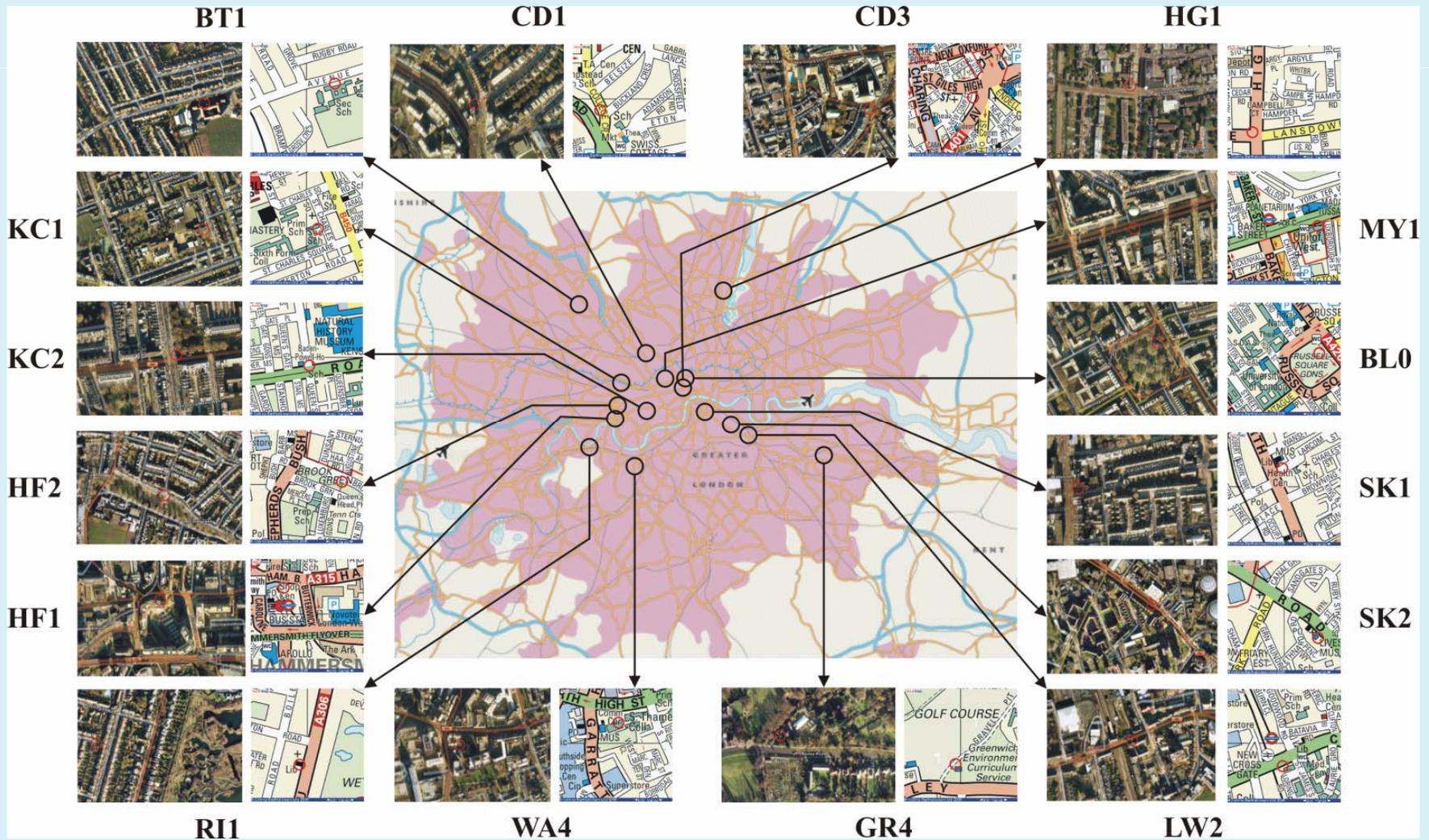
High capture rates

Compare with the DVLA (SMMT) database

To find:

Scheme compliance via background stock change and acceleration of the change closer to the LEZ start date.

# Within-City Spatial Variation in OP





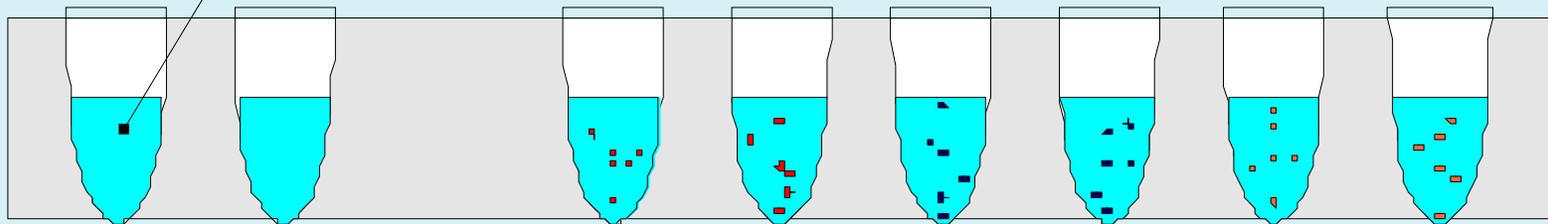
# Particle Exposure Model

Spike with Conc.  
Antioxidant Solution



200 $\mu$ M AA/UA/GSH  
(pH 7.4)

37 $^{\circ}$ C



0h 4h

Control

0h 4h

Carbon  
black

0h 4h

ROFA

0h 4h

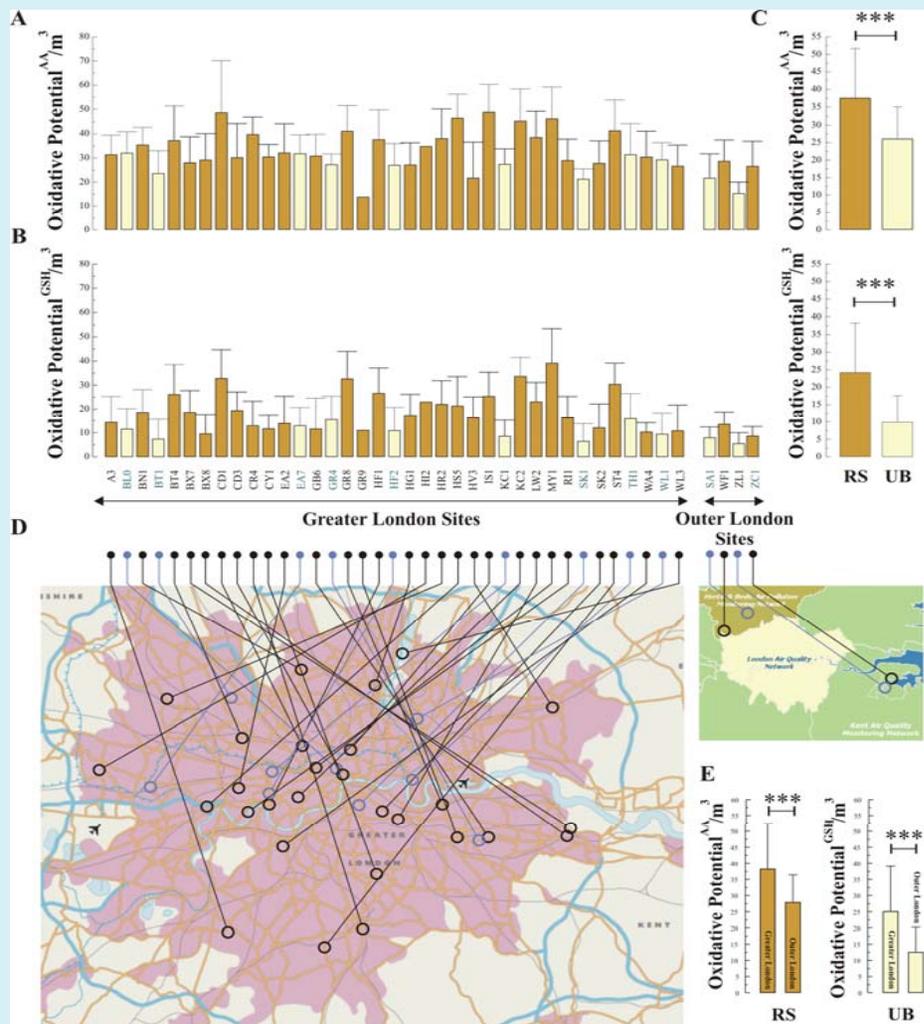
PM<sub>2.5&10</sub>

All incubations at 50 $\mu$ g/ml



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## Future air pollution predictions

Future  $\text{NO}_x$  contributions from outside London were scaled from the 2003 base using (NAEI). These show that  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions will decrease between 2000 and 2010 by 25% and 2000 and 2020 by 34% (AQEG  $\text{NO}_2$ , 2004).

The future concentration of  $\text{PM}_{10}$  from secondary sources is expected to reduce due to the reduction in the emissions of precursor pollutants under the Gothenburg Protocol. Factors for future concentrations of nitrate and sulphate  $\text{PM}_{10}$  were reported in Stedman et al. (2000) for 1997 to 2010 and were weighted for both the relative ambient concentration of each component and for the TEOM sensitivity to nitrate aerosols (Allen et al 1997). Weighted factors indicate a reduction of approximately 30 % in the concentration of secondary  $\text{PM}_{10}$  between 2002 and 2010.  $\text{PM}_{10}$  from natural sources is not expected to change.

Direct  $\text{NO}_2$  from emissions inventory.