



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 2 March 2010

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking (part meeting) Mr P Finnegan (part meeting) Mrs A Hughes Mr B Wright Mr D Nation (substituting for W Brown)
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr R Adams (part meeting) Mr J Downes (part meeting) Mrs M Squires (MDDC) (part meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Maggs
	MDDC Officers	2
	Public	0
	Press	2

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

91. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Letch (personal), Brown (Council business) and Connell (ill health). In accordance with Standing Order 29, written notice had been received from Councillor Brown appointing Councillor Nation as his substitute for the meeting.

92. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillors Nation, Wright and Way	As a member of more than one authority, declared that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
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93. Presentation by MDDC Environmental Health Officers

The Lead Officer for Environmental Protection provided an update and information on Air Quality in Credition (presentation notes appended). The MDDC Environmental Health Manager continued by providing a progress report, highlighting the successful and not so successful aspects of the Air Quality Management Plan:

- low emissions and planning policies were being developed
- expected reductions in emissions through improvements in public transport – town bus services
- smoke free and warm zone grants
- working with local businesses to reduce vehicle and industrial emissions
- increased take-up of bus passes
- investigating and implementing latest emission standards
- difficulties and delays with proposed link road
- difficulties in implementing traffic management practices

There was an increased need to look at changes and ways of moving forward including ways of informing the developing local transport plan (LTP3) with fresh impetus and action. The Steering Group meets on a 3 monthly cycle and would welcome any ideas or initiatives from the local community, including the Town Council.

Councillors Squires (MDDC), Downes and Adams arrived.

Following the presentation, it was agreed that the specific agenda item on this subject be brought forward to facilitate discussion, permit questions and give MDDC officers an opportunity to leave.

94. Air Quality *(for discussion and recommendation)*

Brought forward agenda item 11.

Councillor Squires (MDDC) left the meeting.

MDDC officers answered questions from members detailing some of the points covered in the presentation:

- importance of the link road and traffic management issues in the reduction of pollutants
- strategic importance of influencing LTP3 (Local Transport Plan)
- importance of disseminating information and encouraging local interest

The officers would be delighted to accept an invitation from the Council to attend an exhibition at the Annual Town Meeting.

95. Public Question Time

None

96. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

None.

It was agreed that agenda item 13 would be brought forward, immediately after Planning.

97. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 December 2009 were received and approved as a correct record.

98. Planning

Councillors Brookes-Hocking and Way left the meeting.

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted.

b) *Planning Applications*

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 2 March 2010*

None.

99. May Day Celebrations *(for discussion and recommendation)*

Brought forward agenda item 13.

After a brief explanation on the value and need to make full use of the Town Square, especially for important calendar events (May Day), it was agreed to recommend that the Town Council sponsors a May Day celebration up to the value of £300 provided sufficient volunteer support is made available.

Councillor Downes to progress matters and report to next meeting (Council).

Councillors Downes and Finnegan left the meeting.

100. Allotments

a) *Clerk's Report*

Nothing of significance to report.

Two vacancies recently filled. Currently no vacant plots. Approximately 50 people on combined waiting lists.

It was agreed that Councillor Adams would turn on the water supply once the risk of frost had reduced.

b) *Matters raised by Tenants*

1. Plot 28a Exhibition Road

Councillor Adams agreed to investigate and report to the next meeting (GP).

2. Plot 12 Exhibition Road

It was agreed to transfer ownership as requested.

101. Floral Crediton

The Clerk reported that, in view of the urgency, a revised planting scheme (details provided to members) had been submitted to MDDC and the plant suppliers. With the Chairman's support, a slightly reduced planting scheme had been arranged to accommodate the reduction in the annual allocation. However, careful management in the previous year had resulted in a small surplus which had been used to reduce the impact of the overall cut in expenditure for this item.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Floral Crediton Working Group would be arranged to advise on the positioning of planters for this year and start preparation for the next season.

102. Property

a) *Noticeboards*

Deferred to next meeting (GP) following prior agreement with sponsoring member (Councillor Way).

b) *Dog Waste Bin*

Following a request from a member of the public for a dog litter bin at Four Mills Lane, it was agreed that Councillor Wright would liaise with MDDC officers and report to next meeting (GP).

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

103. Air Quality

See Minute 94 above.

104. Out of Hours Pharmacy Service

The decision of the Devon Primary Care Trust was noted. Members agreed that, under the circumstances and bearing in mind the considerable cost saving to the PCT, there would be no benefit in disputing the decision to award a contract to the new superstore.

105. May Day Celebrations

See Minute 99 above.

106. Peoples Park Road Pavement

Following a letter from a local resident, it was agreed that, despite sympathising with the problems, very little of constructive (cost effective) use could be done to alleviate the situation due to the topography of Peoples Park and the constricted road layout. The matter was primarily an issue for the Highway Authority and the Clerk was asked to forward the letter to the appropriate officer. In the meantime, it was hoped that the recently reconvened Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Gardens Working Group would look again at the issue of accessibility.

107. Town Council Insurance

The Clerk reported on the need to increase the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance – an important element of the Town Council's insurance policy. Members were supplied with a completed copy of the application form containing the Clerk's recommendation.

It was agreed to recommend that the fidelity guarantee be increase to £115,000, pending receipt of an acceptable quotation. The Clerk to action and report to the next available meeting.

108. Correspondence Received

1. Mrs Robinson, Morchard Bishop - letter and associated MDDC correspondence on parking penalty charge. Chairman's reply was read out.
2. MDDC - reply to CTC letter on Armistice Day Ceremony 2009.
3. Crediton Bowling Club - annual opening invitation to Chairman.
4. DAPC - Larger Councils Sub Committee minutes for 18 February. Congratulations to Councillor Brookes-Hocking on being elected Vice Chairman of LCSC.
5. DCC - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic:
 - Salmon Pool Level Crossing - 5 May - 0800 to 1500
 - Dean Street - 1 July to 7 July - 0800 to 1800
6. Mr D Cann - historic fencing on Crediton approach roads - agenda item at Council.
7. East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership - Annual Conference - 21 April, Broadclyst.
8. MDDC - Motion for Council meeting 24 February on Crediton link road.
9. NALC - February e-bulletin.

Information

1. SLCC - Larger Councils Conference - 22 April - Nottingham.
2. SLCC - letter on membership benefit scheme - discounted products.
3. Energy Saving Trust - promotion scheme for community energy saving projects.

Business Brought Forward

109. Produce Market

Members were asked for assistance with manning the Town Council stand at the next produce market. Members to contact Councillor Nation.

110. Tesco Express Loading Bay

It was reported that loading times were restricted, in response to complaints about noise, to the following:

Not before 7.00 Monday to Friday, not before 8.00 Saturday and not before 9.00 on Sunday.

111. Childrens' Centre

The Centre would be happy to receive copies of the Town Guide and Town Council Newsletters.

112. Four Mills Lane

No response had been received from DCC following Council representations on Four Mills Lane. Councillor Hughes and Brown to pursue.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:30.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

Air Quality in Crediton



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Mid Devon District Council

Content

- Local Air Quality Management
 - Reviewing and Assessing Air Quality
 - Air Quality Management Areas
 - Outcomes for Crediton
- Air quality monitoring in Crediton – what, where and why
- Monitoring results and modelling results
- Reasons for poor quality and sources of pollution
- Crediton Air Quality Action Plan
- Progress to date and new measures

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM)

- Legal requirement of all local authorities introduced by Environment Act 1995
- Requires LA's to:
“...from time to time assess the air quality in its area...”
- Relatively complex cyclical process of on-going review and assessment of outside (ambient) air quality by monitoring, modelling and technical judgement
- Requires seven specific pollutants to be assessed
- Technical Guidance (published by Defra)
- Focus on locations where air quality most likely to be poor and where there is relevant exposure
- Compare concentrations of specific pollutants against national UK Air Quality Objectives

The LAQM Process

- Every three-years complete a thorough review of air quality in the district – all pollutants and potential ‘hot-spot’ locations (Updating and Screening Assessment – USA)
- Every year in between USA’s complete a Progress Report which deals with changes
- Supported by on-going network of air quality monitoring
- If at anytime a risk of exceeding an Air Quality Objective is identified then must carry out a Detailed Assessment
- Detailed Assessment is just that – a more detailed analysis of air quality at a specific location to confirm if there is a problem, and then:
- Legally required to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and produce an Action Plan containing measures to pursue improvements

LAQM Outcomes in Crediton

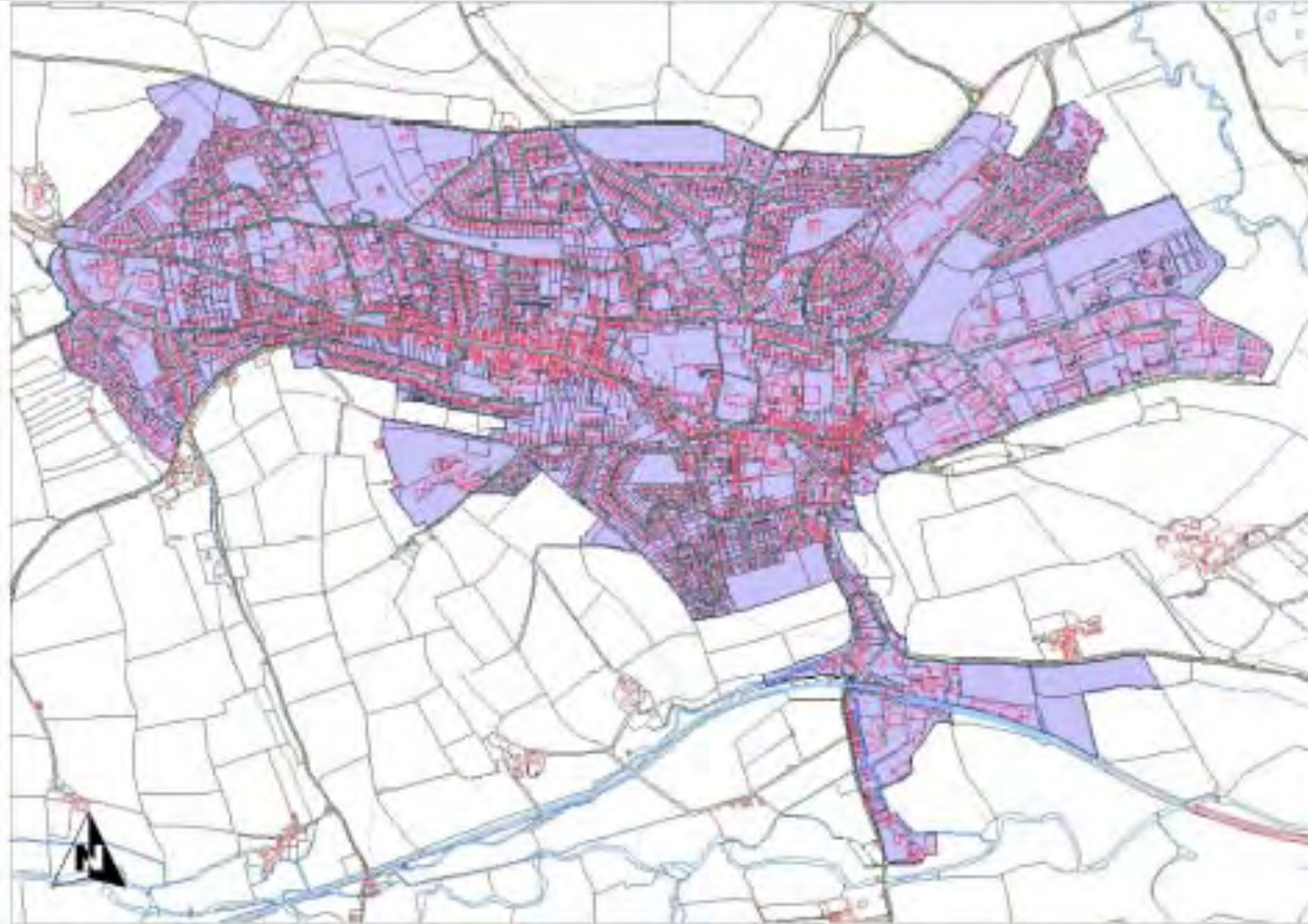
- More comprehensive monitoring network for the town commissioned in 2003
- Detailed Assessment completed leading to designation of an Air Quality Management Area which came into effect December 2004
 - Nitrogen dioxide in the High Street (exceedances of annual mean objective)
 - Nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter in Exeter Road (exceedances of annual mean objective NO₂ and daily mean objective for PM₁₀)

Air Quality Action Plan agreed and published June 2006

- 31 Measures
- High impact/cost measures include Lords Meadow Link Road and traffic management in High Street
- Developed in conjunction with the Crediton Air Quality Steering Group



Crediton AQMA



- Encompasses whole town for action planning purposes

Crediton Air Quality Monitoring

Diffusion Tube measures Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) providing a monthly average



Automatic Monitoring Station measures Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Particulates (PM₁₀) providing real-time hourly averages (24/7/365)

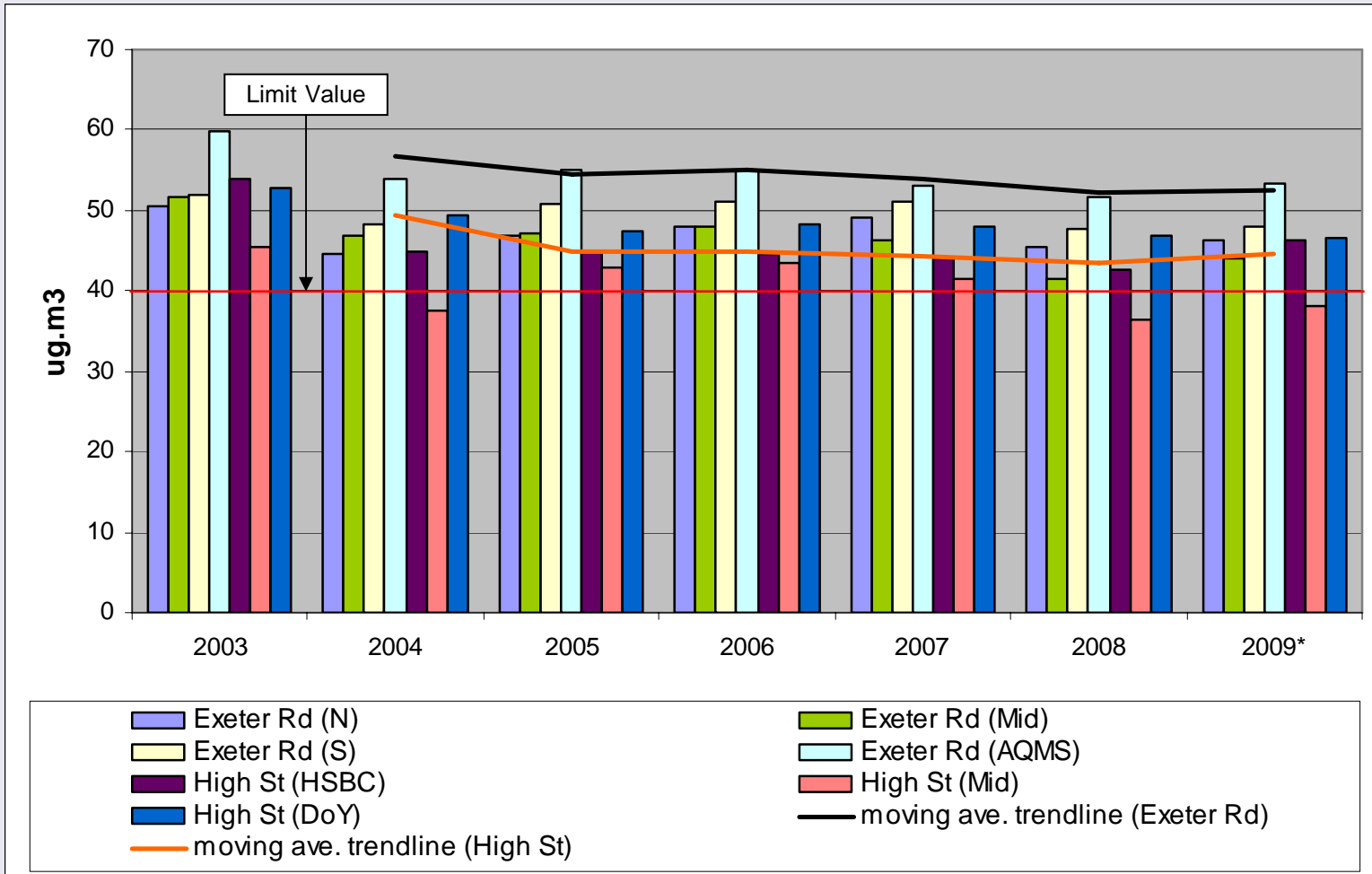


Crediton Air Quality Monitoring



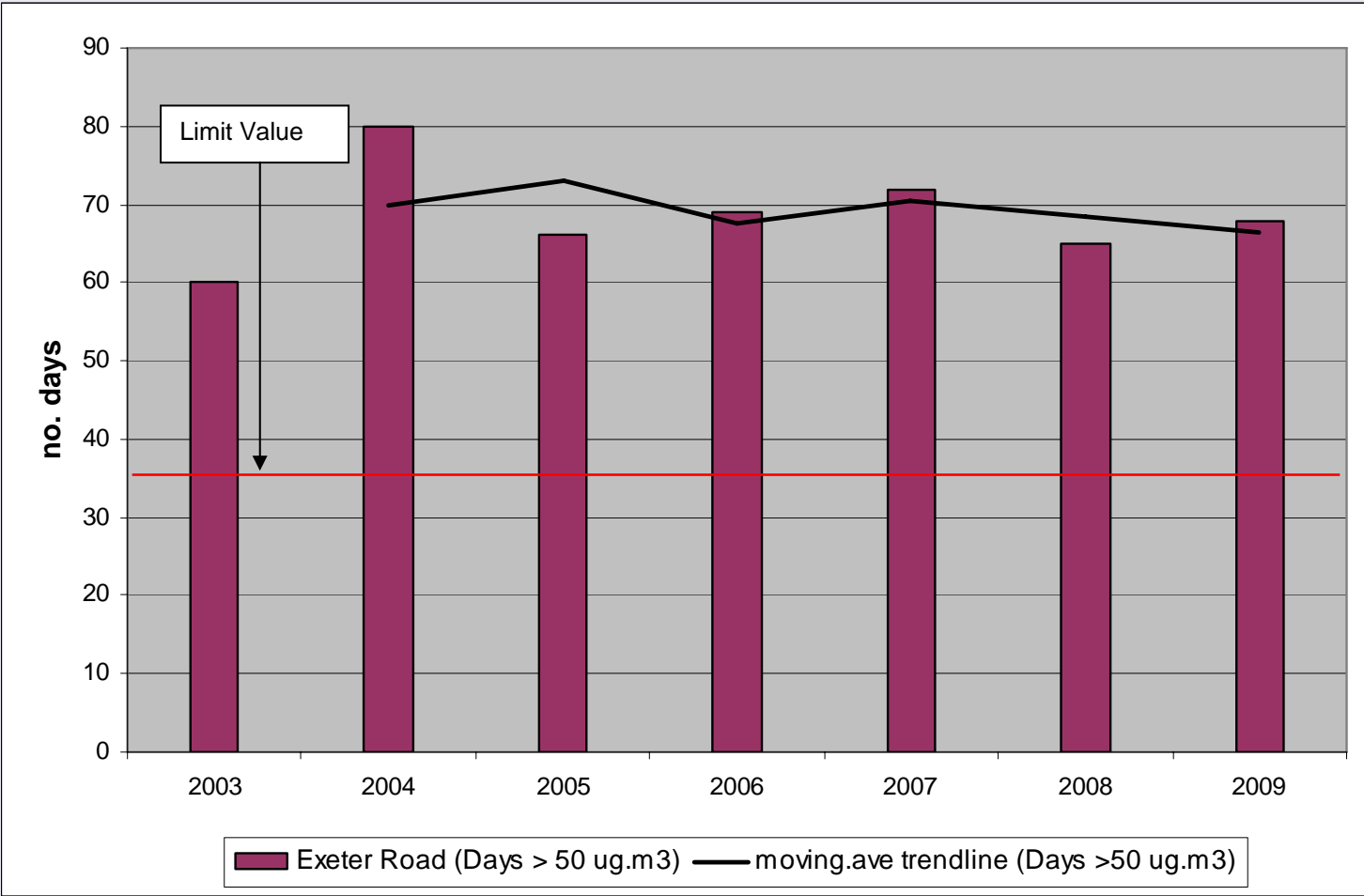
- 6 Diffusion Tube locations (managed and bias adjusted to national standards)
- 1 automatic monitoring station (non-affiliated but managed to AURN standards)

Crediton Nitrogen Dioxide



Average concentrations are 14% above objective (limit value)

Crediton Particulates



On average there are twice the permitted no. of days $>50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Crediton Air Quality Modelling

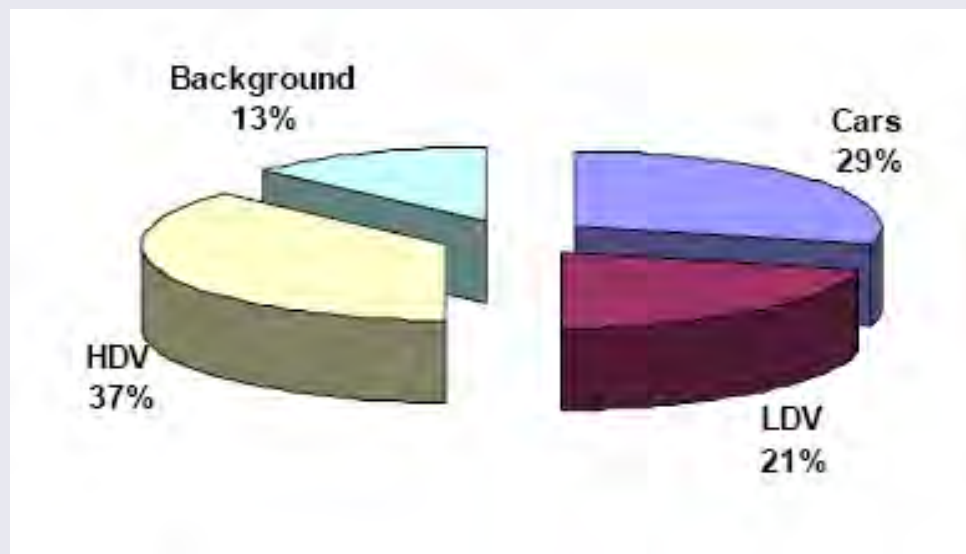


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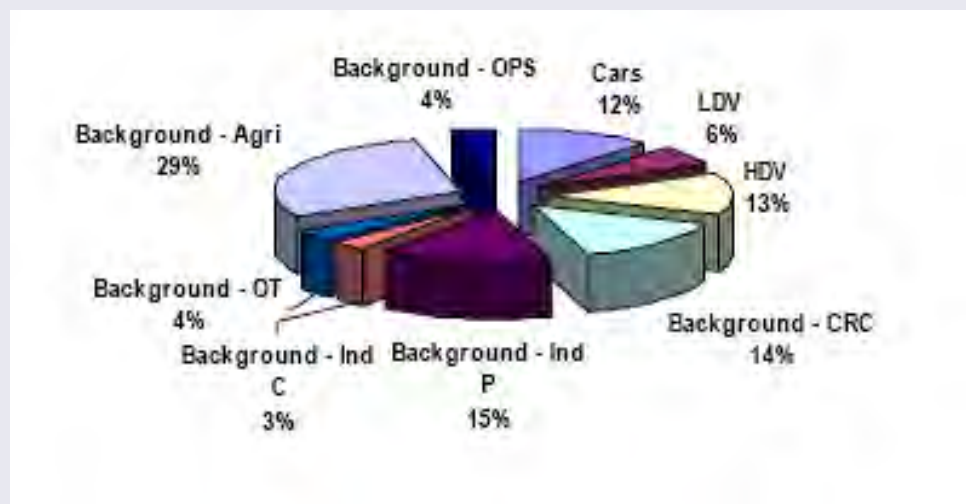


Pollution Sources

NO₂ (High Street)
Transport sources=87%

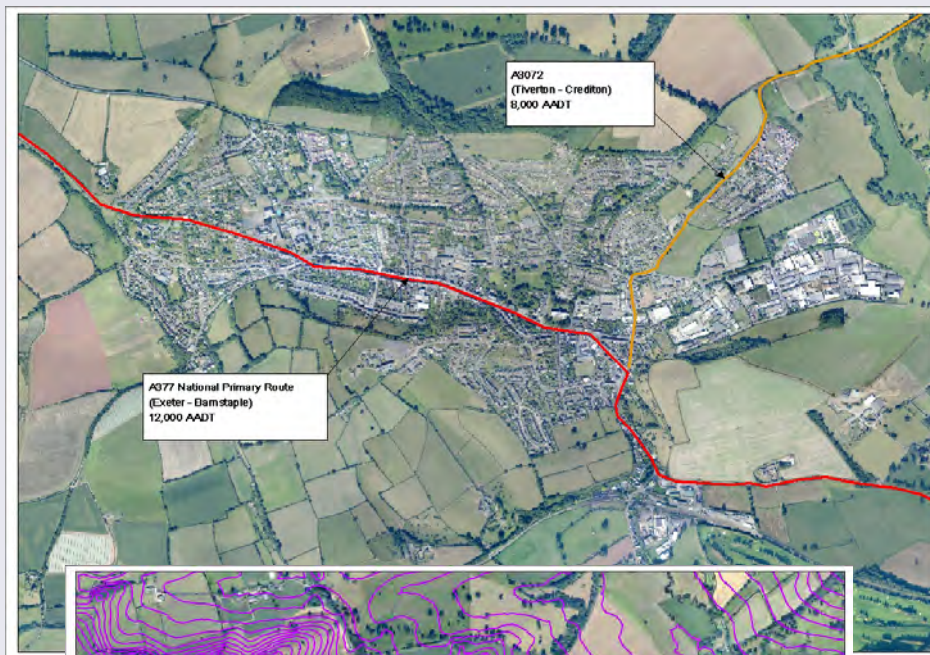


PM₁₀ (Exeter Rd)
Transport sources=31%
Agriculture=29%

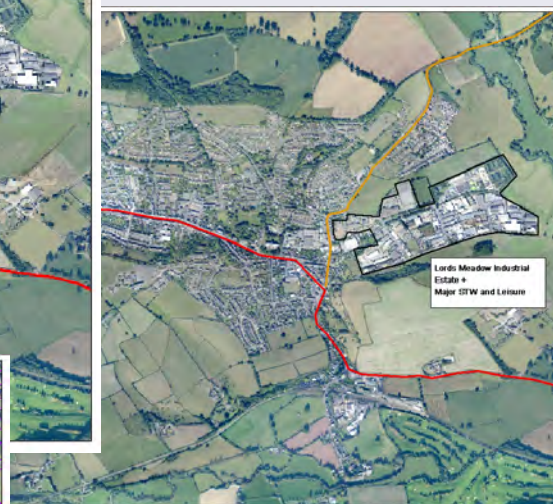


Industry=18%
Commercial and Residential
combustion=14%

Why poor air quality in Crediton?



Main roads through town-centre
HGV/LDV movements –
especially LM Industrial Estate



Valley location – reduced
dispersion of pollutants

Why poor air quality in Exeter Rd?

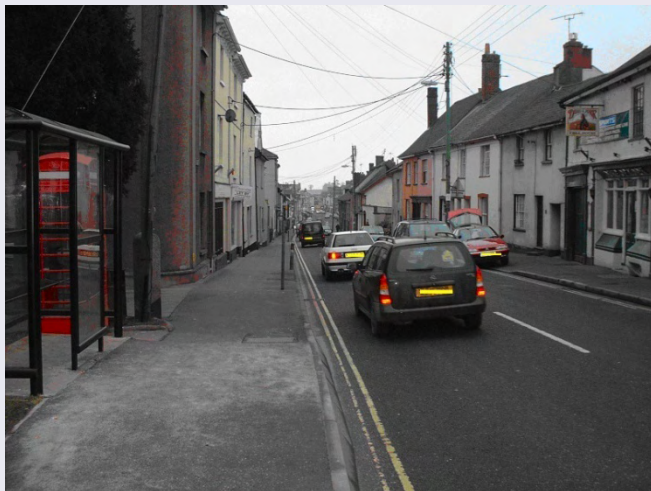


Exeter Road street topography



- Street canyon conservation area
- Residential properties very close to kerb
- Narrow carriageway
- Congestion

Why poor air quality in High Street?



High Street topography



- Historic street canyon
- Residential properties close to kerb
- Street parking and traffic conflict
- Loading bays
- Congestion

Common characteristics – Mid Devon AQMAs

	Crediton AQMA	Cullompton AQMA
Street canyons	✓	✓
Narrow roads	✓	✓
Low AADT (<10000 vpd)	x (12000)	✓
Lack of by-pass/relief road	✓	Partial by-pass (M5)
Annual mean AQO exceedances	✓	✓
Hourly mean AQO exceedances	x	x
Transport major source of local emissions	✓	✓
Localised hotspots of poor air quality	✓	✓
Length of roads >AQO (km)	1.1	1.3
Kerbside residential properties (relevant exposure)	✓	✓

Some interesting points...

- Government estimates that there are 24,000 premature deaths each year from poor air quality in the UK compared to 2538 deaths in road accidents
- Based on the UK population means that the UK air quality has an approximate hazard rate of 0.04% (greater than passive smoking)
- Based on a Crediton population of approx 7400 then this could mean a possible 3 deaths per year in town from air quality?
- Possibly an under-estimate for Crediton since an estimated 457 people live along the High Street and Exeter Road frontage where pollution levels are above average
- Elevated concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) are associated with inflamed airways, increased risk of respiratory infection and reduced lung function

Some interesting points...

- Elevated concentrations of particulates (PM₁₀) are associated with respiratory irritation, reduced lung function and can especially impact those with existing heart and lung/respiratory conditions
- Also evidence emerging that particulates can cause specific heart disease in addition to mild cognitive impairment
- Unlike NO₂, particulates are considered to be a non-threshold pollutant – benefits in reducing the concentrations as low as is possible
- Yet despite the differences between air quality and road death figures, the Government spends about 10x more on preventing road fatalities than improving air quality
- Near-live data from the Exeter Road monitoring station (and Tiverton/Cullompton sites) is available at our interactive website <http://www.middevon.airqualitydata.com/>

Mid Devon Air Quality Data website

The screenshot shows the website's main page with a navigation menu, a 'CONCRETE ALERTS' section, a map, and a 'Welcome' message. It also features three air quality monitors: Crediton, Cullampton, and Tiverton, each with a color-coded status and a 10-point scale.

Change the font size: small | medium | large | x-large | see other accessibility options

Mid Devon
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Air Quality Data
online air quality readings and information

GMT: Fri 26 Feb 2010 11:37

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CONCRETE ALERTS

There are currently no pollution alerts.

Welcome

Welcome to our website

This website is an online resource of near real-time and periodic (monthly) air quality data, not only for Mid Devon residents, but also for students and medical health professionals alike. Using the various pages and features of this site you can view and interact almost real-time air quality data from the continuous/continuous monitoring stations located within Mid Devon at Crediton, Cullampton and Tiverton. The website also provides access to data from seventeen periodic monitoring locations updated as monthly results. Ultraviolet index levels are monitored at these locations using a technique called diffuse solar.

Data from the continuous monitoring stations is updated hourly basis to provide the latest readings. The pollutants monitored at each location are listed under the details for each site. Monitoring data from all sites can be plotted on a graph and printed out. Website users can register their email details and data for the selected pollutants from each site will be forwarded by email. The system can also generate email alerts if a user selected pollutant exceeds a predefined value. This facility may be of benefit for those who are more exposed to suffer the effects of poor air quality (eg Asthma sufferers).

Current Air Pollution for Crediton:
LOW | MODERATE | HIGH | VERY HIGH
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
what does this colour banding mean?
More about Crediton
Current Readings for Crediton

Current Air Pollution for Cullampton:
LOW | MODERATE | HIGH | VERY HIGH
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
what does this colour banding mean?
More about Cullampton
Current Readings for Cullampton

Current Air Pollution for Tiverton:
LOW | MODERATE | HIGH | VERY HIGH
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
what does this colour banding mean?
More about Tiverton
Current Readings for Tiverton

How to use this map
Roll over each dot to see which monitoring station it represents or refer to the key

Summary data for all sites

Crediton: Banded Air Quality Data
Last updated: GMT 26 Feb 2010 10:15
Overall Air Pollution Levels for Crediton: **LOW**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
MOD: LOW
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
AIRIQ: LOW
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Presentation to Crediton Town Council 2 March 2010

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 02 MARCH 2010

Planning Decisions

The General Purposes Committee noted the following decision, as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Granted
	Reference: 10/00041/FULL Full planning application
	Address: 77 Cromwells Meadow Crediton Devon EX17 1JZ
	Description: Installation of two dormer windows
	Parish: Crediton Town 18
	Decision: Grant permission
Date Issued: 24/02/2010	
Web link: 10/00041/FULL	

Planning Applications

The General Purposes Committee considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 10/00199/FULL Full planning application, registered 10/02/2010
	Address: St Marys Peoples Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DA
	Description: Installation of dormer window
	Web link: 10/00199/FULL
NO OBJECTIONS	

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/00210/FULL** Full planning application, registered 11/02/2010

Address: Crediton Inn Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EZ

Description: Installation of rooflights, windows and door

Web link: [10/00210/FULL](#)

APPROVED

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/00232/FULL** Full planning application, registered 23/02/2010

Address: 14 Walnut Drive Crediton Devon EX17 1JB

Description: Erection of two-storey extension and formation of additional patio/hard standing area

Web link: [10/00232/FULL](#)

NO OBJECTIONS

APPLICATION**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/00225/FULL** Full planning application, registered 17/02/2010

Address: 2 Longmeadows Crediton Devon EX17 1DU

Description: Erection of dwelling following demolition of detached garage

Web link: [10/00225/FULL](#)

DEFERRED - to next meeting (full Council) for individual inspection.

Type – Application

Reference: **10/00266/FULL** Full planning application, registered 19/02/2010

Address: 37 Creedy Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EW

Description: Erection of extensions

Web link: [10/00266/FULL](#)

APPROVED

Type – Application - Notification

Reference: **10/00248/CAT** Notification to carry out works and to fell various trees within a Conservation Area

Address: Penton House, Penton Lane Crediton Devon EX17 1ED

Web link: [10/00248/CAT](#)

The Committee agreed that only works recommended by the consultant arboriculturalist should be carried out.

Type – Application – County Council

Reference: **JJ/DCC/2988/2010** To permit retention of existing modular classroom block 04

Address: Landscore Primary School, Threshers, Crediton, EX17 3JH

Web link: Not available - paper plans only (Town Council Office)

APPROVED