

Table 2 - National Air Quality Standards for Local Authority Compliance

Pollutant	Description	National Air Quality Standard Objective (NAQS)
Nitrogen Dioxide NO ₂	A gas produced by internal combustion engines	<p>200µg/m³ (1hr mean) not to exceeded more than 18 times per annum</p> <p>40µg/m³ (Annual mean) the concentration averaged over a period of a year – aims to protect us from being exposed to high levels over a long time</p>
Particulate Matter PM ₁₀	Particulates less than 10µm in diameter produced by industry road traffic and other sources.	<p>50µg/m³ (24hr mean) not to be exceeded more than 35 times per annum</p> <p>40µg/m³ (Annual mean) the concentration averaged over a period of a year – aims to protect us from being exposed to high levels over a long time</p>