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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 The report is an appendix to the air quality assessment for the Proposed Scheme in relation to the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area (MA03).
- 1.1.2 This appendix comprises:
 - baseline air quality data;
 - construction dust assessment; and
 - assessment of road traffic emissions.
- 1.1.3 Maps referred to throughout this appendix are contained in the Volume 5, Air quality Map Book: map AQ-01-303.
- 1.1.4 Additional data used for the air quality assessment, including traffic data, are set out in Background Information and Data (BID) (BID AQ-002-0MA03)¹.
- 1.1.5 The assessment scope, key assumptions and limitations, and the methodology for determining significance of effects for air quality are set out in Volume 1, Introduction and methodology, Section 9 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Scope and Methodology Report (SMR) (see Volume 5: Appendix CT-001-00001).
- 1.1.6 The air quality standards relevant to this assessment are:
 - 40µg/m³ as an annual mean for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and fine particulate matter (PM₁₀);
 - 200µg/m³ one-hour mean for NO₂ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year (equivalent to the 99.8th percentile of the one-hour mean);
 - 50µg/m³ 24-hour mean for PM₁₀ not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year (equivalent to the 90.4th percentile of the 24-hour mean); and
 - $25\mu g/m^3$ as an annual mean for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

¹ High Speed Two Ltd (2022), High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester), *Background Information and Data, Additional data used in the air quality assessment*, BID AQ-002-0MA03. Available online at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester-environmental-statement</u>.

2 Baseline air quality data

2.1 Existing air quality

Local authority review and assessment information

- 2.1.1 Cheshire East Council (CEC) covers most of the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area, with the areas of Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWCC) and Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) lying on the western and northern edges of the area respectively. All councils review air quality throughout the area following the local air quality management (LAQM) regime from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)².
- 2.1.2 There is one air quality management area (AQMA) within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area; the Chelford Road, Knutsford AQMA which was designated for exceedances of the annual mean NO₂ standard. It covers properties adjacent to a stretch of the Chelford Road, Knutsford and was declared in November 2019.

Local air quality monitoring data

2.1.3 Monitoring sites within the study area that are relevant for this assessment are shown in the accompanying map AQ-01-303. The following sections provide a summary of the recorded pollutant concentrations at these sites. Further details on monitoring data are presented in BID (AQ-002-0MA03)¹.

Continuous monitoring

2.1.4 There was one continuous air quality monitoring site within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area (RTA1, near the A556 Chester Road, Mere). Measurements of NO₂ were within the air quality standard for 2016; this site was decommissioned in mid-2017.

Diffusion tubes

2.1.5 The local authorities in this area undertake air quality monitoring with the use of passive diffusion tubes as part of their LAQM process. There are 10 diffusion tube sites within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area. Three sites are located in Tabley near the A556 Chester Road and B5391 Pickmere Lane, two sites are along the A50 Warrington Road and the rest of the sites are along the A50 in Knutsford, at Hoo Green, in Mere, along the A556 Chester Road in Bucklow Hill and along the A56 Lymm Road.

² Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2020), *Defra Background Pollutant Concentration Maps*. Available online at: <u>https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/laqm-background-maps?year=2018</u>.

- 2.1.6 HS2 Ltd has undertaken additional monitoring for the purpose of verifying the air quality assessment at three locations in this area. The diffusion tube sites are adjacent to the A50 near Hoo Green, the A56 Lymm Road in Little Bollington and the A56 Dunham Road in Bowdon.
- 2.1.7 Measurements of NO₂ were above the air quality standard in 2018 at two sites on the A556, south of M6 junction 19. Measurements of NO₂ were within the air quality standard at the remaining 11 sites in 2018.

Background pollutant concentrations

- 2.1.8 Estimates of background air quality were obtained from the Defra maps². Background pollutant concentrations are within the air quality standards throughout the study area.
 Table 1 presents the range of background pollutant concentrations within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area for the existing and future baseline.
- 2.1.9 Background pollutant concentrations for the operational year of 2038 have been taken from the Defra background maps for 2030, which is the latest available year of data. The 2030 background maps have been used as representative of the future baseline conditions during operation of the Proposed Scheme.

Pollutant	Background concentrations (µg/m³)					
	2018	2025	2038			
Annual mean NOx	11.7µg/m³ to 39.0µg/m³	8.9µg/m ³ to 24.8µg/m ³	8.0µg/m ³ to 18.9µg/m ³			
Annual mean NO ₂	9.0µg/m³ to 26.5µg/m³	7.0µg/m³ to 17.9µg/m³	6.3µg/m ³ to 14.0µg/m ³			
Annual mean PM ₁₀	10.1µg/m ³ to 13.8µg/m ³	9.2µg/m ³ to 12.8µg/m ³	9.1µg/m ³ to 12.8µg/m ³			
Annual mean PM _{2.5}	6.7µg/m ³ to 8.4µg/m ³	6.0µg/m³ to 7.6µg/m³	5.9µg/m³ to 7.5µg/m³			

Table 1: Range of background pollutant concentrations

3 Construction dust assessment

3.1.1 This section provides details of the assessment of dust emissions during construction of the Proposed Scheme. Due to the linear nature of the Proposed Scheme and its associated dust generating activities, the construction dust assessment has been undertaken in detail for distinct assessment areas in the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area.

3.2 Dust soiling and human health effects

Assessed receptors and sensitivity of the area

- 3.2.1 The assessment of dust soiling and human health effects has been undertaken for the following areas from south to north:
 - area around Pickmere: there are no demolition activities in this area. Residential dwellings are located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around Tabley Superior: residential dwellings are located within 20m of demolition, earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around Mere: there are no demolition activities in this area. Residential dwellings are located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around High Legh: residential dwellings are located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities, and within 200m of demolition activities; and
 - area around Hulseheath: residential dwellings are located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities, and within 50m of demolition activities.

3.2.2 Table 2 presents the sensitivity of each area to dust soiling and human health effects.

Effect	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout			
Area around Pickmere							
Dust soiling	Not applicable	Medium	Medium	Medium			
Human health	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low			
Area around Tabley S	Superior						
Dust soiling	Medium	High	High	High			
Human health	Low	Low	Low	Low			
Area around High Lea	gh						
Dust soiling	Not applicable	Medium	Medium	Medium			
Human health	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low			
Area around High Lea	Area around High Legh						
Dust soiling	Low	High	High	High			
Human health	Low	Low	Low	Low			

Table 2: Sensitivity of area to dust soiling and human health effects

Effect	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout	
Area around Hulseheath					
Dust soiling	Medium	High	High	High	
Human health	Low	Low	Low	Low	

Dust emission magnitude

3.2.3 Each dust generating activity has been assigned a dust emission magnitude as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Dust emission magnitude for dust soiling and human health

Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Area around Pickmere	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large
Area around Tabley Superior	Medium	Large	Large	Large
Area around Mere	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large
Area around High Legh	Medium	Large	Large	Large
Area around Hulseheath	Medium	Large	Large	Large

Risk of impacts

3.2.4 Taking into consideration the dust emission magnitude of each activity and the sensitivity of each area, the risk of dust effects has been defined for each area as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Risk of dust soiling and human health effects

Effect	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout			
Area around Pickmere							
Dust soiling	Not applicable	Medium risk	Medium risk	Medium risk			
Human health	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk			
Area around Table	y Superior						
Dust soiling	Medium risk	High risk	High risk	High risk			
Human health	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk			
Area around Mere							
Dust soiling	Not applicable	Medium risk	Medium risk	Medium risk			
Human health	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk			
Area around High	Legh						
Dust soiling	Low risk	High risk	High risk	High risk			
Human health	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk			
Area around Hulse	heath						
Dust soiling	Medium risk	High risk	High risk	High risk			
Human health	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk			

3.3 Ecological effects

Assessed receptors and sensitivity of the area

- 3.3.1 The assessment of ecological effects has been undertaken for the following areas from south to north:
 - area around Round and Rinks Woods ancient woodland (AW) and Leonard's and Smoker Woods AW: there are no demolition activities in this area. The ecological sites are located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around Rinks Wood and Round Wood Local Wildlife Site (LWS): there are no demolition activities in this area. The ecological site is located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around Arley and Waterless Brook Corridor LWS: there are no demolition activities in this area. The ecological site is located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities;
 - area around Bongs Wood AW, Bongs Wood and Rough LWS and Tabley Wood AW: there are no demolition or trackout activities in this area. The ecological sites are located within 20m of earthworks and construction activities;
 - area around Tabley Pipe Wood LWS, Meremoss Wood AW and Belt Wood LWS: there are no demolition activities in this area. The ecological site is located within 20m of earthworks, construction and trackout activities; and
 - area around Fields behind 'Ye Olde No.3': there are no demolition or trackout activities in this area. The ecological site is located within 50m of construction and earthworks activities.
- 3.3.2 Table 5 presents the sensitivity of each area to ecological effects.

Table 5: Sensitivity of area to ecological effects

Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Area around Round and Rinks Woods AW and Leonard's and Smoker Woods AW	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low
Area around Rinks Wood and Round Wood LWS	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low
Area around Arley and Wateress Brook Corridor LWS	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low
Area around Bongs Wood AW, Bongs Wood and Rough LWS and Tabley Wood AW	Not applicable	Low	Low	Not applicable
Area around Tabley Pipe Wood LWS, Meremoss Wood AW and Belt Wood LWS	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low

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Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Area around Fields behind 'Ye Olde No.3'	Not applicable	Low	Low	Not applicable

Dust emission magnitude

3.3.3 Each dust generating activity has been assigned a dust emission magnitude as shown in Table 6.

Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout			
Area around Round and Rinks Woods AW and Leonard's and Smoker Woods AW	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large			
Area around Rinks Wood and Round Wood Local Wildlife Site LWS	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large			
Area around Arley and Wateress Brook Corridor LWS	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large			
Area around Bongs Wood AW, Bongs Wood and Rough LWS and Tabley Wood AW	Not applicable	Large	Large	Not applicable			
Area around Tableypipe Wood LWS, Meremoss Wood AW and Belt Wood LWS	Not applicable	Large	Large	Large			
Area around Fields behind 'Ye Olde No.3'	Not applicable	Large	Large	Not applicable			

Table 6: Dust emission magnitude for ecological effects

Risk of impacts

3.3.4 Taking into consideration the dust emission magnitude of each activity and the sensitivity of each area, the risk of dust effects has been defined for each area as shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Risk of ecological effects

Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Area around Round and Rinks Woods AW and Leonard's and Smoker Woods AW	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Area around Rinks Wood and Round Wood LWS	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Area around Arley and Wateress Brook Corridor LWS	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Area around Bongs Wood AW, Bongs Wood and Rough LWS and Tabley Wood AW	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Not applicable

Area	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Area around Tableypipe Wood LWS, Meremoss Wood AW and Belt Wood LWS	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk
Area around Fields behind 'Ye Olde No.3'	Not applicable	Low risk	Low risk	Not applicable

3.4 Summary of risks

3.4.1 The summary of risks identified within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area is shown in Table 8. As there are several construction locations in this area, a range of risks is shown which depend on the location of sensitive receptors and the magnitude of dust generating activities.

Table 8: Summary of risks for construction dust assessment

Activity	Dust soiling	Human health	Ecological effects
Demolition	Low to Medium	Low	Not applicable
Earthworks	Medium to High	Low	Low
Construction	Medium to High	Low	Low
Trackout	Medium to High	Low	Low

4 Assessment of road traffic emissions

4.1 Overall assessment approach

4.1.1 The air quality assessment for road traffic emissions has used the approach described in the SMR (see Volume 5: Appendix CT-001-00001). Pollutant concentrations have been predicted at sensitive human and ecological receptors where these are located within 200m of the affected road network. Where ecological sites have been assessed, the change in nitrogen (N) deposition has been predicted for comparison against the lower critical load for the site.

4.2 Model inputs and verification

Model parameters

4.2.1 The ADMS-Roads model was used to predict pollutant concentrations from changes in road traffic emissions. A surface roughness of 0.3m was used for this area and a surface roughness of 0.2m was used for the meteorological site. A minimum Monin-Obukhov length of 10m and latitude of 53 degrees were used in the assessment. Meteorological data from the Manchester Airport monitoring site were used for the year 2018.

Model verification

- 4.2.2 Verification was undertaken for the year 2018 comparing monitored and modelled NO₂ concentrations. The traffic data provided were assumed to be representative of 2018. The results of this comparison are shown in Table 9 and Table 10.
- 4.2.3 Model verification was undertaken where monitoring sites are located adjacent to the modelled road network. The objectives of the model verification are to evaluate model performance and to determine if model adjustment is required.
- 4.2.4 Some of the monitoring locations were not considered suitable for model verification, due to missing traffic or monitoring data or other spatial considerations. A total of seven monitoring sites were included in the model verification exercise. Additional nearby monitoring sites in MA06: Hulseheath to Manchester Airport were included within the verification model where urban density was deemed similar.

Site	Monitored concentration (µg/m³)	Modelled concentration (µg/m³)	Difference [(modelled – monitored) / monitored]
CE301	42.8	38.4	-10.3%
CE54	42.7	34.4	-19.4%
CE298	26.4	18.1	-31.4%
MA03.4	21.8	17.1	-21.6%

Table 9: Comparison of monitored and modelled NO₂ concentrations

Site	Monitored concentration (µg/m³)	Modelled concentration (µg/m³)	Difference [(modelled – monitored) / monitored]
MA03.5	18.2	16.9	-7.1%
MA06.1	19.5	16.7	-14.4%
MA06.3	22.6	22.5	-0.4%

4.2.5 As there was systematic under prediction, model adjustment was undertaken. A factor of 1.5 has been applied to modelled NOx concentrations. Modelled concentrations of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} have not been adjusted.

Table 10: Comparison of monitored and adjusted modelled NO₂ concentrations

Site	Monitored concentration (µg/m³)	Modelled adjusted concentration (µg/m³)	Difference [(modelled - monitored/monitored)
CE301	42.8	46.1	7.7%
CE54	42.7	40.7	-4.7%
CE298	26.4	20.6	-22.0%
MA03.4	21.8	19.8	-9.2%
MA03.5	18.2	18.2	0.0%
MA06.1	19.5	18.3	-6.2%
MA06.3	22.6	24.3	7.5%

4.3 Assessment of construction traffic emissions

- 4.3.1 Construction traffic data used in this assessment detailed in BID AQ-002-0MA03¹. The assessment of construction traffic emissions has used traffic data based on an estimate of the average maximum daily flows in the peak year during the construction period (2025-2037). Vehicle emissions and background concentrations have been taken for the first construction year in 2025 as a worst case. There were seven construction traffic scenarios assessed in this area, four for human health receptors and three for ecological receptors, to capture peak construction traffic activity at different times in the construction period. It has been assumed that the changes in construction traffic will occur for the whole year. In some cases, this is a conservative approach, as the duration of the peak traffic flows may well be much shorter. These scenarios have been assessed against the relevant future baseline case without the Proposed Scheme.
- 4.3.2 Traffic data in the study area have been screened to identify roads that require further assessment and to confirm the likely effect of the change in emissions from vehicles using these roads during construction of the Proposed Scheme. The screening criteria are detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Scope and Methodology Report (SMR) (see Volume 5: Appendix CT-001-00001) and are largely based on the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) thresholds for changes in annual average daily traffic (AADT), changes in daily heavy duty vehicles (HDV) flows and/or changes in road alignment by 5m or more.

4.3.3 Traffic data for construction vehicles using the site haul routes and moving between compounds have also been included in the assessment. Additional roads have also been included in the assessment where relevant to account for their emissions at nearby receptors.

Receptors assessed and background concentrations

- 4.3.4 Sensitive receptors have been selected from the OS AddressBase Premium database. The receptors consist of residential properties, schools, hospitals and/or care homes within 200m of the screened in roads and represent worst-case exposure locations. The location of all receptors is shown in accompanying map AQ-01-303.
- 4.3.5 Three designated ecological receptors have been identified within 200m of the screened in roads within the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area during construction of the Proposed Scheme. These ecological receptors are The Mere, Mere SSSI, the Tabley Mere SSSI and the Dunham Park SSSI.
- 4.3.6 Details of the assessed receptors and the background concentrations used in the assessment are shown in Table 11 for human and Table 12 for ecological receptors.

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 2025 (μg/m³)			
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
3-C-H001	Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford	375772, 376815	9.4	7.4	9.9	6.2
3-C-H002	Chester Road, Tabley	371481, 376854	10.3	8.0	10.2	6.4
3-C-H003	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	375792, 376943	9.4	7.4	9.9	6.2
3-C-H004	Chester Road, Tabley	371518, 376969	10.3	8.0	10.2	6.4
3-C-H005	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	375847, 376980	9.4	7.4	9.9	6.2
3-C-H006	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	376332, 377440	11.3	8.7	9.5	6.2
3-C-H007	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	376385, 377501	11.3	8.7	9.5	6.2
3-C-H008	Chelford Road, Knutsford	376456, 377541	11.3	8.7	9.5	6.2
3-C-H009	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	369907, 377647	9.1	7.1	9.6	6.1
3-C-H010	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	370110, 377886	9.2	7.2	9.3	6.0
3-C-H011	Hield Lane, Northwich	367408, 377921	9.2	7.2	10.2	6.2
3-C-H012	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	367402, 377951	9.2	7.2	10.2	6.2
3-C-H013	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	370455, 378316	9.3	7.3	9.8	6.1

Table 11: Modelled receptors and background concentrations (construction phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 2025 (µg/m³)			
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
3-C-H014	Chester Road, Tabley	372165, 378386	11.5	8.9	10.6	6.6
3-C-H015	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	370277, 378400	9.3	7.3	9.8	6.1
3-C-H016	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	367687, 378546	8.9	7.0	9.6	6.1
3-C-H017	Northwich Road, Knutsford	374595, 378587	11.7	9.0	10.6	6.8
3-C-H018	Northwich Road, Knutsford	374640, 378603	11.7	9.0	10.6	6.8
3-C-H019	Mobberley Road, Knutsford	375668, 378675	13.3	10.1	10.2	6.7
3-C-H020	Frog Lane, Pickmere	370045, 378700	9.3	7.3	9.8	6.1
3-C-H021	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	370901, 378740	9.3	7.3	9.8	6.1
3-C-H022	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	370891, 378747	9.3	7.3	9.8	6.1
3-C-H023	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	372951, 378790	11.5	8.9	10.6	6.6
3-C-H024	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	373266, 378870	15.1	11.4	11.9	7.2
3-C-H025	Chester Road, Tabley	372203, 378896	11.5	8.9	10.6	6.6
3-C-H026	Budworth Road, Tabley	370915, 379051	9.8	7.6	9.7	6.2
3-C-H027	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	371345, 379065	10.2	7.9	11.4	7.1
3-C-H028	Budworth Road, Tabley	371140, 379073	10.2	7.9	11.4	7.1
3-C-H029	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	371325, 379089	10.2	7.9	11.4	7.1
3-C-H030	Budworth Road, Pickmere	369560, 379115	9.2	7.2	9.9	6.2
3-C-H031	Budworth Road, Northwich	368665, 379234	9.0	7.1	9.8	6.1
3-C-H032	Chester Road, Tabley	372229, 379253	16.8	12.6	12.3	7.4
3-C-H033	Chester Road, Tabley	372276, 379268	16.8	12.6	12.3	7.4
3-C-H034	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	368712, 379268	9.0	7.1	9.8	6.1
3-C-H035	Manchester Road, Knutsford	374425, 379319	10.7	8.3	10.3	6.5
3-C-H036	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	370815, 379528	9.8	7.6	9.7	6.2
3-C-H037	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	371767, 379656	10.2	7.9	11.4	7.1
3-C-H038	Chester Road, Tabley	372263, 379724	16.8	12.6	12.3	7.4
3-C-H039	Manchester Road, Knutsford	374245, 379765	10.7	8.3	10.3	6.5
3-C-H040	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	371976, 379780	10.2	7.9	11.4	7.1

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 202 (µg/m³)			025
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
3-C-H041	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	371139, 380107	14.0	10.7	11.4	7.1
3-C-H042	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	370869, 380388	14.4	10.9	11.2	7.0
3-C-H043	Chester Road, Knutsford	372549, 380733	12.7	9.8	11.1	6.9
3-C-H044	Manchester Road, Mere	373651, 380925	11.1	8.6	10.0	6.3
3-C-H045	Mereside Road, Mere	373605, 381010	10.7	8.3	9.7	6.2
3-C-H046	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	370985, 381083	10.9	8.5	10.8	6.5
3-C-H047	Warrington Road, Mere	373371, 381129	10.7	8.3	9.7	6.2
3-C-H048	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	369180, 381150	14.4	11.0	12.3	7.3
3-C-H049	Mereside Road, Mere	373648, 381278	10.7	8.3	9.7	6.2
3-C-H050	A556, Mere	372095, 381391	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H051	Mere Day Nursery, Chester Road, Mere	372747, 381417	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H052	Mereside Road, Mere	373620, 381443	10.7	8.3	9.7	6.2
3-C-H053	Ashley Road, Mere	373662, 381485	10.7	8.3	9.7	6.2
3-C-H054	Chester Road, Mere	372767, 381524	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H055	Chester Road, Mere	372773, 381550	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H056	Chester Road, Mere	372706, 381586	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H057	Chester Road, Mere	372714, 381611	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H058	Chester Road, Mere	372728, 381720	11.6	8.9	10.8	6.6
3-C-H059	Northwich Road, Lower Stretton	362211, 381853	10.1	7.8	9.9	6.3
3-C-H060	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	371209, 381921	11.7	9.0	10.9	6.7
3-C-H061	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	374180, 382242	10.6	8.2	9.8	6.2
3-C-H062	Moss Lane, High Legh	367695, 382555	15.0	11.4	11.9	7.2
3-C-H063	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	371825, 382712	10.6	8.2	10.5	6.4
3-C-H064	Mere, Knutsford	371911, 382718	10.6	8.2	10.5	6.4
3-C-H065	Chester Road, Mere	373037, 382747	11.1	8.6	9.6	6.2
3-C-H066	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	373037, 382747	11.1	8.6	9.6	6.2
3-C-H067	Mere, Knutsford	371783, 382780	10.6	8.2	10.5	6.4
3-C-H068	Warrington Road, Mere	371377, 383034	10.7	8.3	10.0	6.3

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 20 (µg/m³)			2025	
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	
3-C-H069	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	364405, 383058	16.0	12.0	11.7	7.2	
3-C-H070	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	373125, 383071	11.8	9.1	10.1	6.4	
3-C-H071	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	371292, 383123	10.7	8.3	10.0	6.3	
3-C-H072	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	371480, 383430	10.7	8.3	10.0	6.3	
3-C-H073	Chapel Lane, Bucklow Hill	372795, 383436	12.6	9.7	11.2	6.8	
3-C-H074	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	366747, 383691	18.8	14.0	12.7	7.5	
3-C-H075	Woodlands Crescent, High Legh	369942, 383727	10.9	8.5	10.5	6.5	
3-C-H076	Withers Lane, High Legh	366898, 383796	18.8	14.0	12.7	7.5	
3-C-H077	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	365736, 383802	16.4	12.3	12.0	7.3	
3-C-H078	Peacock Lane, Mere	372073, 384015	11.5	8.9	10.1	6.4	
3-C-H079	Swindyard Lane, High Legh	368590, 384063	15.2	11.5	12.1	7.3	
3-C-H080	Crabtree Lane, High Legh	369065, 384154	13.7	10.4	10.8	6.6	
3-C-H081	Withers Lane, High Legh	367075, 384160	17.3	13.0	12.8	7.6	
3-C-H082	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	368709, 384209	15.2	11.5	12.1	7.3	
3-C-H083	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	368746, 384214	15.2	11.5	12.1	7.3	
3-C-H084	Warrington Road, High Legh	368676, 384263	15.2	11.5	12.1	7.3	
3-C-H085	Back Lane, Moston	371993, 384284	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H086	Back Lane, Moston	371994, 384294	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H087	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	371813, 384296	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H088	Peacock Lane, High Legh	371541, 384371	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H089	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	371303, 384423	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H090	Heath Lane, High Legh	367943, 384452	17.3	13.0	12.8	7.6	
3-C-H091	Withers Lane, High Legh	366957, 384500	21.6	15.9	12.3	7.5	
3-C-H092	Peacock Lane, High Legh	370617, 384665	11.6	8.9	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H093	Primrose Hill, Cliff Lane	367457, 384718	17.3	13.0	12.8	7.6	
3-C-H094	Agden Lane, Agden	371826, 384875	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H095	Agden Lane, Agden	371811, 384878	11.3	8.7	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H096	Cliff Lane, Lymm	366922, 384924	21.6	15.9	12.3	7.5	

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 2025 (µg/m³)				
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	
3-C-H097	Peacock Lane, High Legh	370282, 384967	11.6	8.9	9.9	6.3	
3-C-H098	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	366410, 384999	21.6	15.9	12.3	7.5	
3-C-H099	Cliff Lane, Lymm	366015, 385005	19.3	14.3	12.4	7.5	
3-C-H100	Agden Lane, Agden	371652, 385034	15.1	11.4	11.3	7.0	
3-C-H101	Froghall Lane, High Legh	371066, 385157	15.1	11.4	11.3	7.0	
3-C-H102	West Lane, High Legh	370348, 385245	12.1	9.3	11.1	7.0	
3-C-H103	Agden Lane, Agden	371314, 385293	15.1	11.4	11.3	7.0	
3-C-H104	Agden Lane, Agden	371543, 385487	15.1	11.4	11.3	7.0	
3-C-H105	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	370849, 385893	12.1	9.3	11.1	7.0	
3-C-H106	Agden Brow, Lymm	371040, 386001	12.4	9.5	10.0	6.4	
3-C-H107	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	371300, 386252	12.4	9.5	10.0	6.4	
3-C-H108	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	373116, 386318	12.7	9.8	10.0	6.4	
3-C-H109	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372959, 386378	12.1	9.3	9.9	6.4	
3-C-H110	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372779, 386486	12.1	9.3	9.9	6.4	
3-C-H111	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372816, 386496	12.1	9.3	9.9	6.4	
3-C-H112	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372651, 386561	12.1	9.3	9.9	6.4	
3-C-H113	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372533, 386617	12.1	9.3	9.9	6.4	

Table 12: Modelled ecological receptor backgrounds, APIS data and critical loads (construction phase)

Receptor	Sensitive habitat	2025 NOx background concentration (µg/m ³)	APIS data ³ of average total N deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	Critical load (kg N/ha/yr)
The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1	Poor fen	10.7	23.8	10
Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 1	Broadleaved deciduous woodland	9.4	43.0	10
Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 1	Poor fen	9.4	25.5	10
Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 2	Broadleaved deciduous woodland	9.4	43.0	10

³ Air Pollution Information System. Available online at : <u>http://www.apis.ac.uk/</u>.

Receptor	Sensitive habitat	2025 NOx background concentration (µg/m ³)	APIS data ³ of average total N deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	Critical load (kg N/ha/yr)
Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 2	Poor fen	9.4	25.5	10
Dunham Park SSSI Transect 1	Broadleaved deciduous woodland	11.6	42.7	15
Dunham Park SSSI Transect 2	Broadleaved deciduous woodland	11.1	42.7	15

Assessment results

4.3.7 Table 13 presents the predicted NO₂ impacts across all assessed scenarios for each assessed receptor. All impacts are predicted to be negligible for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. Table 14, Table 15 and Table 16 provide the summary of the modelled pollutant concentrations for the assessed receptors for the worst case construction traffic scenario. The magnitude of change and impact descriptor are also derived following the IAQM/Environmental Protection UK (EPUK) methodology⁴. Table 17 and Table 18 provide the summary of the assessment for the ecological receptors for the worst case construction traffic scenario.

Receptor	Impact descript	ors for annual mear	NO ₂ concentrations	
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
3-C-H001	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H002	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H003	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H004	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H005	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H006	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H007	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H008	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H009	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H010	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H011	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H012	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H013	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H014	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H015	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H016	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Table 13: Comparison of impact descriptors across construction scenarios

⁴ Institute of Air Quality Management (2017), *Land-Use Planning & Development Control: Planning for Air Quality.* Available online at: <u>http://www.iaqm.co.uk/text/guidance/air-quality-planning-guidance.pdf</u>.

Receptor	Impact descriptor	rs for annual mean N	O ₂ concentrations	
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
3-C-H017	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H018	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H019	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H020	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H021	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H022	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H023	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H024	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H025	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H026	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H027	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H028	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H029	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H030	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H031	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H032	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H033	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H034	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H035	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H036	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H037	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H038	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H039	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H040	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H041	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H042	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H043	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H044	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H045	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H046	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H047	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H048	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H049	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H050	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H051	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H052	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H053	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H054	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Receptor	Impact descriptor	s for annual mean NC	₂ concentrations	
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
3-C-H055	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H056	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H057	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H058	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H059	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H060	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H061	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H062	Negligible	Negligible	Slight adverse	Negligible
3-C-H063	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H064	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H065	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H066	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H067	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H068	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H069	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H070	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H071	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H072	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H073	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H074	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H075	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H076	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H077	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H078	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H079	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H080	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H081	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H082	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H083	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H084	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H085	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H086	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H087	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H088	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H089	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H090	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H091	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
3-C-H092	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

Receptor		Impact descriptors	s for annual mean N	O ₂ concentrations	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
	3-C-H093	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H094	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H095	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H096	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H097	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H098	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H099	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H100	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H101	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial
	3-C-H102	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial
	3-C-H103	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial	Slight beneficial
	3-C-H104	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H105	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H106	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H107	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H108	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H109	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H110	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H111	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H112	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
	3-C-H113	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible

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Table 14: Predicted annual mean NO₂ concentrations and impacts (construction phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (µ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H001	Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford	14.5	14.9	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H002	Chester Road, Tabley	16.1	16.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H003	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	15.3	15.9	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H004	Chester Road, Tabley	19.6	19.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H005	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	13.4	14.1	0.7	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H006	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	11.3	11.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H007	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	13.6	14.1	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H008	Chelford Road, Knutsford	12.8	12.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H009	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	10.2	11.1	0.9	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H010	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	10.3	11.2	0.9	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H011	Hield Lane, Northwich	10.0	10.5	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H012	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	9.8	10.2	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H013	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	8.4	8.9	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H014	Chester Road, Tabley	27.7	27.6	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H015	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	8.0	8.3	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H016	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	9.9	10.4	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H017	Northwich Road, Knutsford	14.0	14.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H018	Northwich Road, Knutsford	14.9	15.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H019	Mobberley Road, Knutsford	17.7	17.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H020	Frog Lane, Pickmere	7.9	8.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H021	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	9.9	10.9	1.0	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H022	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	9.2	9.9	0.7	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (µ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H023	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	13.2	13.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H024	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	14.9	14.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H025	Chester Road, Tabley	21.1	21.4	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H026	Budworth Road, Tabley	8.7	8.9	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H027	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	10.8	11.5	0.7	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H028	Budworth Road, Tabley	9.5	9.8	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H029	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	10.8	11.6	0.8	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H030	Budworth Road, Pickmere	7.8	7.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H031	Budworth Road, Northwich	8.0	8.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H032	Chester Road, Tabley	22.5	23.0	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H033	Chester Road, Tabley	20.3	20.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H034	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	7.9	8.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H035	Manchester Road, Knutsford	13.6	13.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H036	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	8.3	8.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H037	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	13.0	13.3	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H038	Chester Road, Tabley	23.4	23.8	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H039	Manchester Road, Knutsford	13.1	13.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H040	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	16.6	17.1	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H041	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	11.7	11.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H042	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	13.0	13.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H043	Chester Road, Knutsford	11.6	12.2	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H044	Manchester Road, Mere	14.9	14.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H045	Mereside Road, Mere	13.4	13.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (µ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H046	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	9.8	9.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H047	Warrington Road, Mere	12.8	13.2	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H048	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	13.0	13.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H049	Mereside Road, Mere	13.0	13.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H050	A556, Mere	11.1	11.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H051	Mere Day Nursery, Chester Road, Mere	10.5	10.8	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H052	Mereside Road, Mere	11.7	11.9	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H053	Ashley Road, Mere	11.2	11.8	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H054	Chester Road, Mere	11.6	12.1	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H055	Chester Road, Mere	12.8	13.4	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H056	Chester Road, Mere	11.4	11.9	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H057	Chester Road, Mere	12.7	13.3	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H058	Chester Road, Mere	11.9	12.4	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H059	Northwich Road, Lower Stretton	15.9	17.2	1.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H060	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	9.7	9.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H061	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	9.9	10.3	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H062	Moss Lane, High Legh	34.3	35.1	0.8	Slight adverse	Not significant
3-C-H063	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	11.0	11.3	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H064	Mere, Knutsford	13.6	14.1	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H065	Chester Road, Mere	9.0	9.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H066	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	9.0	9.2	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H067	Mere, Knutsford	14.6	15.4	0.8	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (µ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H068	Warrington Road, Mere	12.3	13.5	1.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H069	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	14.3	14.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H070	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	9.9	10.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H071	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	16.5	17.6	1.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H072	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	9.1	9.4	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H073	Chapel Lane, Bucklow Hill	12.3	12.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H074	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	19.8	20.1	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H075	Woodlands Crescent, High Legh	15.1	16.0	0.9	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H076	Withers Lane, High Legh	23.3	23.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H077	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	25.0	25.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H078	Peacock Lane, Mere	9.9	10.2	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H079	Swindyard Lane, High Legh	13.3	13.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H080	Crabtree Lane, High Legh	16.8	18.0	1.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H081	Withers Lane, High Legh	17.7	17.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H082	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	13.9	14.3	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H083	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	14.4	14.9	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H084	Warrington Road, High Legh	15.1	15.7	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H085	Back Lane, Moston	9.6	9.8	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H086	Back Lane, Moston	9.7	9.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H087	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	9.7	9.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H088	Peacock Lane, High Legh	9.5	9.7	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H089	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	9.5	9.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H090	Heath Lane, High Legh	19.2	20.2	1.0	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (μ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H091	Withers Lane, High Legh	21.4	21.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H092	Peacock Lane, High Legh	10.0	10.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H093	Primrose Hill, Cliff Lane	17.5	18.1	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H094	Agden Lane, Agden	10.3	10.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H095	Agden Lane, Agden	10.2	10.4	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H096	Cliff Lane, Lymm	20.6	21.3	0.7	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H097	Peacock Lane, High Legh	13.1	13.4	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H098	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	22.5	22.9	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H099	Cliff Lane, Lymm	22.9	23.6	0.7	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H100	Agden Lane, Agden	14.1	14.7	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H101	Froghall Lane, High Legh	22.5	20.3	-2.2	Slight beneficial	Not significant
3-C-H102	West Lane, High Legh	25.3	22.2	-3.1	Slight beneficial	Not significant
3-C-H103	Agden Lane, Agden	26.9	24.6	-2.3	Slight beneficial	Not significant
3-C-H104	Agden Lane, Agden	14.7	15.8	1.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H105	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	14.0	14.4	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H106	Agden Brow, Lymm	16.1	16.6	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H107	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	14.8	15.6	0.8	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H108	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	14.4	14.8	0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H109	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	15.3	15.9	0.6	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H110	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	12.8	13.3	0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H111	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	14.7	15.5	0.8	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location			Change in NO ₂	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H112	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	12.3	12.6	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H113	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	15.5	16.2	0.7	Negligible	Not significant

Table 15: Predicted annual mean PM₁₀ concentrations and impacts (construction phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations	(µg/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H001	Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford	11.1	11.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H002	Chester Road, Tabley	11.8	11.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H003	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	11.4	11.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H004	Chester Road, Tabley	12.4	12.6	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H005	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	11.3	11.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H006	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	10.1	10.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H007	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	10.6	10.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H008	Chelford Road, Knutsford	10.2	10.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H009	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	10.1	10.3	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H010	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	9.8	10.0	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H011	Hield Lane, Northwich	10.6	10.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H012	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	10.6	10.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H013	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	10.0	10.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H014	Chester Road, Tabley	13.4	13.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H015	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations	; (μg/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H016	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H017	Northwich Road, Knutsford	11.7	11.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H018	Northwich Road, Knutsford	11.9	12.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H019	Mobberley Road, Knutsford	12.1	12.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H020	Frog Lane, Pickmere	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H021	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	10.2	10.4	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H022	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H023	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	11.2	11.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H024	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	12.4	12.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H025	Chester Road, Tabley	13.1	13.4	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H026	Budworth Road, Tabley	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H027	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	11.9	12.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H028	Budworth Road, Tabley	11.6	11.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H029	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	11.9	12.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H030	Budworth Road, Pickmere	10.0	10.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H031	Budworth Road, Northwich	9.9	10.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H032	Chester Road, Tabley	14.3	14.5	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H033	Chester Road, Tabley	13.8	13.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H034	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	9.9	10.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H035	Manchester Road, Knutsford	11.5	11.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H036	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H037	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	12.2	12.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

Receptor	Description/Location	PM_{10} concentrations (µg/m ³)		Change in PM ₁₀	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (μg/m³)		
3-C-H038	Chester Road, Tabley	13.9	14.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H039	Manchester Road, Knutsford	11.1	11.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H040	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	12.7	12.9	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H041	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	11.6	11.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H042	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	11.5	11.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H043	Chester Road, Knutsford	11.5	11.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H044	Manchester Road, Mere	11.0	11.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H045	Mereside Road, Mere	10.5	10.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H046	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	11.0	11.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H047	Warrington Road, Mere	10.4	10.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H048	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	12.7	12.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H049	Mereside Road, Mere	10.5	10.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H050	A556, Mere	11.1	11.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H051	Mere Day Nursery, Chester Road, Mere	11.0	11.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H052	Mereside Road, Mere	10.2	10.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H053	Ashley Road, Mere	10.2	10.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H054	Chester Road, Mere	11.2	11.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H055	Chester Road, Mere	11.4	11.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H056	Chester Road, Mere	11.1	11.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H057	Chester Road, Mere	11.3	11.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H058	Chester Road, Mere	11.3	11.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H059	Northwich Road, Lower Stretton	12.1	12.4	0.3	Negligible	Not significant

Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (µg/m³)		Change in PM ₁₀	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H060	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	11.0	11.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H061	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H062	Moss Lane, High Legh	15.8	16.0	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H063	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	10.9	11.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H064	Mere, Knutsford	11.4	11.6	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H065	Chester Road, Mere	9.7	9.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H066	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	9.7	9.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H067	Mere, Knutsford	11.6	11.8	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H068	Warrington Road, Mere	10.7	11.0	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H069	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	12.0	12.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H070	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	10.2	10.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H071	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	11.5	11.8	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H072	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	10.2	10.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H073	Chapel Lane, Bucklow Hill	11.5	11.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H074	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	13.6	13.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H075	Woodlands Crescent, High Legh	11.6	11.9	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H076	Withers Lane, High Legh	14.2	14.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H077	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	13.9	13.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H078	Peacock Lane, Mere	10.3	10.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H079	Swindyard Lane, High Legh	12.4	12.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H080	Crabtree Lane, High Legh	11.9	12.2	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H081	Withers Lane, High Legh	13.6	13.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations	PM ₁₀ concentrations (µg/m³)		Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H082	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	12.5	12.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H083	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	12.6	12.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H084	Warrington Road, High Legh	12.8	12.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H085	Back Lane, Moston	10.0	10.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H086	Back Lane, Moston	10.0	10.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H087	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	10.0	10.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H088	Peacock Lane, High Legh	10.0	10.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H089	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	10.0	10.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H090	Heath Lane, High Legh	13.9	14.1	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H091	Withers Lane, High Legh	13.3	13.2	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H092	Peacock Lane, High Legh	10.1	10.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H093	Primrose Hill, Cliff Lane	13.6	13.8	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H094	Agden Lane, Agden	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H095	Agden Lane, Agden	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H096	Cliff Lane, Lymm	13.2	13.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H097	Peacock Lane, High Legh	10.6	10.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H098	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	13.4	13.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H099	Cliff Lane, Lymm	14.0	14.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H100	Agden Lane, Agden	11.7	11.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H101	Froghall Lane, High Legh	13.1	13.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H102	West Lane, High Legh	13.7	13.6	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H103	Agden Lane, Agden	13.9	13.8	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (μg/m³)		Change in PM ₁₀	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H104	Agden Lane, Agden	11.8	12.1	0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H105	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	11.8	11.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H106	Agden Brow, Lymm	11.1	11.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H107	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	10.8	11.0	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H108	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.7	10.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H109	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.8	11.0	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H110	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.4	10.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H111	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.8	10.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H112	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.3	10.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H113	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.9	11.1	0.2	Negligible	Not significant

Table 16: Predicted annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations and impacts (construction phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (µg/m ³)		Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H001	Holmes Chapel Road, Knutsford	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H002	Chester Road, Tabley	7.3	7.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H003	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	7.0	7.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H004	Chester Road, Tabley	7.7	7.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H005	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H006	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	6.5	6.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H007	Gough's Lane, Knutsford	6.8	6.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (µg/m³)		Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H008	Chelford Road, Knutsford	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H009	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	6.4	6.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H010	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	6.3	6.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H011	Hield Lane, Northwich	6.5	6.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H012	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	6.5	6.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H013	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	6.2	6.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H014	Chester Road, Tabley	8.3	8.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H015	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H016	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H017	Northwich Road, Knutsford	7.4	7.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H018	Northwich Road, Knutsford	7.5	7.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H019	Mobberley Road, Knutsford	7.7	7.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H020	Frog Lane, Pickmere	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H021	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	6.4	6.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H022	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	6.3	6.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H023	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	7.0	7.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H024	Tabley Hill Lane, Tabley	7.6	7.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H025	Chester Road, Tabley	8.1	8.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H026	Budworth Road, Tabley	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H027	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	7.3	7.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H028	Budworth Road, Tabley	7.2	7.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H029	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	7.3	7.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H030	Budworth Road, Pickmere	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (µg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance
				concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H031	Budworth Road, Northwich	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H032	Chester Road, Tabley	8.5	8.7	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H033	Chester Road, Tabley	8.3	8.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H034	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H035	Manchester Road, Knutsford	7.2	7.1	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H036	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H037	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.6	7.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H038	Chester Road, Tabley	8.4	8.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H039	Manchester Road, Knutsford	7.0	7.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H040	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.9	8.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H041	Old Hall Lane, Tabley	7.1	7.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H042	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.2	7.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H043	Chester Road, Knutsford	7.1	7.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H044	Manchester Road, Mere	7.0	6.9	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H045	Mereside Road, Mere	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H046	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H047	Warrington Road, Mere	6.6	6.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H048	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	7.5	7.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H049	Mereside Road, Mere	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H050	A556, Mere	6.8	6.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H051	Mere Day Nursery, Chester Road, Mere	6.8	6.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H052	Mereside Road, Mere	6.5	6.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H053	Ashley Road, Mere	6.5	6.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H054	Chester Road, Mere	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H055	Chester Road, Mere	7.0	7.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H056	Chester Road, Mere	6.8	6.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H057	Chester Road, Mere	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H058	Chester Road, Mere	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H059	Northwich Road, Lower Stretton	7.5	7.7	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H060	Winterbottom Lane, Mere	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H061	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	6.3	6.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H062	Moss Lane, High Legh	9.7	9.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H063	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H064	Mere, Knutsford	7.0	7.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H065	Chester Road, Mere	6.2	6.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H066	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	6.2	6.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H067	Mere, Knutsford	7.1	7.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H068	Warrington Road, Mere	6.7	6.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H069	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	7.4	7.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H070	Chester Road, Bucklow Hill	6.5	6.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H071	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	7.1	7.3	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H072	Wrenshot Lane, High Legh	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H073	Chapel Lane, Bucklow Hill	7.0	7.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H074	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	8.1	8.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H075	Woodlands Crescent, High Legh	7.2	7.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (µg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-C-H076	Withers Lane, High Legh	8.5	8.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H077	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	8.5	8.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H078	Peacock Lane, Mere	6.5	6.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H079	Swindyard Lane, High Legh	7.5	7.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H080	Crabtree Lane, High Legh	7.3	7.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H081	Withers Lane, High Legh	8.1	8.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H082	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	7.5	7.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H083	Swineyard Lane, High Legh	7.6	7.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H084	Warrington Road, High Legh	7.7	7.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H085	Back Lane, Moston	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H086	Back Lane, Moston	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H087	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H088	Peacock Lane, High Legh	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H089	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H090	Heath Lane, High Legh	8.2	8.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H091	Withers Lane, High Legh	8.1	8.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H092	Peacock Lane, High Legh	6.4	6.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H093	Primrose Hill, Cliff Lane	8.1	8.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H094	Agden Lane, Agden	6.4	6.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H095	Agden Lane, Agden	6.4	6.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H096	Cliff Lane, Lymm	8.0	8.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H097	Peacock Lane, High Legh	6.7	6.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-C-H098	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	8.1	8.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (µg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance	
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)			
3-C-H099	Cliff Lane, Lymm	8.4	8.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H100	Agden Lane, Agden	7.2	7.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H101	Froghall Lane, High Legh	8.1	8.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H102	West Lane, High Legh	8.6	8.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H103	Agden Lane, Agden	8.6	8.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H104	Agden Lane, Agden	7.3	7.5	0.2	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H105	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	7.4	7.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H106	Agden Brow, Lymm	7.0	7.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H107	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H108	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H109	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H110	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.7	6.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H111	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H112	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.6	6.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	
3-C-H113	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	7.0	7.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant	

Table 17: Predicted annual mean of NOx concentrations at ecological sites (construction phase)

Ecological site			Change in NOx	Comparison against air		
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	quality standard (30µg/m³)	
The Mere, Mere SSSI,	193m	12.7	12.8	0.1	Within standard	
Transect 1	200m	12.6	12.7	0.1	Within standard	

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Ecological site	Distance to road (m)	NOx concentrations (µg/m	3)	Change in NOx	Comparison against air
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	quality standard (30µg/m³)
Tabley Mere SSSI,	108m	12.2	12.2	< 0.1	Within standard
Transect 1	150m	11.5	11.5	< 0.1	Within standard
	200m	11.0	11.0	< 0.1	Within standard
Tabley Mere SSSI,	146m	11.5	11.6	0.1	Within standard
Transect 2	150m	11.5	11.5	< 0.1	Within standard
	200m	11.0	11.0	< 0.1	Within standard
Dunham Park SSSI	8m	15.7	16.1	0.4	Within standard
Transect 1	10m	15.2	15.5	0.3	Within standard
	20m	13.9	14.1	0.2	Within standard
	30m	13.3	13.4	0.1	Within standard
	40m	12.9	13.0	0.1	Within standard
	50m	12.7	12.8	0.1	Within standard
	75m	12.3	12.4	0.1	Within standard
	100m	12.2	12.2	< 0.1	Within standard
	150m	12.0	12.0	< 0.1	Within standard
	200m	11.9	11.9	< 0.1	Within standard
Dunham Park SSSI	1m	15.0	15.9	0.9	Within standard
Transect 2	10m	12.8	13.1	0.3	Within standard
	20m	12.2	12.4	0.2	Within standard
	30m	11.9	12.1	0.2	Within standard
	40m	11.8	11.9	0.1	Within standard
	50m	11.7	11.8	0.1	Within standard
	75m	11.5	11.6	0.1	Within standard

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Ecological site	Distance to road (m)	NOx concentrations (µg/m ³	NOx concentrations (μg/m ³)		Comparison against air	
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	quality standard (30µg/m³)	
	100m	11.5	11.5	< 0.1	Within standard	
	150m	11.4	11.4	< 0.1	Within standard	
	200m	11.3	11.3	< 0.1	Within standard	

Note: Data for the Ecology Assessment is presented within the boundary of the relevant designations, therefore data from The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 193m, Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 2 is presented from 146m, Dunham Park SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 8m and Dunham Park SSSI Transect 2 is presented from 146m, Dunham Park SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 8m and Dunham Park SSSI Transect 2 is presented from 108m.

Table 18: Assessment of N deposition at ecological sites (construction phase)

Ecological site	Distance to road (m)	Dry deposition (kg N/h	ia/yr)	Change in N	Critical load (kg	Change in relation
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	N/ha/yr)	to lower critical load
The Mere, Mere SSSI,	193m	24.0	24.0	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Transect 1	200m	24.0	24.0	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Tabley Mere SSSI,	108m	43.4	43.4	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Transect 1	150m	25.6	25.6	<0.1	10	<0.1%
	200m	25.6	25.6	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Tabley Mere SSSI,	146m	43.3	43.3	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Transect 2	150m	25.6	25.6	<0.1	10	<0.1%
	200m	25.6	25.6	<0.1	10	<0.1%
Dunham Park SSSI	8m	43.3	43.4	0.1	15	0.4%
Transect 1	10m	43.3	43.3	<0.1	15	0.3%
	20m	43.1	43.1	<0.1	15	0.2%
	30m	43.0	43.0	<0.1	15	0.2%
	40m	42.9	42.9	<0.1	15	0.1%

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Ecological site	Distance to road (m)	Dry deposition (kg N/h	na/yr)	Change in N	Critical load (kg	Change in relation	
		2025 without the Proposed Scheme	2025 with the Proposed Scheme	deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	N/ha/yr)	to lower critical load	
	50m	42.9	42.9	<0.1	15	0.1%	
	75m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	100m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	150m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	200m	42.7	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
Dunham Park SSSI	1m	43.3	43.5	0.2	15	0.9%	
Transect 2	10m	43.0	43.0	<0.1	15	0.3%	
	20m	42.9	42.9	<0.1	15	0.2%	
	30m	42.8	42.9	0.1	15	0.1%	
	40m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	0.1%	
	50m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	75m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	100m	42.8	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	150m	42.7	42.8	<0.1	15	<0.1%	
	200m	42.7	42.7	<0.1	15	<0.1%	

Note: Data for the Ecology Assessment is presented within the boundary of the relevant designations, therefore data from The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 193m, Tabley Mere SSSI Transect 2 is presented from 146m, Dunham Park SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 8m and Dunham Park SSSI Transect 2 is presented from 1m.

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- 4.3.8 The annual mean concentrations of NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are predicted to be within the air quality standards with and without construction of the Proposed Scheme. Since the annual mean NO₂ concentrations are predicted to be below 60µg/m³, the hourly mean standard is also expected to be met. Similarly, since the annual mean PM₁₀ concentrations are predicted to be below 35µg/m³, the daily mean standard is also expected to be met.
- 4.3.9 One slight adverse impact is predicted for annual mean NO₂ concentrations, on Moss Lane, High Legh. Three slight beneficial impacts were predicted at Agden Lane, Agden and Froghall Lane and West Lane in High Legh. Negligible impacts are predicted at all remaining human receptors for annual mean NO₂ concentrations. Negligible impacts are predicted at all receptors in the area for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations.
- 4.3.10 NOx concentrations at The Mere, Mere SSSI, Tabley Mere SSSI and Dunham Park SSSI are predicted to be within the air quality standard, both without and with the Proposed Scheme. The change in N deposition due to the Proposed Scheme is also predicted to be less than 1% of the lower critical load for all sites.

Assessment of significance

- 4.3.11 No significant effects are anticipated at any receptor in relation to annual mean NO₂, PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations.
- 4.3.12 Since the change in N deposition is predicted to be less than 1% of the lower critical load, no significant effects are predicted at The Mere, Mere SSSI, Tabley Mere SSSI and Dunham Park SSSI.

4.4 Assessment of operational traffic emissions

Operational traffic model

4.4.1 Operational traffic data used in this assessment are detailed in BID AQ-002-0MA03¹. For the assessment of traffic on the highway network, data for the year 2038 were used as the operational year of the Proposed Scheme.

Screening of traffic data

- 4.4.2 The screening process identified a total of 50 roads in the Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath area exceeding the DMRB thresholds for changes in AADT or daily HDV flows and/or changes in road alignment by 5m or more. These roads include:
 - the M6 junction 19 to junction 20;
 - the M56 junction 8 to junction 10;
 - the A556 Chester Road; and
 - the A50 Warrington Road.

4.4.3 Further roads have been included in the assessment to account for their emissions at nearby receptors.

Receptors assessed and background concentrations

- 4.4.4 Sensitive receptors have been selected from the OS AddressBase Premium database. The receptors consist of residential properties, schools and care homes within 200m of the screened in roads and represent worst-case exposure locations (Table 19). The location of all receptors is shown on accompanying map AQ-01-303.
- 4.4.5 One designated ecological site has been identified within 200m of the screened in roads, The Mere, Mere SSSI, located east of the Proposed Scheme in Mere.
- 4.4.6 Details of the assessed receptors and the background concentrations used in the assessment are shown in Table 19 for human and Table 20 for ecological receptors.

Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 2038 (µg/m³)				
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	
3-O-H001	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	369907 377647	8.2	6.5	9.5	6.0	
3-O-H002	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	370110 377886	8.3	6.5	9.2	5.9	
3-O-H003	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	370455 378316	8.3	6.5	9.7	6.0	
3-O-H004	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	370277 378400	8.3	6.5	9.7	6.0	
3-O-H005	Frog Lane, Pickmere	370045 378700	8.3	6.5	9.7	6.0	
3-O-H006	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	370901 378740	8.3	6.5	9.7	6.0	
3-O-H007	Budworth Road, Tabley	370915 379051	8.6	6.7	9.6	6.1	
3-O-H008	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	371345 379065	8.9	7.0	11.3	7.0	
3-O-H009	Budworth Road, Tabley	371140 379073	8.9	7.0	11.3	7.0	
3-O-H010	Budworth Road, Pickmere	369560 379115	8.2	6.5	9.8	6.1	
3-O-H011	Chester Road, Tabley	372229 379253	13.6	10.4	12.2	7.3	
3-O-H012	Chester Road, Tabley	372276 379268	13.6	10.4	12.2	7.3	
3-O-H013	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	368712 379268	8.1	6.4	9.7	6.1	
3-O-H014	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	371767 379656	8.9	7.0	11.3	7.0	
3-O-H015	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	371976 379779	8.9	7.0	11.3	7.0	

Table 19: Modelled human receptors and background concentrations (operational phase)

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Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Backgrou (µg/m³)	nd concent	rations in 2	038
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
3-O-H016	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	370869 380388	11.6	9.0	11.1	6.9
3-O-H017	Mereside Road, Mere	373605 381010	9.4	7.3	9.6	6.2
3-O-H018	Warrington Road, Mere	373371 381129	9.4	7.3	9.6	6.2
3-O-H019	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	369180 381150	11.7	9.0	12.3	7.3
3-O-H020	Mereside Road, Mere	373647 381278	9.4	7.3	9.6	6.2
3-O-H021	Mereside Road, Mere	373620 381443	9.4	7.3	9.6	6.2
3-O-H022	Ashley Road, Mere	373662 381485	9.4	7.3	9.6	6.2
3-O-H023	Chester Road, Mere	372773 381550	9.9	7.7	10.7	6.6
3-O-H024	Chester Road, Mere	372712 381620	9.9	7.7	10.7	6.6
3-O-H025	Chester Road, Mere	372728 381720	9.9	7.7	10.7	6.6
3-O-H026	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	374180 382242	9.3	7.3	9.7	6.1
3-O-H027	Moss Lane, High Legh	367695 382555	12.1	9.3	11.8	7.2
3-O-H028	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	371825 382712	9.2	7.2	10.5	6.4
3-O-H029	Mere, Knutsford	371911 382718	9.2	7.2	10.5	6.4
3-O-H030	Mere, Knutsford	371783 382780	9.2	7.2	10.5	6.4
3-O-H031	Warrington Road, Mere	371377 383034	9.3	7.3	10.0	6.2
3-O-H032	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	364405 383058	12.8	9.8	11.6	7.2
3-O-H033	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	365736 383802	13.0	10.0	11.9	7.2
3-O-H034	Peacock Lane, Mere	372076 384015	10.0	7.7	10.0	6.3
3-O-H035	Withers Lane, High Legh	367075 384159	13.9	10.6	12.8	7.5
3-O-H036	Back Lane, Moston	371994 384294	9.8	7.6	9.8	6.2
3-O-H037	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	371813 384296	9.8	7.6	9.8	6.2
3-O-H038	Peacock Lane, High Legh	371541 384370	9.8	7.6	9.8	6.2
3-O-H039	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	371303 384423	9.8	7.6	9.8	6.2
3-O-H040	Withers Lane, High Legh	366957 384500	16.8	12.6	12.3	7.4
3-O-H041	Agden Lane, Agden	371826 384875	9.8	7.6	9.8	6.2
3-O-H042	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	366410 384999	16.8	12.6	12.3	7.4
3-O-H043	Cliff Lane, Lymm	366015 385005	15.0	11.4	12.4	7.4

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Receptor	Description/Location	Ordnance survey	Background concentrations in 2038 (µg/m³)				
		coordinates	NOx	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	
3-O-H044	Agden Lane, Agden	371652 385034	10.3	8.0	11.2	6.9	
3-O-H045	Froghall Lane, High Legh	371066 385157	10.3	8.0	11.2	6.9	
3-O-H046	West Lane, High Legh	370348 385245	10.5	8.1	11.0	6.9	
3-O-H047	Agden Lane, Agden	371314 385293	10.3	8.0	11.2	6.9	
3-O-H048	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	370849 385893	10.5	8.1	11.0	6.9	
3-O-H049	Agden Brow, Lymm	371040 386001	10.5	8.1	9.9	6.3	
3-O-H050	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	371300 386252	10.5	8.1	9.9	6.3	
3-O-H051	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372779 386486	10.5	8.1	9.8	6.3	
3-O-H052	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372651 386561	10.5	8.1	9.8	6.3	
3-O-H053	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	372533 386617	10.5	8.1	9.8	6.3	

Table 20: Modelled ecological receptor backgrounds, APIS data and critical loads (operational phase)

Receptor	Sensitive habitat	2038 NOx background concentration (µg/m³)	APIS data of average total N deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	Critical load (kg N/ha/yr)
The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1	Poor fen	9.4	23.8	10

Assessment results

- 4.4.7 Table 21, Table 22 and Table 23 provide the summary of the modelled pollutant concentrations for the assessed human receptors. The magnitude of change and impact descriptor are also derived following the IAQM/EPUK methodology⁴.
- 4.4.8 Table 24 and Table 25 provide the summary of the assessment for ecological receptors.

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Table 21: Predicted annual mean NO₂ concentrations and impacts (operation phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (μ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	lmpact descriptor	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-O-H001	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	7.8	7.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-0-H002	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	7.9	8.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H003	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	7.0	7.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H004	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	6.8	6.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H005	Frog Lane, Pickmere	6.7	6.7	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H006	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	7.6	7.8	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H007	Budworth Road, Tabley	7.1	7.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H008	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	8.1	8.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H009	Budworth Road, Tabley	7.5	7.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H010	Budworth Road, Pickmere	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H011	Chester Road, Tabley	14.5	14.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H012	Chester Road, Tabley	13.4	13.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H013	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	6.7	6.6	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H014	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	8.8	8.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H015	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H016	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H017	Mereside Road, Mere	9.3	9.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H018	Warrington Road, Mere	9.2	9.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H019	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H020	Mereside Road, Mere	9.2	8.8	-0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H021	Mereside Road, Mere	8.7	8.5	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (μ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	descriptor	
3-O-H022	Ashley Road, Mere	8.6	8.3	-0.3	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H023	Chester Road, Mere	9.3	9.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H024	Chester Road, Mere	9.3	9.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H025	Chester Road, Mere	8.9	9.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H026	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	8.1	7.9	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H027	Moss Lane, High Legh	19.8	19.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H028	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	8.3	7.8	-0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H029	Mere, Knutsford	9.1	9.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H030	Mere, Knutsford	9.3	9.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H031	Warrington Road, Mere	8.6	8.7	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H032	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	10.6	10.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H033	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	15.1	15.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H034	Peacock Lane, Mere	8.1	8.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H035	Withers Lane, High Legh	12.2	12.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H036	Back Lane, Moston	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H037	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H038	Peacock Lane, High Legh	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H039	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H040	Withers Lane, High Legh	14.6	14.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H041	Agden Lane, Agden	8.3	8.1	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H042	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	15.3	15.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H043	Cliff Lane, Lymm	14.9	14.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	NO ₂ concentrations (µ	g/m³)	Change in NO ₂	Impact	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	descriptor	
3-O-H044	Agden Lane, Agden	9.2	8.7	-0.5	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H045	Froghall Lane, High Legh	12.4	12.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H046	West Lane, High Legh	14.5	14.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H047	Agden Lane, Agden	14.3	14.1	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H048	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	10.1	9.7	-0.4	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H049	Agden Brow, Lymm	10.6	10.8	0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H050	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	10.1	10.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H051	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	9.4	9.5	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H052	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	9.2	9.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H053	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.4	10.6	0.2	Negligible	Not significant

Table 22: Predicted annual mean PM₁₀ concentrations and impacts (operation phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (µ	ıg/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	Impact	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	descriptor	
3-O-H001	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	10.1	10.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H002	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	9.8	9.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H003	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H004	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H005	Frog Lane, Pickmere	9.8	9.7	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H006	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	10.2	10.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H007	Budworth Road, Tabley	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (Jg/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	lmpact descriptor	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-O-H008	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	11.8	11.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H009	Budworth Road, Tabley	11.6	11.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H010	Budworth Road, Pickmere	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H011	Chester Road, Tabley	14.1	14.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H012	Chester Road, Tabley	13.6	13.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H013	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H014	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	12.1	12.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H015	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	12.6	12.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H016	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	11.4	11.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H017	Mereside Road, Mere	10.4	10.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H018	Warrington Road, Mere	10.3	10.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H019	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	12.6	12.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H020	Mereside Road, Mere	10.4	10.2	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H021	Mereside Road, Mere	10.1	10.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H022	Ashley Road, Mere	10.1	10.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H023	Chester Road, Mere	11.3	11.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H024	Chester Road, Mere	11.3	11.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H025	Chester Road, Mere	11.2	11.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H026	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	10.1	10.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H027	Moss Lane, High Legh	16.0	16.1	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H028	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	10.8	10.7	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H029	Mere, Knutsford	11.2	11.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (ug/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	lmpact descriptor	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-O-H030	Mere, Knutsford	11.3	11.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H031	Warrington Road, Mere	10.5	10.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H032	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	11.9	11.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H033	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	13.8	13.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H034	Peacock Lane, Mere	10.2	10.1	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H035	Withers Lane, High Legh	13.4	13.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H036	Back Lane, Moston	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H037	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H038	Peacock Lane, High Legh	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H039	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	9.9	9.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H040	Withers Lane, High Legh	13.1	13.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H041	Agden Lane, Agden	10.1	10.0	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H042	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	13.3	13.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H043	Cliff Lane, Lymm	13.8	13.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-0-H044	Agden Lane, Agden	11.7	11.5	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H045	Froghall Lane, High Legh	13.0	12.9	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H046	West Lane, High Legh	13.6	13.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H047	Agden Lane, Agden	13.7	13.6	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H048	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	11.8	11.6	-0.2	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H049	Agden Brow, Lymm	10.9	11.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H050	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	10.7	10.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H051	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.3	10.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM ₁₀ concentrations (µ	ıg/m³)	Change in PM ₁₀	Impact	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	descriptor	
3-O-H052	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.2	10.3	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H053	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	10.7	10.8	0.1	Negligible	Not significant

Table 23: Predicted annual mean PM_{2.5} concentrations and impacts (operation phase)

Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (ıg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact descriptor	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-O-H001	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	6.3	6.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H002	Pickmere Lane, Pickmere	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H003	School Farm, School Lane, Tabley	6.1	6.2	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H004	Church Farm, School Lane, Pickmere	6.1	6.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H005	Frog Lane, Pickmere	6.1	6.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H006	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	6.3	6.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H007	Budworth Road, Tabley	6.2	6.2	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H008	Pickmere Lane, Tabley	7.3	7.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H009	Budworth Road, Tabley	7.1	7.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H010	Budworth Road, Pickmere	6.1	6.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H011	Chester Road, Tabley	8.4	8.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H012	Chester Road, Tabley	8.1	8.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H013	Budworth Road, Aston by Budworth	6.1	6.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H014	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.5	7.5	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H015	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.8	7.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (ıg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	Impact	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)	descriptor	
3-O-H016	Old Hall Lane, Over Tabley	7.1	7.1	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H017	Mereside Road, Mere	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H018	Warrington Road, Mere	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H019	Cann Lane, Aston by Budworth	7.4	7.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H020	Mereside Road, Mere	6.6	6.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H021	Mereside Road, Mere	6.5	6.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H022	Ashley Road, Mere	6.5	6.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H023	Chester Road, Mere	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H024	Chester Road, Mere	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H025	Chester Road, Mere	6.8	6.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H026	Tatton Dale, Knutsford	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-0-H027	Moss Lane, High Legh	9.8	9.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H028	Hoo Green Lane, Knutsford	6.6	6.5	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H029	Mere, Knutsford	6.8	6.8	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H030	Mere, Knutsford	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H031	Warrington Road, Mere	6.5	6.6	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H032	Arley Road, Appleton Thorn	7.3	7.4	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H033	Barleycastle Lane, Appleton Thorn	8.4	8.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H034	Peacock Lane, Mere	6.4	6.4	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H035	Withers Lane, High Legh	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H036	Back Lane, Moston	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H037	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H038	Peacock Lane, High Legh	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Receptor	Description/Location	PM _{2.5} concentrations (Jg/m³)	Change in PM _{2.5}	lmpact descriptor	Significance
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
3-O-H039	Peacock Lane, Knutsford	6.3	6.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H040	Withers Lane, High Legh	7.9	7.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H041	Agden Lane, Agden	6.4	6.3	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H042	Old Cherry Lane, Lymm	8.0	8.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H043	Cliff Lane, Lymm	8.3	8.3	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H044	Agden Lane, Agden	7.2	7.1	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H045	Froghall Lane, High Legh	8.0	8.0	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H046	West Lane, High Legh	8.5	8.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H047	Agden Lane, Agden	8.5	8.4	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H048	Agden Park Lane, Broomedge	7.4	7.3	-0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H049	Agden Brow, Lymm	6.9	7.0	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H050	Lymm Road, Agden Brow	6.8	6.9	0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H051	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H052	Little Bollington Church of England Primary School, Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.6	6.6	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant
3-O-H053	Lymm Road, Little Bollington	6.9	6.9	< 0.1	Negligible	Not significant

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Table 24: Predicted annual mean of NOx concentrations at ecological sites (operation phase)

Ecological Site	Distance to road (m)	NOx concentrations (µg/n	1 ³)	Change in NOx	Comparison against air quality standard (30µg/m³)	
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	concentrations (µg/m³)		
The Mere, Mere SSSI, Transect 1	193m	10.2	10.2	< 0.1	Within standard	
	200m	10.2	10.2	< 0.1	Within standard	

Note: Data for the Ecology Assessment is presented within the boundary of the relevant designations, therefore data from The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 193m.

Table 25: Assessment of N deposition at ecological sites (operation phase)

Ecological site	Distance to road (m)	Dry deposition (kg N/h	a/yr)	Change in N		Percentage change
		2038 without the Proposed Scheme	2038 with the Proposed Scheme	deposition (kg N/ha/yr)	N/ha/yr)	in relation to lower critical load
The Mere, Mere SSSI, Transect 1	193m	23.9	23.9	<0.1	10	<0.1%
	200m	23.9	23.9	<0.1	10	<0.1%

Note: Data for the Ecology Assessment is presented within the boundary of the relevant designations, therefore data from The Mere, Mere SSSI Transect 1 is presented from 193m.

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- 4.4.9 The annual mean NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations are predicted to be within the air quality standards with and without operation of the Proposed Scheme. Since the annual mean NO₂ concentrations are predicted to be below 60µg/m³, the hourly mean standard is also expected to be met. Similarly, since the annual mean PM₁₀ concentrations are predicted to be below 35µg/m³, the daily mean standard is also expected to be met.
- 4.4.10 Negligible impacts are predicted at all human receptors for annual mean NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations.
- 4.4.11 NOx concentrations at The Mere, Mere SSSI are predicted to be within the air quality standard, both without and with the Proposed Scheme. The change in N deposition due to the Proposed Scheme is also predicted to be less than 1% of the lower critical load for this site.

Assessment of significance

- 4.4.12 No significant effects are anticipated at any receptors in relation to annual mean NO₂, PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations.
- 4.4.13 Since the change in N deposition is predicted to be less than 1% of the lower critical load, no significant effects are predicted at The Mere, Mere SSSI.

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