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# 1. Introduction

The London Boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets were awarded funding from the Mayor's Air Quality Fund (MAQF) to carry out an anti-idling project to improve air quality near Tower Bridge and the surrounding streets. This area had been declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) due to the Air Quality Strategy objectives for these pollutants being exceeded.

Tower Bridge opens on average 900 times each year for approximately five minutes each time. This equates to 75 hours per year or less than 1% of the year. The Bridge currently carries 40,000 vehicles per day and so is busy for the majority of the day. Traffic queues build up near the bridge and on surrounding roads whilst the Bridge is open and then take a while to disperse once the road is open again. Vehicles queue with their engines running leading to increased emissions which could be reduced if drivers could be persuaded to turn their engines off. The aim of this project was to encourage drivers to turn their engines off and assess the effectiveness of this measure on air quality.

Variable Message Signs (VMS) were used to reduce the amount of idling by informing drivers of the road closure and the length of time before traffic is expected to move again.

The main objective of this trial was to establish the effects on air quality by using VMS to inform drivers of the bridge status and confirm whether less queuing traffic with engines running results in improved air quality.

The key success criteria were considered to be:

- An improvement in air quality.
- A reduction in traffic idling during bridge opening times by 60%.
- Improved satisfaction of drivers.

## 2. Background

### 2.1 Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge was built over 120 years ago to ease road traffic while maintaining river access to the busy Pool of London docks. It was built with giant moveable roadways that lift up for passing ships. Tower Bridge is still a busy crossing of the Thames; it is crossed by over 40,000 vehicles every day. The bridge is on the London Inner Ring Road, and is on the eastern boundary of the London Congestion Charging Zone.

#### 2.1.1 Tower Bridge Lift Booking

Under the Corporation of London (Tower Bridge) Act 1885, the City of London Corporation is required to raise the bridge to provide access to and egress from the Upper Pool of London for registered vessels, at any time, day or night, 365 days a year. The service is provided free of charge subject to 24 hours' notice. Any vessel with a mast or superstructure of 10 meters or more wishing to enter or leave the Upper Pool of London can ask for a bridge lift.

The information regarding the bridge lift booking process is published on the <http://www.towerbridge.org.uk> website. In summary, the bridge lift requests have to be made in writing and received by the bridge operator at least 24 hours in advance of a lift. When a booking is made, the Tower Bridge operator will issue confirmation in the form of a numbered bridge lift order, and add the lift to the bridge lift schedule and published on the <http://www.towerbridge.org.uk> website.

#### 2.1.2 Tower Bridge Operation

The bridge and control room will be staffed 30 minutes before the scheduled bridge lift time. The Tower Bridge staff track the progress of the vessels approach through visual, radio and a dedicated tracking system. Vessels can expect roughly five minutes leeway on a scheduled booking time. The bridge is not necessarily raised at the exact booked time but once the vessel is ready to pass in order to minimize any disruption to road traffic.

Once the vessel is prepared to pass, the bridge driver will initiate a sequence of operation (via the Bridge Control System) that will first turn the traffic signals on the bridge to red and then close the vehicle and pedestrian barriers. The bridge driver will then make an announcement over the loudspeaker system alerting pedestrian and road traffic that the bridge is about to be lifted.

The average time for the complete bridge lifting operation is on average 10-15 minutes. However, this can vary according to the type of vessel requiring a bridge lift. The height of the vessel dictates the degree to which the bridge is raised and the size of the vessel dictates how long the bridge remains lifted till it has passed. For example, a large cruise liner would require the bridge to be fully lifted for a longer period, increasing the time taken to complete the entire operation.

Maintenance lifts are also undertaken on a regular basis. However, these lifts are similar in duration (10-15mins) to bridge lifts for waterborne traffic.



The bridge driver indicated that the approaches to Tower Bridge on the Tower Hamlets side experience significant congestion regardless of Tower Bridge Lifts.

### 2.1.3 Traffic Equipment on Tower Bridge

There was a set of traffic signals and barriers located on both approaches to Tower Bridge to stop traffic prior to a bridge lift. These signals were initiated via a control panel by the bridge driver in the control room.

There were 60 CCTV camera located on Tower Bridge. These were used by the bridge control room staff to monitor the bridge operation. There was no traffic counting equipment present on Tower Bridge.

## 2.2 Air Quality

### 2.2.1 Air Quality Legislation and Criteria

The key driver behind this project is the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Air Quality Strategy which set out the requirement for local authorities in the UK to implement Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) and develop ameliorative local actions in areas of poor air quality.

The two pollutants of most concern are Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and fine particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>). Air Quality Management Areas have been declared for these pollutants by the London boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets and the Corporation of the City of London. The objectives which are being exceeded are:

- Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective set at 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Daily mean PM<sub>10</sub> objective set at 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> which can be exceeded 35 times per year.

Reducing concentrations in relation to these averaging periods is therefore important.

### 2.2.2 Background to the Study

Excessive idling of vehicles and especially heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) can significantly increase emissions in localised areas and key congestion hot spots. With modern vehicles, emissions are generally lower if the engine is turned off whilst the vehicle is queuing provided that the queue time is longer than a minute. A number of local authorities in the UK are now undertaking vehicle anti-idling projects as part of their LAQM work.

Vehicle idling has been recognised by local authorities throughout the UK as a potentially significant local source of atmospheric pollutants. Furthermore, it is sometimes an emission source that is within the scope of the authority to regulate and control as idling enforcement can be carried out using a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) under Code 63. Therefore, it has been included as a defined action in air quality action plans and as a stand-alone policy in many regions.

### 2.2.3 Existing Monitoring

The London Boroughs undertake local air quality monitoring across their administrative areas using both passive and continuous monitoring techniques. Automatic continuous monitoring stations measure hourly concentrations using EU reference methods and provide the most accurate data but are expensive to operate. The majority of local authorities also measure NO<sub>2</sub> using the simpler and cheaper diffusion tubes. These tubes can be readily mounted on lamp-posts and do not require a power supply so can be used to obtain measurements over a wide area at a relatively low cost. The tubes measure average concentrations during the exposure period which is usually a month. Tubes are usually co-located with a continuous analyser so that the diffusion tube measurement can be compared with the continuous analyser and a bias adjustment factor applied to the diffusion tube reading to bring it in-line with the more accurate continuous analyser.

### 2.2.4 Electrochemical Sensor Trial

An air quality monitoring trial was undertaken in conjunction with Southwark Council, Future Cities Catapult and Intel for a period of 12 months beginning September 2014. An air quality monitoring unit consisting of various electrochemical sensors capable of measuring CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO, NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> and reporting this data in real time was used. In addition to the functionality, the low cost and ease of deployment on street lighting columns enabling a large special distribution and collections of data were key factors in the choice of this unit.

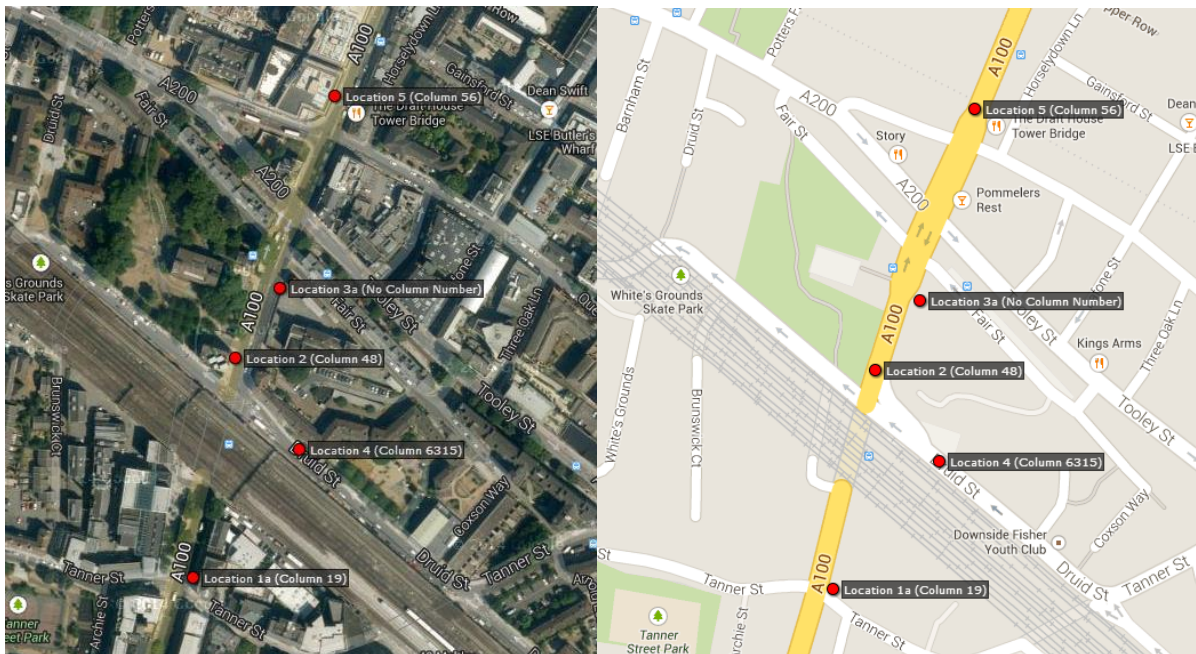


**Figure 2-1 Electrochemical Sensors and Enclosure**

The electrochemical sensors were deployed at five locations along Tower Bridge Road listed in Table 2-1 and shown on a location plan in Figure 2-2 and an existing continuous monitoring station on Old Kent Road in September 2014.

**Table 2-1. Electrochemical Sensor Monitoring Locations on Tower Bridge Road (Southwark Side)**

| Location ID | Lamppost Column ID     | Location  |
|-------------|------------------------|---|
| 1a          | 19                     | South of railway bridge on east side of Tower Bridge Road, near to junction with Tanner Street.     |
| 2           | 48                     | West side of Tower Bridge Road, near to junction with Druid Street.                                 |
| 3a          | N/A (no column number) | Lamppost outside entrance to Tower Bridge Primary School  |
| 4           | 6315                   | South of St. John's Estate apartments on the north side of Druid Street, east of Tower Bridge Road. |
| 5           | 56                     | West side of Tower Bridge Road, adjacent to One Tower Bridge Development.                           |



**Figure 2-2 Electrochemical Sensor Monitoring Locations on Tower Bridge Road (Southwark Side)**

The air quality monitoring experienced reliability and communication flaws during the trial including a fatal hardware fault in the devices that have been deployed in the field. This resulted in a period when no data was collected or recorded due to the hardware issue (modem). The faulty equipment was replaced, however, the units continued to experience reliability issues.

The data from all the electrochemical sensors was analysed by Intel in conjunction with researchers at Kings College London. This process involved validating the sensors against known NO<sub>2</sub> sources. The results of this analysis confirmed that the electrochemical sensors had not performed as expected and their data could not be verified. As NO and NO<sub>2</sub> were the primary focus for the anti-idling trial, the data from the electrochemical sensors was not used and the trial was not progressed further.

### 3. Anti-Idling Trial

This project aimed to reduce the amount of idling during bridge lifts through the use of portable Variable Message Signs (VMS) on the approach roads to Tower Bridge. They were situated where observed queuing for the bridge lift occurs and where there was sufficient space on the footway to accommodate the signs without inhibiting pedestrian flows or impacting negatively on safety. The VMS displayed messages during bridge lifts advising drivers to switch off engines.

The aim of the Tower Bridge anti-idling scheme was to encourage motorists to turn off their engines when they were waiting for the bridge to re-open, via messages displayed on a number of temporary VMS at strategic locations on the approaches to Tower Bridge.

The VMS on Tower Bridge Road were in operation from 10th February 2016 to 15th April 2016, and from 5th July 2016 to 9th September 2016 (VMS On). Between 15th April 2016 and 5th July 2016, and from 9th September 2016 to 21st November 2016, the VMS was not in operation (VMS Off).

Tower Bridge was lifted on 439 occasions between 13th February 2016 and 9th October 2016 for durations ranging from less than 1 minute to more than 41 minutes. The average bridge lift time was 8 minutes 30 seconds. The total duration of the bridge lifts was 62 hours 42 minutes.

#### 3.1 Variable Message Signs (VMS)

VMS are electronic traffic control devices used to provide motorist en-route traveller information. VMS can be placed in a wide range of places like highways, major road junctions, and urban areas. Typically installed at the side or above the roadway, the VMS uses text and graphics in monochrome or colour to warn of traffic congestion, accidents, incidents, roadwork zones, or speed limits on a specific highway segment. The versatility of variable message signs makes them suitable for providing traffic information for a variety of situations in urban areas to warn of duration and location of the incidents or just inform of the traffic conditions.

Trailer-mounted VMS are used to warn traffic of incidents in urban areas where it is not feasible to install permanent VMS. These VMS can be operated using sustainable energy through solar panels and battery packs integrated on the trailer. This avoids expensive fixed power supply installations, enables the signs to be completely self-sufficient and standalone and promotes a greener environment.

The messages displayed on the sign can be programmed locally on the unit's control panel, or units equipped with a cellular modem can be programmed remotely via computer or phone.

The objective of the VMS was to allow the motorist time to prepare for unavoidable conditions with the goal to have a positive impact on the local air quality.



Figure 3-1 Variable Message Signs

## 3.2 VMS Locations

In order to identify where the VMS should be placed, on site observations were carried out. These combined with still images of surrounding streets during bridge lift times, provided by Transport for London (TfL), provided a picture of where queues build and therefore where to place the signs. The initial site observation included an assessment:

- a. Available space
  - Footway width
  - Street furniture
  - Utilities
  - Other
    - Dropped kerbs
    - Bus stops
    - Cycle lanes
    - Parking/loading bays
    - Building access
- b. Sightlines
  - Street furniture
  - Trees
  - Road alignment

Considerations were given to junctions, as the idea was not to re-route drivers on to alternative routes.

As a result of the initial site assessment a total of ten sites had been identified around the Tower Bridge area for locating the VMS. A number of the sites had been presented with two location options. The site locations were divided equally between the north and south of the river, some of which were utilised for deployment of VMS during the London Olympics in 2012.

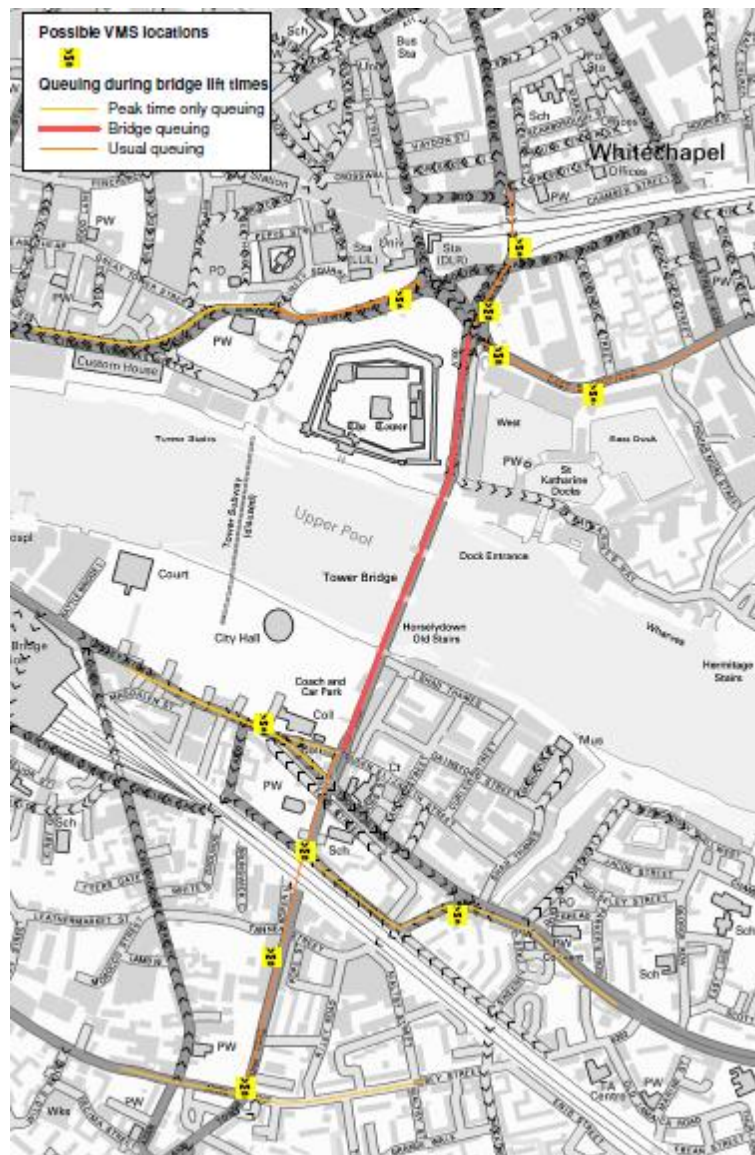


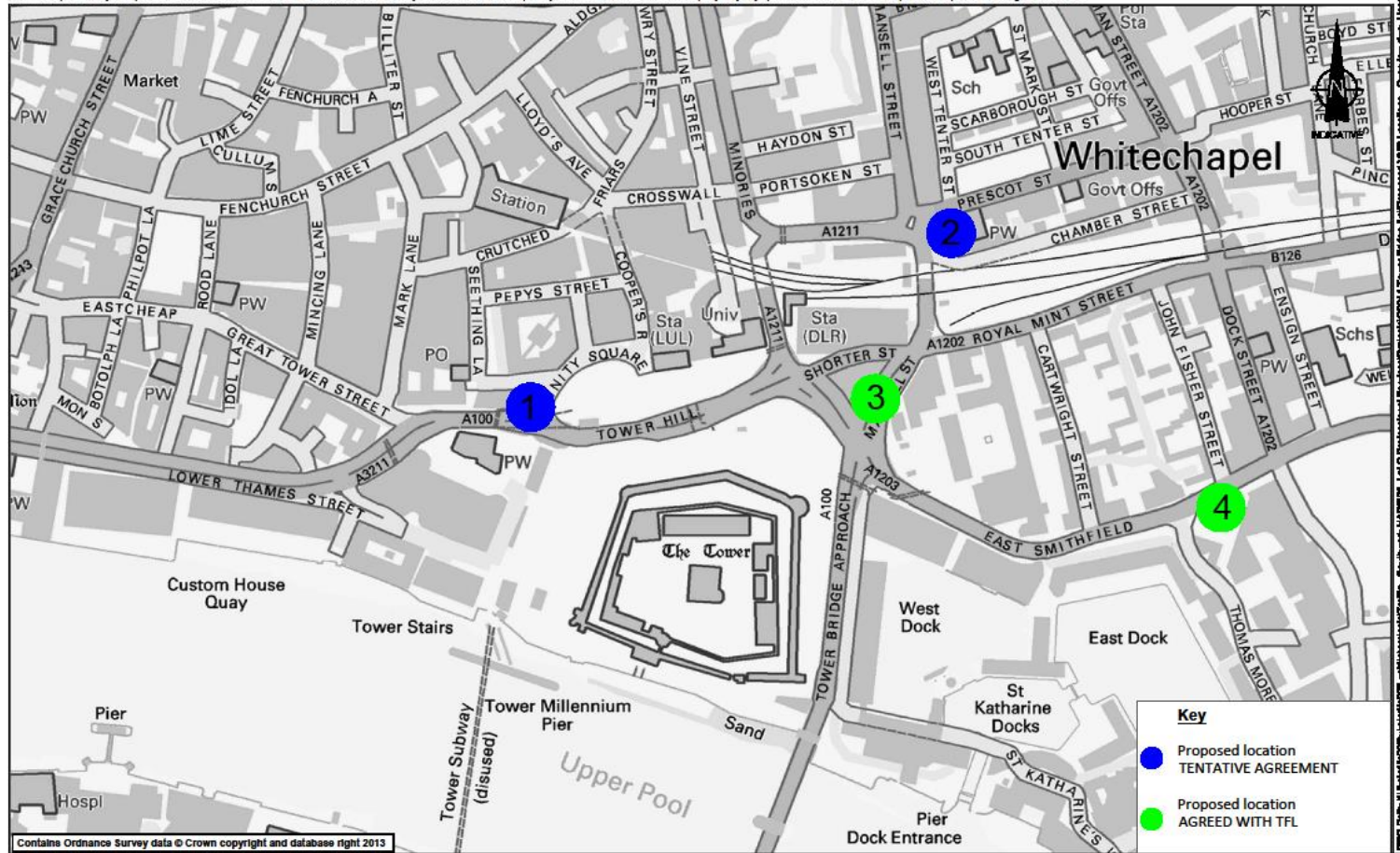
Figure 3-2 Preliminary VMS Locations

A Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit (RSA) was carried out for all the proposed sites identified during the initial site assessment. The audit reported each of the problems identified together with recommendations to solve or mitigate the problems. Following a review of the audit report and consultation with the stakeholders, the final proposed VMS deployment locations were approved with Southwark Council and Transport for London. These locations are displayed in Figure 3-3 and Figure 3-4

Each proposed VMS location has a unique reference number and is represented in one of two different colours indicating its approval status. The colours are explained in the following key.

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Conditional Agreement by TfL</b> | Subject to satisfying conditions stated in the Stage 1/2 RSA |
| <b>Approved by TfL</b>              | Location Approved  |

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| Design:    | PS       | CAD:   | PS  |
| Chk'd:     | NA       | App'd: | NA  |
| Date:      | Jan 2016 | Scale: | NTS |
| No. VMS 01 |          | Rev:   | -   |

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Figure 3-3 Proposed VMS Locations – Tower Hamlets

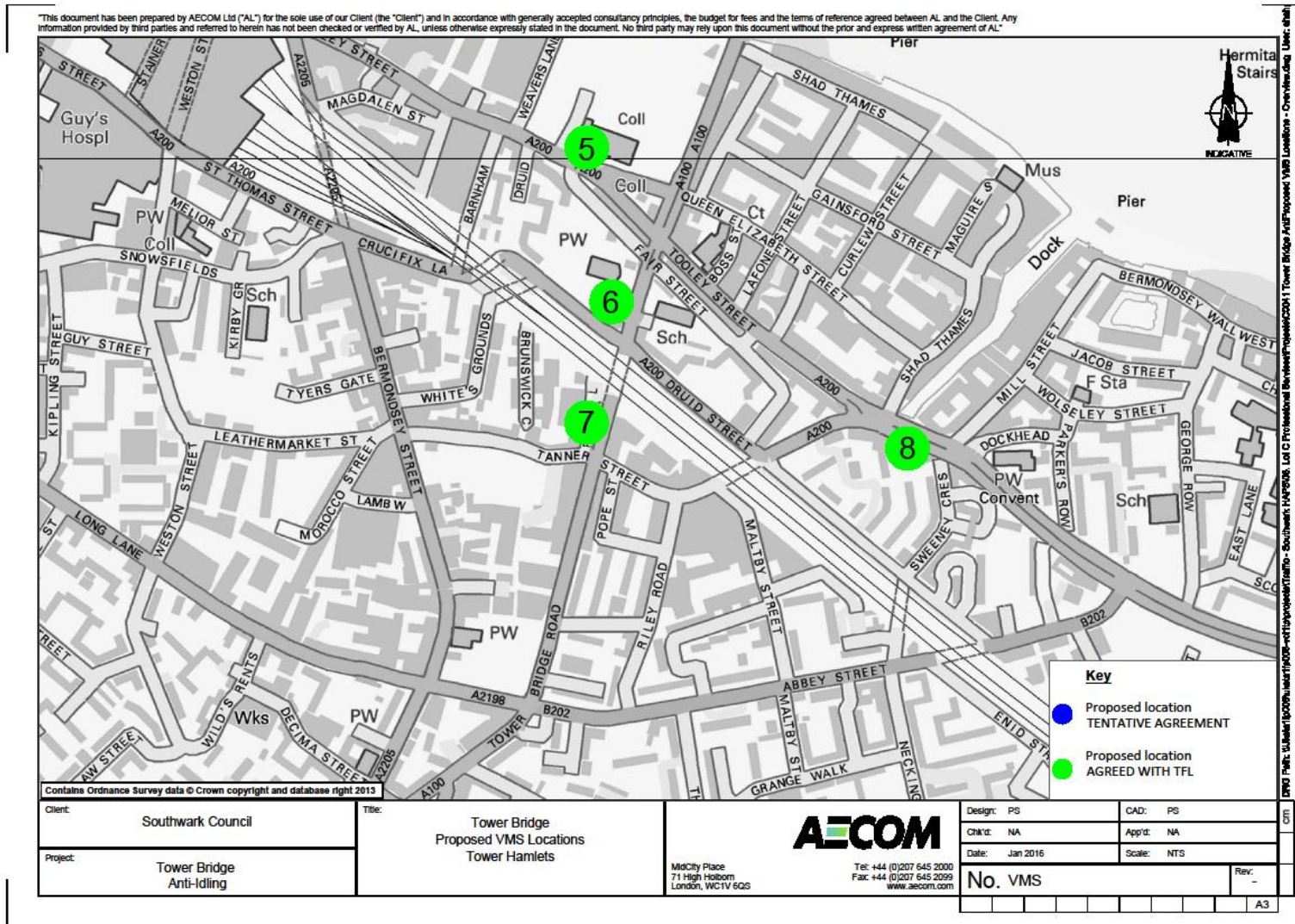


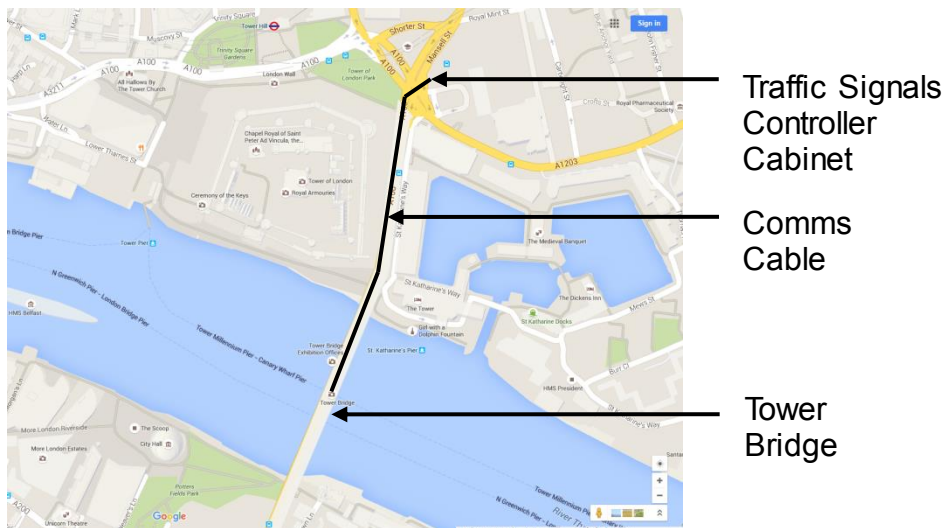
Figure 3-4 Proposed VMS Locations – Southwark



### 3.3 Anti-Idling Trial Operation

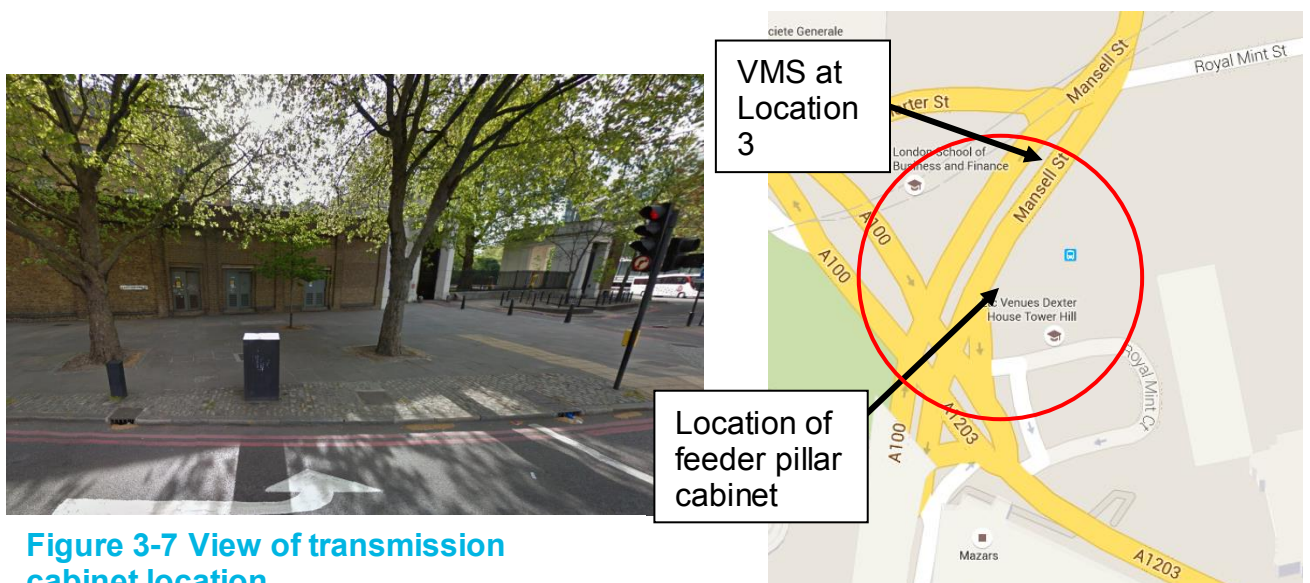
This section provides details of the provisions made to enable the VMS to activate relevant messages for the road users.

The Traffic Signal Controller at the junction of the approaches to Tower Bridge (e.g. TOWER BRIDGE APP. / MANSELL ST / EAST SMITHFIELD / TOWER HILL) receives a data feed from a relay on Tower Bridge, via a communications cable, which signal Bridge down and Bridge up and initiates traffic signal plans accordingly.



**Figure 3-5 Map of Tower Bridge and controller cabinet location with physical cable shown.**

TfL had provided a parallel output of the data feed from the relay on Tower Bridge in a feeder pillar cabinet located adjacent to the Traffic Signal Controller cabinet. This feeder pillar cabinet was used by the scheme to house communications equipment required to activate messages on the VMS when a bridge lift is in operation.



**Figure 3-7 View of transmission cabinet location.**

**Figure 3-7 VMS Location 3 in relation to feeder pillar cabinet**

### 3.4 VMS Legends

The following legends were displayed on the VMS at all locations when a Bridge Lift was in operation. Each cycle described below uses a combination of legends to display a specific message. The legends transitioned consecutively as specified below until the bridge lift was complete.

#### Bridge in operation

|            |   |   |  |   |
|------------|---|---|--|---|
| Cycle<br>1 |  |  |  |  |
| Cycle<br>2 |  |  |  |  |

Once the Bridge Lift had been completed the “Bridge Lift Complete” message was displayed on the VMS at all locations for a minimum period of thirty seconds followed by a blank legend until the next Bridge Lift was in operation

#### Bridge lift complete



## 4. Monitoring

In order to fully assess the impacts of the trial, a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods in monitoring of vehicle idling with respect to Tower Bridge. This included on street surveys to record attitudes and behaviours of drivers in advance of the measures being implemented and idling surveys carried out manually to assess the impacts of VMS messages on driver behaviour, specifically engine idling.

The following section provides details on the idling and driver awareness surveys.

### 4.1 Idling Surveys

The idling surveys were carried out manually by enumerators to assess the impacts of VMS messages on driver behaviour, specifically engine idling.

#### 4.1.1 Survey Process

The following section describes the process by which the data was recorded:

1. Before each 'Bridge Lift', enumerators stood as close to their survey station position (1-8), but where they could see the lights on the approach to the centre of the bridge.
2. Record the exact time at which the lights on the approach to the centre of the bridge started to flash.
3. Walk as quickly as possible to their survey start position.
4. Record the exact time at which the first vehicle, in their survey area, stops as a direct result of Tower Bridge lifting.
5. Walk from the front of the queue of traffic to the back of the queue, counting the traffic into the specified classes as they progress, splitting this traffic into those that have their engine running and those that have their engine turned off.
6. Return to the front of the queue, recording the exact time at which they get there.
7. Walk from the front of the queue of traffic to the back of the queue, counting the traffic into the specified classes as they progress, splitting this traffic into those that have their engine running and those that have their engine turned off.
8. Repeat process 6 and 7 until the Tower Bridge lights stop flashing and the bridge is fully lowered and traffic starts to flow again.
9. Record the exact time at which the vehicle at the end of the queue starts to move again.

## 4.1.2 Survey Locations

The survey start positions at the 8 locations surveyed are indicated in Figure 4-1.

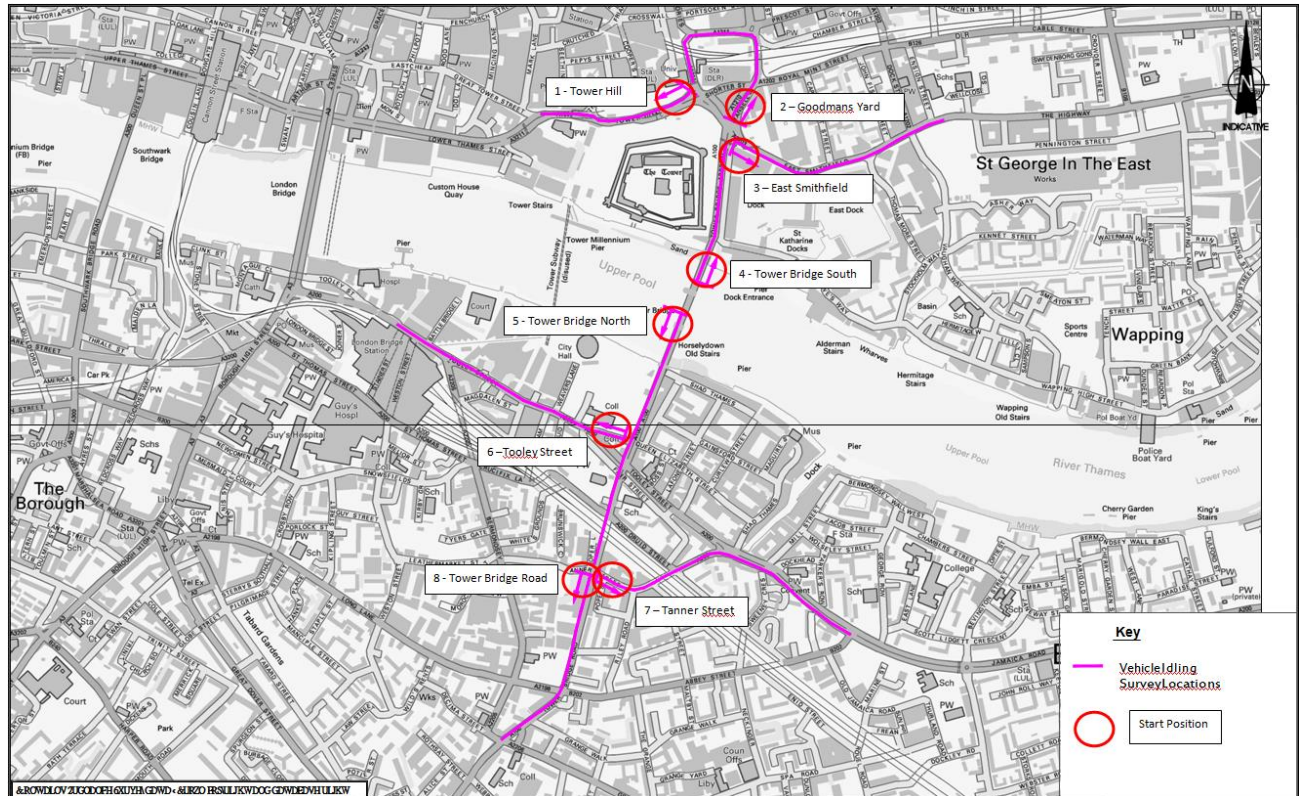


Figure 4-1 Idling survey start positions.

A list of the survey sites are provided below:

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Tower Hill                       | 5. Tower Bridge Northbound Approach |
| 2. Goodmans Yard                    | 6. Tooley Street                    |
| 3. East Smithfield                  | 7. Tanner Street                    |
| 4. Tower Bridge Southbound Approach | 8. Tower Bridge Road                |

### 4.1.3 Pre-Trial Time Period

The data from the survey was collected over 5 days including 3 mid-week days (Tuesday, Thursday and Thursday) and a two weekend days (Saturday and Sunday). The table below provides details of the dates and times that the idling surveys were carried out.

**Table 4-1 Pre-Trial scheduled Bridge Lift Time for Idling Surveys**

| Date                    | Scheduled Bridge Lift Time |        |        |        |        |       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|                         | 1                          | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6     |
| Tuesday 10th July 2014  | 13:45                      | 14:30  | 17:30  | 18:15  | 18:45  |       |
| Thursday 12th July 2014 | 13:00                      | 13:45  | 17:00  | 17:45  |        |       |
| Saturday 14th July 2014 | 12:30*                     | 13:30* | 16:30* | 17:30* | 18:00  | 18:45 |
| Thursday 19th July 2014 | 11:15                      | 15:30  | 17:00  | 17:30* | 18:15* |       |
| Sunday 6th August 2014  | 09:00                      | 09:30  | 12:45  | 13:45  |        |       |

\*Scheduled bridge lifts cancelled on the survey day

### 4.1.4 During-Trial Time Period

The data from the survey was collected over 4 days including 3 mid-week days (Tuesday, Thursday and Thursday) and a one weekend day (Saturday). The table below provides details of the dates and times that the idling surveys were carried out.

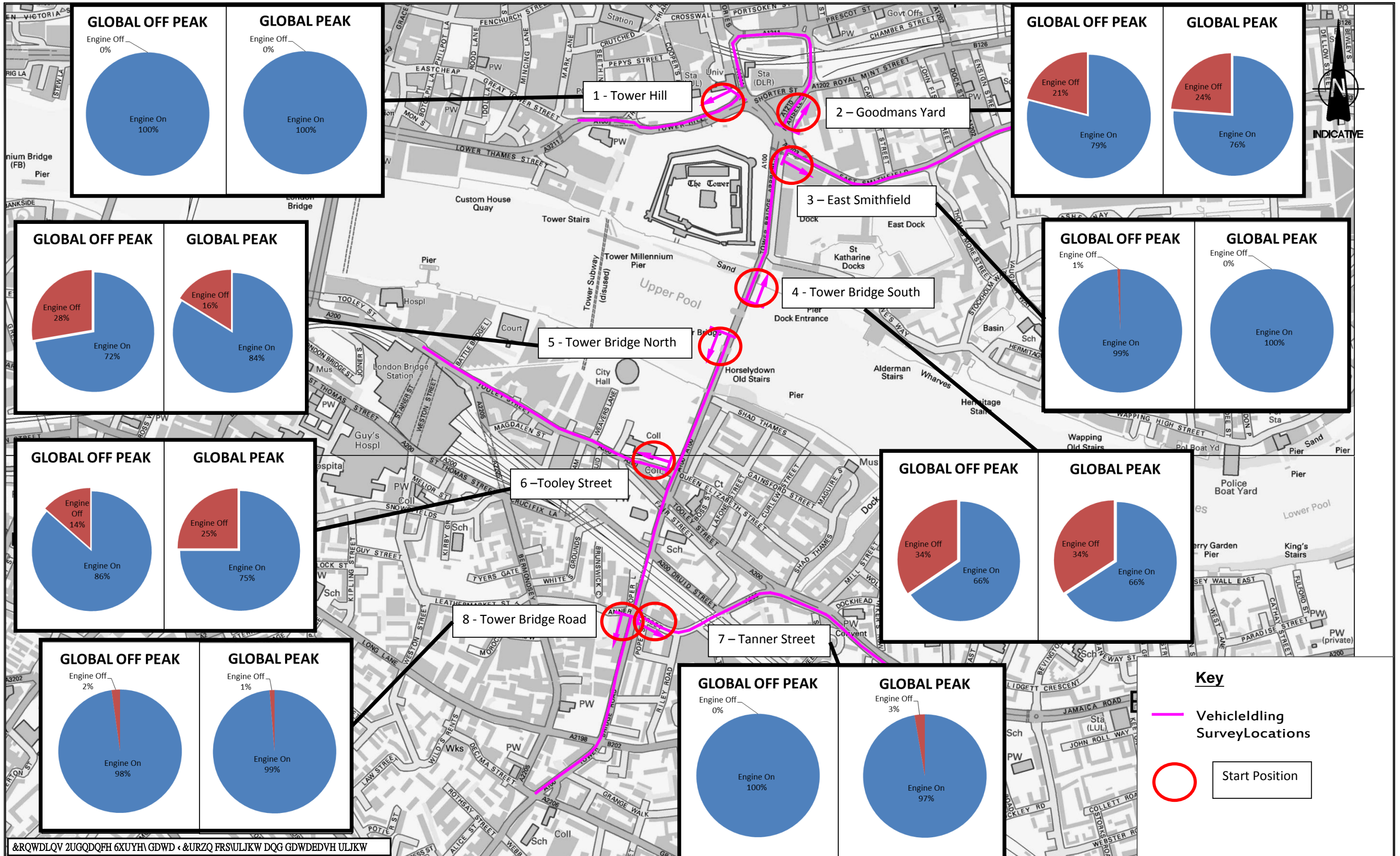
**Table 4-2 During-Trial scheduled Bridge Lift Time for Idling Surveys**

| Date                                   | Scheduled Bridge Lift Time |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | 1                          | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2016 | 09:30                      | 14:50 | 18:45 |       |       |       |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2016       | 09:45                      | 12:30 | 13:00 | 13:35 | 15:45 | 17:00 |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2016     | 15:45                      | 16:30 | 17:00 |       |       |       |
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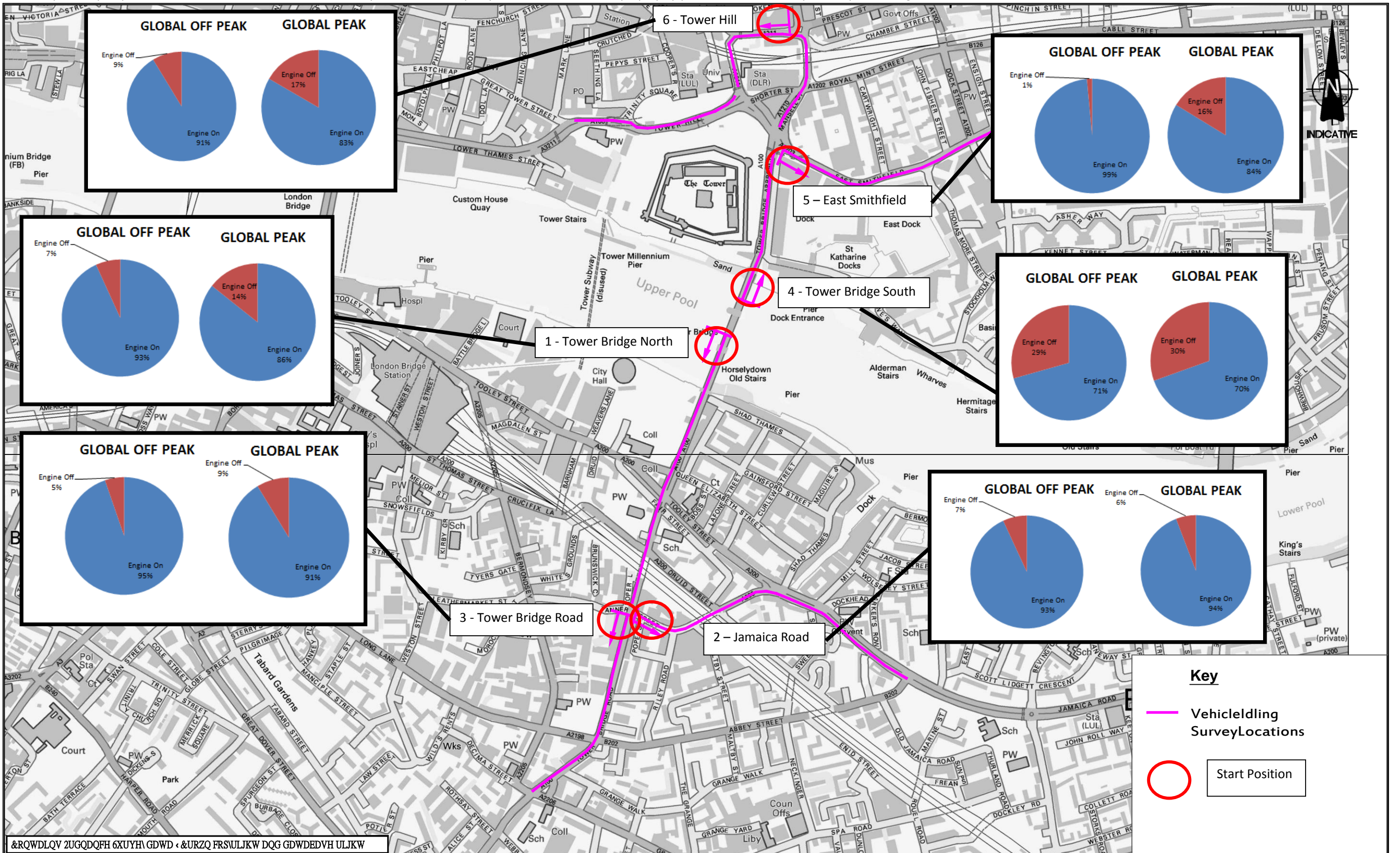
### 4.1.5 Results

The following figures provide a summary of the results from the idling surveys before and during the trial period.





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## 4.1.6 Conclusions

The results of the idling surveys carried out before and during the trial were compared and the following section provides an overview of the comparison:

- There is considerable improvement in the number of drivers switching off their engines in Tower Hill location (site 6): from all drivers idling pre-trial to 9% switching their engines in off-peak and 17% in peak period during-trial;
- Similarly, more drivers switch off their engines in East Smithfield (site 5) during peak period – a change from 0% to 16% has been observed. The percentage of drivers idling during off-peak period has not changed;
- 4-5% fewer drivers switch off their engines at Tower Bridge southbound location (site 4) compared to pre-trial both in peak and off-peak periods;
- The percentage of drivers with engines off at Tower Bridge northbound (site 1) has decreased significantly from 28% to 7% during off-peak period but remained approximately the same during peak period;
- Percentage of drivers with engines off at Tower Bridge Road (site 3) has increased by up to 8% in peak period;
- Drivers started switching off their engines at Tanner Str/ Jamaica Road (site 2) pre-trial but still the percentage of drivers with engines switched off does not exceed 7%.
- Overall, similar to pre-trial results, the highest percentage of drivers switching off their engines is at Tower Bridge South (about 30% during-trial). There have been slight improvements in driver behaviour where almost all drivers were idling before - however, there have been a significant drop in percentage of vehicles with engines off at Tower Bridge North during off-peak period.
- On average, about 10% of various types of vehicles switch off their engines in peak hour. Car drivers and motorcyclists switch off their engines more often than the others– up to 17% on average in peak period.

## 4.2 Driver Awareness Surveys

The aim of the surveys was to record attitudes and behaviours of drivers in advance of the measures being implemented. This was carried out through on street surveys. It is important to note that it was not possible to capture this information from a driver at the roadside as it would have required a safe area for the driver to stop along with police presence. However, drivers in the surrounding areas such as car parks, local businesses that are likely to use the bridge were surveyed using questionnaires.

### 4.2.1 Methodology

In total 407 interviews were conducted at numerous locations in the vicinity of Tower Bridge including London Bridge, Fenchurch Street, Guys Hospital and Tower Walk, between 5<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Face to Face interviews were conducted by trained and experienced interviewers. The sample includes only drivers who have experienced queuing as a result of the bridge lifting, and not just general traffic congestion. A short screening question was used to identify drivers in scope followed immediately by the main questionnaire, as follows.

#### **S1 Have you driven across Tower Bridge in the last 3 months? (show map)**

**No    CLOSE**

**Yes    CONTINUE**

Note: Bus drivers and taxi drivers are likely to use the bridge frequently and were included in the survey sample.

Fieldwork covered a range of times of day (06:00 – 20:00) and days of the week to generate a mix of respondent types who travel for different journey purposes. There were no quotas for males/females/age groups etc. but interviewers were instructed to include a representative mix of drivers.

No incentives were offered to respondents.

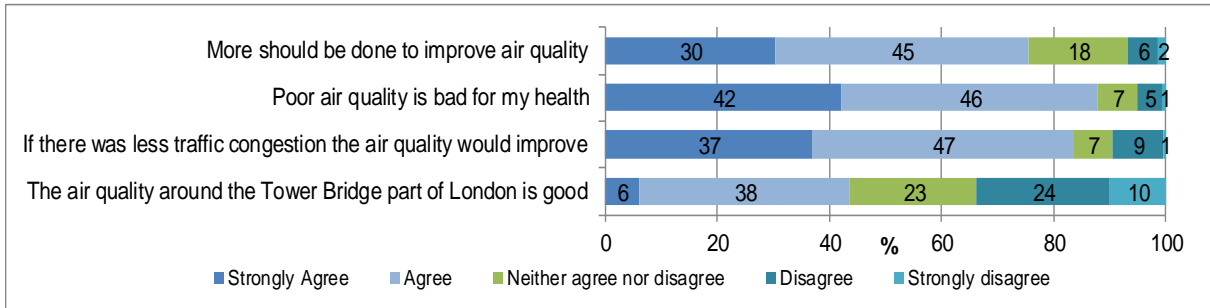
The questionnaire included sections on:

- Attitudes and perceptions of air quality;
- Behaviour regarding idling in stationary traffic;
- Use of Tower Bridge (frequency, purpose, vehicle type) and frequency of encountering bridge lifts; and
- Perceived effectiveness of measures aimed at improving air quality.

The questionnaire that was used during the surveys is provided in Appendix C followed by the results from the survey that are tabulated in Appendix D.

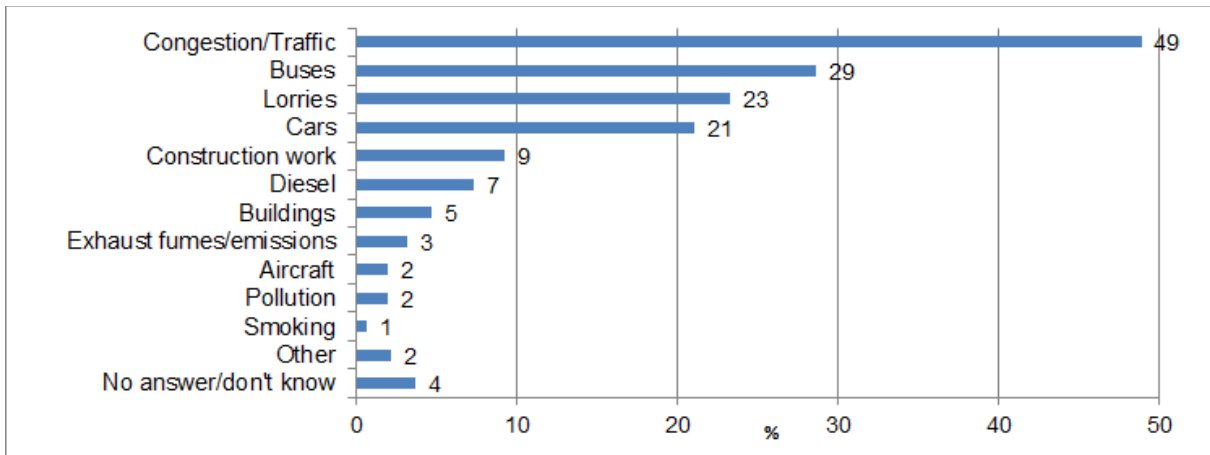
### 4.2.2 Attitudes and Perceptions of Air Quality

Just 44% of drivers agreed that air quality around Tower Bridge was good, and 34% disagreed. Most, 88% agreed that poor air quality would be bad for their health, and three quarters agreed that more should be done to improve air quality. Most, 84% agreed that less traffic congestion would contribute to improving air quality.



To what extent do you agree or disagree...

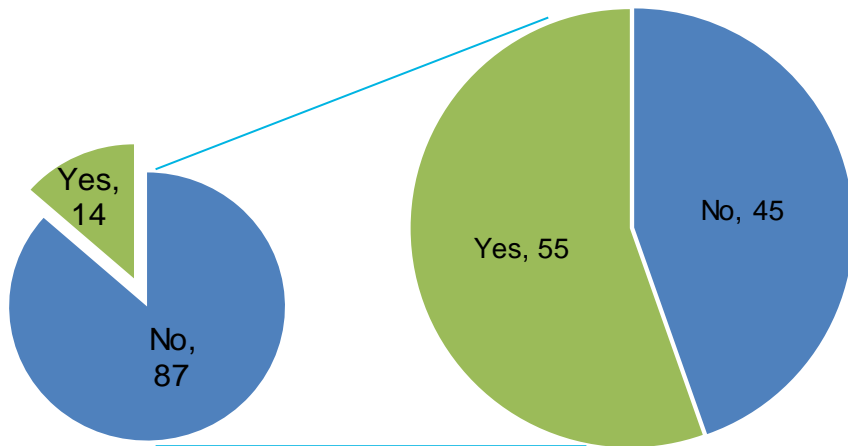
When asked what they thought the causes of poor air quality were, almost half, 49%, stated traffic or congestion in general. Where specific vehicle types were mentioned buses (29%) and lorries (23%) were both mentioned more regularly than cars/taxis (21%).



What do you think is the main contributor to poor air quality in this area?

### 4.2.3 Behaviour regarding idling

Fourteen percent of respondents owned a vehicle with an engine that automatically shuts down when idle. Of those respondents that did not own such a vehicle, just over half (55%) stated that they switch off their engine when stationary



Do you drive a vehicle that automatically turns off the engine when in stationary traffic? (n=406)

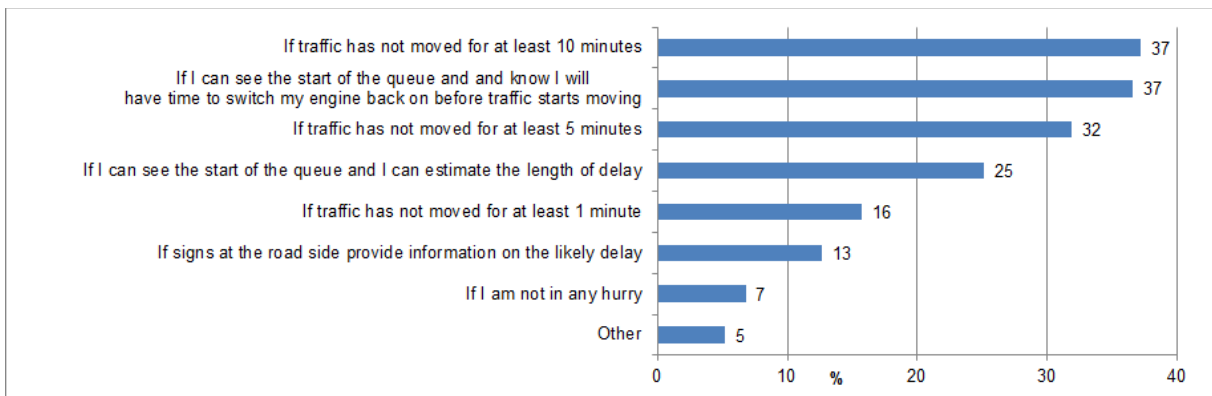
Do you ever turn off your engine when stuck in stationary traffic? (n=352)

Of those who WOULD turn off their engines when stuck in stationary traffic, just 16% would do so if stationary for one minute, this increased to 32% if stationary for 5 minutes and 37% if stationary for 10 minutes.

Being able to estimate the length of delay would also encourage drivers to switch off their engines:

- Being able to see the end of the queue 25%;
- Knowing they will have to switch their engines back on in good time 37%.

A sign at the roadside providing information on the likely delay would encourage only 13% of drivers to switch off.



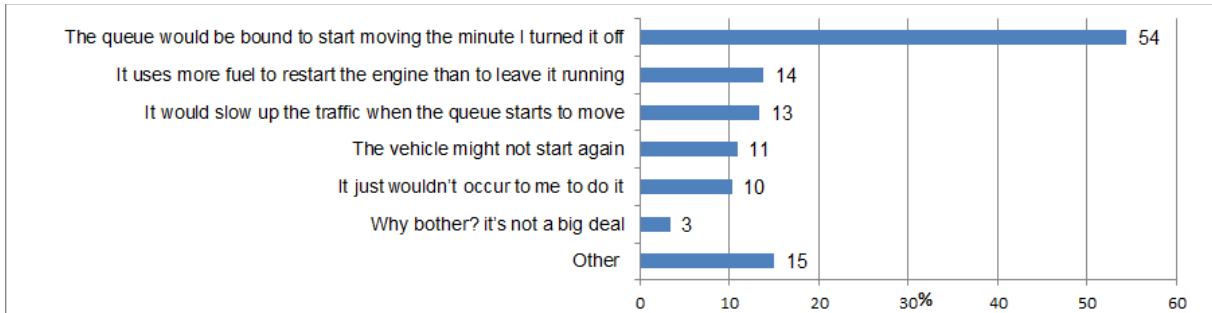
In what circumstances do you switch off your engine when sitting in traffic? (respondents could give more than one answer) (n=191)

Other reasons specified included four people saying ‘if the bridge goes up’ and one, ‘to save petrol’.

All drivers were asked in what circumstances they leave their engines running even though traffic is stationary. The most cited reason for not switching off (54%) was the belief that the queue would start moving again as soon as they did.

Just over one in ten (11%) had concerns that their vehicle might not start again if the engine was turned off, and it just wouldn't occur to a further 10% to do it.

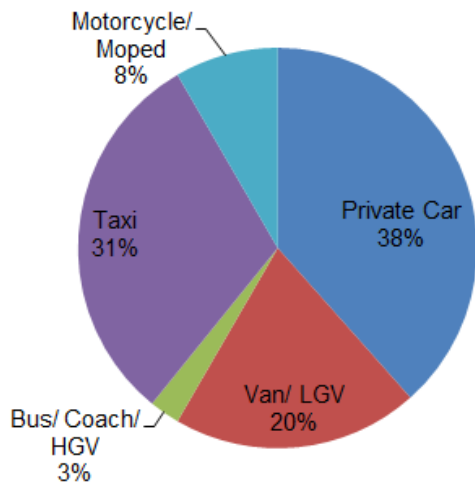
One in seven (14%) thought it would increase fuel use to do so, and 13% thought it would add to traffic delays.



What are the reasons for keeping your engine running when sitting in stationary traffic? (respondents could give more than one answer) (n=320)

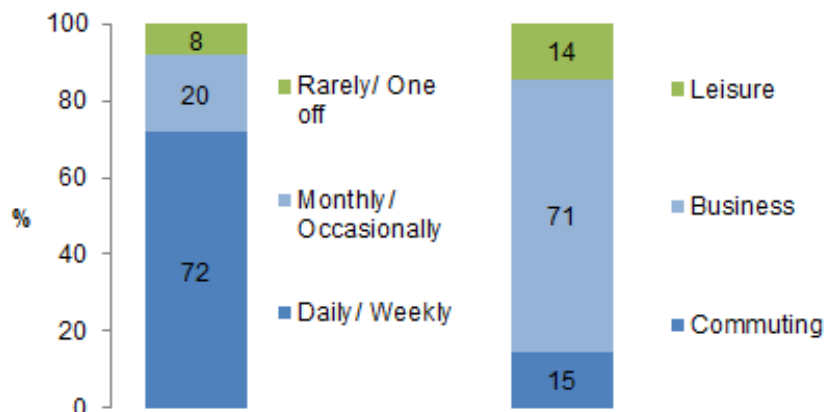
The main other reason for keeping the engine running was to maintain temperature inside the vehicle (n=11).

#### 4.2.4 Usage of Tower Bridge



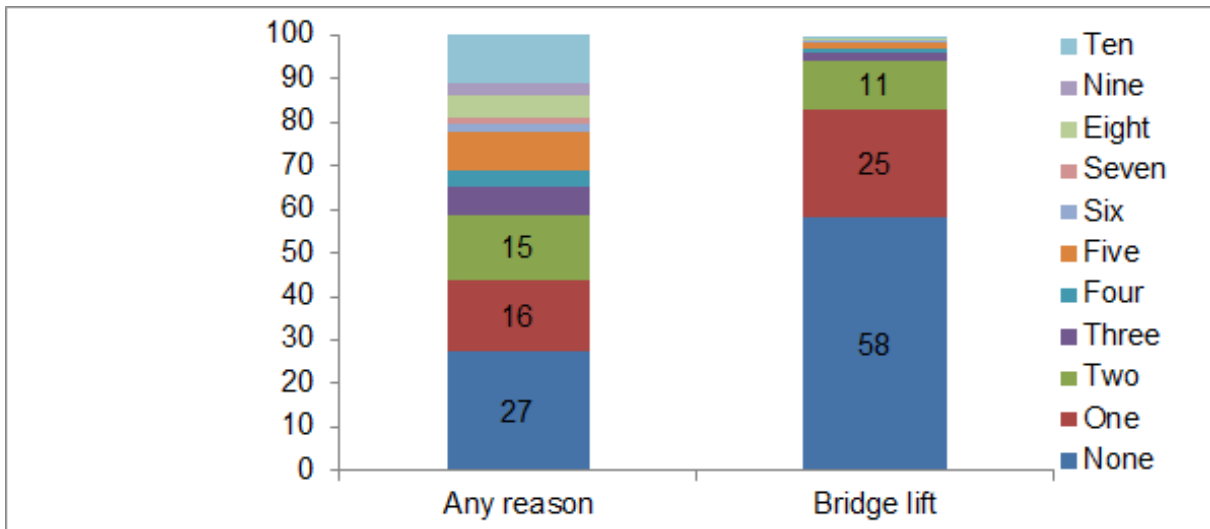
The sample included a range of vehicle types with car and taxi drivers forming the largest groups (38% and 31% respectively).

The majority were frequent users of the crossing at Tower Bridge with 71% of journeys being made for business purposes.



n=406

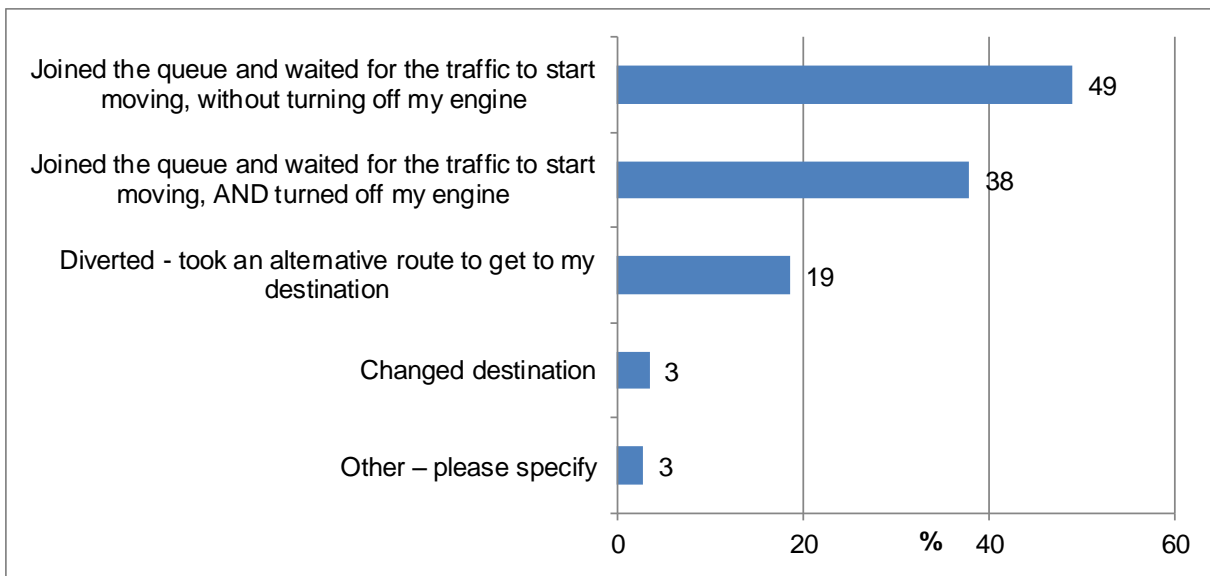
Those who use the bridge more than rarely were asked about their delay frequency and whether these delays were due to the bridge being raised. Delays due to bridge lifts were much less frequent than other reasons, 58% of drivers saying none in ten journeys were delayed by bridge lifts, compared with just 27% of drivers never being delayed.



On approximately how many in 10 journeys across Tower Bridge have you had to queue? N=359, 329

Of those who had experienced a delay the longest wait had been 37 minutes with an average delay of just over 12 minutes. This average was similar regardless of vehicle type, frequency of travel or journey purpose.

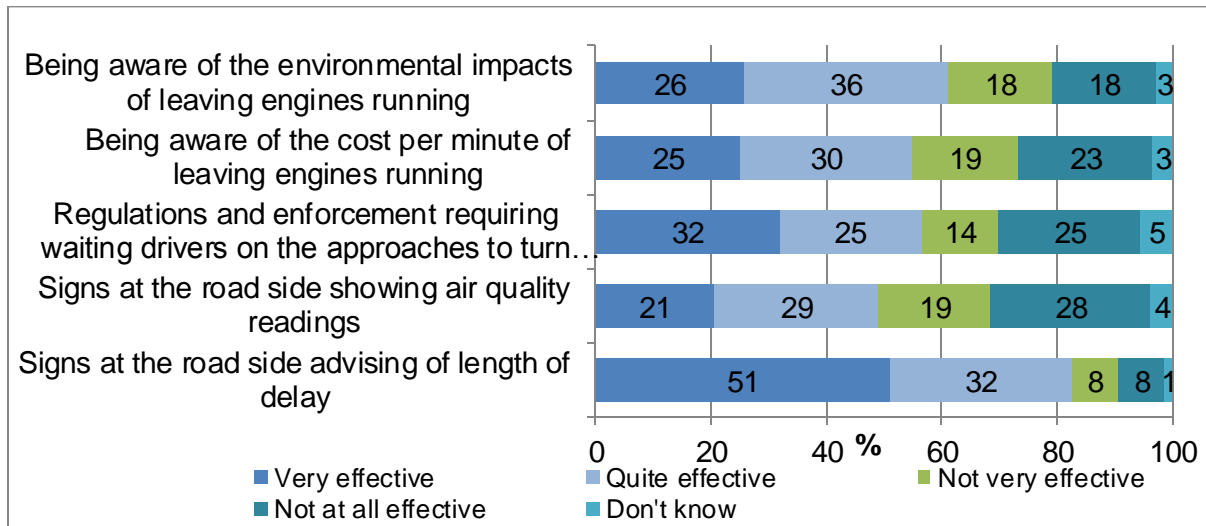
Drivers who had been delayed at the crossing at some point were asked what they did the last time they were delayed. Almost half (49%) said they waited with their engine running whilst they were waiting whilst 38% said they waited AND turned their engine off.



Thinking about the last journey you made which was affected in some way by the lifting of Tower Bridge, which of the following did you do? (respondents could give more than one answer) (n=145)

#### 4.2.5 Effectiveness of Planned Measures

Respondents were asked their opinion of the effectiveness of a variety of measures in getting motorists to shut off their engines. More than two fifths (83%) felt that signage informing of the length of delay would be effective, followed by making drivers more aware of the environmental impact (62%).

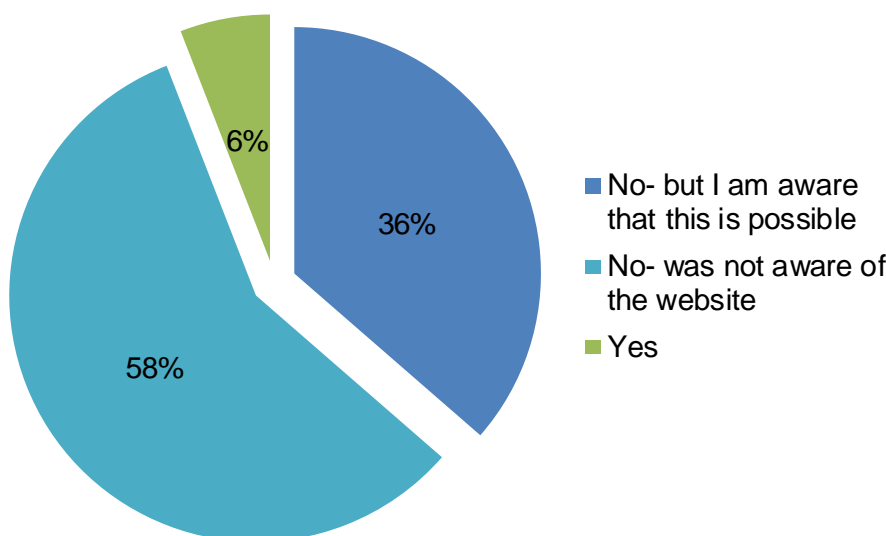


How effective do you think each of these measures will be? (n=406)

Drivers aged 17-34 were significantly more likely to state that regulations and enforcement requiring drivers to turn off their engines would be effective than those aged 35+ (68% compared to 51%). Leisure users were also significantly more likely to feel this would be an effective measure (78%) than business users (53%) or commuters (51%)

Older drivers (60+) were more likely to feel that signs showing air quality readings would not be effective (64%) than drivers aged under 60 (44%). Business users (47%) were more likely to feel that making drivers aware of the cost per minute of running an engine would not be effective than leisure users (28%) or commuters (31%).

Finally drivers were asked whether they check bridge opening times on the website. Just 6% of respondents stated that they did with over half (58%) not knowing about the website at all.



Have you ever checked for when the bridge is going to lift on the web site? (n=404)

## 4.2.6 Summary

There is little tendency for drivers to check for bridge openings on the website. This may be because it would appear that delays in the area due to bridge lifts are relatively insignificant compared with delay due to other causes.

Almost two fifths would turn off their engines if queueing at the bridge. Less than a fifth of drivers would look for alternative routes if delayed at the crossing, with almost half sitting in the queue with engines running. Over half of those who tend not to switch off their engines when queueing say this is because they expect the queue to start moving quickly.

Many drivers are reluctant to switch off their engines when queueing, unless traffic has not moved for some considerable time. This could increase in very cold or very hot weather to maintain air conditions in the vehicle.

Road signs providing information on the likely delay would encourage only 13% of drivers to switch off, although this was thought to be one of the most effective measures that could be taken.

Air quality readings were not recognised as very effective, even though most drivers know it is bad for their health.



## 4.3 Air Quality Monitoring

This study had been designed to investigate the potential air quality benefits of the Tower Bridge anti-idling trial. This section presents analyses of the data collected. It provides a statistical summary of the data collected over the monitoring period, compares the measured concentrations against the relevant air quality objectives, and examines whether the anti-idling trial resulted in any demonstrable changes in NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at Tower Bridge Road.

### 4.3.1 Background

Tower Bridge is raised on average 900 times per year, for approximately 10-15 minutes each time, to allow tall vessels to pass along the River Thames. During these periods Tower Bridge Road is temporarily closed and large traffic queues form on the approaches to Tower Bridge and surrounding roads.

The primary requirement for the trial was to monitor oxides of nitrogen (NO and NO<sub>2</sub>). Due to the short periods of time for which vehicles are stationary and idling any impacts on ambient air quality are likely to be small and may not be detectable over monthly or annual timescales. To capture any air quality impacts required measurement techniques that have time resolutions of 15 minutes or less.

The chemiluminescence measurement method for NO<sub>x</sub> is the EU Approved Reference Method for determining NO<sub>x</sub>, NO and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations allowing results to be compared against the relevant EU Limit Values / UK Air Quality Objectives. This method is widely used across the UK and is used by Defra for reporting to the EU. It also a high time resolution and accuracy for monitoring that is suitable for the purposes of this trial. Therefore a continuous monitoring station housing a chemiluminescence analyser was the most suitable instrument for real-time ambient air quality monitoring of oxides of nitrogen (NO and NO<sub>2</sub>). However, the following limitations apply to this type of monitoring station:

- A large space is required for the installation of the enclosure in which to house the continuous monitoring equipment. The enclosure also requires a concrete plinth to be laid to which the enclosure can be secured.
- Requirement for a power supply for the continuous monitoring equipment.
- The cost of purchase and operation of the continuous monitoring station is high.
- A minimum of one site visit per month will be required to carry out routine calibrations and maintenance.

To quantify the impact of the anti-idling trial on local air quality, the ideal scenario to maximise the quality and accuracy of the results would have been to carry out monitoring in the vicinity of Tower Bridge alongside all the roads that are likely to be affected during periods of road closure. However, due to the limitations above regarding the space required and cost of the monitoring station, there was only one suitable location identified to deploy a continuous monitoring station.

An air quality monitoring station was installed on the southern approach to Tower Bridge, on the west side of Tower Bridge Road at the junction with Druid Street. Continuous monitoring of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) commenced on 1st February 2016.

In addition to the continuous monitoring, the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is of interest as the objective is being exceeded. Therefore, diffusion tubes were set up to measure monthly mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. Southwark Council carried out NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube monitoring at 15 locations alongside Tower Bridge Road and adjacent roads. The diffusion tube survey commenced in March 2014.

### 4.3.2 Monitoring Results

The results of the air quality monitoring are presented in the following sections. Section 4.3.3 discusses the results of the continuous monitoring. Section 4.3.3.2 examines the data in more detail, looking at diurnal patterns and temporal variations, whilst Section 4.3.3.3 assesses the effects of bridge lifts and the VMS on levels of NO<sub>2</sub>.

Section 4.3.4 presents the results of the Southwark Council NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube survey, comparing the monitored concentrations with the air quality objectives and examining the data for evidence of any changes in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations that might have been attributable to the VMS trial.

### 4.3.3 Continuous Monitoring

#### 4.3.3.1 Summary Statistics

The period mean concentrations for the whole monitoring period from 1st February to 21st November 2016 are presented in Table 4-3, along with numbers of exceedances of 1-hour mean NO<sub>2</sub> standard of 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and data capture rates. Table 4-4 presents the monthly mean concentrations and data capture rates at Tower Bridge Road for February 2016 to November 2016, inclusive.

Graphs of 1-minute, 1-hour and 24-hour mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are included in **Error! Reference source not found.**(Figure 4 to Figure 13).

The key observations from the monitoring results are:

- Data capture was 92.6%, which is well above the 85% recommended by Defra for quality purposes and to allow representative comparisons to be made with the UK Air Quality Objectives.
- The only significant data loss occurred during February 2016 as a result of a fault with the analyser pump. This pump failure invalidated all data between 1<sup>st</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016, the date when the fault was fixed by a service engineer. No other significant data losses were incurred.
- The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> standard of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> was exceeded for all months and for the period as a whole. The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration over the whole monitoring period was 56.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- The highest monthly mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 75.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in February 2016. However, data capture at Tower Bridge Road was compromised during February 2016 due to a fault with the analyser pump. The issue was rectified on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016. The highest monthly mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for a month with good data capture (i.e. greater than 85%) was 67.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in May 2016.

- There was one exceedance of the 1-hour mean NO<sub>2</sub> standard of 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 17:00. The maximum 1-hour mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 231.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 4-3. Summary of Air Quality Monitoring at Tower Bridge Road, 1<sup>st</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

| Statistic   | NO <sub>2</sub> | NO <sub>x</sub> | NO   |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| Period Mean Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )                                    | 56.4            | 150.9           | 61.6 |
| Number of exceedances of 1-hour NO <sub>2</sub> Standard (200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 1               | N/A             | N/A  |
| Maximum 1-hour NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )                 | 231.3           | N/A             | N/A  |
| Data Capture (%)  | 92.6            | 92.6            | 92.6 |

N/A = Not applicable

**Table 4-4. Monthly Mean NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and NO Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at Tower Bridge Road**

| Month          | NO <sub>2</sub> | NO <sub>x</sub> | NO    | Data Capture (%) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| February 2016  | 75.1            | 253.7           | 116.4 | 27.4             |
| March 2016     | 60.7            | 172.9           | 73.2  | 99.7             |
| April 2016     | 60.5            | 155.0           | 61.6  | 99.7             |
| May 2016       | 67.3            | 175.4           | 70.5  | 100              |
| June 2016      | 57.0            | 154.4           | 63.5  | 100              |
| July 2016      | 41.3            | 99.4            | 37.9  | 100              |
| August 2016    | 50.1            | 126.8           | 50.0  | 100              |
| September 2016 | 57.4            | 157.3           | 65.1  | 100              |
| October 2016   | 53.3            | 145.7           | 60.2  | 99.5             |
| November 2016  | 54.3            | 141.3           | 56.7  | 97.2             |

#### 4.3.3.2 Variable Message Sign (VMS) Operation

The Variable Message Signs (VMS) on Tower Bridge Road were in operation from 10th February 2016 to 15th April 2016, and from 5th July 2016 to 9th September 2016 (VMS On). Between 15th April 2016 and 5th July 2016, and from 9th September 2016 to 21st November 2016, the VMS was not in operation (VMS Off). Table 4-5 presents a comparison of the summary statistics for the VMS On and VMS Off periods. The data capture rates for the two VMS periods were very good (greater than 97%) and the number of hours of valid observations for both periods were comparable.

The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the VMS On period was 54.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the VMS Off period was slightly higher (58.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). The maximum 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the VMS On period was 175.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, whilst for the VMS Off period the maximum 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 231.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The lower concentrations for the VMS On period may indicate that the operation of the VMS had a slightly beneficial impact on local air quality.

**Table 4-5. Comparison of NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations with VMS in Operation and VMS not in Operation**

| Statistic   | VMS in Operation | VMS not in Operation |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Period Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )                    | 54.2             | 58.0                 |
| Number of exceedances of 1-hour NO <sub>2</sub> Standard (200 µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 0                | 1                    |
| Maximum 1-hour NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )                 | 175.8            | 231.3                |
| Data Capture (%)  | 97.3             | 97.2                 |
| Number of valid 1-hour observations   | 2854             | 3700                 |

To investigate the impact of the VMS trial on air quality at Tower Bridge Road in greater detail, analyses were carried out of the temporal variations in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for the VMS On and VMS Off periods (Figure 4-2).

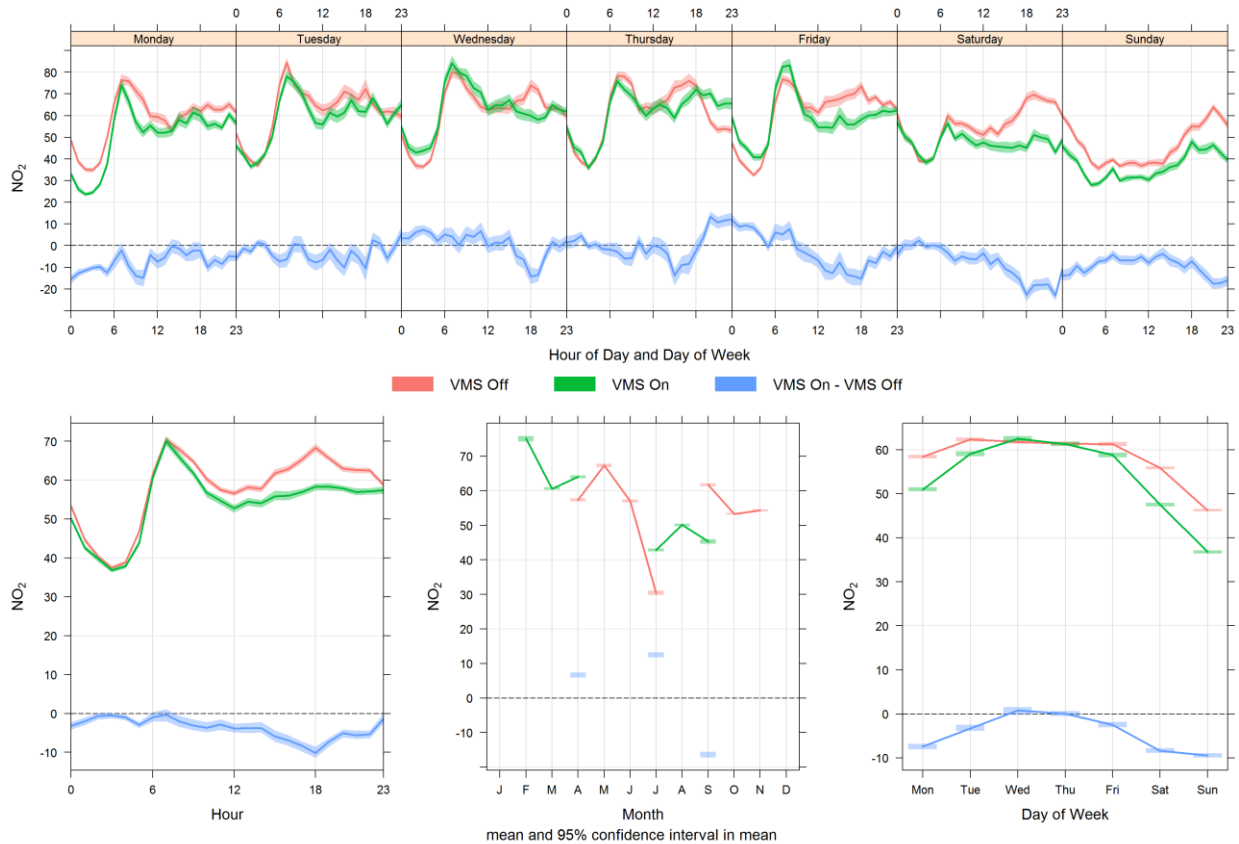
The top panel of Figure 4-2 displays the variation in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration by hour of the day and day of the week. It illustrates that NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were generally lower with the VMS in operation (VMS On). The difference in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations between VMS On and VMS Off is particularly apparent over the weekend, between noon on Friday and 6 am on Monday.

The lower left panel of Figure 4-2 shows the variation in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by hour of the day, whilst the lower right panel shows the variation in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by day of the week. These plots show more clearly that monitored NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were lower during the period when the VMS was operational than for the VMS Off period.

With regard to hour of the day, the mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for the VMS On data were lower than the VMS Off data for all hours between 06:00 and midnight. The differences were greatest during the afternoon and evening hours, in particular around the PM peak period at 18:00 when mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations with VMS On were around 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> lower than with VMS Off.

With regard to day of the week, the mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were lower for all days except Wednesdays and Thursdays when the VMS were on than when the VMS were off. The largest differences were observed on Saturdays and Sundays, when mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were around 9 µg/m<sup>3</sup> lower for the VMS On period than the VMS Off period, and to a lesser extent, Mondays. There was little difference in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations between VMS On and VMS Off on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Figure 4-2. Diurnal Variations in NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at Tower Bridge Road by VMS Operational Status**



### 4.3.3.3 Bridge Lifts

Tower Bridge was lifted on 439 occasions between 13th February 2016 and 9th October 2016 for durations ranging from less than 1 minute to more than 41 minutes. The average bridge lift time was 8 minutes 30 seconds. The total duration of the bridge lifts was 62 hours 42 minutes. As the bridge lift periods were always less than 1 hour it is not appropriate to calculate hourly average values for these periods, and consequent discussions focus on the monitored 1-minute time resolution data.

Table 4-6 shows the mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for the “Bridge Up” and “Bridge Down” periods. “Bridge Up” when the bridge is raised and Tower Bridge Road is closed to crossing traffic, and “Bridge Down” when the bridge is lowered and Tower Bridge Road is open. Good data capture was achieved for the “Bridge Up” and “Bridge Down” periods (both greater than 97%); however, it should be noted that there are more than 100 times more valid 1-minute measurements for the “Bridge Down” period than for the “Bridge Up” period.

The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the “Bridge Up” periods was 60.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, whilst for the “Bridge Down” periods the mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was slightly lower (56.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). This observation is consistent with increased emissions generated by the stationary traffic during bridge lifts, resulting in higher monitored concentrations than during the “Bridge Down” periods when traffic would be expected to be flowing and emissions to be slightly lower. However, it should be kept in mind the much smaller sample size upon which the “Bridge Up” mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is calculated.

**Table 4-6. Comparison of NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations by Bridge Position**

| Statistic  | Bridge Up | Bridge Down |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Period Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 60.4      | 56.3        |
| Data Capture (%)   | 98.8      | 97.2        |
| Number of valid 1-minute observations                          | 3708      | 379035      |

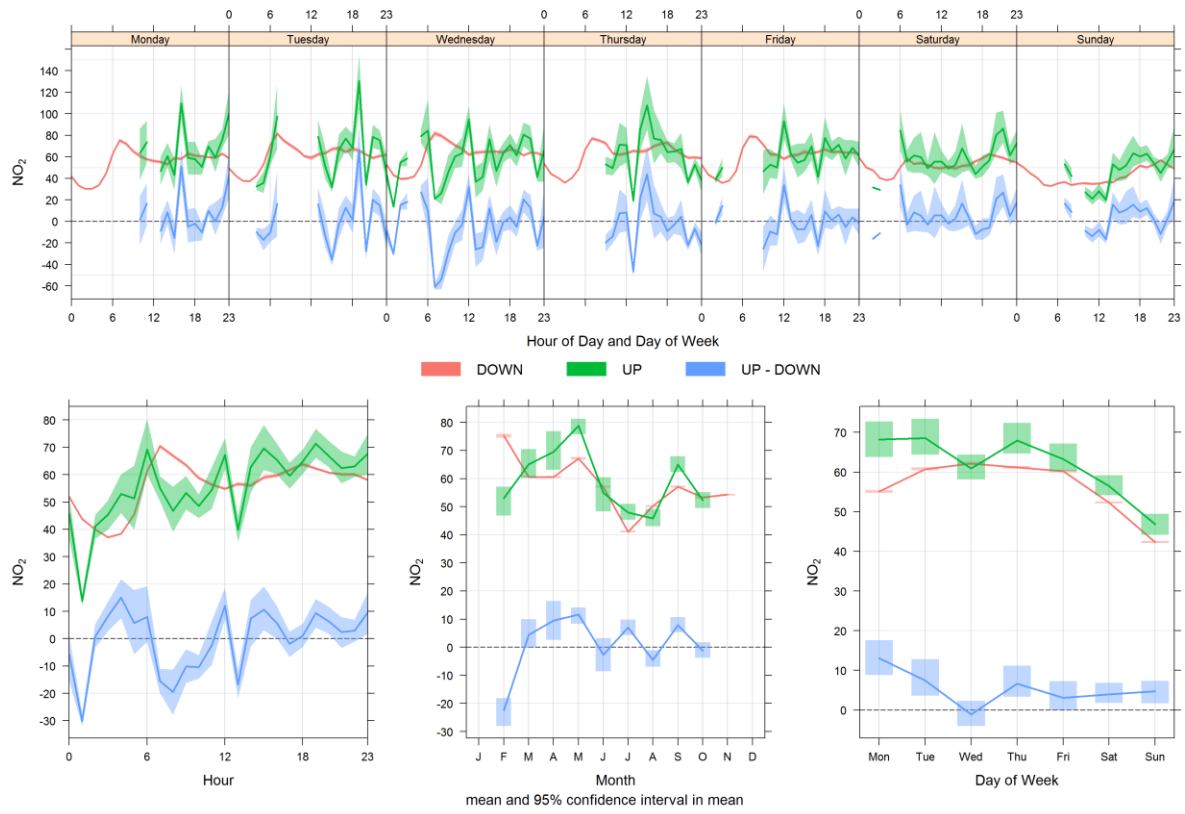
Figure 4-3 shows the diurnal variations in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations according to bridge position. As would be expected due to the small sample size the diurnal profiles for the “Bridge Up” position show considerable scatter and the uncertainties associated with these periods are greater.

Examination of the top panel of Figure 4-3 shows no conclusive evidence that bridge position has any effect on NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at Tower Bridge Road. The “Bridge Up” data displays a lot of variability due to the relatively small sample size. It can be seen from the top panel of Figure 4-3 that the majority of the bridge lifts occur during daytime hours – this may in part explain the higher mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the “Bridge Up” dataset as traffic flow would be expected to be higher during these hours.

The lower left panel of Figure 4-3 shows the variation in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration by hour of the day. There is some evidence that NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are slightly higher for the “Bridge Up” data during the afternoon and evening hours, and during the early morning hours (before 06:00). Between 06:00 and 11:00, the NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations appear to be slightly lower for the “Bridge Up” position than the “Bridge Down” position.

The lower right panel of Figure 4-3 displays the variation in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration by day of the week. The data suggest that NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are higher for the “Bridge Up” position for all days of the week, except Wednesday. The largest differences in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations appear to be on Mondays when “Bridge Up” concentrations are around 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup> higher than “Bridge Down”; for Thursday to Sunday mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations appear to be between 3 – 6 µg/m<sup>3</sup> higher for the “Bridge Up” position compared to “Bridge Down”. As noted above, some of the observed difference may be accounted for by the majority of bridge lifts occurring during the daytime when traffic levels and ambient NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations would be expected to be higher.

**Figure 4-3. Diurnal Variations in NO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at Tower Bridge Road by Bridge Position**



### 4.3.4 NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Monitoring

Southwark Council installed NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tubes at 15 locations alongside Tower Bridge Road and adjacent roads in March 2014. The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for 2014, 2015 and 2016 from the diffusion tube survey are presented in Table 4-7 along with details of the monitoring locations. The full raw monthly diffusion tube data is provided in Appendix B.

The annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in Table 4-7 have been bias-adjusted using factors obtained from Defra's national spreadsheet of bias adjustment factors. The bias adjustment factors for 2014, 2015 and 2016 (for Gradko International, 20% TEA / water) are 0.92, 0.87 and 0.94, respectively (see Appendix B). All sites achieved at least 75% data in all years and so no seasonal adjustments are required to "annualise" the monitored concentrations.

#### 4.3.4.1 Comparisons with Air Quality Objectives

Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations exceeded the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at all diffusion tube monitoring locations in 2014 and 2016. In 2015 all sites, except SDT 23 and SDT 28, exceeded the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> objective.

Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of greater than 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> were monitored at 12 of the 15 monitoring locations in 2014 and 2016; at these locations there is a likelihood that the short-term NO<sub>2</sub> objective (1-hour mean not to exceed 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> more than 18 hours per year) may have been exceeded. The highest annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in 2014, 2015 and 2016 were recorded across three sites – SDT 18, SDT 24 and SDT 29:

- 2014:
  - SDT 18 (85.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 24 (89.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 29 (85.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- 2015
  - SDT 18 (75.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 24 (82.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 29 (79.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- 2016
  - SDT 18 (79.1 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 24 (90.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 29 (93.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

#### 4.3.4.2 Temporal Trends

The diffusion tube survey only covers a 3-year period and so drawing any firm conclusions about temporal trends is not possible; however, at all sites except SDT 17 annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were lower in 2015 than 2014 or 2016.



At sites SDT 17, SDT 18, SDT 20, SDT 21, SDT 22, SDT 23, SDT 26, SDT 27, SDT 30 and SDT 31 the highest NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of the 3-year period were measured in 2014. At sites SDT 19, SDT 24, SDT 25, SDT 28 and SDT 29 the highest NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were recorded in 2016.

Due to the long-term nature of diffusion tube measurements it is not possible to distinguish any impacts on monitored NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations as a result of the VMS trial. Also, despite the closure of Tower Bridge for a period of approximately 12 weeks from October 2016 to December 2016 there is no conclusive evidence that this closure impacted annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at any of the diffusion tube monitoring locations. It would appear that the year-to-year variations observed in the diffusion tube monitoring results are primarily influenced by variations in meteorological conditions and inter-annual variations in the bias adjustment factors.

**Table 4-7. Southwark Council NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Survey Results, Tower Bridge Road, 2014 – 2016**

| Site ID | Description  | X, Y Coordinates | Site Type | Annual Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |             |             |
|---------|--|------------------|-----------|--|-------------|-------------|
|         |  |                  |           | 2014   | 2015        | 2016        |
| SDT 17  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 1 - Tooley Street Memorial Bus Stop North side                     | 533503, 179949   | Kerbside  | <b>80.6</b>  | <b>58.8</b> | <b>58.3</b> |
| SDT 18  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 2 - Tower Bridge Lamppost No 1 East side                           | 533599, 180062   | Kerbside  | <b>85.9</b>  | <b>75.3</b> | <b>79.1</b> |
| SDT 19  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 3 - Tooley Street / Boss Street Lamppost 159/04 North side         | 533586, 179867   | Kerbside  | <b>67.4</b>  | <b>56.7</b> | <b>68.7</b> |
| SDT 20  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 4 - Tower Bridge school fence Tower Bridge Road East side          | 533518, 179844   | Kerbside  | <b>73.0</b>  | <b>62.6</b> | <b>70.8</b> |
| SDT 21  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 5 - Druid Street adjacent to playground North Side                 | 533572, 179732   | Kerbside  | <b>62.8</b>  | <b>57.7</b> | <b>62.3</b> |
| SDT 22  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 6 - Tower Bridge Road South of Rail Bridge West side               | 533469, 179721   | Kerbside  | <b>79.0</b>  | <b>69.8</b> | <b>74.5</b> |
| SDT 23  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 7 - Tanner Street West Camera Pole by park South side              | 533409, 179657   | Kerbside  | <b>45.8</b>  | 37.5        | <b>45.8</b> |
| SDT 24  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 8 - Opposite Papa John's West side                                 | 533439, 179599   | Kerbside  | <b>89.2</b>  | <b>82.0</b> | <b>90.0</b> |
| SDT 25  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 9 - Abbey Street By phone Box South side                           | 533460, 179369   | Kerbside  | <b>59.5</b>  | <b>55.4</b> | <b>62.0</b> |
| SDT 26  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 10 - Long Lane by St Mary's Churchyard North side                  | 533324, 179404   | Kerbside  | <b>64.9</b>  | <b>54.3</b> | <b>60.3</b> |
| SDT 27  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 11 - Grange Road Triangle by Barclays Bank North side              | 533297, 179289   | Kerbside  | <b>79.4</b>  | <b>61.0</b> | <b>69.8</b> |
| SDT 28  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 12 - Webb Street By school on lamppost 48/03                       | 533217, 179153   | Kerbside  | <b>42.5</b>  | 36.4        | <b>45.5</b> |
| SDT 29  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 13 - Opposite Haddon Hall, West side                               | 533111, 179121   | Kerbside  | <b>85.0</b>  | <b>79.5</b> | <b>93.3</b> |
| SDT 30  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 14 - Bricklayers Arms North side                                   | 533003, 179069   | Kerbside  | <b>76.8</b>  | <b>63.5</b> | <b>70.5</b> |
| SDT 31  | MAQF Tower Bridge Project 15 - Bricklayers Arms Roundabout - by St Olave's School, West side | 532934, 179033   | Kerbside  | <b>68.2</b>  | <b>58.5</b> | <b>64.3</b> |

Notes: Exceedances of the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective (40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) are shown in **bold**. Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations greater than 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> indicating potential exceedance of the short-term NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective are **underlined bold**.

### 4.3.5 Analysis of Air Quality Monitoring

Continuous monitoring of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) was carried out at Tower Bridge Road to investigate the potential air quality benefits of the Tower Bridge anti-idling trial. An automatic monitoring station was installed on the southern approach to Tower Bridge, on the west side of Tower Bridge Road at the junction with Druid Street and monitoring commenced on 1st February 2016. In addition to the continuous monitoring, Southwark Council carried out NO<sub>2</sub> diffusion tube monitoring at 15 locations alongside Tower Bridge Road and adjacent roads. The diffusion tube survey commenced in March 2014.

This section presents the results of the continuous monitoring and the diffusion tube survey. The key findings are as follows:

- Continuous Monitoring:
  - Good data capture was achieved for the period (92.6%). This is above the 85% value recommended by Defra for data quality purposes.
  - No valid data was collected between 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 and 21<sup>st</sup> February, inclusive, due to a fault with the analyser pump. The fault was fixed by a service engineer on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016. No other significant data losses were incurred.
  - The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the monitoring period was 56.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. This is greater than the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> UK Air Quality Objective value of 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.
  - The 1-hour mean NO<sub>2</sub> UK Air Quality Standard of 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> was exceeded on one occasion during the monitoring period (231.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 17:00).
  - The maximum monthly mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration was 67.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> in May 2016.
  - The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the periods when the VMS were operational was 54.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the periods when the VMS were inoperative was 58.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.
  - The maximum 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the periods when the VMS were operational was 175.8 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The maximum 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for the periods when the VMS were inoperative was 231.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.
  - The diurnal profiles of mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by VMS status indicate that the operation of the VMS may have had a small beneficial effect on local air quality. For all hours of the day between 07:00 and 00:00, mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were lower when the VMS were operational compared to when the VMS were inoperative. For hours of the day from midnight to 07:00 there was no observable differences in mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations with VMS in operation and not operational.
  - The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for periods when Tower Bridge was raised (“Bridge Up”) was 60.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentration for periods when Tower Bridge was in the lowered position (“Bridge Down”) was 56.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. These results indicate that NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations may be higher at times when the bridge is raised and stationary traffic results in

excess emissions and elevated ambient concentrations. However, it should be noted that the “Bridge Up” period comprises a relatively small sample (62 hours). It should also be noted that the majority of bridge lifts occur during daytime hours, in particular in the afternoon, at times when traffic flows are higher and pollutant concentrations would be expected to be higher.

- The diurnal profiles of mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by bridge position did not provide any conclusive evidence of differences in concentration when Tower Bridge was raised compared to when the bridge was in the lowered position. There was some evidence of an increase in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations during afternoon and evening hours when the bridge was raised. However, the scatter in the data due to the limited number of data points makes interpretation of any significant change in levels of NO<sub>2</sub> difficult.
- Diffusion Tube Monitoring
  - Good data capture (>75%) was achieved at all sites in all years.
  - Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations exceeded the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective (40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at all sites in 2014 and 2016, and at all sites except SDT 23 and SDT 28 in 2015.
  - Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of greater than 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> were monitored at 12 of the 15 sites in 2014 and 2016. At these locations there is a likelihood that the short-term NO<sub>2</sub> objective (1-hour mean not to exceed 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> more than 18 hours per year) may have been exceeded.
  - The sites recording the highest annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in all years were:
    - SDT 18 (75.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 85.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
    - SDT 24 (82.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 90.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
    - SDT 29 (79.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 93.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - There is no conclusive evidence that the VMS trial or the closure of Tower Bridge for a period of approximately 12 weeks in 2016 had any measurable impact upon annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at any of the diffusion tube monitoring locations.

## 5. Conclusions

The results of the idling surveys indicate that there is little tendency for drivers to check for bridge openings on the website. This may be because it would appear that delays in the area due to bridge lifts are relatively insignificant compared with delay due to other causes. Almost two fifths would turn off their engines if queueing at the bridge. Less than a fifth of drivers would look for alternative routes if delayed at the crossing, with almost half sitting in the queue with engines running. Over half of those who tend not to switch off their engines when queueing say this is because they expect the queue to start moving quickly.

Many drivers are reluctant to switch off their engines when queueing, unless traffic has not moved for some considerable time. This could increase in very cold or very hot weather to maintain air conditions in the vehicle.

VMS providing information on the likely delay would encourage only 13% of drivers to switch off, although this was thought to be one of the most effective measures that could be taken.

The continuous monitoring of oxides of nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_x$ ), nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide ( $\text{NO}_2$ ) was carried out at Tower Bridge Road to investigate the potential air quality benefits of the Tower Bridge Variable Message Sign trial. The results of this monitoring indicate that:

- Good data capture was achieved for the period (92.6%). This is above the 85% value recommended by Defra for data quality purposes.
- The mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration for the monitoring period was  $56.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . This is greater than the annual mean  $\text{NO}_2$  UK Air Quality Objective value of  $40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- The 1-hour mean  $\text{NO}_2$  UK Air Quality Standard of  $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  was exceeded on one occasion during the monitoring period ( $231.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 17:00).
- The maximum monthly mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration was  $67.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in May 2016.
- The diurnal profiles of mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations by VMS status indicate that the operation of the VMS may have had a small beneficial effect on local air quality. For all hours of the day between 07:00 and 00:00, mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations were lower when the VMS were operational compared to when the VMS were inoperative. For hours of the day from midnight to 07:00 there was no observable differences in mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations with VMS in operation and not operational.
- The mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration for periods when Tower Bridge was raised (“Bridge Up”) was  $60.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The mean  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration for periods when Tower Bridge was in the lowered position (“Bridge Down”) was  $56.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . These results indicate that  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations may be higher at times when the bridge is raised and stationary traffic results in excess emissions and elevated ambient concentrations. However, it should be noted that the “Bridge Up” period comprises a relatively small sample (62 hours). It should also be noted that the majority of bridge lifts occur during daytime hours, in particular in the afternoon, at times when

traffic flows are higher and pollutant concentrations would be expected to be higher.

- The diurnal profiles of mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by bridge position did not provide any conclusive evidence of differences in concentration when Tower Bridge was raised compared to when the bridge was in the lowered position. There was some evidence of an increase in NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations during afternoon and evening hours when the bridge was raised. However, the scatter in the data due to the limited number of data points makes interpretation of any significant change in levels of NO<sub>2</sub> difficult.

The results of the Diffusion Tube Monitoring indicate that:

- Good data capture (>75%) was achieved at all sites in all years.
- Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations exceeded the annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> air quality objective (40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at all sites in 2014 and 2016, and at all sites except SDT 23 and SDT 28 in 2015.
- Annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of greater than 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup> were monitored at 12 of the 15 sites in 2014 and 2016. At these locations there is a likelihood that the short-term NO<sub>2</sub> objective (1-hour mean not to exceed 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> more than 18 hours per year) may have been exceeded.
- The sites recording the highest annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in all years were:
  - SDT 18 (75.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 85.9 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 24 (82.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 90.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - SDT 29 (79.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> – 93.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- There is no conclusive evidence that the VMS trial or the closure of Tower Bridge for a period of approximately 12 weeks in 2016 had any measurable impact upon annual mean NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at any of the diffusion tube monitoring locations.

The bridge will be open for less than 1% of the year. Even if all vehicles turned their engines off and there were zero emissions for 1% of the year, this small effect would be difficult to detect in monthly or annual mean concentrations. The queuing traffic may last longer than 1% of the year if it takes, say, 15 minutes for the queues to clear but the change would still occur over a very small proportion of the year.

A further complicating factor for air quality monitoring is that concentrations are continually changing due to changes in emissions (traffic), wind speed which affects dispersion of the pollutants and wind direction which transports the pollution to the monitor. Changes to any of these will change the concentrations being measured. Year to year variation in annual mean concentrations can be 10% due to changes in meteorology alone. Having said that it will be difficult to measure such small changes in concentrations does not mean that the anti-idling is not worthwhile as the emission reductions would still be beneficial but it does mean that another approach such as air dispersion modelling may be more helpful in determining the change in air quality.

Dispersion modelling is a cost-effective and convenient way to assess the change in concentrations due to a change in one particular parameter such as queuing traffic

without altering the other parameters such as meteorology. Data from the trial showing the proportion of vehicles with engines running during queuing would be used to assess the change in NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> that should result from the anti-idling campaign. Scenarios would also be run for 0% and 100% compliance with anti-idling to enable the comparison to be made.

## Appendix A Time Series Plots

Figure 4 to Figure 13 display time series  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations at Tower Bridge Road for each month from February 2016 to November 2016, inclusive. The two panels in each monthly plot show, respectively:

- 1-minute average  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations; and
- 1-hour mean  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations, along with the 1-hour mean  $\text{NO}_2$  standard of  $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

**Figure 4. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

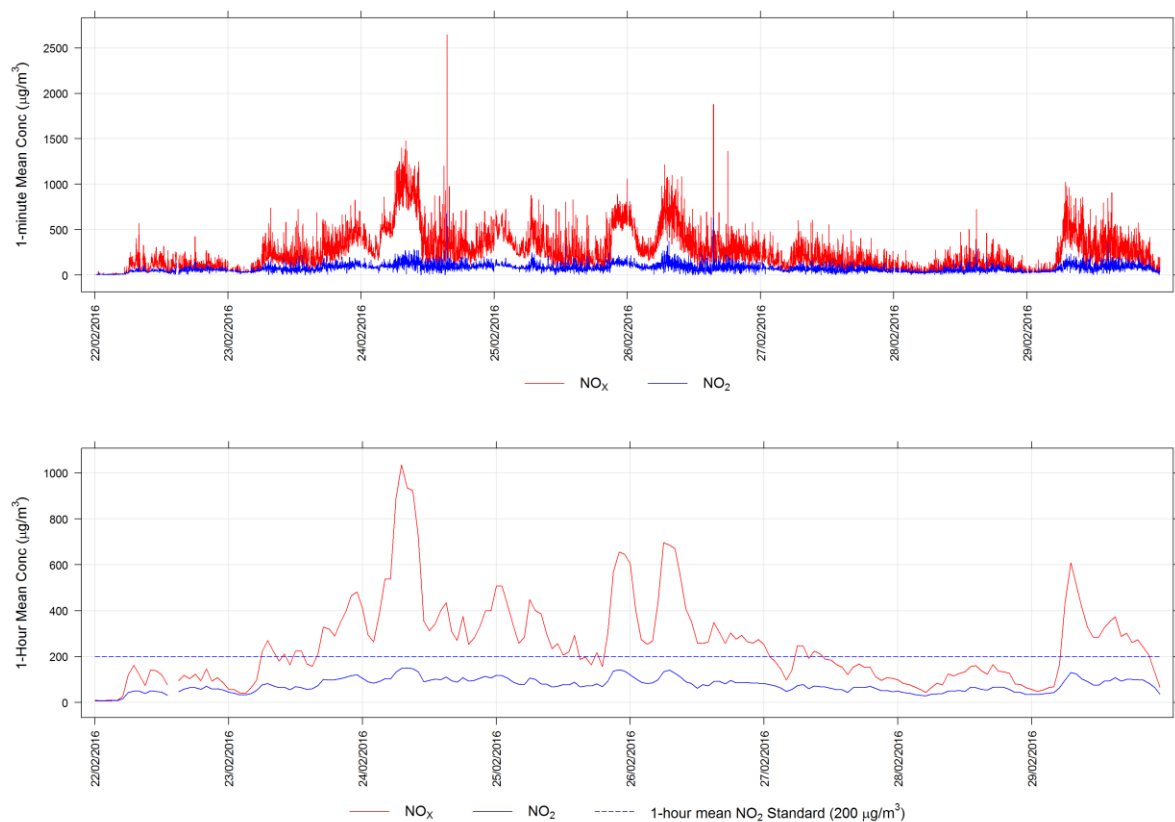




Figure 5. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

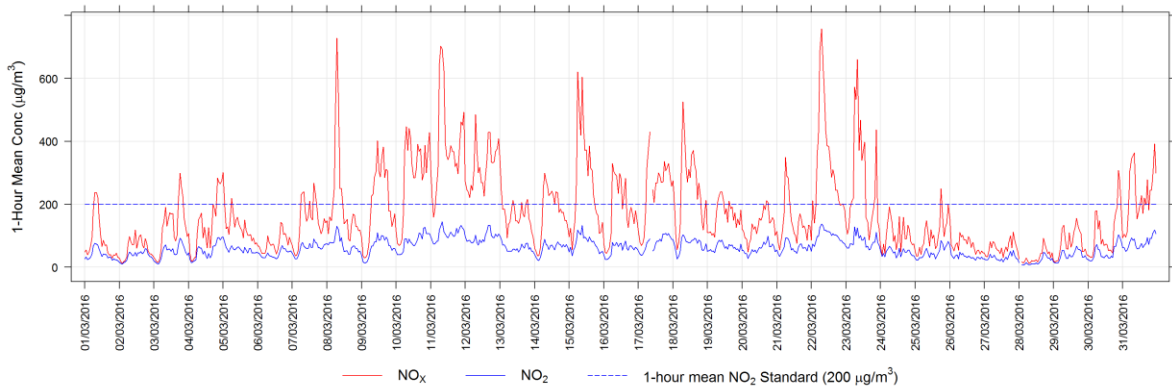
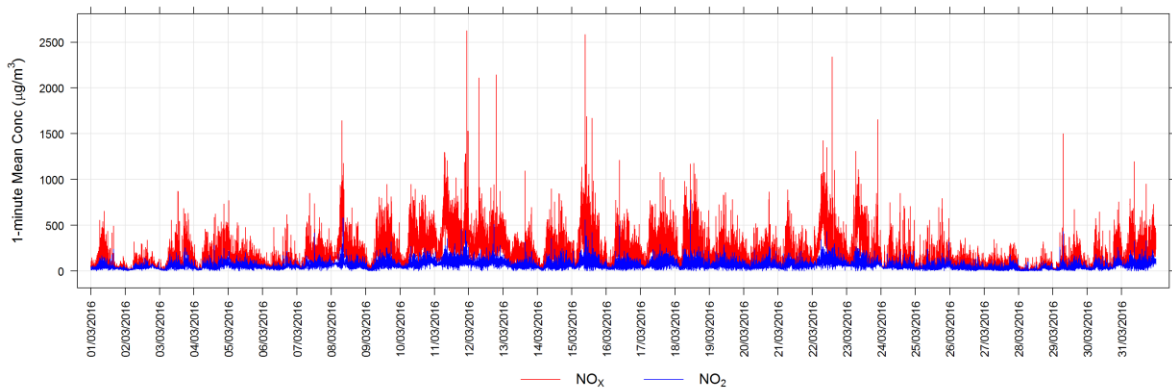


Figure 6. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

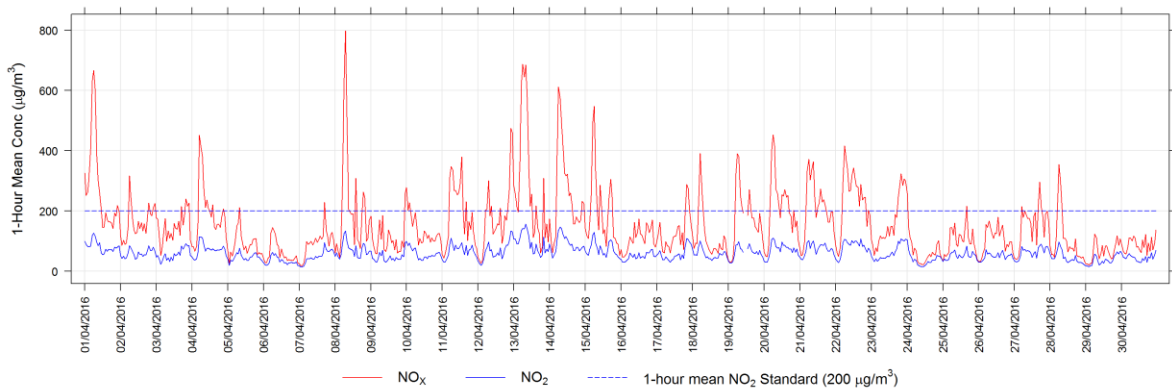
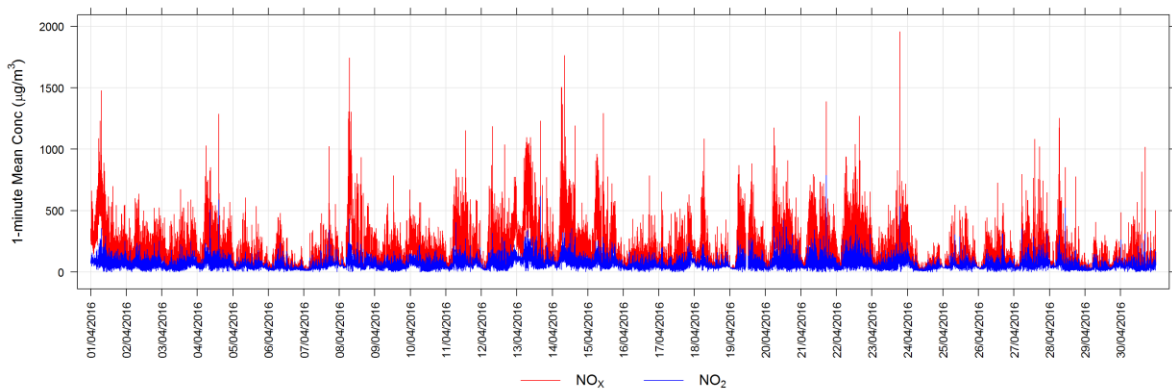


Figure 7. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

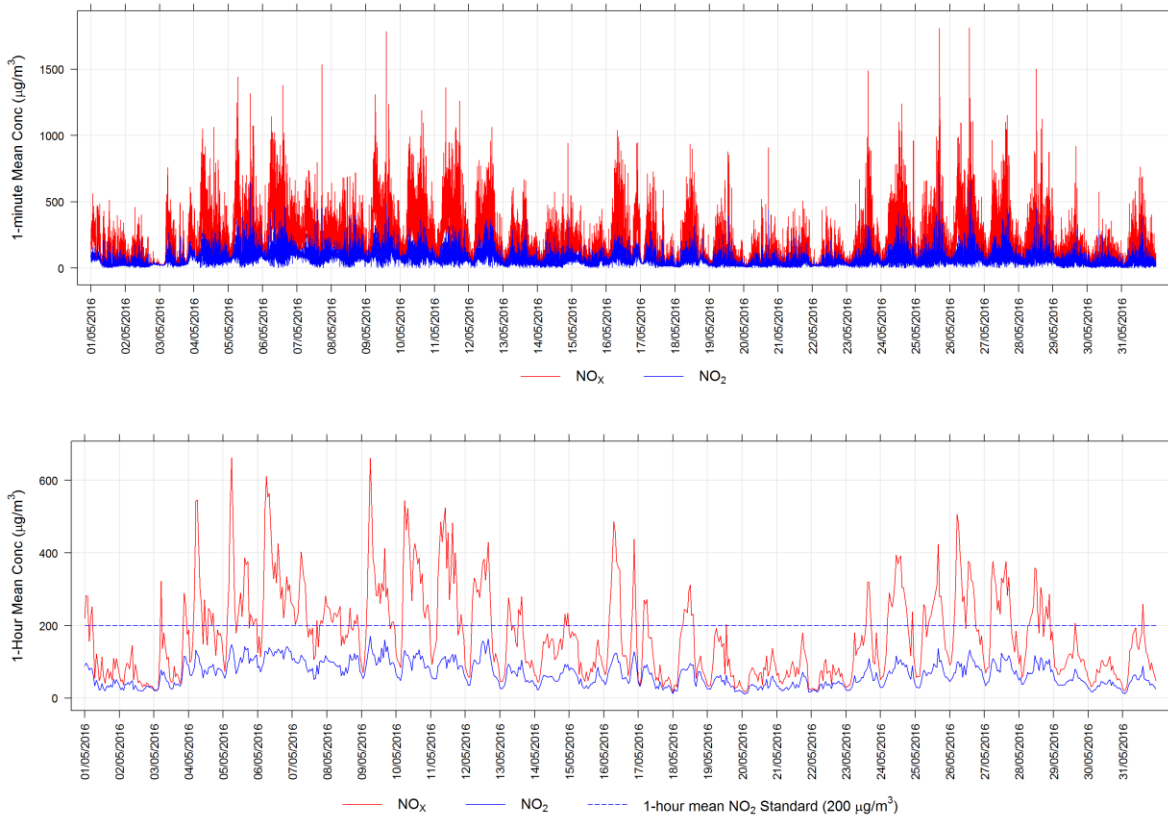


Figure 8. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

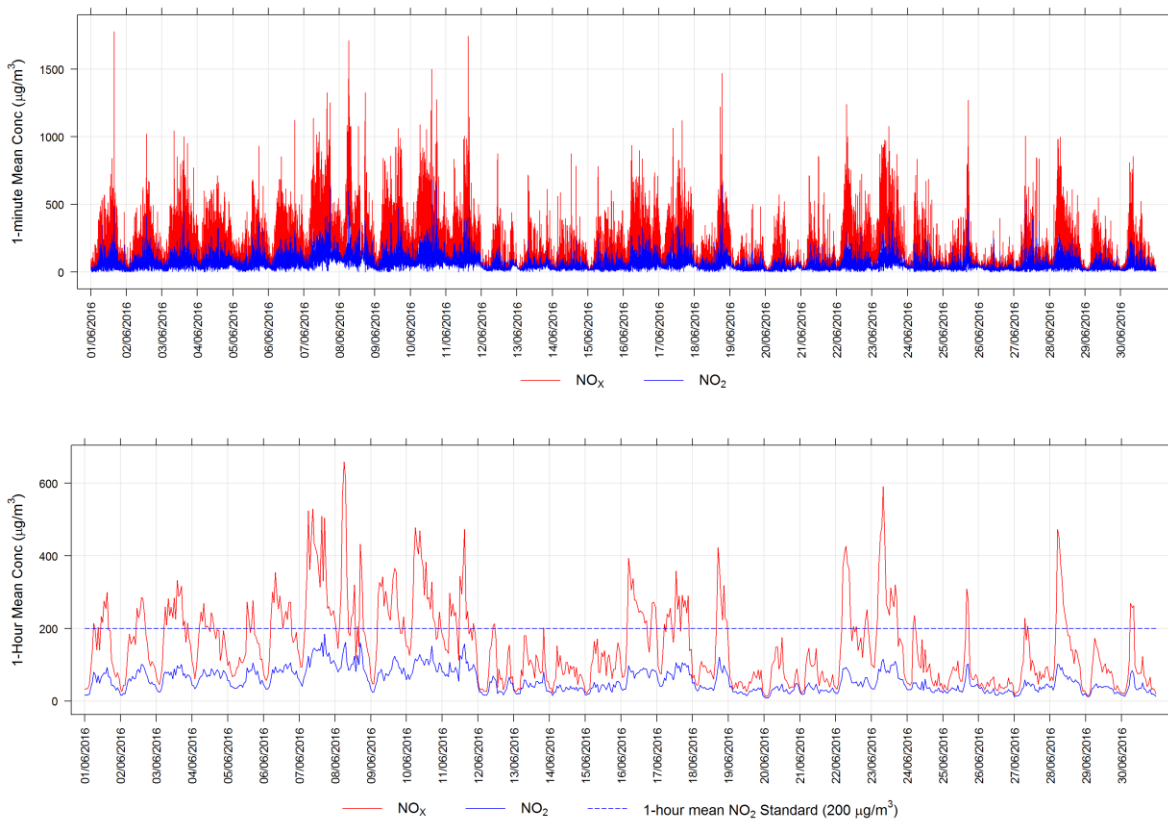


Figure 9. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

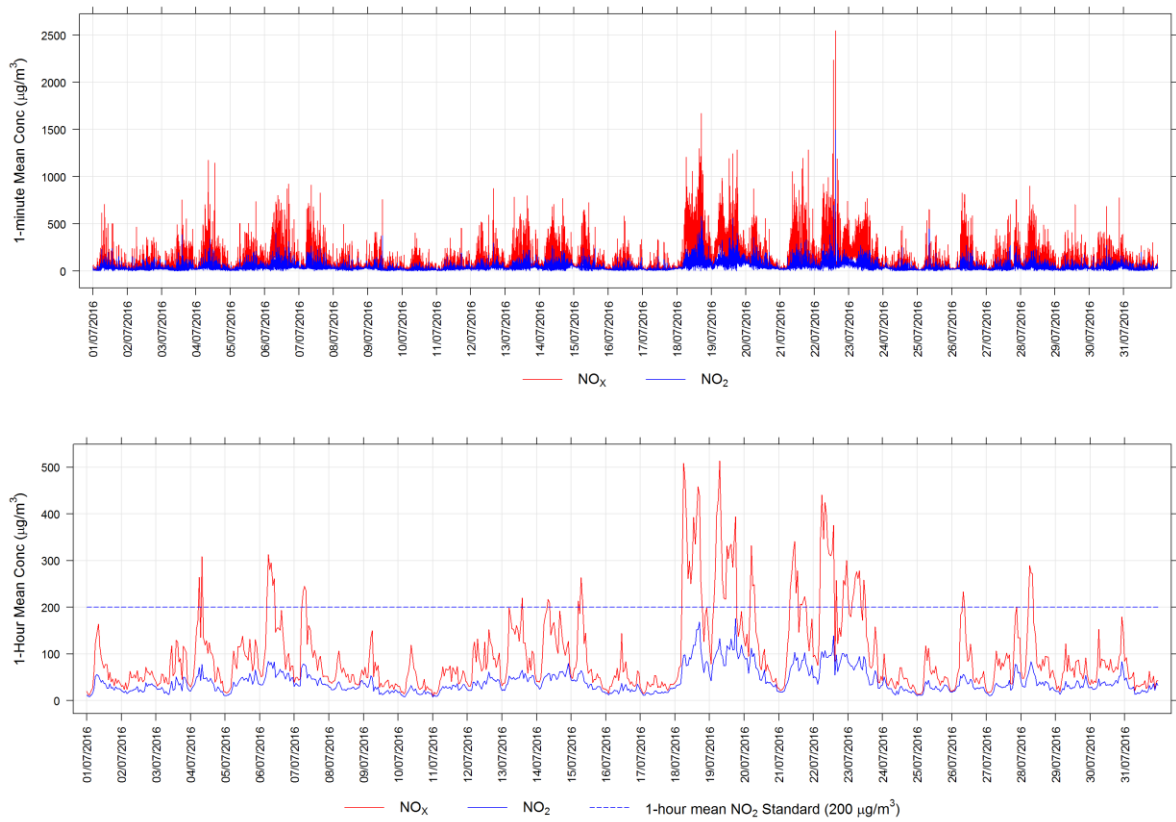


Figure 10. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

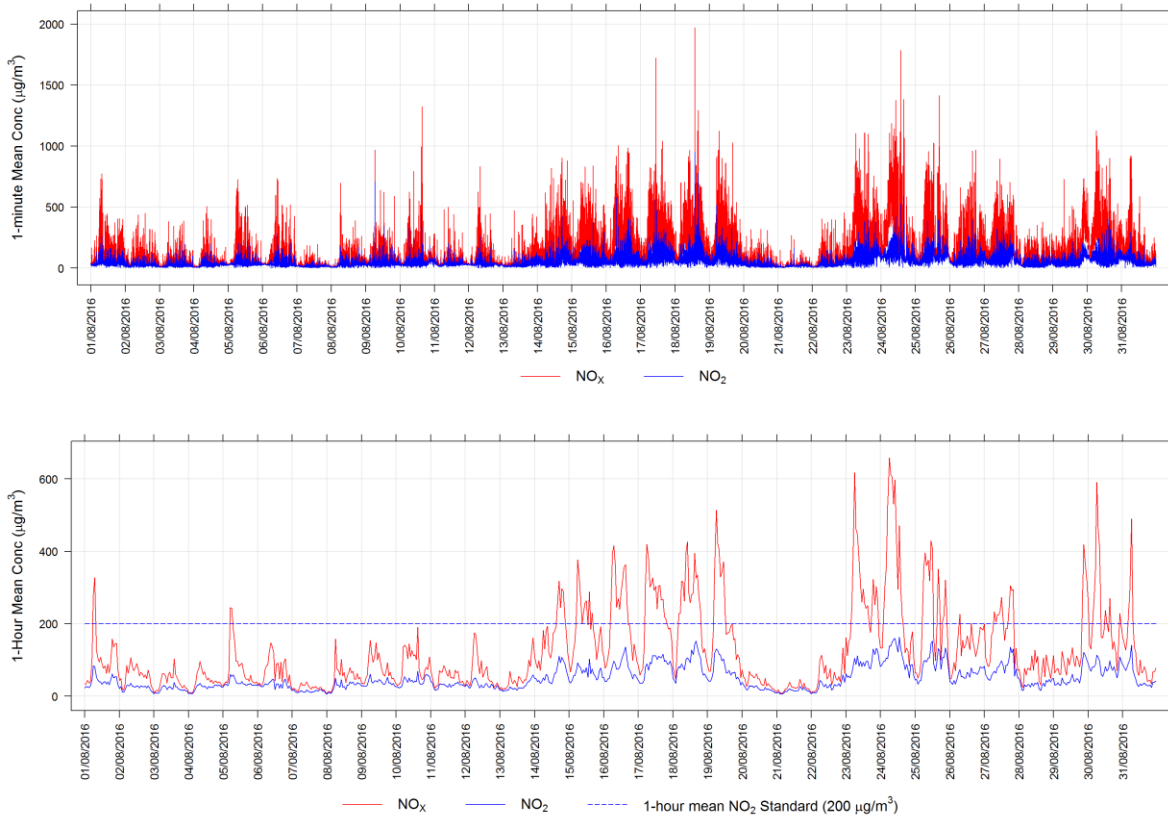


Figure 11. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

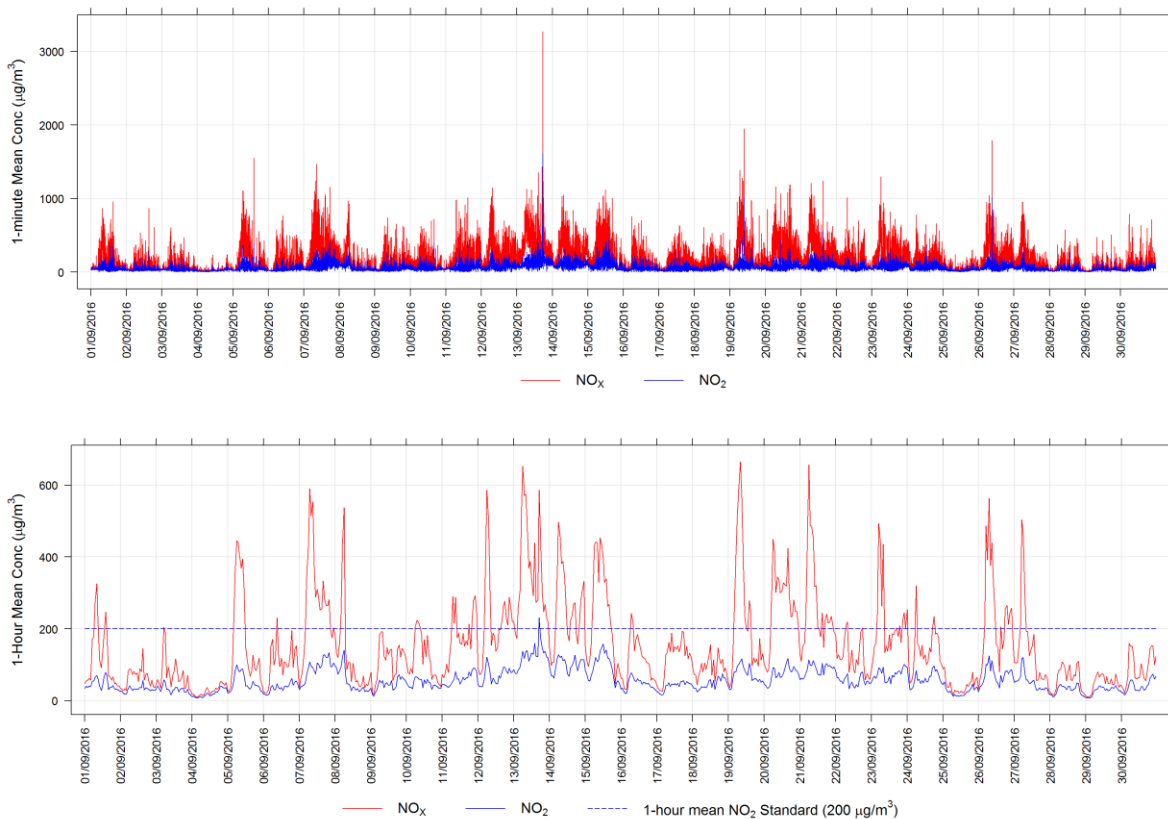


Figure 12. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

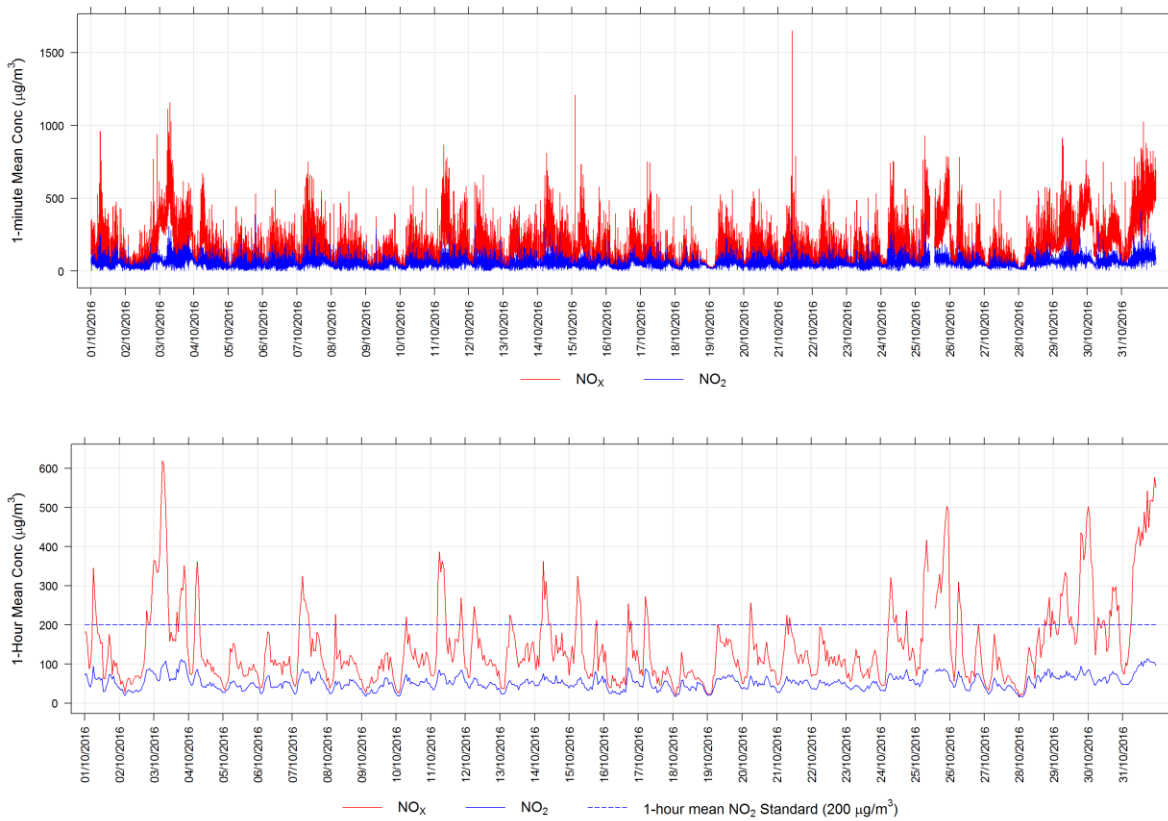
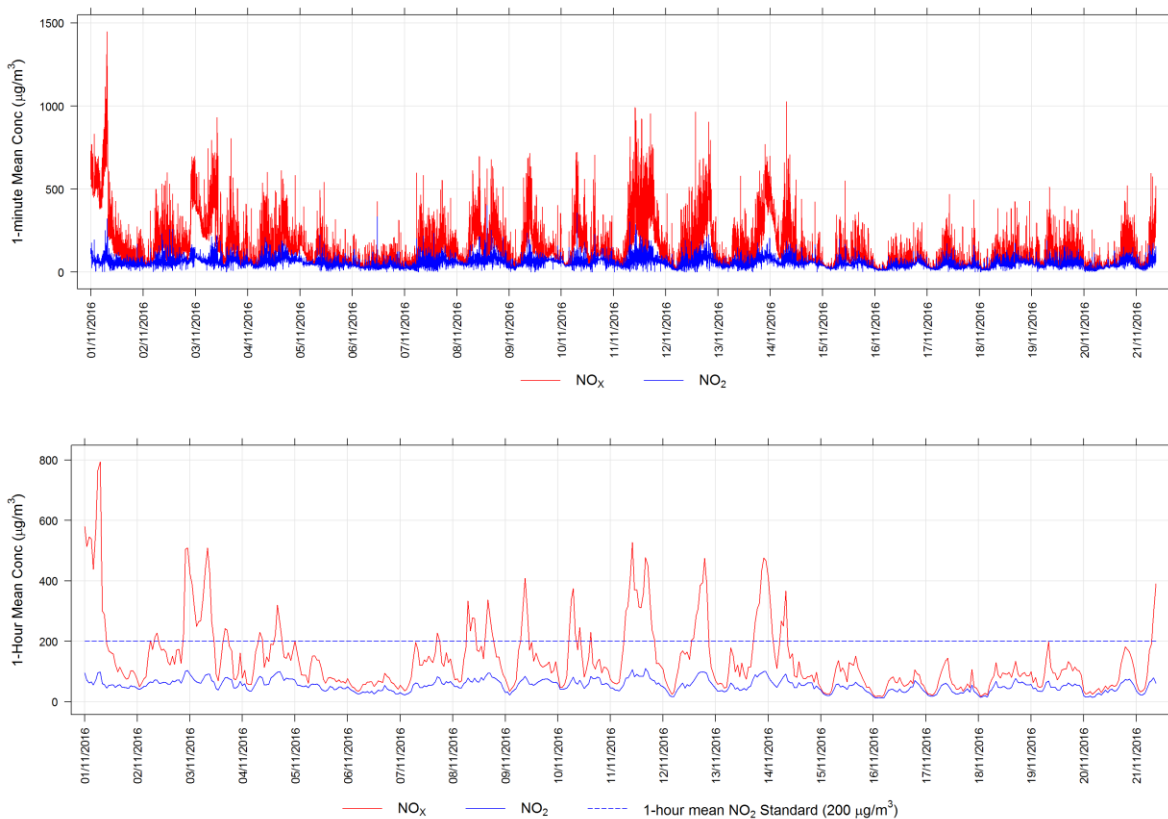


Figure 13. Tower Bridge Road Air Quality Monitoring Results, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016



# Appendix B Diffusion Tube Monitoring

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Table 8. Raw Monthly NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Monitoring Results, 2014

| Month                    | Start of Period | End of Period | Monthly Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (Raw; µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          |                 |               | SDT 17   | SDT 18      | SDT 19      | SDT 20      | SDT 21      | SDT 22      | SDT 23      | SDT 24      | SDT 25      | SDT 26      | SDT 27      | SDT 28      | SDT 29      | SDT 30      | SDT 31      |
| Jan-14                   | 08/01/2014      | 06/02/2014    |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Feb-14                   | 06/02/2014      | 06/03/2014    |  |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Mar-14                   | 06/03/2014      | 02/04/2014    | 94.7   | 95.8        | 72.0        | 84.4        | 83.9        | 99.3        | 62.2        | 96.3        | 73.5        | 77.4        | 92.6        | 58.4        | 86.9        | 97.1        | 83.4        |
| Apr-14                   | 02/04/2014      | 30/04/2014    | 80.5   | 92.3        | 69.0        | 78.6        | 70.3        | 88.8        | 46.5        | 87.3        | 60.9        | 67.0        | 88.1        | 44.6        | 89.6        | 81.0        | 74.5        |
| May-14                   | 30/04/2014      | 28/05/2014    | 93.3   | 95.3        | 75.3        | 81.3        | ND          | 69.2        | 42.8        | 103.8       | 62.9        | 70.9        | 92.3        | 41.8        | 94.7        | 85.2        | 79.8        |
| Jun-14                   | 28/05/2014      | 02/07/2014    | 85.6   | 97.4        | 68.8        | 83.4        | 66.6        | 94.7        | 45.7        | 71.6        | 57.8        | 71.9        | 83.7        | 33.4        | 79.4        | 74.9        | 66.5        |
| Jul-14                   | 02/07/2014      | 30/07/2014    | 94.6   | 92.6        | 73.9        | 89.6        | 67.9        | 93.4        | 43.3        | 107.4       | 65.5        | 67.1        | 85.3        | 40.5        | 102.7       | 75.7        | 64.8        |
| Aug-14                   | 30/07/2014      | 27/08/2014    | 73.9   | 89.7        | 69.8        | 70.3        | 54.5        | 72.2        | 37.0        | 105.6       | 48.7        | 62.8        | 73.7        | 38.9        | 95.6        | 66.0        | 64.0        |
| Sep-14                   | 27/08/2014      | 01/10/2014    | 107.0  | 98.6        | 87.0        | 80.4        | 74.9        | 105.0       | 61.1        | 89.2        | 65.5        | 80.9        | 94.0        | 43.2        | 101.7       | 90.2        | 79.4        |
| Oct-14                   | 01/10/2014      | 29/10/2014    | 84.6   | 87.0        | 77.0        | 75.7        | 67.7        | 76.6        | 46.0        | 106.8       | 60.2        | 74.1        | 89.6        | 47.1        | 95.7        | 93.0        | 77.0        |
| Nov-14                   | 29/10/2014      | 03/12/2014    | 101.1  | 101.0       | 73.5        | 78.4        | 69.4        | ND          | 59.6        | 87.5        | 73.8        | 70.6        | 90.0        | 54.5        | ND          | 85.8        | 83.7        |
| Dec-14                   | 03/12/2014      | 07/01/2015    | 61.2   | 83.9        | 66.7        | 71.4        | 59.1        | 74.0        | 54.0        | 114.5       | 78.2        | 63.1        | 74.2        | 60.0        | 85.5        | 85.5        | 68.1        |
| <b>Annual Mean (Raw)</b> |                 |               | <b>87.6</b>  | <b>93.4</b> | <b>73.3</b> | <b>79.4</b> | <b>68.2</b> | <b>85.9</b> | <b>49.8</b> | <b>97.0</b> | <b>64.7</b> | <b>70.6</b> | <b>86.3</b> | <b>46.2</b> | <b>92.4</b> | <b>83.4</b> | <b>74.1</b> |
| <b>Data Capture (%)</b>  |                 |               | <b>83</b>  | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>75</b>   | <b>75</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>75</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>83</b>   |

Note: ND = "No data"; monitoring commenced in March 2014

**Table 9. Raw Monthly NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Monitoring Results, 2015**

| Month                    | Start of Period | End of Period | Monthly Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (Raw; µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          |                 |               | SDT 17   | SDT 18      | SDT 19      | SDT 20      | SDT 21      | SDT 22      | SDT 23      | SDT 24      | SDT 25      | SDT 26      | SDT 27      | SDT 28      | SDT 29      | SDT 30      | SDT 31      |
| Jan-15                   | 07/01/2015      | 04/02/2015    | ND   | 106.8       | 65.4        | 65.9        | 84.3        | 71.2        | 47.4        | 94.1        | 67.3        | 62.4        | 67.8        | 51.1        | 95.4        | 81.6        | 62.8        |
| Feb-15                   | 04/02/2015      | 04/03/2015    | 79.5   | 99.9        | 72.8        | 70.9        | 77.5        | 83.8        | 50.7        | 105.2       | 73.8        | 68.5        | 66.1        | 56.3        | 100.0       | 80.8        | 70.6        |
| Mar-15                   | 04/03/2015      | 01/04/2015    | 66.1   | 81.7        | 65.7        | 81.7        | 67.8        | 86.8        | 49.4        | 91.4        | 63.1        | 73.4        | 79.8        | 48.7        | 96.4        | 70.2        | 65.0        |
| Apr-15                   | 01/04/2015      | 29/04/2015    | 65.8   | 88.7        | 61.9        | 74.4        | 60.6        | 96.5        | 46.3        | 85.3        | ND          | 60.6        | 82.5        | 38.1        | 95.0        | 65.0        | 64.8        |
| May-15                   | 29/04/2015      | 27/05/2015    | 65.0   | 75.9        | 63.1        | 71.3        | 64.0        | 71.9        | 35.8        | 94.6        | 59.6        | 59.6        | 71.2        | 38.5        | 88.5        | 72.0        | 64.1        |
| Jun-15                   | 27/05/2015      | 01/07/2015    | 70.5   | 89.8        | 69.9        | 71.3        | 68.2        | 81.7        | 38.0        | 112.2       | 62.7        | 63.2        | 73.2        | 37.1        | 104.3       | 74.4        | 65.5        |
| Jul-15                   | 01/07/2015      | 29/07/2015    | 70.1   | 82.9        | 66.7        | 71.5        | 58.3        | 75.4        | 35.5        | 100.2       | 60.3        | 61.8        | 63.5        | 35.9        | 87.6        | 67.9        | 61.2        |
| Aug-15                   | 29/07/2015      | 26/08/2015    | 75.0   | 98.9        | 69.3        | 79.0        | 62.0        | 85.8        | 42.8        | 89.9        | 56.6        | 64.7        | ND          | 37.9        | 92.5        | 83.9        | 76.9        |
| Sep-15                   | 26/08/2015      | 30/09/2015    | 55.1   | 58.6        | 56.7        | 60.6        | 51.3        | 60.4        | 41.4        | 71.9        | ND          | 56.4        | 54.1        | ND          | 67.7        | 65.6        | 59.6        |
| Oct-15                   | 30/09/2015      | 28/10/2015    | 71.8   | 80.5        | 67.5        | 87.6        | 74.7        | 98.5        | 52.9        | 100.7       | 68.4        | 75.2        | 82.1        | 40.6        | 86.7        | 81.5        | 77.8        |
| Nov-15                   | 28/10/2015      | 02/12/2015    | 63.9   | 92.4        | 63.5        | 64.6        | 70.5        | 69.0        | 39.1        | 96.8        | 65.9        | 55.1        | 65.1        | 34.4        | 90.9        | 63.5        | 70.8        |
| Dec-15                   | 02/12/2015      | 06/01/2016    | 61.2   | 82.0        | 60.0        | 64.7        | 56.7        | 82.2        | 38.2        | 88.4        | 59.0        | 47.6        | 65.6        | ND          | ND          | 69.2        | 67.7        |
| <b>Annual Mean (Raw)</b> |                 |               | <b>67.6</b>  | <b>86.5</b> | <b>65.2</b> | <b>71.9</b> | <b>66.3</b> | <b>80.3</b> | <b>43.1</b> | <b>94.2</b> | <b>63.7</b> | <b>62.4</b> | <b>70.1</b> | <b>41.9</b> | <b>91.4</b> | <b>73.0</b> | <b>67.2</b> |
| <b>Data Capture (%)</b>  |                 |               | <b>92</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>83</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>92</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>92</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  |

Note: ND = "No data"



Table 10. Raw Monthly NO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Tube Monitoring Results, 2016

| Month                    | Start of Period | End of Period | Monthly Mean NO <sub>2</sub> Concentration (Raw; µg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          |                 |               | SDT 17   | SDT 18      | SDT 19      | SDT 20      | SDT 21      | SDT 22      | SDT 23      | SDT 24      | SDT 25      | SDT 26      | SDT 27      | SDT 28      | SDT 29      | SDT 30      | SDT 31      |
| Jan-16                   | 06/01/2016      | 03/02/2016    | 80.2   | 99.2        | 68.9        | 74.2        | 69.8        | 81.9        | 50.1        | 103.2       | 71.5        | 64.6        | ND          | 58.4        | 96.7        | 92.5        | 84.3        |
| Feb-16                   | 03/02/2016      | 02/03/2016    | 74.2   | 92.7        | 67.3        | 87.2        | 68.9        | 82.9        | 54.0        | ND          | 65.0        | 67.9        | 73.3        | 53.5        | 99.6        | 92.2        | 68.9        |
| Mar-16                   | 02/03/2016      | 30/03/2016    | 59.3   | 85.6        | ND          | 75.3        | 77.3        | 63.2        | 46.3        | 75.5        | ND          | 62.6        | 67.9        | 45.9        | 78.7        | 74.5        | 65.2        |
| Apr-16                   | 30/03/2016      | 27/04/2016    | 69.7   | 95.2        | 65.8        | 84.1        | 65.3        | 91.6        | 48.1        | 95.0        | 60.1        | 60.4        | 72.7        | 46.6        | 100.7       | 79.6        | 71.0        |
| May-16                   | 27/04/2016      | 25/05/2016    | 55.9   | 89.5        | 61.1        | 80.7        | 69.0        | 96.0        | 52.1        | 101.3       | 62.3        | 63.6        | 84.4        | 41.7        | 103.3       | 75.4        | 70.9        |
| Jun-16                   | 25/05/2016      | 29/06/2016    | 55.7   | 81.4        | 58.7        | 83.1        | ND          | 93.7        | 46.4        | 99.8        | 61.9        | 67.2        | 80.8        | 39.6        | 115.7       | 74.2        | 70.3        |
| Jul-16                   | 29/06/2016      | 27/07/2016    | 52.6   | 86.9        | 60.8        | 73.4        | 56.5        | 78.0        | 34.7        | 121.7       | ND          | 59.9        | 71.2        | 41.1        | 121.2       | 67.1        | 62.8        |
| Aug-16                   | 27/07/2016      | 24/08/2016    | 44.8   | 98.5        | 51.0        | 68.2        | 53.3        | 70.8        | 34.5        | 96.7        | 50.1        | 51.2        | 66.3        | ND          | 70.4        | 59.6        | 60.1        |
| Sep-16                   | 24/08/2016      | 29/09/2016    | 61.9   | ND          | 95.5        | 84.2        | 64.2        | 94.9        | 45.3        | 121.9       | 71.4        | 70.8        | 85.8        | ND          | 62.2        | 44.4        | 38.8        |
| Oct-16                   | 29/09/2016      | 27/10/2016    | 51.4   | 51.9        | 137.5       | 59.9        | ND          | 58.4        | 47.7        | 66.8        | 67.1        | 55.4        | 65.2        | 44.5        | 133.1       | 61.9        | 73.7        |
| Nov-16                   | 27/10/2016      | 01/12/2016    | 66.8   | 68.3        | 65.9        | 66.3        | 68.2        | 68.5        | 61.1        | 77.7        | 69.4        | 71.6        | 70.3        | 58.2        | 95.4        | 83.3        | 76.6        |
| Dec-16                   | 01/12/2016      | 05/01/2017    | 71.7   | 75.9        | 71.5        | 67.4        | 69.9        | 70.9        | 64.2        | 93.8        | 80.6        | 75.2        | 78.7        | 54.4        | 113.9       | 95.6        | 78.8        |
| <b>Annual Mean (Raw)</b> |                 |               | <b>62.0</b>  | <b>84.1</b> | <b>73.1</b> | <b>75.3</b> | <b>66.2</b> | <b>79.2</b> | <b>48.7</b> | <b>95.8</b> | <b>65.9</b> | <b>64.2</b> | <b>74.2</b> | <b>48.4</b> | <b>99.2</b> | <b>75.0</b> | <b>68.4</b> |
| <b>Data Capture (%)</b>  |                 |               | <b>100</b>   | <b>92</b>   | <b>92</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>83</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>92</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>92</b>   | <b>83</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  |

Note: ND = "No data"

Table 11. National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors, 2014

| Analysed By | Method           | Year | Site Type | Local Authority                               | Length of Study (months) | Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Bias (B) | Tube Precision | Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm) |
|-------------|------------------|------|-----------|---|--------------------------|---|--|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | UC        | Belfast City Council                          | 11                       | 33  | 32   | 5.6%     | G              | 0.95                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk | 12                       | 29  | 21   | 37.7%    | G              | 0.73                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Brighton & Hove City Council                  | 12                       | 55  | 48   | 15.2%    | G              | 0.87                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Brighton & Hove City Council                  | 11                       | 60  | 57   | 6.2%     | G              | 0.94                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Cheshire West and Chester                     | 11                       | 40  | 40   | -1.0%    | G              | 1.01                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 36  | 31   | 18.1%    | G              | 0.85                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | UB        | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 26  | 23   | 11.2%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 41  | 35   | 15.2%    | G              | 0.87                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 52  | 60   | -12.6%   | G              | 1.14                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 10                       | 35  | 32   | 10.8%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 12                       | 36  | 36   | -0.1%    | G              | 1.00                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 12                       | 34  | 32   | 6.4%     | G              | 0.94                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | UB        | Luton Borough Council                         | 9                        | 36  | 37   | -4.0%    | G              | 1.04                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | KS        | Marylebone Road Intercomparison               | 12                       | 115   | 80   | 42.8%    | G              | 0.70                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Monmouthshire County Council                  | 10                       | 42  | 38   | 10.1%    | G              | 0.91                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL                       | 12                       | 44  | 39   | 14.9%    | G              | 0.87                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Bedford Borough Council                       | 12                       | 38  | 39   | -2.7%    | G              | 1.03                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | City of Lincoln Council                       | 12                       | 45  | 38   | 16.8%    | G              | 0.86                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | East Herts Council                            | 11                       | 37  | 33   | 14.5%    | G              | 0.87                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Lancaster City Council                        | 11                       | 36  | 38   | -4.0%    | G              | 1.04                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | R         | Wokingham Borough Council                     | 12                       | 40  | 37   | 9.3%     | G              | 0.91                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 | UC        | Southampton City Council                      | 11                       | 32  | 31   | 3.5%     | G              | 0.97                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2014 |           | Overall Factor (22 studies)                   |                          |   |  | Use      |                | 0.92                               |

Source: Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors Spreadsheet for March 2017 (v2). <https://aqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-bias.html>

Table 12. National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors, 2015

| Analysed By | Method           | Year | Site Type | Local Authority                                 | Length of Study (months) | Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Bias (B) | Tube Precision | Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm) |
|-------------|------------------|------|-----------|---|--------------------------|---|--|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Ards and North Down Borough Council             | 12                       | 38  | 26   | 48.6%    | G              | 0.67                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | UC        | Breckland Council                               | 12                       | 30  | 29   | 1.5%     | G              | 0.99                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Cheltenham Borough Council                      | 12                       | 35  | 35   | 2.7%     | G              | 0.97                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council              | 10                       | 36  | 29   | 24.8%    | G              | 0.80                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Luton Borough Council                           | 12                       | 46  | 44   | 6.0%     | G              | 0.94                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Monmouthshire County Council                    | 12                       | 41  | 37   | 11.0%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | B         | Pembrokeshire Council                           | 10                       | 4   | 3  | 36.7%    | G              | 0.73                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | City of Lincoln Council                         | 12                       | 39  | 33   | 17.9%    | G              | 0.85                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk | 12                       | 29  | 22   | 32.5%    | G              | 0.75                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Cheshire West and Chester                       | 10                       | 38  | 40   | -5.2%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Dudley MBC                                      | 12                       | 47  | 50   | -5.9%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Dudley MBC                                      | 12                       | 40  | 35   | 14.0%    | G              | 0.88                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Dudley MBC                                      | 12                       | 34  | 31   | 10.0%    | G              | 0.91                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | UB        | Dudley MBC                                      | 11                       | 23  | 19   | 20.9%    | G              | 0.83                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | KS        | Marylebone Road Intercomparison                 | 12                       | 102   | 81   | 26.2%    | G              | 0.79                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | UB        | Liverpool                                       | 12                       | 20  | 22   | -9.0%    | G              | 1.10                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Preston City Council                            | 12                       | 29  | 27   | 8.9%     | G              | 0.92                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Thurrock Borough Council                        | 12                       | 28  | 23   | 22.5%    | G              | 0.82                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Gateshead Council                               | 11                       | 33  | 34   | -1.2%    | G              | 1.01                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Gateshead Council                               | 12                       | 28  | 27   | 3.9%     | G              | 0.96                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Gateshead Council                               | 10                       | 36  | 32   | 11.5%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | KS        | New Forest DC                                   | 11                       | 47  | 36   | 31.1%    | P              | 0.76                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | New Forest DC                                   | 11                       | 33  | 25   | 31.7%    | G              | 0.76                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | UC        | Southampton City Council                        | 12                       | 28  | 29   | -3.5%    | G              | 1.04                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Wokingham Borough Council                       | 11                       | 36  | 33   | 7.9%     | G              | 0.93                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Brighton & Hove City Council                    | 9                        | 47  | 38   | 24.1%    | G              | 0.81                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL                         | 12                       | 40  | 39   | 4.3%     | G              | 0.96                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Lancaster City Council                          | 11                       | 34  | 35   | -3.0%    | G              | 1.03                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Hounslow Council                                | 12                       | 71  | 54   | 31.4%    | G              | 0.76                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 | R         | Hounslow Council                                | 12                       | 66  | 45   | 47.1%    | G              | 0.68                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2015 |           | Overall Factor (30 studies)                     |                          |   |  | Use      |                | 0.87                               |

Source: Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors Spreadsheet for March 2017 (v2). <https://aqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-bias.html>

Table 13. National Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors, 2016

| Analysed By | Method           | Year | Site Type | Local Authority                               | Length of Study (months) | Diffusion Tube Mean Conc. (Dm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Automatic Monitor Mean Conc. (Cm) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Bias (B) | Tube Precision | Bias Adjustment Factor (A) (Cm/Dm) |
|-------------|------------------|------|-----------|---|--------------------------|---|--|----------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 12                       | 29  | 26   | 10.5%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 11                       | 35  | 37   | -6.0%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Gateshead Council                             | 12                       | 37  | 31   | 19.0%    | G              | 0.84                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Wokingham Borough Council                     | 11                       | 45  | 41   | 9.0%     | G              | 0.92                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Wokingham Borough Council                     | 11                       | 37  | 34   | 9.5%     | G              | 0.91                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Cheshire West and Chester                     | 12                       | 37  | 39   | -5.3%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Thurrock Borough Council                      | 12                       | 29  | 26   | 11.0%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk | 11                       | 30  | 25   | 18.2%    | G              | 0.85                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | UB        | Eastleigh Borough Council                     | 11                       | 29  | 30   | -4.7%    | G              | 1.05                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Eastleigh Borough Council                     | 12                       | 44  | 42   | 2.9%     | G              | 0.97                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Brighton & Hove City Council                  | 12                       | 52  | 48   | 8.8%     | G              | 0.92                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Eastleigh Borough Council                     | 11                       | 29  | 37   | -22.0%   | G              | 1.28                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | KS        | Marylebone Road Intercomparison               | 12                       | 99  | 79   | 25.2%    | G              | 0.80                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Monmouthshire County Council                  | 11                       | 39  | 34   | 16.6%    | G              | 0.86                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in Water | 2016 | R         | Preston City Council                          | 10                       | 30  | 27   | 10.0%    | G              | 0.91                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 37  | 34   | 11.0%    | G              | 0.90                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | UB        | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 26  | 22   | 18.6%    | G              | 0.84                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 11                       | 43  | 38   | 12.4%    | G              | 0.89                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | Dudley MBC                                    | 12                       | 51  | 54   | -5.6%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | B         | LB Waltham Forest                             | 12                       | 31  | 30   | 2.3%     | G              | 0.98                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 | R         | NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL                       | 12                       | 37  | 39   | -5.4%    | G              | 1.06                               |
| Gradko      | 20% TEA in water | 2016 |           | Overall Factor (21 studies)                   |                          |   |  | Use      |                | 0.94                               |

Source: Diffusion Tube Bias Adjustment Factors Spreadsheet for March 2017 (v2). <https://aqm.defra.gov.uk/bias-adjustment-factors/national-bias.html>

## Appendix C Driver Awareness Survey June 2014 Questionnaire

### Tower Bridge Survey Questionnaire

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| <b>Interviewer:</b>                       |  |
| <b>Date:</b>                              |  |
| <b>Time:</b>                              |  |
| <b>Survey Location:</b>                   |  |
| <b>Reference Number (OFFICE USE ONLY)</b> |  |

### Screening

#### Good morning/afternoon/evening

We are conducting some research on behalf of Southwark and Tower Hamlets Council with drivers. Could you spare a few minutes to answer some questions?

Yes 1 CONTINUE

No 2 THANK AND CLOSE

**S1 Have you driven across Tower Bridge in the last 3 months? (show map)**

Yes 1 CONTINUE

No 2 THANK AND CLOSE

**Remember to  
record LENGTH of  
Interview**

### Section 1 – Air Quality

**Q1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about air quality in London? SHOWCARD A (Tick one for each row)**

|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| The air quality in this part of London is good                     | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| If there was less traffic congestion the air quality would improve | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| Poor air quality is bad for my health                              | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |
| More should be done to improve air quality                         | 1              | 2     | 3                          | 4        | 5                 |

**Q2 What do you think is the main contributor to poor air quality in this area?**

Record Verbatim PROBE FULLY

## Section 2 – Anti-Idling

**Q3 Do you drive a vehicle that automatically turns off the engine when in stationary traffic?** Code one only

- <sub>1</sub> Yes **GO TO Q7**  
<sub>2</sub> No **Continue**

**Q4 Do you ever turn off your engine when stuck in stationary traffic?** Code one only

- <sub>1</sub> Yes **Continue**  
<sub>2</sub> No **GO TO Q6**

### ASK ONLY IF DO TURN OFF ENGINE

**Q5 In what circumstances do you switch off your engine when sitting in traffic?**

*Tick all that apply* SHOWCARD B

- <sub>1</sub> If I can see the start of the queue and know I will have time to switch my engine back on before traffic starts moving
- <sub>2</sub> If traffic has not moved for at least 10 minutes
- <sub>3</sub> If I am not in any hurry
- <sub>4</sub> If traffic has not moved for at least 5 minutes
- <sub>5</sub> If signs at the road side provide information on the likely delay
- <sub>6</sub> If traffic has not moved for at least 1 minute
- <sub>7</sub> If I can see the start of the queue and I can estimate the length of delay
- <sub>8</sub> Other – please specify

### ASK ALL

**Q6 What are the reasons for keeping your engine running when sitting in stationary traffic?**

*Tick all that apply* SHOWCARD C

- <sub>1</sub> The queue would be bound to start moving the minute I turned it off
- <sub>2</sub> The vehicle might not start again

- <sub>3</sub> It would slow up the traffic when the queue starts to move
- <sub>4</sub> It uses more fuel to restart the engine than to leave it running
- <sub>5</sub> It just wouldn't occur to me to do it
- <sub>6</sub> Why bother? it's not a big deal
- <sub>7</sub> Other – please specify

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### Section 3 – Use of Tower Bridge

**Q7** How often do you make journeys, as a driver, across Tower Bridge? *(Tick one only)*

- <sub>1</sub> Daily / Weekly **Continue**
- <sub>2</sub> Monthly / Occasionally **Continue**
- <sub>3</sub> Rarely /One off **GO TO Q11**

**Q8** On approximately how many in 10 journeys across Tower Bridge have you had to queue?

*write in number – best estimate*

|   |       |                           |
|---|-------|---------------------------|
| a) For any reason                               | in 10 |                           |
| b) Due a bridge lift (or suspected bridge lift) | in 10 | <b>If ZERO, GO TO Q11</b> |

**Q9** What would you say was the average time you were queuing and stationary as a result of the

**bridge lifting?** *(write in number)*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
|  | minutes |
|--|---------|

**Q10** Thinking about the last journey you made which was affected in some way by the lifting of Tower Bridge, which of the following did you do?

*(Tick all that apply)* SHOWCARD G

- <sub>1</sub> Joined the queue and waited for the traffic to start moving, without turning off my engine
- <sub>2</sub> Diverted - took an alternative route to get to my destination
- <sub>3</sub> Changed destination
- <sub>4</sub> Joined the queue and waited for the traffic to start moving, AND turned off my engine
- <sub>5</sub> Checked the website to find out about bridge lift times and avoided the area altogether
- <sub>6</sub> Other – please specify

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|  |
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**Q11 When using Tower Bridge, which of the following types of journey do you make? IF MORE THAN ONE TICK THE JOURNEY MADE MOST OFTEN**

- <sub>1</sub> Commuting
- <sub>2</sub> Business
- <sub>3</sub> Leisure

**Q12 And is this by... (Tick one only)**

- <sub>1</sub> Private Car
- <sub>2</sub> Van/Light goods vehicle
- <sub>3</sub> Bus/coach/HGV
- <sub>4</sub> Taxi
- <sub>5</sub> Motorcycle/moped

**Q13 I will now show you some measures designed to encourage drivers to switch off their engines while queuing on the approach to Tower Bridge. How effective do you think each would be?**

Showcard H (Tick one for each row)

|  | effective | effective | effective | at all | Don't know |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Signs at the road side advising of length of delay   | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4      | 5          |
| Signs at the roadside showing air quality readings   | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4      | 5          |
| Regulations and enforcement requiring waiting drivers on the approaches to turn off their engines when Tower Bridge was open | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4      | 5          |
| Being aware of the cost per minute of leaving engines running  | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4      | 5          |
| Being aware of the environmental impacts of leaving engines running  | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4      | 5          |

**Q14 Is there anything else that you think would be effective? Please specify**

**Q15 Have you ever checked for when the bridge is going to lift on the website?**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes
- <sub>2</sub> No – was not aware of the website
- <sub>3</sub> No – but am aware that this is possible

**And finally, just to ensure that we have spoken to a representative sample of drivers**

**D1 Which age group do you fall into?**

- |                                       |       |                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub> | 17-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub> | 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub> | 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub> | 55-59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub> | 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub> | 60-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub> | 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub> | 65+   |

**D2 Gender (DO NOT ASK)**

- <sub>1</sub> Male
- <sub>2</sub> Female

**D3 Which of the following best described your working status? *Tick one only***

- <sub>1</sub> Full-time (30 hours/wk+)
- <sub>2</sub> Part time (8-29 hours/wk)
- <sub>3</sub> Not working (under 8 hours)
- <sub>4</sub> Retired
- <sub>5</sub> Unemployed
- <sub>6</sub> Student
- <sub>7</sub> Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**D4 Interviewer please probe for SEG code**

- <sub>1</sub> AB
- <sub>2</sub> C1
- <sub>3</sub> C2
- <sub>4</sub> DE

**D5 Please could you provide the first part of your home postcode e.g. NW12?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Could I please take a contact number? This is just for quality control procedures; a supervisor may call to verify that the survey has been properly conducted.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

How long did the Interview  
take

\_\_\_\_\_ Mins

**THANK AND CLOSE**



## Appendix D Driver Awareness Survey Results

### Section 1 – Air Quality

**Q1** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about air quality in London? **SHOWCARD A** (*Tick one for each row*)

|  |                            | Count      | Column N %   |
|--|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| The air quality around the Tower Bridge part of London is good     | Strongly Agree             | 25         | 6.1          |
|  | Agree                      | 153        | 37.6         |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | 92         | 22.6         |
|  | Disagree                   | 96         | 23.6         |
|  | Strongly disagree          | 41         | 10.1         |
|  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| If there was less traffic congestion the air quality would improve | Strongly Agree             | 150        | 36.9         |
|  | Agree                      | 189        | 46.6         |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | 28         | 6.9          |
|  | Disagree                   | 37         | 9.1          |
|  | Strongly disagree          | 2          | 0.5          |
|  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>406</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Poor air quality is bad for my health                              | Strongly Agree             | 170        | 42.1         |
|  | Agree                      | 185        | 45.8         |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | 28         | 6.9          |
|  | Disagree                   | 18         | 4.5          |
|  | Strongly disagree          | 3          | 0.7          |
|  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>404</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| More should be done to improve air quality                         | Strongly Agree             | 122        | 30.3         |
|  | Agree                      | 182        | 45.2         |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | 71         | 17.6         |
|  | Disagree                   | 22         | 5.5          |
|  | Strongly disagree          | 6          | 1.5          |
|  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>403</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

*NB 1 respondent did not answer Q1b, 2 respondents did not answer Q1c, 4 respondents did not answer Q1d*

**Q2 What do you think is the main contributor to poor air quality in this area?**

Record Verbatim PROBE FULLY

|                         | Count      | Column N % |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Congestion/Traffic      | 199        | 48.9       |
| Buses                   | 117        | 28.7       |
| Lorries                 | 95         | 23.3       |
| Cars/Taxis              | 86         | 21.1       |
| Diesel                  | 30         | 7.4        |
| Buildings               | 19         | 4.7        |
| Construction work       | 38         | 9.3        |
| No answer/don't know    | 15         | 3.7        |
| Pollution               | 8          | 2.0        |
| Exhaust fumes/emissions | 13         | 3.2        |
| Aircraft                | 8          | 2.0        |
| Smoking                 | 3          | 0.7        |
| Other                   | 9          | 2.2        |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>407</b> |            |

Big trucks, No trees, Trees soak up pollution don't they?

Too many cars, old cars especially, are illegal. MOT's just pass them, shouldn't be on the road.

Syncing of traffic lights

Too many road works that are not organized.

Shut up of side streets so we all have to sit on main rd and we all have to sit on it.

Traffic congestion, lack of greenery, not enough promotion/incentives around walking and cycling, bad road surface on cycle paths, not enough cycle networks.

China and India putting crap in the air it's all in the atmosphere

Farming pollution from France

20mph on bridge

## Section 2 – Anti-Idling

**Q3 Do you drive a vehicle that automatically turns off the engine when in stationary traffic? Code one only**

|              | Count      | Column N %   |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| No           | 351        | 86.5         |
| Yes          | 55         | 13.5         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>406</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

*NB 1 respondent did not answer*

**Q4 Do you ever turn off your engine when stuck in stationary traffic? Code one only**

|              |                                | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | No                             | 157        | 38.6         | 44.6          | 44.6               |
|              | Yes                            | 195        | 47.9         | 55.4          | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>352</b> | <b>86.5</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missin<br>g  | Car turns off<br>automatically | 55         | 13.5         |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                                | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

### ASK ONLY IF DO TURN OFF ENGINE

**Q5 In what circumstances do you switch off your engine when sitting in traffic?**

*Tick all that apply SHOWCARD B*

|  | Count      | Column N % |
|--|------------|------------|
| If I can see to know when to restart engine                                | 70         | 36.6       |
| If traffic has not moved for at least 10 minutes                           | 71         | 37.2       |
| If I am not in any hurry   | 13         | 6.8        |
| If traffic has not moved for at least 5 minutes                            | 61         | 31.9       |
| If signs at the road side provide information on the likely delay          | 24         | 12.6       |
| If traffic has not moved for at least 1 minute                             | 30         | 15.7       |
| If I can see the start of the queue and I can estimate the length of delay | 48         | 25.1       |
| Other  | 10         | 5.2        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>191</b> |            |

*NB 4 respondents did not answer*



|   |
|---|
| <p>Heavy traffic</p> <p>If bridge goes up (n=4)</p> <p>If there are school kids waiting</p> <p>If there is an accident</p> <p>On motorway i.e. tailback</p> <p>Only on tower bridge when going up</p> <p>To save petrol</p> |
|---|

**ASK ALL****Q6 What are the reasons for keeping your engine running when sitting in stationary traffic?**

*Tick all that apply SHOWCARD C*

|   | <b>Count</b> | <b>Column N %</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| The queue would be bound to start moving the minute I turned it off | 174          | 54.4              |
| The vehicle might not start again                                   | 35           | 10.9              |
| It would slow up the traffic when the queue starts to move          | 43           | 13.4              |
| It uses more fuel to restart the engine than to leave it running    | 44           | 13.8              |
| It just wouldn't occur to me to do it                               | 33           | 10.3              |
| Why bother? it's not a big deal                                     | 11           | 3.4               |
| Other – please specify  | 48           | 15.0              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>320</b>   |                   |

*NB 32 respondents did not answer*

It's company vehicle

Habit

Doors unlock and lock when

Keep air con or heating on (n=7)

I use diesel, pretty cheap anyway.

I wouldn't if there was any delay at all

If you can see queue will be moving shortly

In winter when its cold (n=4)

Would depend on how long the traffic was going to be stationary for

Depends how long the queue

If I am at front of traffic lights

If on a main road at lights

Abnormal red light

Would always turn off (n=8)

Car economical anyway

Harms the engine and vehicle in the long term.

More pollution by turning off in stationary traffic

It takes too long to start

Not good for starter

It's a clean running vehicle - no need

Not built for it

Tiring

Don't need to

Motorcycle/Moped (n=8)

### Section 3 – Use of Tower Bridge

**Q7** How often do you make journeys, as a driver, across Tower Bridge? (Tick one only)

|              |                      | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | Daily/Weekly         | 291        | 71.5         | 71.9          | 71.9               |
|              | Monthly/Occasionally | 81         | 19.9         | 20.0          | 91.9               |
|              | Rarely/One off       | 33         | 8.1          | 8.1           | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>         | <b>405</b> | <b>99.5</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing      | Did Not Answer       | 2          | .5           |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                      | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**Q8** On approximately how many in 10 journeys across Tower Bridge have you had to queue?

*write in number – best estimate*

**a) For any reason**

|              |                   | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | 0                 | 98         | 24.1         | 27.3          | 27.3               |
|              | 1                 | 59         | 14.5         | 16.4          | 43.7               |
|              | 2                 | 53         | 13.0         | 14.8          | 58.5               |
|              | 3                 | 24         | 5.9          | 6.7           | 65.2               |
|              | 4                 | 14         | 3.4          | 3.9           | 69.1               |
|              | 5                 | 31         | 7.6          | 8.6           | 77.7               |
|              | 6                 | 7          | 1.7          | 1.9           | 79.7               |
|              | 7                 | 5          | 1.2          | 1.4           | 81.1               |
|              | 8                 | 19         | 4.7          | 5.3           | 86.4               |
|              | 9                 | 10         | 2.5          | 2.8           | 89.1               |
|              | 10                | 39         | 9.5          | 10.9          | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>      | <b>359</b> | <b>88.2</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing      | Rarely use bridge | 33         | 8.1          |               |                    |
|              | Did not answer    | 15         | 3.7          |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**b) Due a bridge lift (or suspected bridge lift)**

|              |                   | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | 0                 | 191        | 46.9         | 58.1          | 58.1               |
|              | 1                 | 82         | 20.1         | 24.9          | 83.0               |
|              | 2                 | 37         | 9.1          | 11.2          | 94.2               |
|              | 3                 | 6          | 1.5          | 1.8           | 96.0               |
|              | 4                 | 3          | .7           | .9            | 97.0               |
|              | 5                 | 5          | 1.2          | 1.5           | 98.5               |
|              | 6                 | 2          | .5           | .6            | 99.1               |
|              | 8                 | 1          | .2           | .3            | 99.4               |
|              | 10                | 2          | .5           | .6            | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>      |            | <b>329</b>   | <b>80.8</b>   | <b>100.0</b>       |
| Missing      | Rarely use bridge | 33         | 8.1          |               |                    |
|              | Did not answer    | 45         | 11.1         |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**Q9** What would you say was the average time you were queuing and stationary as a result of the bridge lifting? *(write in number)*

|                  | N   | Minimum | Maximum | Mean   | Std. Deviation |
|------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|----------------|
| Delay in minutes | 154 | 0.0     | 37.0    | 12.377 | 6.6471         |

**Q10** Thinking about the last journey you made which was affected in some way by the lifting of Tower Bridge, which of the following did you do? *(Tick all that apply)* SHOWCARD G

|  | Count      | Column N % |
|--|------------|------------|
| Joined the queue and waited for the traffic to start moving, without turning off my engine | 71         | 49.0       |
| Diverted - took an alternative route to get to my destination                              | 27         | 18.6       |
| Changed destination  | 5          | 3.4        |
| Joined the queue and waited for the traffic to start moving, AND turned off my engine      | 55         | 37.9       |
| Other – please specify   | 4          | 2.8        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>145</b> |            |

|   |
|---|
| <p>Heard on radio that bridge was lifting so found another route to work</p> <p>Queue time determines whether I turn the engine off or not.</p> <p>Can't remember</p> <p>Can't remember. So long ago.</p> |
|---|

**Q11 When using Tower Bridge, which of the following types of journey do you make? IF MORE THAN ONE TICK THE JOURNEY MADE MOST OFTEN**

|              |                | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | Commuting      | 59         | 14.5         | 14.5          | 14.5               |
|              | Business       | 289        | 71.0         | 71.2          | 85.7               |
|              | Leisure        | 58         | 14.3         | 14.3          | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>   | <b>406</b> | <b>99.8</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing      | Did not answer | 1          | .2           |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**Q12 And is this by... (Tick one only)**

|              |                  | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | Private Car      | 156        | 38.3         | 38.4          | 38.4               |
|              | Van/LGV          | 81         | 19.9         | 20.0          | 58.4               |
|              | Bus/Coach/HGV    | 10         | 2.5          | 2.5           | 60.8               |
|              | Taxi             | 125        | 30.7         | 30.8          | 91.6               |
|              | Motorcycle/Moped | 34         | 8.4          | 8.4           | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>     | <b>406</b> | <b>99.8</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing      | Did not answer   | 1          | .2           |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                  | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |



**Q13 I will now show you some measures designed to encourage drivers to switch off their engines while queuing on the approach to Tower Bridge. How effective do you think each would be?**

Showcard H (*Tick one for each row*)

|  |                      | Count      | Column N %   |
|--|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Signs at the road side advising of length of delay   | Very effective       | 206        | 50.9         |
|  | Quite effective      | 128        | 31.6         |
|  | Not very effective   | 33         | 8.1          |
|  | Not at all effective | 33         | 8.1          |
|  | Don't know           | 5          | 1.2          |
|  | <b>Total</b>         | <b>405</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Signs at the road side showing air quality readings  | Very effective       | 83         | 20.5         |
|  | Quite effective      | 116        | 28.6         |
|  | Not very effective   | 78         | 19.3         |
|  | Not at all effective | 113        | 27.9         |
|  | Don't know           | 15         | 3.7          |
|  | <b>Total</b>         | <b>405</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Regulations and enforcement requiring waiting drivers on the approaches to turn off their engines when Tower Bridge was open | Very effective       | 129        | 31.8         |
|  | Quite effective      | 100        | 24.6         |
|  | Not very effective   | 55         | 13.5         |
|  | Not at all effective | 100        | 24.6         |
|  | Don't know           | 22         | 5.4          |
|  | <b>Total</b>         | <b>406</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Being aware of the cost per minute of leaving engines running  | Very effective       | 102        | 25.1         |
|  | Quite effective      | 120        | 29.6         |
|  | Not very effective   | 75         | 18.5         |
|  | Not at all effective | 95         | 23.4         |
|  | Don't know           | 14         | 3.4          |
|  | <b>Total</b>         | <b>406</b> | <b>100.0</b> |
| Being aware of the environmental impacts of leaving engines running  | Very effective       | 104        | 25.6         |
|  | Quite effective      | 144        | 35.5         |
|  | Not very effective   | 73         | 18.0         |
|  | Not at all effective | 73         | 18.0         |
|  | Don't know           | 12         | 3.0          |
|  | <b>Total</b>         | <b>406</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

NB 2 respondents did not answer Q13a and Q13b, 1 respondent did not answer Q13c, Q13d, Q13e

**Q14 Is there anything else that you think would be effective? Please specify**

|       | Count | Column N % |
|-------|-------|------------|
| Fines | 8     | 2.0        |

|                             |            |      |
|-----------------------------|------------|------|
| Adverts                     | 13         | 3.2  |
| Signs/reminders             | 28         | 6.9  |
| Traffic/vehicle regulations | 40         | 9.8  |
| Improve traffic flow        | 18         | 4.4  |
| Build another crossing      | 3          | .7   |
| Incentives                  | 16         | 3.9  |
| Improve technology          | 14         | 3.4  |
| No/Nothing/Don't know       | 299        | 73.5 |
| Other                       | 6          | 1.5  |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>407</b> |      |

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| Own responsibility   |
| Small boats going through not necessary when they skip at London Bridge. |
| Better public transport  |
| Stop sill boat going west as often                                       |
| Plant more trees and plants  |
| Less construction dust and dirt adds to pollution                        |

**Q15 Have you ever checked for when the bridge is going to lift on the website?**

|         |  | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|--|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid   | No- but I am aware that this is possible | 147        | 36.1         | 36.4          | 36.4               |
|         | No- was not aware of the website         | 233        | 57.2         | 57.7          | 94.1               |
|         | Yes                                      | 24         | 5.9          | 5.9           | 100.0              |
|         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>404</b> | <b>99.3</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing | Did not answer                           | 3          | .7           |               |                    |
|         | <b>Total</b>                             | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**D1 Which age group do you fall into?**

|       |              | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | 17-19        | 4          | 1.0          | 1.0           | 1.0                |
|       | 20-24        | 16         | 3.9          | 3.9           | 4.9                |
|       | 25-34        | 61         | 15.0         | 15.0          | 19.9               |
|       | 35-44        | 105        | 25.8         | 25.8          | 45.7               |
|       | 45-54        | 111        | 27.3         | 27.3          | 73.0               |
|       | 55-59        | 49         | 12.0         | 12.0          | 85.0               |
|       | 60-64        | 40         | 9.8          | 9.8           | 94.8               |
|       | 65+          | 21         | 5.2          | 5.2           | 100.0              |
|       | <b>Total</b> | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |

**D2 Gender (DO NOT ASK)**

|         |                   | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid   | Female            | 46         | 11.3         | 11.6          | 11.6               |
|         | Male              | 351        | 86.2         | 88.4          | 100.0              |
|         | <b>Total</b>      | <b>397</b> | <b>97.5</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing | No response given | 10         | 2.5          |               |                    |
|         | <b>Total</b>      | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

**D3 Which of the following best described your working status? Tick one only**

|       |                           | Frequency | Percent | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid | Full time ( 30hours/wk +) | 353       | 86.7    | 87.6          | 87.6               |

|              |                             |            |              |              |       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
|              | Not working (under 8 hours) | 5          | 1.2          | 1.2          | 88.8  |
|              | Other- please specify       | 2          | .5           | .5           | 89.3  |
|              | Part time (8-29 hours/wk)   | 37         | 9.1          | 9.2          | 98.5  |
|              | Retired                     | 3          | .7           | .7           | 99.3  |
|              | Student                     | 1          | .2           | .2           | 99.5  |
|              | Unemployed                  | 2          | .5           | .5           | 100.0 |
|              | <b>Total</b>                | <b>403</b> | <b>99.0</b>  | <b>100.0</b> |       |
| Missing      | Did not answer              | 4          | 1.0          |              |       |
| <b>Total</b> |                             | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |              |       |

#### D4 Interviewer please probe for SEG code

|              |                   | Frequency  | Percent      | Valid Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Valid        | AB                | 66         | 16.2         | 16.8          | 16.8               |
|              | C1                | 132        | 32.4         | 33.5          | 50.3               |
|              | C2                | 143        | 35.1         | 36.3          | 86.5               |
|              | DE                | 53         | 13.0         | 13.5          | 100.0              |
|              | <b>Total</b>      | <b>394</b> | <b>96.8</b>  | <b>100.0</b>  |                    |
| Missing      | No response given | 13         | 3.2          |               |                    |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>407</b> | <b>100.0</b> |               |                    |

