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Dear Mr Wood

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: NITROGEN DIOXIDE DIFFUSION TUBE DATABASE
FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND 2012/13**

Thank you for your request for information about the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube database for Local Authorities in England 2012 to 20th October 2013, which we received on 21st October 2013. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information that you have requested is available from the Local Air quality management diffusion tube data centre.

<http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/diffusion-tubes/datacentre.php>

This website provides the ability to search for nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube data by Local Authority. For each diffusion tube site the following information is provided:

1. Site details
2. Street view map
3. Monthly data
4. Annual Data
5. Data download facility

As the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy in response to this part of your request.



Table A, attached, provides a list of Local Authorities which used the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube entry system from May 2012 to date, when the system started recording last log-on details.

Chapter 3 and Annex 1 of the Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance TG09 provide information to Local Authorities on the use of nitrogen dioxide diffusion tubes for the purposes of Local Air Quality Management and are available at:

<http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/technical-guidance/index.html>

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Dr Lynette Clapp

Table A List of Local Authorities which used the nitrogen dioxide diffusion tube entry system from May 2012 to date

Aberdeen City Council	London Borough of Hackney
Adur District Council	London Borough of Haringey
Bath and North East Somerset Council	London Borough of Havering
Bedford Borough Council	London Borough of Islington
Blackpool Borough Council	London Borough of Richmond
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	Newark and Sherwood District Council
Bromsgrove District Council	Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Burnley Borough Council	North East Lincolnshire Council
Cambridge City Council	North Kesteven District Council
Cannock Chase District Council	North Warwickshire Borough Council
Charnwood Borough Council	Nottingham City Council
Chelmsford Borough Council	Peterborough Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Chiltern District Council	Salford Metropolitan Borough Council
City of York Council	Sedgemoor District Council
Corby Borough Council	Selby District Council
Crawley Borough Council	Sevenoaks District Council
Dartford Borough Council	South Gloucestershire District Council
Dover District Council	South Lakeland District Council
East Hampshire District Council	South Northamptonshire Council
East Lindsey District Council	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council

East Lindsey District Council	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
East Northamptonshire Council	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Eastbourne Borough Council	Swale Borough Council
Edinburgh City Council	Uttlesford District Council
Fareham Borough Council	Watford Borough Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	Waverley Borough Council
Gedling Borough Council	West Berkshire Council
Hartlepool Borough Council	West Oxfordshire District Council
Horsham District Council	West Somerset District Council
Hyndburn Borough Council	Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Jersey	Woking Borough Council
London Borough of Greenwich	Worthing Borough Council

Annex

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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