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## **Annual Status Report**

The Report sets out the Annual Status Report, which forms part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Local Authority has no AQMA, and consequently there is no current air quality action plan. The report includes details of the strategies, policies and measures the Council is pursuing to address improvements in local air quality through local planning policy.

The report highlights there has been no routine monitoring carried out since 2008, when there were no reported exceedances of the annual mean objective for nitrogen dioxide or any other regulated pollutant within the district. The recent detailed assessment for PM10 in Gillingham also highlighted no evidence of exceedances of objectives.

On the basis of the evidence provided by the local authority the conclusions reached are acceptable for all sources and pollutants, with the provisos listed in the commentary below.

Following the completion of this report, North Dorset District Council should submit an Annual Status Report in 2017.

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## Commentary

The report is well structured, detailed, and provides the information specified in the Guidance.

1. It is noted that the District Council are no longer continuing to carry out routine monitoring across the district, with previous results significantly below objective levels.
2. This situation is considered acceptable, as long as the Council are satisfied that sites of relevant exposure close to main roads have been adequately assessed across the district.

This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Updating and Screening Assessment adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

**Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate – or by emailing the form to [reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com](mailto:reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com).**

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## **Appraisal Response Comment Form**

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