

# Report

Report to:	<b>Community Services Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>8 December 2015</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Air Quality Management Area – Rutherglen</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to:-

- ♦ approve an Order designating the Rutherglen area as an Air Quality Management Area. A map highlighting the boundary of the area is attached at Appendix A.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), encompassing the area, as detailed on the map contained in Appendix A to this report, at Rutherglen be declared by official Order, with a commencement date of 1 January 2016. A copy of the Order referenced Air Quality Management Area Order No.2 (Rutherglen) is attached at Appendix B.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Resources Committee considered a report at its meeting on 3 June 2008 which highlighted that the Council has a statutory duty to monitor the quality of air within its area in terms of the Environment Act 1995 and detailed in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and 2002 (as amended).
- 3.2. Fleet and Environmental Services have carried out a comprehensive multi stage review and assessment of air quality within South Lanarkshire Council boundaries. The latest detailed assessment for the Rutherglen area highlights that there are areas that are not likely to meet the air quality objectives for particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>). The Council is therefore required to designate this location by Order as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).
- 3.3. Following a public consultation on the proposed Rutherglen AQMA no objections were received. The Council can now proceed to designate this location by Order as an Air Quality Management Area.
- 3.4. It is now proposed that an Order be endorsed, as detailed in Appendix B, to take effect from 1 January 2016, to designate the location at Rutherglen as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

- 3.5. In terms of the process, an Action Plan will be produced over the 12-18 months following the Order coming into effect. In drawing up the Action Plan, measures designed to reduce levels of pollution to below air quality objectives will be considered.

#### **4. Employee Implications**

- 4.1. There are no employee implications

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. The initial processes have been undertaken utilising existing resources, some of which is supported by grant funding from the Scottish Government. Expenditure will be incurred during the Action Planning process and applications for grant funding from Scottish Government air quality grant funds will be made to support both the Action Planning process and delivering on measures. The AQMA will be subject to future reports and any identified financial implications will be highlighted

#### **6 Other Implications**

- 6.1. The overarching Air Quality Strategy (2013 to 2018) underwent Strategic Environmental Assessment in 2014. The actions proposed in this report contribute to the aims of that strategy.

#### **7 Environmental Assessment Arrangements and Consultation Arrangements**

- 7.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no equality impact assessment is required.
- 7.2 Consultation was undertaken in respect of the AQMA in compliance with the legislative requirements.

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13 November 2015

#### **Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives**

- Improve road network and influence improvements in public transport.
- Develop a Sustainable Council and Communities.
- Strengthen Partnership Working, Community Leadership and Engagement.
- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability.

#### **Previous References**

- Community Resources Committee 3 June 2008 Air Quality Management Area
- Community Resources Committee 11 November 2008 Air Quality Management Area – Whirlies Roundabout East Kilbride

**List of Background Papers/Legislation**

- Environment Act 1995
- Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000
- Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001
- Detailed Assessment of Air Quality 2012 Town Centre, Rutherglen, South Lanarkshire
- 2014 Air Quality Progress Report for South Lanarkshire Council

**Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please

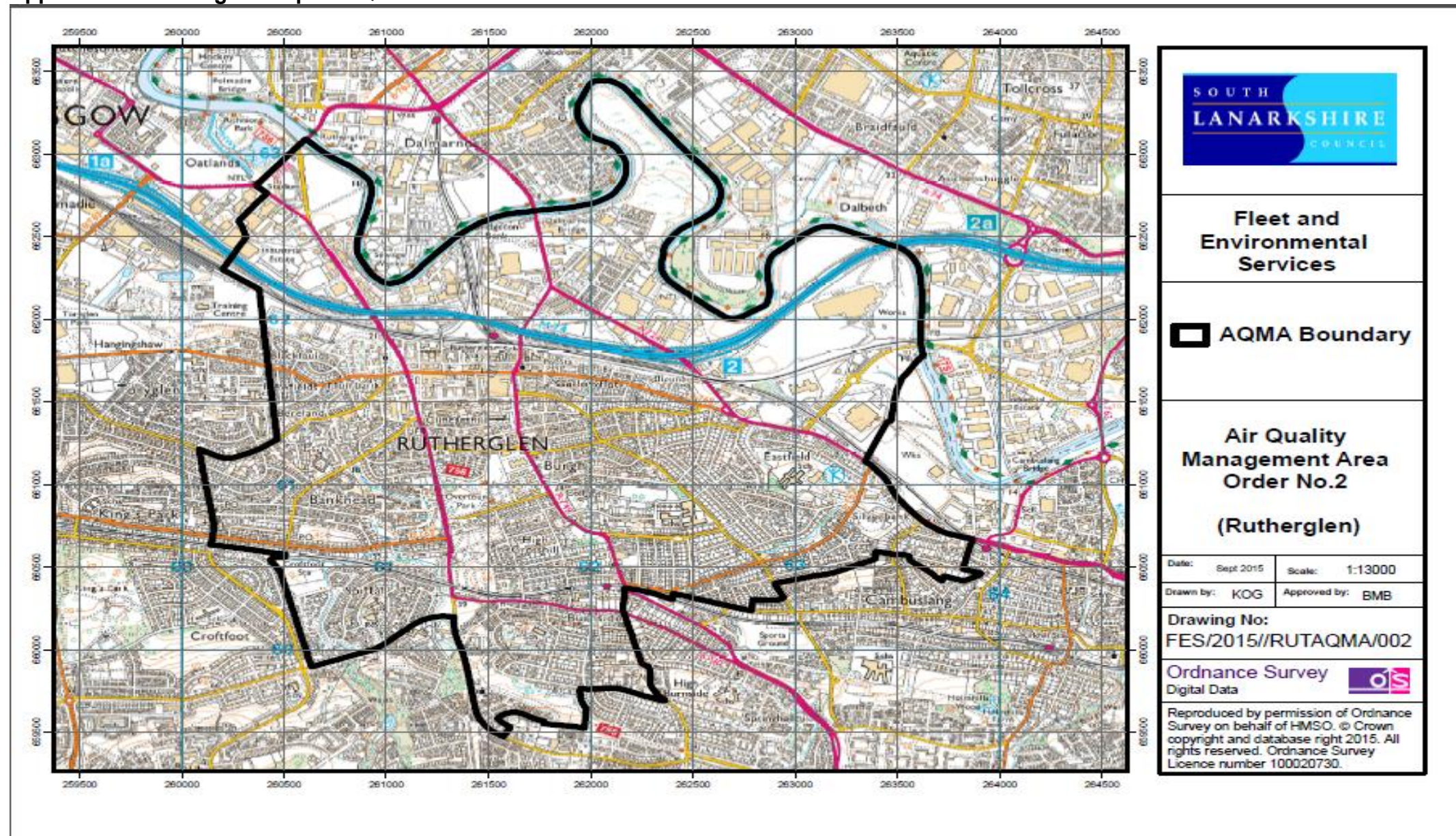
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## Appendix A: Rutherglen Map of AQMA



## **Appendix B: Air Quality Management Area Order No.2 (Rutherglen)**

**Environment Act 1995  
Part IV Section 83(1)  
South Lanarkshire Council  
Air Quality Management Area Order No. 2  
(Rutherglen)**

South Lanarkshire Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 83(1) of the Environment Act 1995, hereby makes the following Order:

This Order may be referred to as the South Lanarkshire Council Air Quality Management Area No.2 (Rutherglen) and shall come into effect on 1 January 2016

The area shown on the attached drawing, referenced FES/2015/RUTAQMA/002, marked in black, is to be designated as an Air Quality Management Area (the designated area). This area is designated in relation to a likely breach of Particular Matter less than 10 microns (PM10) objectives, as set out in the Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000, as amended.

The PM10 air quality objective is that the concentration of PM10 when expressed as a 24 hour mean must be 50 micrograms per cubic metre or less and that the 50 micrograms per cubic metre concentration is not exceeded more than 7 times per year. In addition, the PM10 concentration when expressed as an annual mean must be 18 micrograms per cubic metre or less.

This Order shall remain in force until it is varied or revoked by a subsequent Order. Given under the common seal of South Lanarkshire Council and signed for it and on its behalf by Lindsay Freeland, Chief Executive and Proper Officer at Hamilton on

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\_\_\_\_\_ Proper Officer