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Summary

Air quality modelling of London has been carried out by Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants (CERC) for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and devolved administrations (DA) as part of the project 'Dispersion Modelling of Air Pollution in Urban Areas in the UK (Phase 2)'. The report *Modelling of Current and Future Concentrations of PM, NO_x and O₃ in London using ADMS-Urban*, 31st August 2006, describes the input data, model set-up and verification and includes predicted concentrations for 2010 and 2020.

This report describes further modelling that has been carried out to investigate the sensitivity of the modelled concentrations to changes in background ozone concentrations, primary NO₂ emissions and the base year considered. The following tests have been carried out:

- Modified background ozone;
- Additional ozone background;
- Changes in primary NO₂ emissions; and
- Change of base year from 2001 to 2003.

A modified algorithm for background O₃ projections results in only modest changes to the O₃ background. In London both the NO₂ and O₃ climates show marginal improvements. Increasing the background O₃ concentration results in significant worsening of both NO₂ and O₃ climates. In 2020 with a 20µgm⁻³ increase in background O₃, over 95% of the London area is predicted to experience more than 10 exceedences of 100µgm⁻³ by the 8-hour daily maximum.

Primary NO₂ emissions were increased from the base case (10%) to 15%, typical of conditions in 2003, and to 20%, typical of projections for 2010. These changes significantly impact on NO₂ concentrations, both the annual mean and hourly mean. In 2010 with 20% primary NO₂ emission exceedences of the hourly standard are likely to occur at the busiest roads. Increased primary NO₂ emissions cause a relatively small increase in levels of O₃.

In 2003 high temperatures across Europe resulted in elevated background O₃ levels. The impacts of these causes a significant worsening of both NO₂ and O₃ concentrations in London with widespread exceedence of the standards for annual average NO₂ and 8-hourly O₃ maxima; exceedences of the NO₂ hourly standard are also predicted at roadside both in 2010 and 2020.

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1. Introduction

This document describes part of the work carried out by Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants (CERC) for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and devolved administrations (DA) for the project 'Dispersion Modelling of Air Pollution in Urban Areas in the UK (Phase 2)'.

As part of the project CERC has used ADMS-Urban¹ to carry out modelling for London to assess air quality in future years, and this is described in the report *Modelling of Current and Future Concentrations of PM, NO_x and O₃ in London using ADMS-Urban*, 31st August 2006. Further modelling has been carried out to investigate the sensitivity of the modelled concentrations to changes in background ozone concentrations, primary NO₂ emissions and the base year considered.

Section 2 presents the air quality standards considered in this study. The investigation into modified background ozone concentrations is presented in Section 3, and Section 4 describes the effect of changing primary NO₂ emissions in future years. Section 5 gives a comparison of calculated concentrations using base years of 2001 and 2003 and Section 6 gives a discussion of the results of the modelling.

¹ Carruthers DJ, Edmunds HA, Lester AE, McHugh CA, and Singles RJ (1998) Use and Validation of ADMS-Urban in contrasting Urban and Industrial Locations. *International Journal of Environment and Pollution (Volume 14, Nos. 1-6, 2000)*.

2. Air quality standards

Modelling has been carried out to compare predicted concentrations with the UK Air Quality Strategy objectives for NO₂ and PM₁₀, given in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1: AQS Objectives

Substance	Limit value	Reference period and allowed exceedences	Year to be met
NO ₂	200µg/m ³	hourly mean not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year (modelled as 99.79 th percentile)	2005
	40µg/m ³	annual mean	2005
PM ₁₀	40µg/m ³	annual mean	2004
	50µg/m ³	24-hour mean not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year (modelled as 90.41 st percentile)	2004
	23µg/m ³ *	annual mean	2010
	50µg/m ³ *	24-hour mean not to be exceeded more than 7 times a year (modelled as 98.08 th percentile)	2010

* provisional objective

For PM_{2.5}, the Air Quality Strategy consultation document has proposed an annual average 'cap' of 25µg/m³ and a reduction in concentrations of 15% between 2010 and 2020, and these have been considered in the modelling.

Table 2.2 shows the ozone objectives taken into account in the modelling.

Table 2.2: Ozone objectives

Substance	Limit value	Reference period and allowed exceedences	Year to be met
O ₃	100µg/m ³	AQS objective Daily maximum 8-hour mean not to be exceeded more than 10 times a year	2005
	120µg/m ³	EU target value Daily maximum 8-hour mean not to be exceeded more than 20 times a year	2005

3. Background ozone

The base modelling was carried out using meteorological data from Heathrow for 2001. For this modelling, hourly average background ozone concentrations were obtained for 2001 from one of four rural monitoring sites around London, data taken from the upwind site for each hour. These were projected forwards to 2010 and 2020 by assuming the total oxidant ($\text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_3$) is unchanged except that due to primary emissions of NO_x estimated as 10%. Two tests have been carried out to investigate the sensitivity of the modelled NO_2 and O_3 concentrations to changes in the assumed future background ozone concentrations.

3.1. Modified background ozone

In the base model the assumption of conservation of oxidant for future projections of rural background O_3 results in an increase in background of O_3 for any decrease in NO_2 . Where O_3 is below typical remote background levels such an assumption is reasonable since O_3 reductions are likely to be due to the presence of NO causing titration of O_3 , however in typical high O_3 conditions photochemical reactions are dominant. For these high O_3 conditions ($\text{O}_3 > 40\text{ppb}$), the background O_3 concentration is therefore unchanged for future years in a modified algorithm which is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For 2001:} \quad & \text{OX}_{2001} = \text{O}_3 + \text{NO}_2 - (0.1 \times \text{NO}_x) \\ \text{For future years:} \quad & \text{O}_{3L} = \text{OX}_{2001} - \text{NO}_2 + (0.1 \times \text{NO}_x) \\ & \text{O}_{3H} = \text{O}_{3(2001)} \\ & \text{O}_{3\text{int}} = \text{O}_{3L} + ((\text{OX}_{2001} - 30)/10) \times (\text{O}_{3H} - \text{O}_{3L}) \end{aligned}$$

If the 2001 OX is less than 30ppb, future ozone is set to O_{3L} if it is greater than 40ppb then the future ozone is set to O_{3H} , otherwise it is set to $\text{O}_{3\text{int}}$.

Table 3.1 gives a summary of the base and modified sets of future background ozone concentrations used in the modelling. Compared to the standard case annual average O_3 shows some increase and the peaks some decrease.

Table 3.1: Future NO_x , NO_2 and ozone concentrations

		2001	2010		2020	
		O_3	O_3	Modified O_3	O_3	Modified O_3
NO_x ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Annual Average	18.0	12.3	12.3	9.6	9.6
	Maximum hourly average	302.9	206.9	206.9	160.9	160.9
	99.8 th percentile of hourly averages	185.7	126.8	126.0	98.6	97.9
NO_2 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Annual Average	12.3	9.5	9.5	7.7	7.7
	Maximum hourly average	78.5	51.3	51.3	51.3	51.3
	99.8 th percentile of hourly averages	74.7	50.6	50.5	48.4	48.3
O_3 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Annual Average	53.4	55.1	57.1	56.1	58.7
	Maximum 8-hour average	153.8	163.7	153.8	167.0	153.8
	Mean daily max 8-hour average	76.9	71.2	81.8	71.7	83.5
	No. days 8-hr ave exceeds $100\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	25	30	29	31	32
	No. days 8-hr ave exceeds $120\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	7	9	10	9	11

Table 3.2 gives the population weighted annual average NO₂ concentration and the percentage area, population and road length in London predicted to exceed 40µg/m³ for each case considered. Table 3.3 gives the population weighted annual average O₃ concentration and the area and population in London with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m³ by the daily maximum 8-hour average concentration. Note that there are predicted to be less than 20 exceedences of 120µg/m³ for all of the AURN sites for both the base and modified ozone data.

Table 3.2: NO₂ statistics

	2010		2020	
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	O ₃	Modified O ₃
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	35.0	34.6	31.2	30.9
% area exceeding 40µg/m ³	13	12	6	6
% pop exceeding 40µg/m ³	20	18	11	10
% road length exceeding 40µg/m ³	37	36	23	22

Table 3.3: O₃ statistics

	2010		2020	
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	O ₃	Modified O ₃
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	37.3	35.9	40.0	38.9
% area with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m ³	81	79	90	87
% population with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m ³	72	69	85	80

Tables 3.4 and 3.5 show the modelled concentrations of NO₂ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. Tables 3.6 and 3.7 show the modelled concentrations of O₃ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. Although the annual average background O₃ concentration has increased in the modified background O₃ projection the reduction in peak levels more than offsets this effect for the air quality metrics considered in London. The annual average NO₂ and O₃, and peak levels of NO₂ and O₃ all show some reduction over the base case projections.

Table 3.4: NO₂ concentrations for 2010 (µg/m³)

	Annual average NO ₂			99.79 th percentile of hourly average NO ₂ concentrations		
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease
A3	42	41	1	132	128	4
Bromley	40	40	1	126	125	1
Camden	54	54	1	141	138	2
Cromwell Road	62	61	1	139	136	2
Haringey	45	44	1	139	136	2
Marylebone Road	75	74	1	157	154	2
Southwark Roadside	55	55	1	136	133	2
Tower Hamlets	49	49	1	138	133	3
<i>Roadside average</i>	53	52	<i>1</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>2</i>
Bexley	32	31	1	131	130	1
Bloomsbury	50	50	1	130	126	3
Brent	27	27	1	113	110	2
Eltham	31	31	1	126	126	1
Hackney	42	41	1	131	128	2
Hillingdon	41	40	1	125	121	4
Hounslow	38	38	1	109	106	3
North Kensington	41	40	1	117	112	5
Southwark Background	43	43	1	122	120	2
Sutton Suburban	28	28	1	116	112	4
Teddington	25	25	1	107	102	4
West London	39	39	1	112	110	2
Wandsworth	44	43	1	119	117	2
<i>Background average</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Average</i>	43	43	<i>1</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>2</i>

Table 3.5: NO₂ concentrations for 2020 (µg/m³)

	Annual average NO ₂			99.79 th percentile of hourly average NO ₂ concentrations		
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease
A3	37	36	1	123	118	5
Bromley	36	35	1	119	118	0
Camden	50	49	1	132	128	3
Cromwell Road	57	56	2	132	127	4
Haringey	40	39	1	131	129	1
Marylebone Road	68	67	2	146	141	3
Southwark Roadside	50	49	1	124	123	1
Tower Hamlets	44	43	1	130	126	3
<i>Roadside average</i>	48	47	<i>1</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>126</i>	<i>3</i>
Bexley	28	28	1	125	124	0
Bloomsbury	47	46	1	125	120	4
Brent	25	24	1	109	105	3
Eltham	28	27	1	121	119	2
Hackney	37	37	1	124	121	2
Hillingdon	36	35	1	118	114	4
Hounslow	34	34	1	104	101	4
North Kensington	38	38	1	113	107	6
Southwark Background	40	40	1	115	113	2
Sutton Suburban	25	25	1	108	106	3
Teddington	23	22	1	104	97	6
West London	37	36	1	108	106	2
Wandsworth	39	39	1	113	111	2
<i>Background average</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>3</i>

Table 3.6: O₃ concentrations for 2010

	Annual average O ₃ (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³		No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³	
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease	O ₃	Modified O ₃	O ₃	Modified O ₃
A3	32	31	3	4	3	1	1
Bromley	33	32	4	10	8	5	3
Camden	22	22	4	4	1	1	0
Cromwell Road	19	18	4	3	2	1	1
Haringey	29	28	4	6	4	1	1
Marylebone Road	12	12	4	0	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	22	21	4	2	2	1	1
Tower Hamlets	26	25	4	6	3	1	1
<i>Roadside average</i>	25	24	4	4	3	1	1
Bexley	39	38	3	13	9	3	3
Bloomsbury	26	25	4	5	3	1	1
Brent	43	41	3	16	13	4	4
Eltham	40	39	3	14	12	4	3
Hackney	32	31	4	7	5	1	1
Hillingdon	32	31	3	4	2	1	0
Hounslow	35	34	3	12	9	3	3
North Kensington	32	31	4	7	5	2	1
Southwark Background	31	30	4	8	6	3	2
Sutton Suburban	43	41	3	21	17	4	4
Teddington	45	44	3	24	24	5	4
West London	33	32	4	8	5	3	1
Wandsworth	44	43	1	7	5	2	1
<i>Background average</i>	37	37	1	11	9	3	2
<i>Average</i>	43	43	1	9	7	2	2

Table 3.7: O₃ concentrations for 2020

	Annual average O ₃ (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³		No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³	
	O ₃	Modified O ₃	% decrease	O ₃	Modified O ₃	O ₃	Modified O ₃
A3	36	35	4	7	4	2	1
Bromley	37	35	5	11	8	5	3
Camden	26	24	5	4	2	1	0
Cromwell Road	21	20	5	3	3	1	1
Haringey	33	31	5	7	5	2	1
Marylebone Road	15	15	5	1	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	26	25	5	4	3	1	1
Tower Hamlets	30	29	5	7	4	3	1
<i>Roadside average</i>	28	27	5	6	4	2	1
Bexley	42	40	4	15	11	4	3
Bloomsbury	28	27	5	7	4	2	1
Brent	45	43	4	20	15	5	4
Eltham	43	41	4	21	12	6	3
Hackney	35	34	5	9	6	3	1
Hillingdon	36	35	4	8	4	1	1
Hounslow	38	36	4	16	9	5	3
North Kensington	34	33	5	8	5	3	1
Southwark Background	34	32	5	9	6	3	2
Sutton Suburban	45	43	4	24	19	6	4
Teddington	47	45	4	26	24	6	4
West London	36	34	5	11	5	3	1
Wandsworth	33	32	5	8	5	3	1
<i>Background average</i>	38	37	4	14	10	4	2
<i>Average</i>	34	33	4	11	7	3	2

3.2. Additional background ozone

The sensitivity of the modelled NO₂ and O₃ concentrations to increased levels of background ozone was also investigated. Modelling was carried out using the base background ozone with the addition of a constant 10µg/m³ and 20µg/m³ for each hour.

Table 3.8 gives the population weighted annual average NO₂ concentration and the percentage area, population and road length in London predicted to exceed 40µg/m³ for each case considered. Table 3.9 gives the population weighted annual average O₃ concentration and the area and population in London with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m³ by the daily maximum 8-hour average concentration. For the base case and with an additional 10µg/m³ of background ozone there are predicted to be less than 20 exceedences of 120µg/m³ by the daily maximum 8-hour average concentration. With an additional 20µg/m³, there are predicted to be more than 20 exceedences at two of the AURN sites. The area and population over which this occurs is not available.

Table 3.8: NO₂ statistics

	2010			2020		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	35.0	36.4	37.7	31.2	32.3	33.5
% area exceeding 40µg/m ³	13	16	21	6	8	10
% pop exceeding 40µg/m ³	20	26	32	11	13	17
% road length exceeding 40µg/m ³	37	43	48	23	27	31

Table 3.9: O₃ statistics

	2010			2020		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	37.1	41.5	44.4	39.9	42.7	48.2
% area with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m ³	81	90	93	89	92	96
% population with more than 10 exceedences of 100µg/m ³	71	85	89	84	88	91

Tables 3.10 and 3.11 show the modelled concentrations of NO₂ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. Tables 3.12 and 3.13 show the modelled concentrations of O₃ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively.

Table 3.10: NO₂ concentrations for 2010 (µg/m³)

	Annual average			99.79 th percentile		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
A3	42	44	46	132	136	142
Bromley	41	43	44	127	132	139
Camden	54	57	61	142	150	157
Cromwell Road	62	66	70	139	147	153
Haringey	45	47	49	141	148	153
Marylebone Road	75	80	86	160	168	176
Southwark Roadside	56	59	62	138	144	150
Tower Hamlets	50	53	55	141	149	157
<i>Roadside average</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>154</i>
Bexley	33	34	36	139	145	152
Bloomsbury	50	53	55	132	139	148
Brent	27	28	29	116	121	127
Eltham	31	32	33	130	136	142
Hackney	42	43	45	132	139	146
Hillingdon	41	43	45	126	135	143
Hounslow	38	40	41	111	119	125
North Kensington	41	42	44	120	128	136
Southwark Background	44	45	47	123	129	136
Sutton Suburban	28	29	29	114	118	124
Teddington	25	26	26	106	111	117
West London	39	41	42	114	120	128
Wandsworth	44	46	48	120	128	136
<i>Background average</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>135</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>142</i>

Table 3.11: NO₂ concentrations for 2020 (µg/m³)

	Annual average			99.79 th percentile		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
A3	37	38	40	123	128	133
Bromley	36	38	39	121	125	133
Camden	50	53	55	133	142	149
Cromwell Road	57	61	64	132	140	149
Haringey	40	42	43	134	140	147
Marylebone Road	69	73	78	150	157	164
Southwark Roadside	50	53	56	127	135	142
Tower Hamlets	45	47	49	133	141	150
<i>Roadside average</i>	48	51	53	<i>132</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>146</i>
Bexley	30	31	32	135	143	149
Bloomsbury	47	49	51	128	135	142
Brent	25	25	26	111	117	124
Eltham	28	29	30	125	130	136
Hackney	37	39	40	126	133	142
Hillingdon	36	37	39	121	128	135
Hounslow	34	36	37	107	113	120
North Kensington	38	39	41	117	125	132
Southwark Background	40	42	43	116	123	131
Sutton Suburban	25	26	26	107	112	120
Teddington	22	23	24	102	106	112
West London	37	38	39	110	117	124
Wandsworth	39	41	43	115	121	129
<i>Background average</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>131</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>136</i>

Table 3.12: O₃ concentrations for 2010

	Annual average (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³			No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
A3	32	38	45	4	10	19	1	2	3
Bromley	33	39	46	10	16	37	4	6	9
Camden	22	27	33	4	4	9	1	1	4
Cromwell Road	19	22	27	3	3	6	1	1	2
Haringey	29	35	42	6	8	15	1	3	6
Marylebone Road	12	15	18	0	0	1	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	22	27	32	2	5	7	1	2	2
Tower Hamlets	25	31	37	5	7	11	1	3	4
<i>Roadside average</i>	24	29	35	4	7	13	1	2	4
Bexley	37	44	51	10	25	46	3	4	10
Bloomsbury	26	31	38	5	7	14	1	3	5
Brent	43	50	58	16	30	61	4	8	16
Eltham	40	47	54	14	26	65	3	7	14
Hackney	32	38	45	7	12	23	1	3	6
Hillingdon	32	38	45	4	10	26	1	1	3
Hounslow	35	41	48	12	22	48	3	5	12
North Kensington	32	39	46	7	12	25	2	3	7
Southwark Background	31	37	44	8	14	28	3	4	8
Sutton Suburban	43	50	58	21	34	69	4	10	21
Teddington	45	52	60	24	38	80	5	10	24
West London	33	40	47	8	15	29	3	4	8
Wandsworth	30	36	43	7	11	17	1	3	7
<i>Background average</i>	35	42	49	11	20	41	3	5	11
<i>Average</i>	31	37	44	8	15	30	2	4	8

Table 3.13: O₃ concentrations for 2020

	Annual average (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³			No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³		
	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³	Base	+ 10µg/m ³	+ 20µg/m ³
A3	36	42	49	7	15	29	2	3	7
Bromley	36	43	50	11	25	42	5	7	11
Camden	26	31	37	4	7	9	1	1	4
Cromwell Road	21	26	31	3	5	7	1	2	3
Haringey	33	39	46	7	11	23	2	5	7
Marylebone Road	15	18	22	1	1	1	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	26	31	37	4	6	11	1	2	4
Tower Hamlets	29	35	42	7	11	18	2	3	6
<i>Roadside average</i>	28	33	39.2	6	10	18	2	3	5
Bexley	40	47	54	11	26	60	3	5	11
Bloomsbury	28	34	41	7	9	17	2	3	6
Brent	45	53	61	19	36	74	5	9	19
Eltham	43	50	57	21	33	71	6	10	21
Hackney	35	42	49	9	15	33	3	6	9
Hillingdon	36	43	50	8	13	33	1	3	7
Hounslow	38	45	52	16	23	59	5	8	16
North Kensington	35	41	49	8	17	32	3	6	7
Southwark Background	33	40	47	8	15	30	3	7	8
Sutton Suburban	45	53	61	24	39	80	6	11	24
Teddington	47	55	63	26	46	89	6	12	26
West London	36	43	50	11	22	34	3	7	10
Wandsworth	34	40	47	7	13	32	3	4	7
<i>Background average</i>	38	45	52	13	24	50	4	7	13
<i>Average</i>	34	40	47	10	19	37	3	5	10

4. Primary NO₂ emissions

Modelling has been carried out for 2010 and 2020 taking into account different primary NO₂ emission fractions. Three cases have been considered: 10%; 15%; and 20% primary NO₂. The AQEG report on trends in primary NO₂² includes a prediction of the total primary NO₂ percentage of 19.3% for London for 2010.

Table 4.1 gives the population weighted annual average NO₂ concentration and the percentage area, population and road length in London predicted to exceed 40µg/m³ for each case considered. Table 4.2 gives the population weighted annual average O₃ concentration and the area and population in London with more than 10 exceedences 100µg/m³ by the daily maximum 8-hour average concentration.

Table 4.1: NO₂ statistics

	2010			2020		
	10%	15%	20%	10%	15%	20%
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	35.0	36.5	38.1	31.2	32.1	33.3
% area exceeding 40µg/m ³	13	17	22	6	8	10
% population exceeding 40µg/m ³	20	27	34	11	13	16
% road length exceeding 40µg/m ³	37	43	51	23	26	30

Table 4.2: O₃ statistics

	2010			2020		
	10%	15%	20%	10%	15%	20%
Population weighted mean	36.9	38.0	39.0	39.9	40.5	41.0
% area with more than 10 exceedences	81	83	86	89	90	91
% population with more than 10 exceedences	71	75	79	84	85	86

Tables 4.3 and 4.4 show the modelled concentrations of NO₂ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. Tables 4.5 and 4.6 show the modelled concentrations of O₃ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively.

Figures 4.1a and b show the annual average NO₂ concentrations for 2010 assuming 10% and 20% primary NO₂. Figures 4.2a and b show the 99.79th percentile of hourly average NO₂ concentrations for 2010 assuming 10% and 20% primary NO₂.

Figures 4.3a and b show the annual average O₃ concentrations for 2010 assuming 10% and 20% primary NO₂. Figures 3.4a and b and Figures 4.5a and b show the number of days during which the 8-hour average O₃ concentration exceeded 100µg/m³ and 120µg/m³ assuming 10% and 20% primary NO₂.

For the annual average, most of the increase in emitted NO₂ directly impacts on the annual average NO₂ concentrations, with a relatively small percentage of the increase in available oxidant being converted to ozone. For example, of the increase in emitted NO₂ in 2010 taking averages over all sites, 68% remains as NO₂, 28% is used to generate O₃ and the

² Trends in Primary Nitrogen Dioxide in the UK, Draft report for comment, AQEG, August 2006

remainder is lost in other reactions. Small quantities of oxidant are also generated by photochemical reactions of VOCs. At roadside sites, for example Marylebone Road and Cromwell Road, the increases in NO₂ concentrations are large – the NO₂ concentration for the 2010 projection for 20% primary emissions of NO₂ being as large as the 2001 concentration for 10% primary emissions.

The increase in primary NO₂ emissions from 10% to 20% is predicted to increase the area of exceedence of 40µg/m³ and the population exposed to concentrations exceeding 40µg/m³ in 2010 by approximately 70%.

There are large changes in the 99.79th percentage of hourly averages with exceedences of 200µg/m³ being predicted in Marylebone Road in 2010 for a primary NO₂ fraction of 20% and Figure 4.2b shows significant areas of exceedence of the standard across the eastern edge of London.

Table 4.1: NO₂ concentrations for 2010 (µg/m³)

	Annual average			99.79 th percentile		
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	42	44	46	132	146	163
Bromley	40	42	44	127	146	167
Camden	55	58	61	143	159	180
Cromwell Road	62	67	72	139	158	179
Haringey	46	48	50	142	157	173
Marylebone Road	76	85	94	162	192	226
Southwark Roadside	56	59	63	139	152	172
Tower Hamlets	50	53	55	143	160	175
<i>Roadside average</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>179</i>
Bexley	31	32	34	137	152	172
Bloomsbury	51	54	57	137	157	177
Brent	28	28	28	117	124	134
Eltham	31	32	33	132	146	166
Hackney	42	44	46	134	145	157
Hillingdon	42	44	46	134	141	152
Hounslow	39	40	42	111	120	133
North Kensington	41	43	44	121	131	139
Southwark Background	44	46	48	126	137	151
Sutton Suburban	28	29	30	112	121	134
Teddington	26	26	26	105	112	125
West London	40	41	43	122	135	150
Wandsworth	44	46	48	115	126	139
<i>Background average</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>148</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>160</i>

Table 4.2: NO₂ concentrations for 2020 (µg/m³)

	Annual average			99.79 th percentile		
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	37	38	40	120	134	150
Bromley	36	37	39	120	135	153
Camden	50	52	55	133	149	165
Cromwell Road	57	61	66	133	149	165
Haringey	41	43	44	133	145	161
Marylebone Road	69	76	84	149	172	199
Southwark Roadside	50	53	56	127	139	155
Tower Hamlets	45	46	49	131	146	159
<i>Roadside average</i>	48	51	54	<i>131</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>163</i>
Bexley	28	29	30	126	142	157
Bloomsbury	47	50	52	131	147	164
Brent	24	25	25	110	114	125
Eltham	27	28	29	123	136	152
Hackney	38	39	41	126	135	147
Hillingdon	36	37	38	119	123	134
Hounslow	34	35	36	104	112	122
North Kensington	38	39	40	118	125	134
Southwark Background	40	42	43	117	126	138
Sutton Suburban	25	25	26	103	114	126
Teddington	22	22	23	100	106	115
West London	37	38	39	114	127	141
Wandsworth	39	41	42	110	118	131
<i>Background average</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>137</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>147</i>

Table 4.3: O₃ concentrations for 2010

	Annual average (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³			No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³		
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	32	33	34	4	4	5	1	1	1
Bromley	33	34	35	10	10	10	5	5	5
Camden	22	23	25	4	4	4	1	1	1
Cromwell Road	18	19	21	3	3	3	1	1	1
Haringey	28	29	31	6	6	7	1	1	1
Marylebone Road	12	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	22	23	25	2	3	3	1	1	1
Tower Hamlets	26	27	28	5	6	6	1	2	2
<i>Roadside average</i>	24	25	27	4	5	5	1	2	2
Bexley	39	40	41	13	13	13	3	3	3
Bloomsbury	26	27	28	5	6	7	1	1	1
Brent	43	43	44	16	17	19	4	4	5
Eltham	40	41	42	14	16	19	4	5	6
Hackney	31	32	33	7	7	8	1	2	2
Hillingdon	31	32	33	4	4	4	1	1	1
Hounslow	34	35	36	12	12	13	3	3	3
North Kensington	32	33	34	7	8	8	2	3	3
Southwark Background	31	32	33	8	8	8	3	3	3
Sutton Suburban	43	43	44	21	22	24	4	4	5
Teddington	45	45	46	24	24	25	5	5	6
West London	33	34	35	8	9	10	3	3	3
Wandsworth	30	31	32	7	7	7	2	3	3
<i>Background average</i>	35	36	37	11	12	13	3	3	3
<i>Average</i>	31	32	33	9	9	10	2	2	3

Table 4.4: O₃ concentrations for 2020

	Annual average (µg/m ³)			No. exceedences of 100µg/m ³			No. exceedences of 120µg/m ³		
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	36	37	38	7	8	9	2	2	2
Bromley	37	38	39	11	11	11	5	5	5
Camden	25	27	28	4	5	5	1	1	1
Cromwell Road	21	22	24	3	3	4	1	1	1
Haringey	32	33	34	7	7	7	2	3	3
Marylebone Road	15	16	17	1	1	1	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	26	27	28	4	4	5	1	1	2
Tower Hamlets	30	31	32	7	7	7	3	3	3
<i>Roadside average</i>	28	29	30	6	6	6	2	2	2
Bexley	42	43	43	15	17	19	4	4	5
Bloomsbury	28	29	31	7	7	7	2	3	3
Brent	45	46	47	19	21	21	5	5	5
Eltham	43	44	44	21	21	22	6	6	6
Hackney	35	36	37	9	10	10	3	3	3
Hillingdon	36	37	38	8	9	10	1	1	1
Hounslow	38	39	40	16	17	19	5	5	5
North Kensington	34	35	36	8	9	10	3	3	3
Southwark Background	33	34	35	9	10	11	3	3	3
Sutton Suburban	45	46	47	24	24	26	6	6	7
Teddington	47	48	48	26	27	27	6	6	7
West London	36	37	38	11	11	11	3	3	3
Wandsworth	34	35	36	7	7	9	3	3	3
<i>Background average</i>	38	39	40	14	15	16	4	4	4
<i>Average</i>	34	35	36	11	11	12	3	3	3

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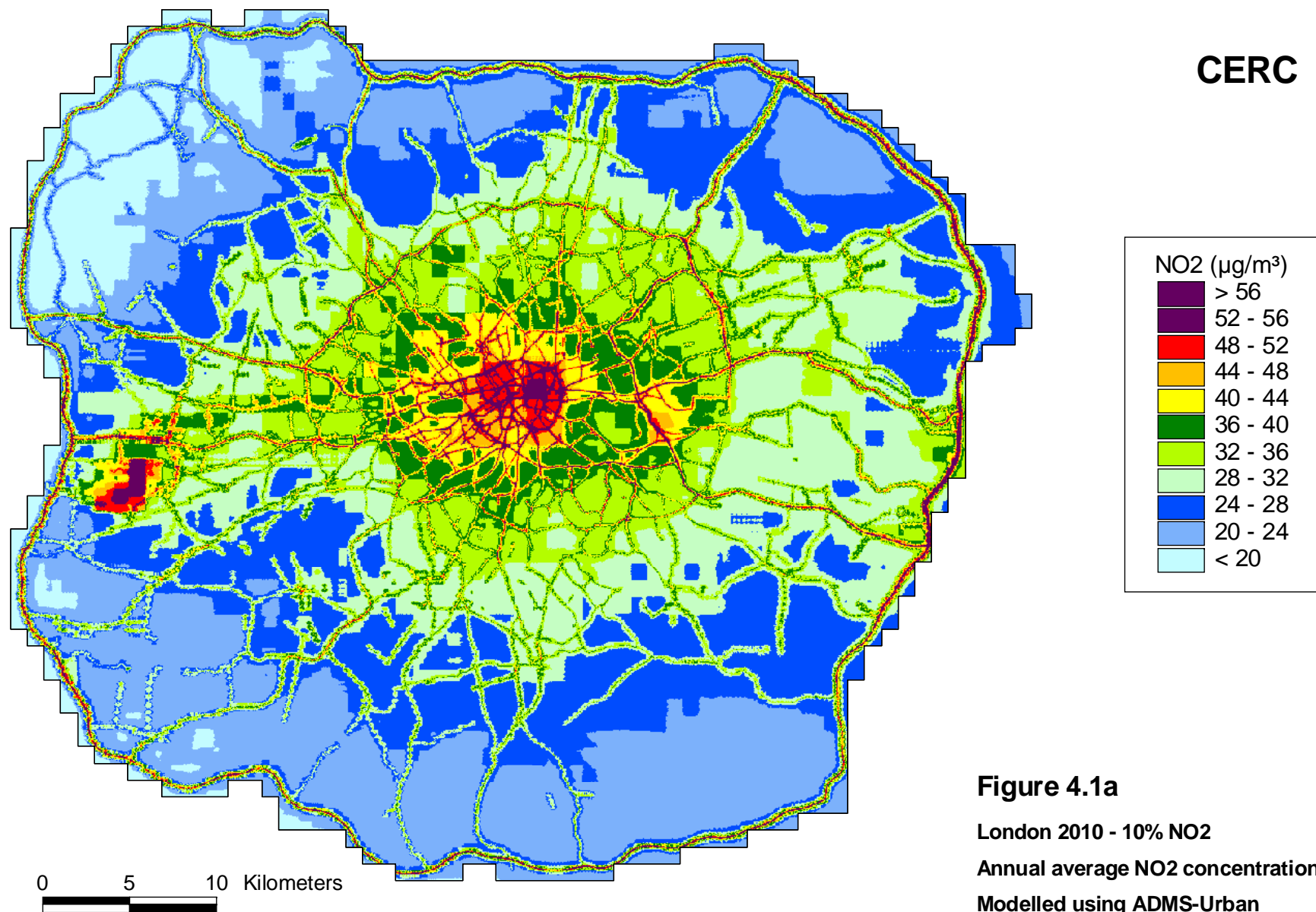


Figure 4.1a

London 2010 - 10% NO2

Annual average NO2 concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

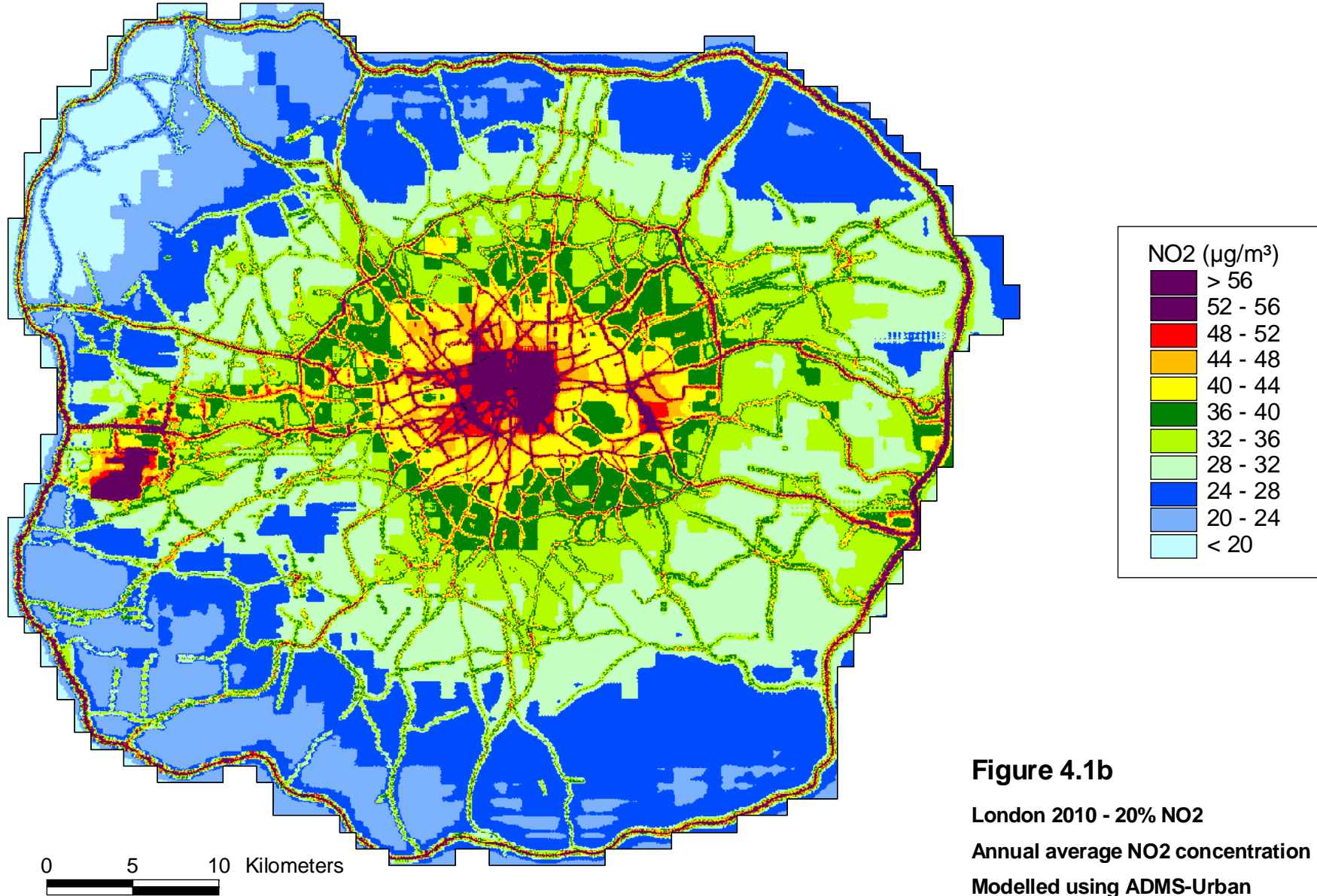


Figure 4.1b

London 2010 - 20% NO₂

Annual average NO₂ concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

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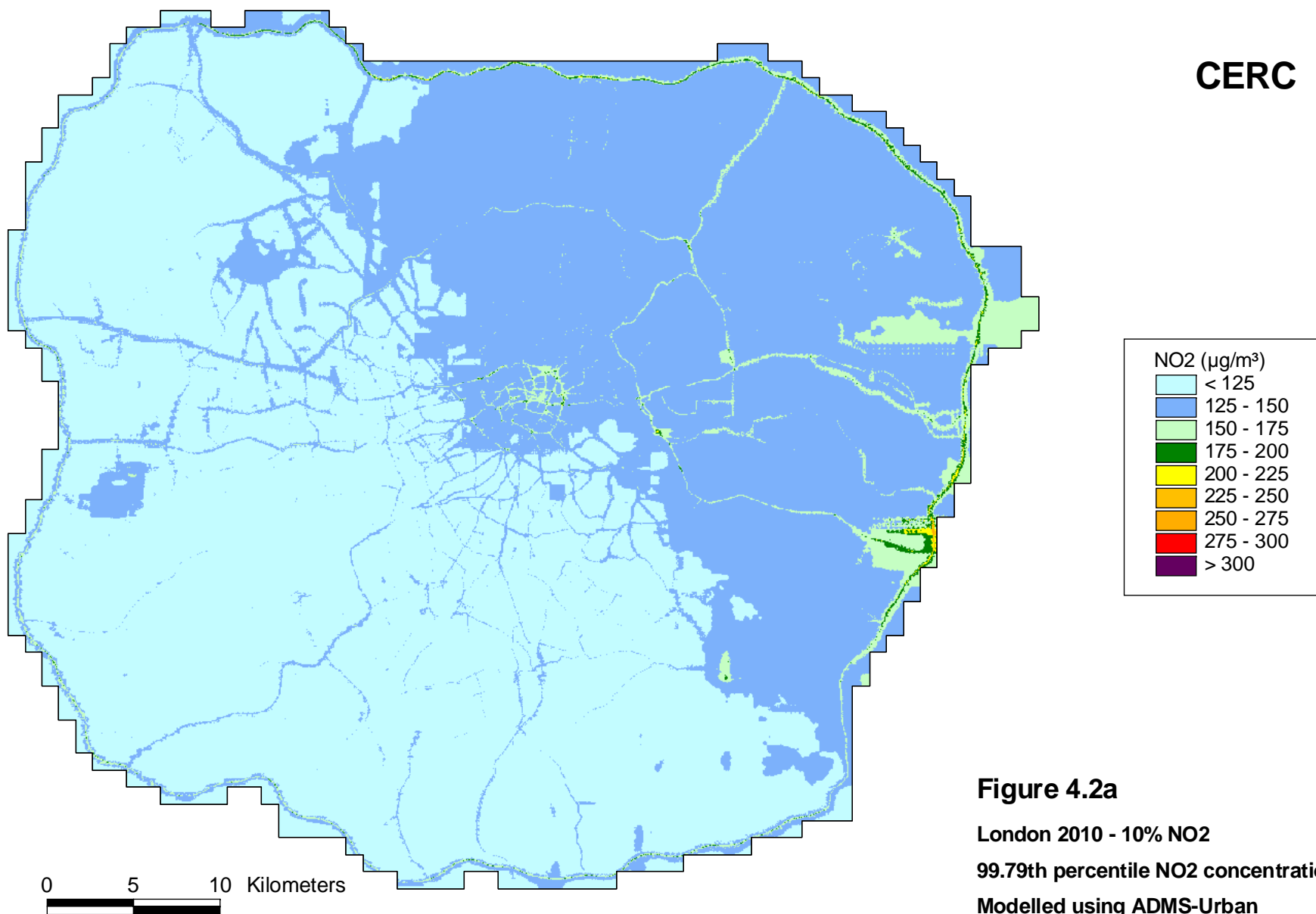


Figure 4.2a

London 2010 - 10% NO₂

99.79th percentile NO₂ concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

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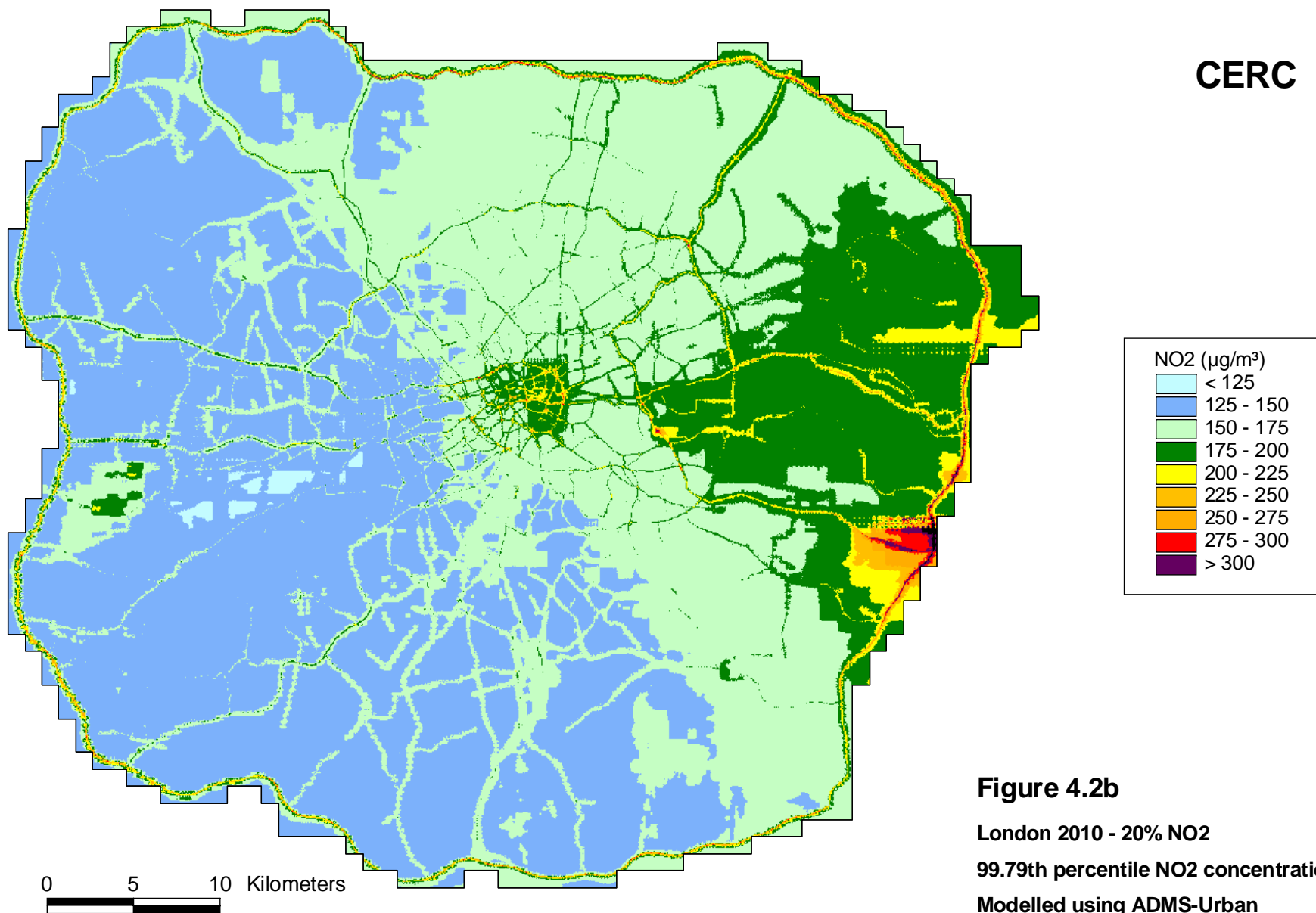


Figure 4.2b

London 2010 - 20% NO2

99.79th percentile NO2 concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

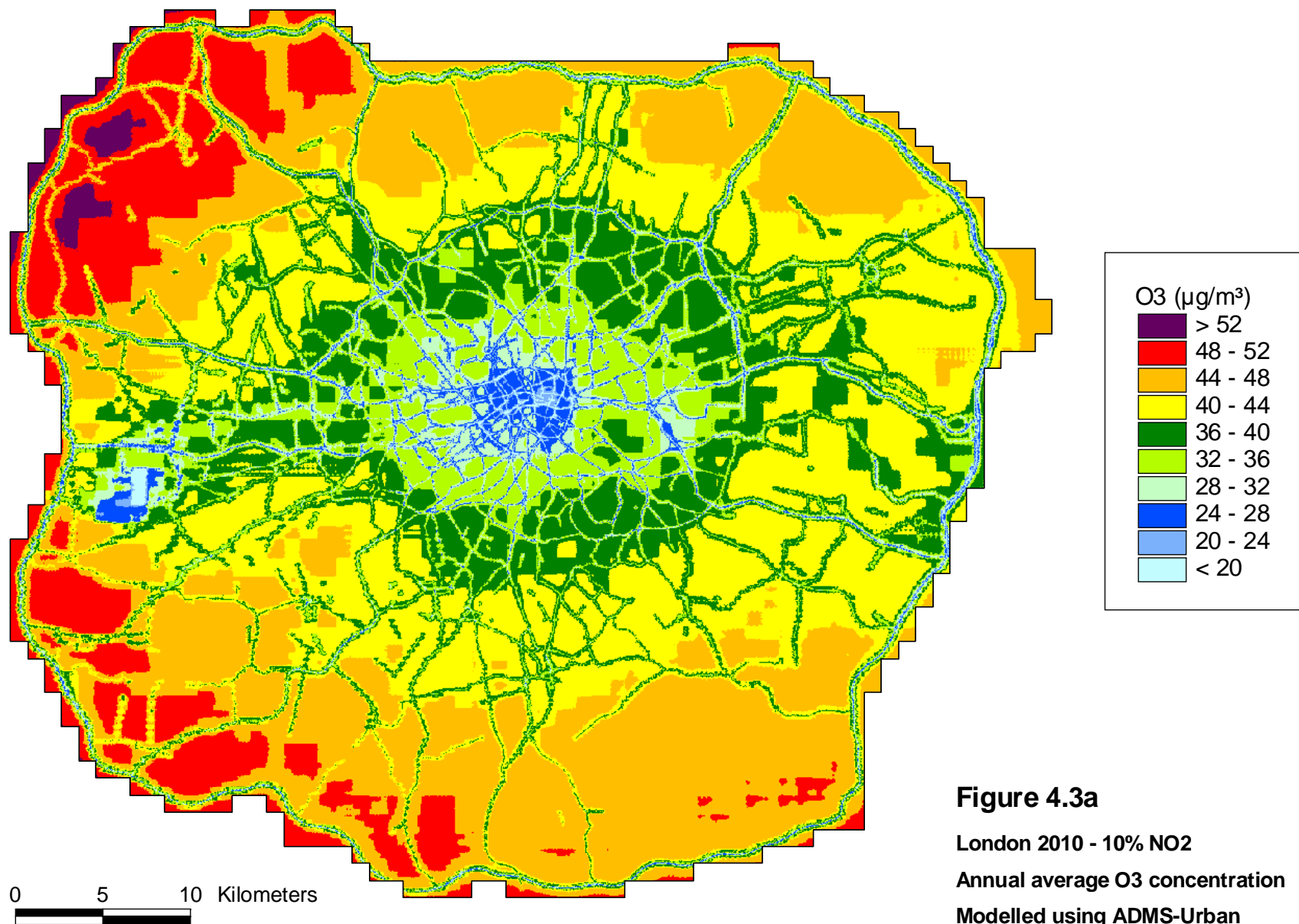


Figure 4.3a

London 2010 - 10% NO₂

Annual average O₃ concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

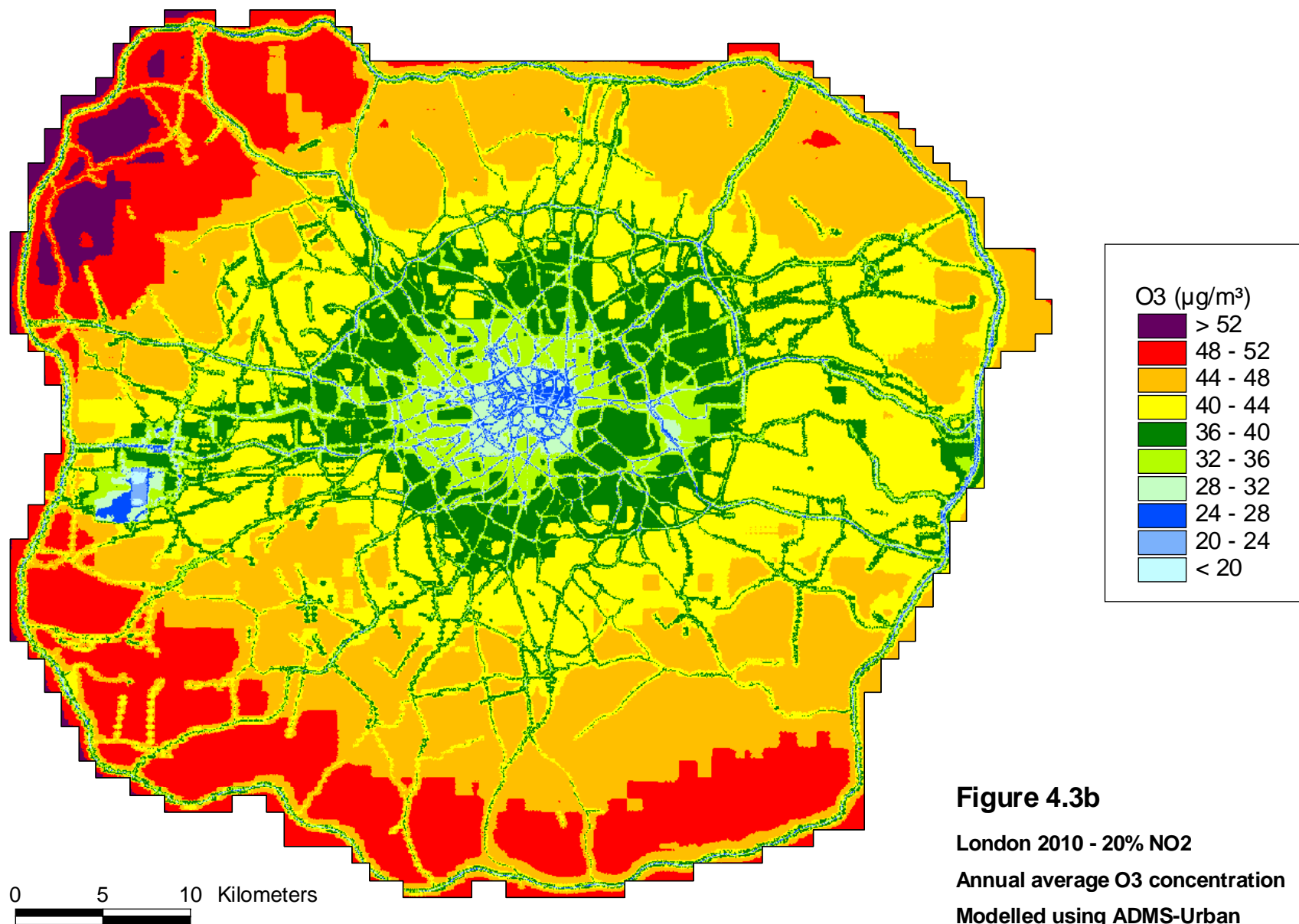


Figure 4.3b

London 2010 - 20% NO₂

Annual average O₃ concentration

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

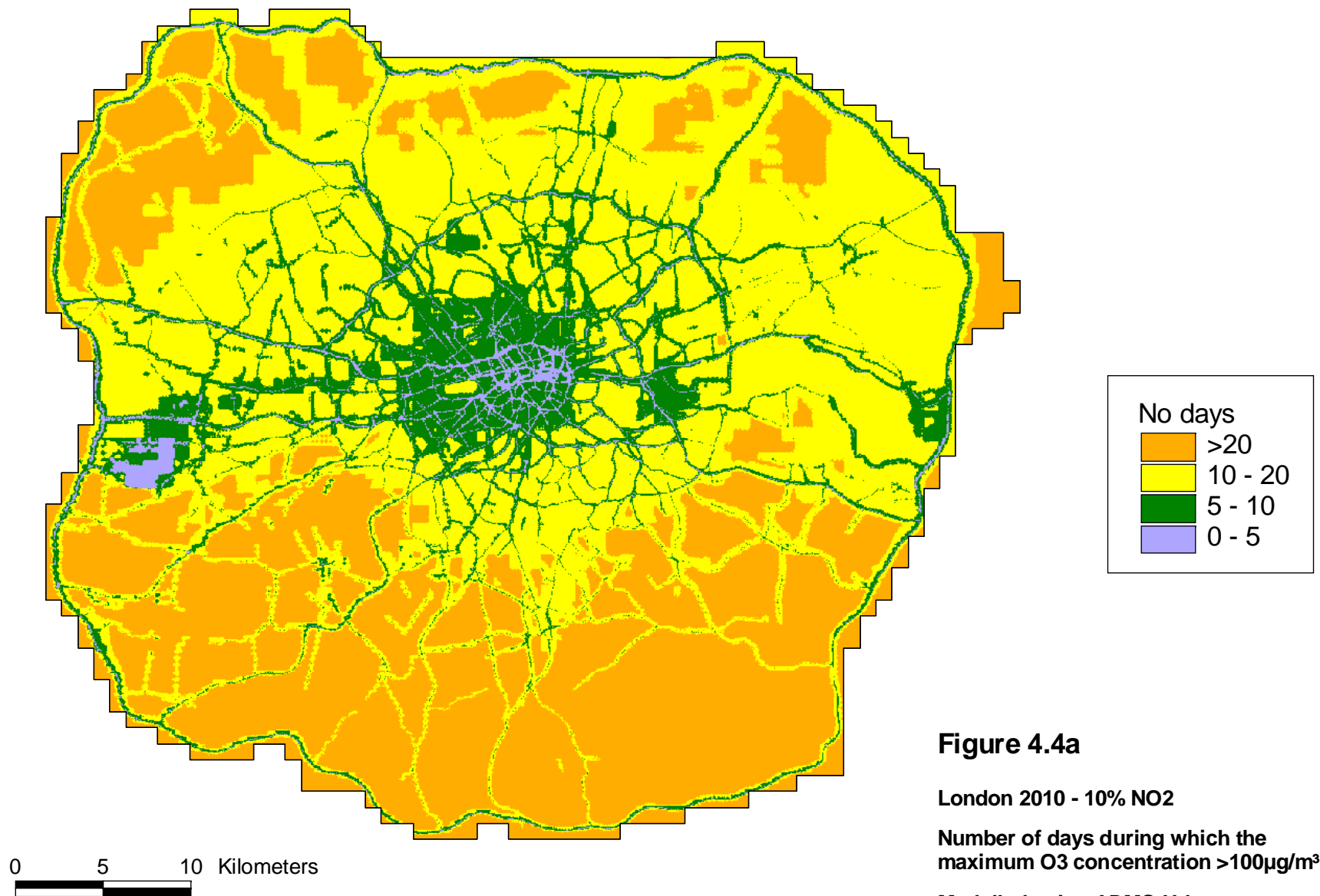


Figure 4.4a

London 2010 - 10% NO₂

Number of days during which the maximum O₃ concentration >100µg/m³

Modelled using ADMS-Urban

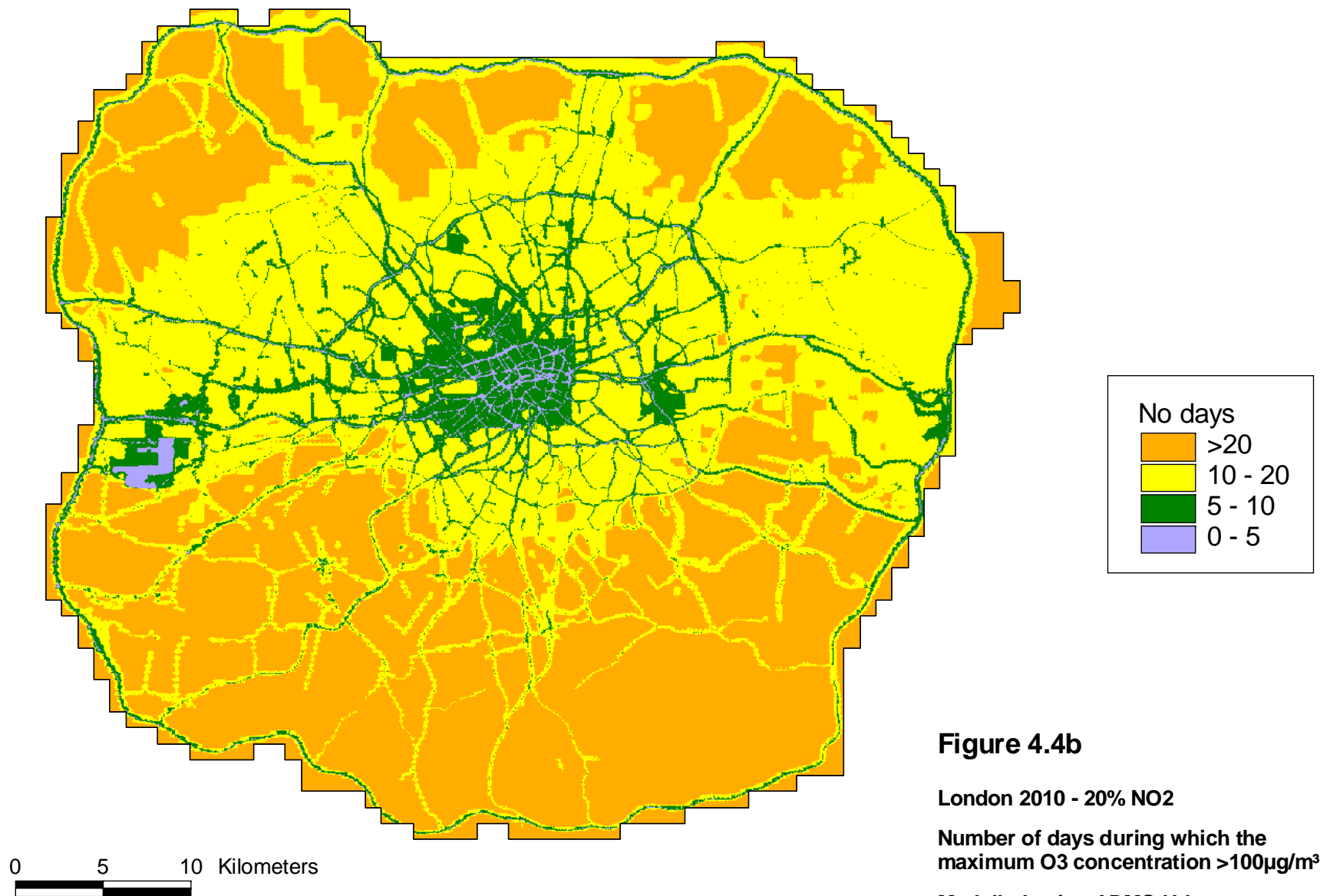


Figure 4.4b

London 2010 - 20% NO₂

Number of days during which the maximum O₃ concentration >100µg/m³

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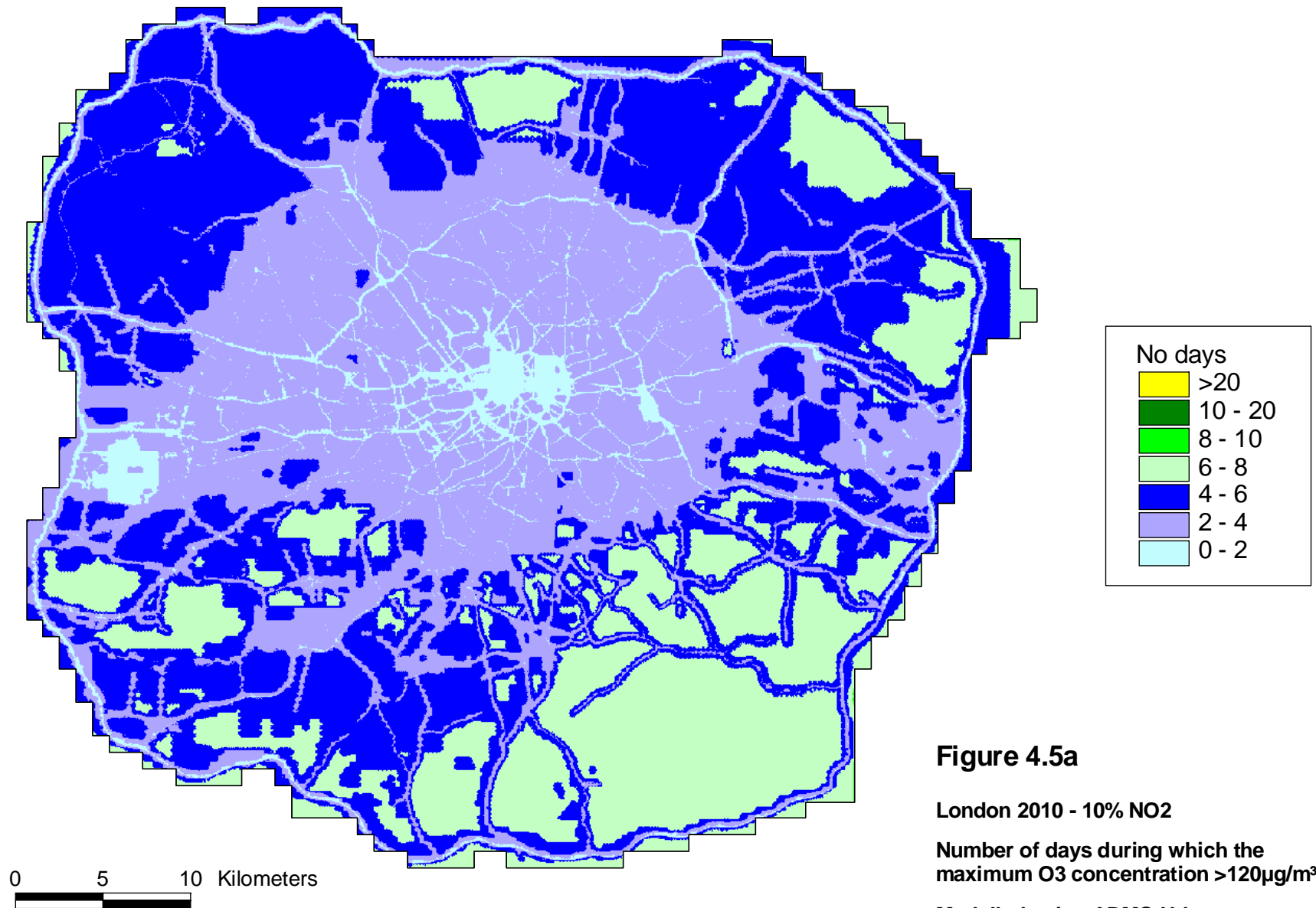
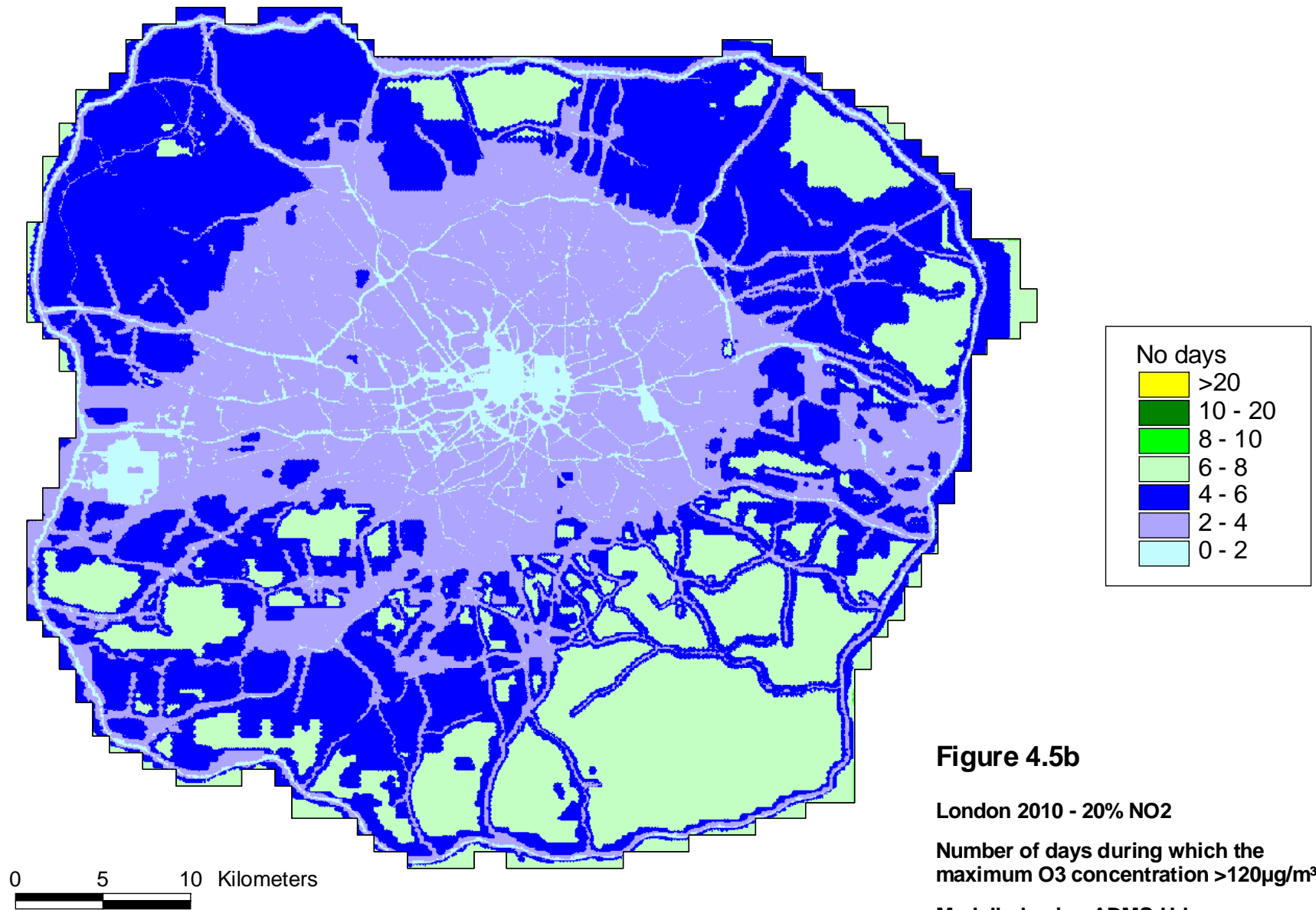


Figure 4.5a

London 2010 - 10% NO₂

Number of days during which the maximum O₃ concentration >120µg/m³

Modelled using ADMS-Urban



5. Base year 2003

Modelling for 2010 and 2020 was initially carried out using emissions, meteorological and background data for 2001. Further work has been carried out using data from 2003 with primary NO₂ emissions of 15% and 20% of NO_x.

Table 5.1 gives the population weighted annual average NO₂ concentration and the percentage area, population and road length in London predicted to exceed 40µg/m³ for each case considered. Table 5.2 gives the population weighted annual average O₃ concentration and the area and population in London with more than 10 exceedences 100µg/m³ by the daily maximum 8-hour average concentration.

Table 5.1: NO₂ statistics

Year	2010					2020				
Base Year	2001			2003		2001			2003	
Primary NO ₂	10%	15%	20%	15%	20%	10%	15%	20%	15%	20%
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	35.0	36.5	38.1	37.2	38.8	31.2	32.1	33.3	34.0	35.1
% area exceeding 40µg/m ³	13	17	22	19	24	6	8	10	11	14
% population exceeding 40µg/m ³	20	27	34	30	37	11	13	16	19	22
% road length exceeding 40µg/m ³	37	43	51	46	53	23	26	30	33	37

Table 5.2 O₃ statistics

Year	2010					2020				
Base Year	2001			2003		2001			2003	
Primary NO ₂	10%	15%	20%	15%	20%	10%	15%	20%	15%	20%
Population weighted mean (µg/m ³)	36.9	38.0	39.0	41.7	42.1	39.9	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.3
% area with more than 10 exceedences	81	83	86	93	93	89	90	91	95	95
% population with more than 10 exceedences	71	75	79	88	89	84	85	86	90	91

Tables 5.3 and 5.4 show the modelled concentrations of NO₂ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. Tables 5.5 and 5.6 show the modelled concentrations of O₃ at the AURN sites for 2010 and 2020 respectively. As compared with 2001, the 2003 results show a significant worsening of both NO₂ and O₃ for long-term and short-term average statistics. For 2010 with 20% of NO_x as primary NO₂, there is a n increase in exceedences of the annual average limit value for NO₂, and exceedences of the hourly limit value for NO₂ and eight-hour maximum objective for O₃ (both the Air Quality Strategy objective, 100µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 10 times per year, and the EU target value, 120µg/m³ not to be exceeded more than 20 times per year).

Table 5.3: NO₂ concentrations for 2010 (µg/m³)

	Annual average					99.79 th percentile				
	2001			2003		2001			2003	
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂
A3	42	44	46	44	46	120	146	163	147	167
Bromley	40	42	44	36	37	120	146	167	150	174
Camden	55	58	61	58	61	133	159	180	180	204
Cromwell Road	62	67	72	63	66	133	158	179	170	196
Haringey	46	48	50	43	44	133	157	173	161	179
Marylebone Road	76	85	94	82	89	149	192	226	206	244
Southwark Roadside	56	59	63	49	51	127	152	172	162	188
Tower Hamlets	50	53	55	51	53	131	160	175	168	192
<i>Roadside average</i>	53	57	61	53	56	131	159	179	168	193
Bexley	31	32	34	29	29	126	152	172	162	181
Bloomsbury	51	54	57	62	66	131	157	177	177	201
Brent	28	28	28	31	31	110	124	134	150	166
Eltham	31	32	33	30	30	123	146	166	154	171
Hackney	42	44	46	42	43	126	145	157	153	172
Hillingdon	42	44	46	48	50	119	141	152	169	194
Hounslow	39	40	42	43	45	104	120	133	147	167
North Kensington	41	43	44	51	53	118	131	139	159	187
Southwark Background	44	46	48	44	45	117	137	151	150	169
Sutton Suburban	28	29	30	28	29	103	121	134	131	148
Teddington	26	26	26	25	26	100	112	125	122	141
West London	40	41	43	45	46	114	135	150	140	158
Wandsworth	44	46	48	38	39	110	126	139	137	150
<i>Background average</i>	37	39	40	40	41	116	134	148	150	170
<i>Average</i>	44	46	48	45	47	121	144	160	157	179

Table 5.4: NO₂ concentrations for 2020 (µg/m³)

	Annual average					99.79 th percentile				
	2001			2003		2001			2003	
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂
A3	37	38	40	39	40	120	134	150	139	155
Bromley	36	37	39	32	33	120	135	153	141	163
Camden	50	52	55	54	56	133	149	165	170	192
Cromwell Road	57	61	66	58	61	133	149	165	159	183
Haringey	41	43	44	39	40	133	145	161	154	168
Marylebone Road	69	76	84	68	73	149	172	199	182	210
Southwark Roadside	50	53	56	45	47	127	139	155	152	176
Tower Hamlets	45	46	49	46	48	131	146	159	158	182
<i>Roadside average</i>	48	51	54	48	50	<i>131</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>178</i>
Bexley	28	29	30	26	26	126	142	157	153	171
Bloomsbury	47	50	52	60	63	131	147	164	170	192
Brent	24	25	25	28	29	110	114	125	142	158
Eltham	27	28	29	27	27	123	136	152	147	162
Hackney	38	39	41	38	39	126	135	147	146	163
Hillingdon	36	37	38	43	45	119	123	134	159	179
Hounslow	34	35	36	39	40	104	112	122	139	155
North Kensington	38	39	40	49	50	118	125	134	154	177
Southwark Background	40	42	43	41	42	117	126	138	144	162
Sutton Suburban	25	25	26	26	26	103	114	126	124	142
Teddington	22	22	23	23	23	100	106	115	116	135
West London	37	38	39	41	42	114	127	141	133	150
Wandsworth	39	41	42	35	36	110	118	131	133	144
<i>Background average</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>161</i>
<i>Average</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>167</i>

Table 5.5: O₃ concentrations for 2010

	Annual average (µg/m ³)					Exceedences of 100µg/m ³					Exceedences of 120µg/m ³				
	2001			2003		2001			2003		2001			2003	
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	32	33	34	38	39	4	4	5	15	17	1	1	1	8	9
Bromley	33	34	35	43	44	10	10	10	29	33	5	5	5	11	11
Camden	22	23	25	27	29	4	4	4	4	8	1	1	1	2	2
Cromwell Road	18	19	21	25	26	3	3	3	6	6	1	1	1	2	3
Haringey	28	29	31	37	38	6	6	7	18	19	1	1	1	8	9
Marylebone Road	12	13	14	16	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwark Roadside	22	23	25	33	34	2	3	3	11	12	1	1	1	6	7
Tower Hamlets	26	27	28	32	33	5	6	6	13	15	1	2	2	4	5
<i>Roadside average</i>	24	25	27	31	33	4	5	5	12	14	1	2	2	5	6
Bexley	39	40	41	48	49	13	13	13	41	41	3	3	3	15	17
Bloomsbury	26	27	28	25	26	5	6	7	6	7	1	1	1	2	2
Brent	43	43	44	46	47	16	17	19	35	35	4	4	5	16	16
Eltham	40	41	42	47	48	14	16	19	41	41	4	5	6	17	17
Hackney	31	32	33	38	39	7	7	8	19	20	1	2	2	10	12
Hillingdon	31	32	33	34	35	4	4	4	14	16	1	1	1	6	6
Hounslow	34	35	36	38	39	12	12	13	22	24	3	3	3	9	9
North Kensington	32	33	34	32	33	7	8	8	19	20	2	3	3	6	7
Southwark Background	31	32	33	37	38	8	8	8	13	15	3	3	3	8	8
Sutton Suburban	43	43	44	49	50	21	22	24	21	22	4	4	5	16	17
Teddington	45	45	46	51	52	24	24	25	39	41	5	5	6	21	22
West London	33	34	35	41	42	8	9	10	50	51	3	3	3	11	13
Wandsworth	30	31	32	36	38	7	7	7	18	18	2	3	3	9	10
<i>Background average</i>	35	36	37	40	41	11	12	13	26	27	3	3	3	11	12
<i>Average</i>	31	32	33	37	38	9	9	10	21	22	2	2	3	9	10

Table 5.6: O₃ concentrations for 2020

	Annual average (µg/m ³)					Exceedences of 100µg/m ³					Exceedences of 120µg/m ³				
	2001			2003		2001			2003		2001			2003	
	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂	10% NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20 % NO ₂	15% NO ₂	20% NO ₂
A3	36	37	38	42	43	7	8	9	22	22	2	2	2	10	11
Bromley	37	38	39	46	47	11	11	11	36	38	5	5	5	12	12
Camden	25	27	28	30	31	4	5	5	11	12	1	1	1	3	3
Cromwell Road	21	22	24	28	29	3	3	4	7	8	1	1	1	3	3
Haringey	32	33	34	40	41	7	7	7	21	23	2	3	3	13	13
Marylebone Road	15	16	17	24	24	1	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	1
Southwark Roadside	26	27	28	36	37	4	4	5	14	15	1	1	2	7	8
Tower Hamlets	30	31	32	35	36	7	7	7	17	19	3	3	3	7	7
<i>Roadside average</i>	28	29	30	35	36	6	6	6	17	18	2	2	2	7	7
Bexley	42	43	43	51	51	15	17	19	44	44	4	4	5	19	19
Bloomsbury	28	29	31	26	28	7	7	7	7	9	2	3	3	3	3
Brent	45	46	47	48	49	19	21	21	40	41	5	5	5	17	17
Eltham	43	44	44	50	51	21	21	22	42	43	6	6	6	17	17
Hackney	35	36	37	41	42	9	10	10	23	23	3	3	3	14	15
Hillingdon	36	37	38	38	39	8	9	10	17	17	1	1	1	7	7
Hounslow	38	39	40	41	42	16	17	19	28	30	5	5	5	9	9
North Kensington	34	35	36	34	35	8	9	10	17	17	3	3	3	7	8
Southwark Background	33	34	35	39	40	9	10	11	24	25	3	3	3	8	10
Sutton Suburban	45	46	47	51	52	24	24	26	42	45	6	6	7	18	20
Teddington	47	48	48	53	54	26	27	27	53	54	6	6	7	22	22
West London	36	37	38	43	44	11	11	11	33	33	3	3	3	14	14
Wandsworth	34	35	36	39	40	7	7	9	19	23	3	3	3	10	10
<i>Background average</i>	38	39	40	43	44	14	15	16	30	31	4	4	4	13	13
<i>Average</i>	34	35	36	40	41	11	11	12	25	26	3	3	3	11	11

6. Discussion

In this report we have described further modelling that has been carried out to investigate the sensitivity of the modelled concentrations to changes in background ozone concentrations, primary NO₂ emissions and the base year considered. The following tests have been carried out:

- Modified background ozone;
- Additional ozone background;
- Changes in primary NO₂ emissions; and
- Change of base year from 2001 to 2003.

A modified algorithm for background O₃ projections results in only modest changes to the O₃ background. In London both the NO₂ and O₃ climates showed marginal improvements. Increasing the background O₃ concentration results in significant worsening of both NO₂ and O₃ climates. In 2020 with a 20µgm⁻³ increase in background O₃, over 95% of the London area is predicted to experience more than 10 exceedences of 100µgm⁻³ by the 8-hour daily maximum.

Primary NO₂ emissions were increased from the base case (10%) to 15%, typical of conditions in 2003, and to 20% typical of projections for 2010. These changes significantly impact on NO₂ concentrations, both the annual mean and hourly mean. In 2010 with 20% primary NO₂ emission exceedences of the hourly standard are likely to occur at the busiest roads. Increased primary NO₂ emissions cause a relatively small increase in levels of O₃.

In 2003 high temperatures across Europe resulted in elevated background O₃ levels. The impacts of these cause a significant worsening of both NO₂ and O₃ concentrations in London with widespread exceedence of the standards for annual average NO₂ and 8 hourly O₃ maxima; exceedences of the NO₂ hourly standard are also predicted at roadside both in 2010 and 2020.