

Appendix 8-2 Transport Infrastructure Ireland Significance Criteria

Table A.8.2.1 Definition of Impact Magnitude for Changes in Ambient Pollutant Concentrations

Magnitude of Change	Annual Mean NO ₂ / PM ₁₀	No. days with PM ₁₀ concentration > 50 µg/m ³	Annual Mean PM _{2.5}
Large	Increase / decrease ≥4 µg/m ³	Increase / decrease >4 days	Increase / decrease ≥2.5 µg/m ³
Medium	Increase / decrease 2 - <4 µg/m ³	Increase / decrease 3 or 4 days	Increase / decrease 1.25 - <2.5 µg/m ³
Small	Increase / decrease 0.4 - <2 µg/m ³	Increase / decrease 1 or 2 days	Increase / decrease 0.25 - <1.25 µg/m ³
Imperceptible	Increase / decrease <0.4 µg/m ³	Increase / decrease <1 day	Increase / decrease <0.25 µg/m ³

Table A.8.2.2 Air Quality Impact Significance Criteria For Annual Mean Nitrogen Dioxide and PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Concentrations at a Receptor

Absolute Concentration in Relation to Objective/Limit Value	Change in Concentration ^{Note 1}		
	Small	Medium	Large
Increase with Scheme			
Above Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (≥40 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (≥25 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Slight Adverse	Moderate Adverse	Substantial Adverse
Just Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (36 - <40 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (22.5 - <25 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Slight Adverse	Moderate Adverse	Moderate Adverse
Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (30 - <36 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (18.75 - <22.5 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Negligible	Slight Adverse	Slight Adverse
Well Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (<30 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (<18.75 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Negligible	Negligible	Slight Adverse
Decrease with Scheme			
Above Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (≥40 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (≥25 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Slight Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial	Substantial Beneficial
Just Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (36 - <40 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (22.5 - <25 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Slight Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial
Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (30 - <36 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (18.75 - <22.5 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Negligible	Slight Beneficial	Slight Beneficial
Well Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (<30 µg/m ³ of NO ₂ or PM ₁₀) (<18.75 µg/m ³ of PM _{2.5})	Negligible	Negligible	Slight Beneficial

Note 1

Well Below Standard = <75% of limit value.

Table A.8.2.3: Air Quality Impact Significance Criteria For Changes to Number of Days with PM₁₀ Concentration Greater than 50 µg/m³ at a Receptor

Absolute Concentration in Relation to Objective / Limit Value	Change in Concentration ^{Note 1}		
	Small	Medium	Large
Increase with Scheme			
Above Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (≥35 days)	Slight Adverse	Moderate Adverse	Substantial Adverse
Just Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (32 - <35 days)	Slight Adverse	Moderate Adverse	Moderate Adverse
Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (26 - <32 days)	Negligible	Slight Adverse	Slight Adverse
Well Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (<26 days)	Negligible	Negligible	Slight Adverse
Decrease with Scheme			
Above Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (≥35 days)	Slight Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial	Substantial Beneficial
Just Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (32 - <35 days)	Slight Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial	Moderate Beneficial
Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (26 - <32 days)	Negligible	Slight Beneficial	Slight Beneficial
Well Below Objective/Limit Value With Scheme (<26 days)	Negligible	Negligible	Slight Beneficial

Note 1 Where the Impact Magnitude is Imperceptible, then the Impact Description is Negligible