

LDZ	Station used for Demand Estimation	Station used for Gas Short Term Forecasting	Available Alternative Stations	Comments	Met Office assessment of closure risk of current station (shaded column)
SC	Bishopston	Bishopston	Prestwick (also Dyce, Greenock, Craibstone)	Prestwick appears to be best currently available alternative.	Low up to 5 years ahead
NO	Albermarle	Albermarle	none specifically identified by Met. Office (Leeming, and Boulmer are available, but may be unsuitable)	Albermarle is a new station which very recently replaced Newcastle Tyneside, hence no Met. Office preferred alternative yet.	Low up to 5 years ahead
NW	Hulme Library	Hulme Library	Woodford or Hawarden	Long term intention for Demand Estimation was to move to Woodford from Ringway with Hulme Library as a necessary intermediate stage until Woodford acquired sufficient data. However, the future of Woodford is uncertain in the long term. Hawarden is also possible but relationship to demand may not be very good due to location.	Medium
NE	Watnall	Linton	Cottesmore, (possibly also Linton and Church Fenton)	Cottesmore may be affected by an ongoing defence review. Watnall is a Met. Office regional site - the coming Met Office restructure may impact this in the longer term (~ more than 2 years).	Medium
EM	Watnall	Watnall	Cottesmore	Cottesmore may be affected by an ongoing defence review. Watnall is a Met. Office regional site - the coming Met Office restructure may impact this in the longer term (~ more than 2 years).	Medium
WM	Edgbaston (temperature) Coleshill (wind)	Edgbaston (temperature) Coleshill (wind)	Church Lawford	Church Lawford may be affected by an ongoing defence review.	Low up to 5 years ahead
WN	Hulme Library	Hulme Library	Woodford or Hawarden	Long term intention for Demand Estimation was to move to Woodford from Ringway with Hulme Library as a necessary intermediate stage until Woodford acquired sufficient data. However, the long term future of Woodford is now uncertain. Hawarden is also possible but relationship to demand may not be very good due to location.	Medium
WS	Cardiff	Cardiff	St. Athan	Cardiff will probably close in sometime during 2006. Work done to enable St. Athan to take over as Dem. Est. station. St. Athan may itself be subject to defence review outcome in longer term (~ more than 2 years).	High
EA	London Weather Centre	London Weather Centre	Heathrow, Northolt	London Weather Centre will probably close sometime during gas year 2006/07; Future of both alternatives seems assured with both having a low risk of closure up to 5 years ahead.	High (future of replacement station assured)

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NT	London Weather Centre	London Weather Centre	Heathrow, Northholt	London Weather Centre will probably close sometime during gas year 2006/07; Future of both alternatives seems assured with both having a low risk of closure up to 5 years ahead.	High (future of replacement station assured)
SE	London Weather Centre	London Weather Centre	Heathrow, Northholt	London Weather Centre will probably close sometime during gas year 2006/07; Future of both alternatives seems assured with both having a low risk of closure up to 5 years ahead	High (future of replacement station assured)
SO	Southampton Oceanographic	Southampton Oceanographic and Benson	Solent	Due to military site closure, Benson will close in the longer term (~more than 2 years)	Low up to 5 years ahead
SW	Filton	Filton	Lyneham	Lyneham may be affected by an ongoing defence review. Its location is also not ideal.	Low up to 5 years ahead

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http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/education/archive/uk/observation_0.html