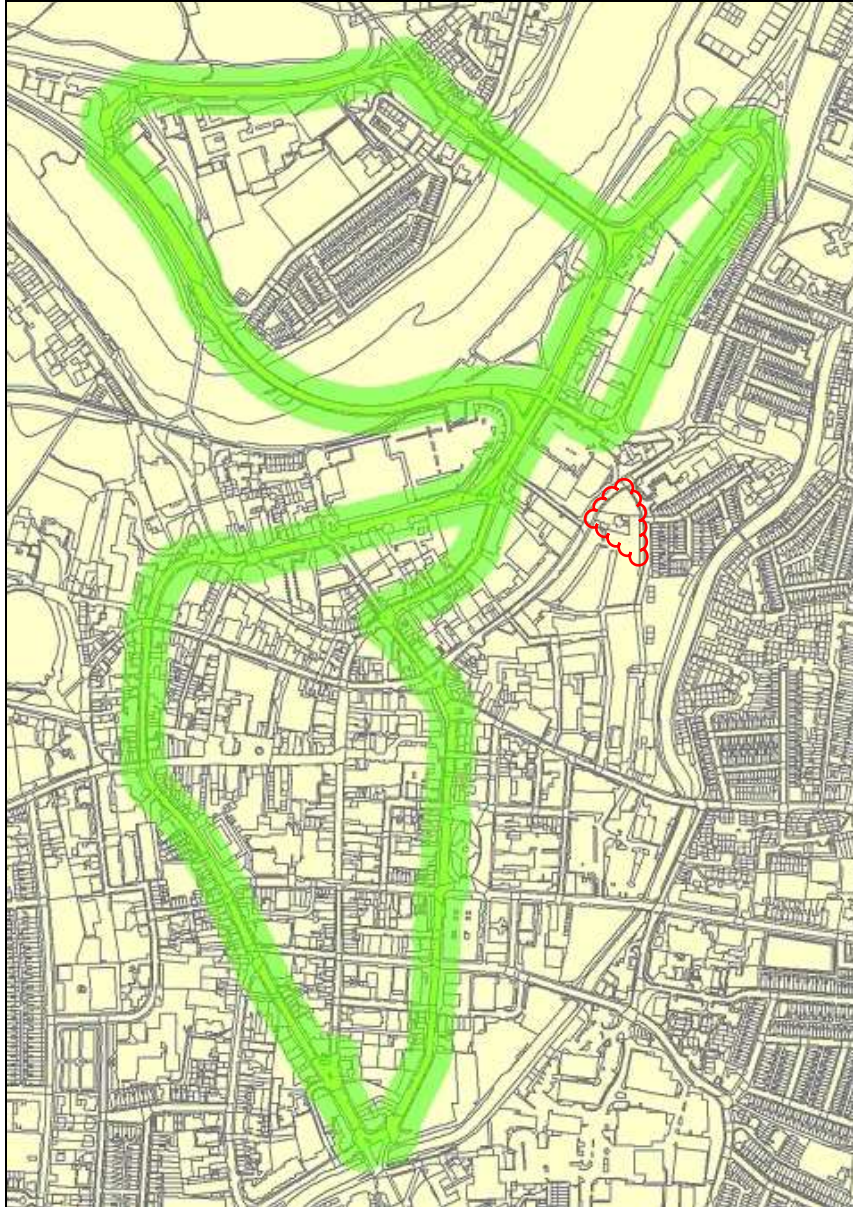


## **1.2 Lancaster City Council Air Quality Management Area**

The current Air Quality Management Area for Lancaster came into force on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2004. The area encompasses the city centre gyratory system, extending 20m from the roadside and including any property partially encompassed by this area (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1: Lancaster City Centre Air Quality Management Area**

The AQMA was declared following the Council's Stage 3 Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Review and Assessment report (March 2003) which found risks of the annual mean air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide being exceeded in the vicinity of Parliament Street. Following the collection of further monitoring data indicating that exceedences were occurring at other points on the gyratory system, it was decided to declare an area covering the entire gyratory system.