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We do not hold the historic data for any specified places/areas.

The data on measured ozone levels is collected and archived on the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Air Quality site <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/>.

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