

## **Lambeth Draft Air Quality Action Plan Summary**

We know our citizens are interested in what we plan to do improve air quality, raise awareness and reduce exposure to air pollution. But we also understand that you may not have the time to read our detailed 28 page draft Air Quality Action Plan. We have therefore written this summary, so you are still able to participate in our consultation by completing our feedback form.

Our draft plan has three overarching priorities, which are written below next to the individual actions to deliver them. We have also organised all the actions into six different topics. In case you want further information for any of the actions, we have written their reference number next to them, so you can quickly find them in the plan. These topics are based on a template written by the Greater London Authority.

### **Priority 1: To continue to encourage modal shift in Lambeth to more sustainable transport and to promote sustainability during and after construction**

The three main sources of emissions in Lambeth are road transport, construction, and domestic and commercial gas use. To achieve this aim we are looking at:

#### **Topic: Emissions from Developments and Buildings**

- Develop planning policy to continue to reduce emissions during and after construction (action 1)
- Raise awareness and work with developers to use low-emission equipment in construction (action 2)
- Ensure the policies to reduce pollution, which we already have in place, are respected and promoted wherever possible (actions 3 to 7)
- Promote to residents and take advantage of Greater London Authority funding to replace boilers (action 8)

#### **Topic: Delivery Servicing and Freight**

- Reduce emissions from deliveries in Lambeth (actions 19 to 21)

#### **Topic: Borough Fleet Actions**

- Council officers to use vehicles only when absolutely necessary and Lambeth to change its fleet to low emission. Council officers to walk and cycle more, and use other sustainable transport as much as possible (actions 22 to 24 and 26)
- Investigate using low emission street sweeping equipment, which can also help to clean the air (action 25)

#### **Topic: Highways & Transport**

- Raise awareness of the dangers from idling and encourage drivers to switch-off their engines when stationary (action 34)

- Work with car clubs to increase the amount of electric, hydrogen and ultra-low emission vehicles in their fleet (action 35)
- Encourage citizens to walk and cycle more (action 36)
- Examine whether to introduce emission based parking charges, so vehicles which pollute more pay more (action 37)
- Introduce more electric charging points and rapid chargers (actions 38 and 39)
- Reprioritise our road space, such as restricting parking on congested high streets to improve bus journey times and the cycling experience to encourage more sustainable travel (action 40)
- Pressure TfL to do more to improve air quality, by extending the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and make all buses in Lambeth low emission (action 41)

**Priority 2: To reduce exposure to air pollution and to raise awareness**

We are limited in what we can do to reduce poor air quality, as it is estimated that up to 40% of air pollution in Lambeth is from sources outside the borough. But we can help our citizens to reduce their exposure by travelling differently, etc. We can also help citizens to understand how they can make positive changes in their own behaviour to reduce pollution. This will be delivered through:

**Topic: Public Health and Awareness Raising**

- More joint working with Public Health colleagues to tackle the effects of poor air quality and make more information about health risks available to citizens (actions 9 to 13)
- Work with businesses to improve air quality and reduce exposure (action 14)
- Promote apps and websites which give air pollution information and advice on how to travel sustainably (action 15)
- Work with schools to raise awareness and reduce exposure to pollution (actions 16 and 17)
- Encourage other council departments to consider air quality when making decisions (action 18)

**Priority 3: To work in partnership with residents, community groups, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Transport for London and other organisations to concentrate on local pollution problems in Lambeth**

The only way to ensure our AQAP is successful is to work closely with those the plan was written for, who know their local area better than anyone else and where the problems are. This aim will be realised through:

**Topic: Localised Solutions**

- Protecting and increasing green infrastructure wherever possible (action 27)
- Looking at measures in local areas to improve air quality, such as creating Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LEN). A LEN is a series of measures to improve air quality in an area, such as building green infrastructure and giving priority to bicycles on roads (action 28)
- Investigate whether to install Santander bikes outside Brixton station (action 29)
- Increase working with neighbouring boroughs to jointly reduce pollution (action 30)
- Continue working to reduce pollution from idling taxis at Waterloo station (action 31)
- Investigate building a green wall at Lambeth North station (action 32)

A steering group is being set up, which will meet every three months, to monitor the plan's progress. This steering group will be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and consist of officers from various council departments. We would also like to invite residents and representatives from businesses to join the group. If you would like to be a member, please email [sustainability@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@lambeth.gov.uk).