

# SALTFORD AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

## CONSULTATION

2015



Bath and North East Somerset Council is required by law to review and assess air quality throughout the district. The Council has a comprehensive set of monitors that provide data on air pollution. Nitrogen dioxide from road traffic is the only pollutant that exceeds the governments National Air Quality Objectives as an annual average.

As the objectives are exceeded, an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) must be declared and an Action Plan developed. We need your feedback on the measures we are proposing to include in our Action Plan for Saltford.

The Saltford Air Quality Management Area (see map overleaf) includes the building facades on either side of the road and extends along the Bath Road from its junction with Beech Road until 150 metres south of the Glen.

## **AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN MEASURES TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN KEYNSHAM**

The Consultation Draft Air Quality Action Plan identifies a number of potential measures - including those already in progress - which can help to reduce the impact of air quality. These include:

- **Message alert service.** The people most vulnerable to poor air quality are those with respiratory conditions such as Asthma, Emphysema or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. A text or phone message could inform people who are identified as vulnerable and registered to the service, if and when the pollution levels are high.
- **Tree planting on A4.** Planting of suitable trees or shrubs between the traffic and the building facades can provide a barrier between air pollution and residents or pedestrians and can absorb some of the pollutants over time.
- **Advice to land owners on planting that protects from air pollution.**
- **Electric vehicle charge points for each new property.** This can be influenced through the planning process in order to make it easy to charge plug-in vehicles at home.
- **More public charging sockets through the Source West Electric Vehicle charging network.** In addition to the charge points in Bath and Keynsham and in response to the growth in the sale of electric vehicles, the Council are seeking further grants to install charge points including rapid chargers that provide an 80% battery top-up in 20 minutes.
- **Promotion of an 'Electric Zone'.** This measure would involve signposting of an electric zone at the boundary of the air quality management area or the edge to town to encourage hybrid vehicles to switch to electric mode so that emissions are reduced in the most polluted places.
- **Community Air Quality Group.** Encouraging existing groups that may be interested in helping to promote air quality improvement measures, such as tree or shrub planting.
- **Secure cycle parking.** The Council is trying to encourage more people to cycle and therefore reduce traffic pollution. With particular emphasis on using the planning process to ensure a better provision for cycle storage in new properties.

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- **Low emission dial-a-ride vehicle.** Use potential funding from government for the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles to replace the existing dial-a-ride vehicles.
- **Lobby Government for incentivising the use of non-diesel vehicles.** Diesel vehicles make the biggest contribution to air pollution in Saltford.
- **Continue feasibility work for reopening of a station in Saltford.**

## **WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!**

Bring your suggestions and ideas along to the consultation evening on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** from **2pm to 8pm** in the Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JA.

OR

**Wednesday 14th October** from **4pm to 8pm** in the Avon room of Saltford Village Hall, Wedmore Road, Saltford.

You can get a copy of the Consultation Draft Air Quality Action Plan and detailed air quality monitoring and modelling data from the address below. The consultation period ends on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**We would encourage you to complete the online questionnaire by 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at:**

[www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/consultations](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/consultations)

Or

complete the enclosed questionnaire and send as an email or letter to the following address **by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015:**

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