



Air Quality Management in Tunbridge Wells

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) is the process by which local authorities monitor, assess and take action to improve air quality.

Tunbridge Wells Council has worked with Kent County Council Highways and Transportation and Public Health to identify actions to improve air quality in the borough. We are now seeking the views of residents on the proposed actions.

The full plan can be viewed here: [Draft Air Quality Action Plan](#)

It includes projects which can be delivered using existing knowledge and resources within the Council. It also includes ambitious projects which require extensive research and funding provision to deliver, for example, the development of a "Low Emissions Zone" for buses to fully identify the mechanisms, costs, risks and benefits. Projects of this nature if carried forward will be subject to individual reporting for approval prior to being implemented.

Survey Closes: 28th October 2018 and takes around 10 minutes to complete.

Completed responses will be entered into a prize draw to win two tickets to a show at the Assembly Hall Theatre to a show of their choice. If you wish to enter, please ensure you tick the correct box and supply your contact details at the end of the survey. The draw will take place on 5th November 2018 and the winner will be notified by phone or email by the 6th November 2018.

If you require this consultation in another format or have any queries about the consultation please email: Sustainability@Tunbridgewells.gov.uk

The information provided by you in this survey will be used for research purposed. It will not be used in a manner that would allow identification of individual responses. Should you choose to enter the prize draw (residents & workers only) or apply for a focus group this information will be treated separately and will not be linked to your survey response.

Q2 Please select which of the following you are:

- ☐ Resident in Tunbridge Wells
- ☐ Worker in Tunbridge Wells
- ☐ Visitor to Tunbridge Wells
- ☐ Stakeholder e.g Parish Council,
Environmental Group, Government Agency -
please specify below

Stakeholder name

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Q3 Have you read the proposals?

- ☐ Yes, I've read the full strategy, including the action plan
- ☐ I've read the action plan but not the full strategy
- ☐ I've not read the strategy or the action plan



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Transport Actions

The most significant cause of poor air quality is pollution from vehicles, and the Council has drafted a variety of measures to reduce emissions from buses, taxis, freight and private cars.

The transport section of the action plan can be viewed here: [Transport Actions](#)

The actions proposed in relation to transport involve:

Supporting the development of sustainable transport such as walking and cycling.
Investigating ways for reducing vehicle emissions in the borough by working with local transport operators e.g taxis, buses and freighter companies.
Supporting the installation of electric vehicle charging points where appropriate.
Encouraging people to switch off their engines and not idle their engines unnecessarily.

Q4 Do you think that the actions related to transport are relevant and appropriate to improving air quality in the borough?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q5 As you answered No to the previous question, considering the Council's remit how could the actions relating to transport be improved

Q6 Do you think the transport related actions are capable of achieving the desired impact?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q7 As you answered No to the previous question, please use the box below to tell us why you don't think the desired impact will be not achieved



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Q8 Please use the box below to tell us about any additional actions in relation to transport you think we should consider and comments about the proposed transport actions

Planning Actions

Planning has a pivotal and significant role in helping to ensure progress against the UK's emissions targets, by direct influence on energy use and emissions, and in bringing together and encouraging action by others.

The planning section of the action plan can be viewed here: [Planning Actions](#)

The actions proposed in relation to Planning involve:

Implementing specific planning policy on air quality in relation to development.

Creating an Air Quality Protection Area through the Local Plan.

Ensuring new developments support walking and cycling infrastructure and new 'green' technologies such as electric car charging points.

Q9 Do you think that the actions related to planning are relevant and appropriate to improving air quality in the borough?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q10 As you answered No to the previous question, considering the Council's remit how could the actions relating to planning be improved

Q11 Do you think the planning related actions are capable of achieving the desired impact?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure



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Q12 As you answered No to the previous question, please use the box below to tell us why you don't think the desired impact will not be achieved

Q13 Please use the box below to tell us about any additional actions in relation to planning you think we should consider and any further comments about the proposed planning actions

Public Health Actions

Emerging evidence shows that air pollution is detrimental to public health, with DEFRA stating that poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK. It is known to have more severe effects on vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, children and people already suffering from pre-existing health conditions.

The public health section of the action plan can be viewed here: [Public Health Actions](#)

The actions proposed in relation to public health involve:

Reviewing the network of air quality monitoring stations in the borough.
Working with schools to raise awareness and promote air quality and 'Walk to School' campaigns.
Promoting cycling and walking initiatives to promote healthy alternatives.

Q14 Do you think that the actions related to public health are relevant and appropriate to improving air quality in the borough?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q15 As you answered No to the previous question, considering the Council's remit how could the actions relating to public health be improved



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Q16 **Do you think the public health related actions are capable of achieving the desired impact?**

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

Q17 **As you answered No to the previous question, please use the box below to tell us why you don't think the desired impact will not be achieved**

Q18 **Please use the box below to tell us about any additional actions in relation to public health you think we should consider and and further comments about the proposed public health actions**

Q19 **Please use the comments box below for any other comments you have about improving air quality in Tunbridge Wells**

About you

The information you provide in this section will not be linked to any comments you make on consultations, and will not be linked to your name, address or other personal identifier. The information will be used for monitoring purposes only and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

More information about how we handle your data can be found on our website:
<http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/cookies-and-privacy>



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Q20 Are you...?

☐ Male

☐ Other - please state below

☐ Female

If other, please state

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Q21 Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

☐ 18-24

☐ 55-64

☐ 25-34

☐ 65-74

☐ 35-44

☐ 75+

☐ 45-54

Q22 Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

☐ Yes

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ No

Q23 Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either long-term physical or mental ill-health/disability or problems with old age?

☐ Yes, 1 to 19 hours

☐ Yes, 50+ hours

☐ Yes, 20 to 49 hours

☐ No

Q24 To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

White

☐ British

☐ Any other White background - please specify

☐ Irish

Asian or Asian British

☐ Indian

☐ Any other Asian background - please specify

☐ Pakistani

☐ Bangladeshi

Mixed race

☐ White and Black Caribbean

☐ White and Asian
Any other Mixed background - please specify

☐ White and Black African

Black or Black British

☐ Caribbean

☐ Any other Black background - please specify

☐ African

Chinese or other ethnic group

☐ Chinese

☐ Any other ethnic background - please specify

Other please specify

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We will be holding some focus groups on the Tunbridge Wells Air Quality Action Plan if you would like to get involved about this issue specifically or be entered for the prize draw for responding to the survey, please provide us with your contact details and select your preferences below.

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Q25

I am interested in (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Attending a focus group specifically on the Air Quality Action Plan for Tunbridge Wells
- ☐ Being entered into the prize draw

Name

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Email

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Phone number

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Thank you for completing this consultation please return this form to
Tunbridge Wells Council