

Agenda: Lambeth Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group (External)

19 June, 6-7:45pm, TG3 Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, Brixton, London, SW2 1RW

Councillor(s) attending:

Cllr Clare Holland (CH), Cabinet Member for Environment and Clean Air

Council Officer(s) attending:

Andrew Round (AR), Sustainability Manager

Matthew Browning (MB), Sustainability Officer

Marie Vieu (MV), Public Health Consultant

1. 2018 Annual Status Report

- AP1.1 *Include a policy on air quality as part of the Local Plan review*: AR explained that we have completed this action and we now have specific air quality policies
- AP 1.2 *Work with neighbourhood planning forums on area-specific air quality policies in emerging neighbourhood plans*: Dominique Barnett previously spoke about air quality policies in the Local plan and has previously attended neighbourhood plan meetings to feed into these.
- AP 1.3 *Explore the potential for allocation of funds from s106 planning obligations aimed at offsetting air quality impacts from a development*: AR explained that S106 money from planning applications has now been made available for air quality projects. We have £7 million available for Air Quality projects such as installing power points in parks for ice cream vans.
- AP 1.4 *Identify and manage the impact of growth and regeneration on waste management and industrial processes regulated under the Environmental Permitting Regulations*: AR explained that this action was included in the AQAP as an environmental agency action but is not that applicable in Lambeth.
- AP 2.1 *Educate and raise awareness amongst developers of Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) and enforce NRMM policies*: AR explained that we are including NRMM conditions in planning comments to ensure that developments use compliant machinery. The MAQF2 NRMM project led by Merton has now ended but we are taking part in the MAQF3 NRMM project.
- AP 2.2 *Develop internal processes to continue to educate and raise awareness amongst developers of NRMM; and enforce NRMM policies after funding expires in March 2019*: We will do this in the MAQF3 NRMM project
- AP 2.3 *Continue to research pollution mitigation measures as part of London Low Emission Construction Partnership (LLECP); promote LLECP scheme, findings and recommendations among developers operating in the borough*: We didn't receive MAQF funding for this but will carry this on with action AP2.4
- AP 2.4 *Continue work and legacy of LLECP after funding expires in March 2019*: We have received MAQF3 funding to work with Southwark on a project looking at dust suppression from street sweepers
- AP 2.5 *Carry out an investigation into whether a Construction Impact Monitoring Officer(s) should be recruited to monitor and enforce against dust from construction*: We have employed an officer to inspect NRMM and monitor construction site compliance.

- *AP 3 CHP and biomass air quality policies:* AR explained that when we assess planning applications we check that CHP installations meets a certain standard
- *AP 4 Implementing London Plan Air Quality Neutral Policy:* AR explained how planning applications are now assessed and have to meet air quality neutrality standards for building and transport emissions. Sustainability officers check planning applications to ensure this happens.
- *AP 5: Ensuring adequate, appropriate, and well located green space and infrastructure is included and protected in developments and AP 6 Ensuring emissions from construction are minimised:* AR explained that we are considering these actions when we review planning applications.
- *AP 7 Ensuring that Smoke Control Zones are appropriately identified and fully promoted and enforced:* AR explained that Lambeth is a smoke control borough and we are in the process of refreshing this so we have a modern smoke control notice for the whole borough
- ■ asked about orientating buildings to maximise solar and renewable energy.

Action for AR: Speak to Planners to check that building orientation is being considered when looking at planning applications.

- *AP 8.1 Lambeth Housing to make full use of funding available under RE:NEW scheme and to replace at least 250 boilers each year:* AR explained that we replaced 586 boilers last year
- *AP 8.2 Promoting RE:NEW scheme to individual households, social and private landlords to increase uptake of the scheme in the borough:* We commissioned London Sustainability Exchange to provide information on switching energy suppliers and how to reduce energy consumption and save energy. We also organised workshops to help people switch and save energy
- *AP 8.3 Explore opportunities for Lambeth to make full use of the RE:FIT information support scheme to retrofit all remaining public buildings including schools, libraries and leisure centres:* AR explained that we have benchmarked school energy data and are using interest free public interest free loans to fund this. We are planning to start retrofitting schools this summer and hope to engage more schools in the future. ■ suggested AR and MB engaged with Cathy Twist to discuss how we can increase engagement with schools and maximise impact.
- *AP 9 Review and enforce emissions management control techniques at facilities the Council regulates under the Environmental Regulations:* AR explained that this action isn't really relevant to Lambeth as we only have dry cleaners but we do ensure these are compliant.
- *AP 10 Director of Public Health is fully briefed on the scale of the problem, what is being done and what is needed:* AR explained that we submit quarterly reports to Health and wellbeing board detailing how we work with Public Health
- *AP 11 Public Health teams support engagement with local stakeholders (businesses, schools, community groups and healthcare providers) and are asked for their support:* AR explained that MV comes to lots of events and we work closely together
- *AP12 .1 JSNA includes air quality as a key theme and has up to date information on air quality impacts:* MV presented the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment at the previous AQAP steering group. This document presents the impacts of air quality and public health

Action for AR: Include Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as well as acronym in 12.1

- *AP 12.2 Communications campaign highlighting health impacts of poor air quality:* AR explained that we have the PH leaflet and we promote this at all the events we host.

- AP 13 *Strengthening co-ordination with Public Health by ensuring that at least one consultant grade public health specialist within the borough has air quality responsibilities outlined in their job profile:* We have 2 PH specialists and a Masters student working with PH
- AP 14 *Ensure that the lead officer for Transport has been fully briefed on the Public Health duties and the fact that all directors (not just Director of Public Health) are responsible for delivering them, as well as on air quality opportunities and risks related to transport in the borough:* Simon Philips from Transport came to meeting in August. AQ is included in Transport Strategy. Transport colleagues have joined our team and we now do lots of work on Sustainable Travel.
- AP 15.1 *Prepare information pack for businesses on how to help improve air quality and reduce exposure for employees and customers:* We created the business pack in 2018 and we also part of the DEFRA funded Clean Air Village project.
- AP 15.2 *Annual business engagement event to educate and raise awareness regarding air quality; and to find joint working opportunities:* We organised a business exhibition event in Lambeth Clean Air Week 2019.
- AP 16.1 *Promote and build on the work of airTEXT to alert sensitive receptors and other vulnerable citizens of high pollution days:* We are following the Mayors system for air quality alerts on high pollution days. We also support AirTEXT which forecasts when there will be a high pollution day. We are also part of the Mayors Breathe London C40 project which involves installing additional monitors in the borough
- AP 16.2: *Increase promotion of cycling and walking websites and apps, such as walkit.com:* We have lots of Love Lambeth pages and have ran communication campaigns this year to promote air text and clean air walking routes. We worked with CRP to raise awareness of their clean air walking route tool.
- ■ asked if the National Asthma Campaign are aware of the AirTEXT campaign.

Action for MV: Check if the National Asthma Campaign is aware of the campaign.

- ■ asked if AirText is the best way to find out local AQ. AR explained that [LondonAir](#) is the best app to check local AQ as this site uses our monitoring data from our automatic monitoring stations to model local air quality.
- AP17.1 *Continue to actively engage with all schools in the STARS programme:* AR explained that we work with schools to increase sustainable travel to and from school for STARS recognition schemes. Eric Duval leads on this work and ensures schools follow STARS travel plans and work to additional accreditation levels.
- AP 17.2 *Continue to support schools to implement travel plans moving from bronze to silver to gold:* AR explained that in 2018 15 schools Achieved Gold, 24 silver, 24 bronze
- AP17.3 *Engage with Nurseries:* We have carried out 2 AQ nursery audits as part of Mayors program and are working with Ethelred and Triangle Nursery school to implement recommendations of the audit
- AP 17.4 *Travel Plans Poster campaign for under 5s: link between active travel and air quality:* We haven't started work on this action yet but will complete it before 2020.
- AP18 *Air quality at schools and other educational institutions:* Sustrans completed the AirMazing school engagement project and raise awareness. We have also developed school Air Quality Action Plans and work with the schools to complete actions. We have also worked with Stockwell and St Annes school as part of the Mayors Schools AQ program.

- AP 19.1 *Air Quality to be considered when making decisions*: AR explained that the Sustainability team are consulted on lots of capital programme reports to ensure AQ is considered.

Action for AR: Complete 19.1 commentary in ASR

- AP 19.2 *Air quality awareness increased amongst Lambeth officers*: We have done lots of internal campaigns to raise awareness.

Action for MB: Talk to Cathy twist about making this material available to school teachers

- We have also done training sessions with planners to make them aware of air quality. As part of the recent restructure lots of officers have improving air quality in their JDs
- AP20 *Work with Lambeth Youth Council to raise awareness*: AR explained that we created a Love Lambeth Air youth grant scheme to raise awareness with their peers. Actions included raps, videos, poster campaigns, anti-idling events
- AP21.1 *Work closely with colleagues in Adult Social Care and Housing to identify vulnerable citizens*: We offer SHINE to residents and this is mainly through housing
- AP21.2 *Work closely with Age UK and other relevant organisations to produce tailored leaflets for older citizens and to visit future events aimed specifically at older citizens*: We have tried to work with Age UK but engagement has been difficult
- AP22 *Engagement with black and other minority ethnic citizens*: We have included scoring criteria to priorities BAME applications in the Youth grant scheme and we took part in the Windrush celebrations last year
- AP23 *Annual Residents' Air Quality Conference*: This took place in Lambeth Clean Air Week 2019 and will take place again in Lambeth Clean Air Week 2020
- AP24.1 *Procurement policy to include a requirement for suppliers providing services over £100,000 to have attained silver Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) accreditation* and 24.2 *Update procurement policy to give preferential scoring to bidders delivering goods and services with zero or low emission vehicles when there is a heavy transport element to the tender*: We have worked with procurement colleagues to update the Responsible Procurement guide – this will be uploaded on the website when complete
- AP25 *Consolidation (Low Emission Logistics)*: We have looked at consolidation centres previously and will look at micro-consolidation centres as part of the Liveable Neighbourhood Project
- AP 26 *Introduce Virtual Loading Bays (VLB) allowing the user to book kerb space online for loading and unloading at a particular time and place; and priority for ultra-low emission delivery vehicles*: We will be looking at VLBs in the Liveable Neighbourhood project.

■ asked AR to come on walk around in Brixton to explore VLBs in Brixton and how we can implement these and also support local small businesses

Action for AR: Accompany CH on Brixton Walk around to explore VLB locations.

- AP 27 *Obtain Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) Gold accreditation for Lambeth's own fleet*: we are working through council action plan to increase FORS accreditation
- AP 28 *Increase the number of hydrogen, electric, hybrid, bio-methane and cleaner vehicles in the borough's fleet and accelerate uptake of new Euro VI/6 vehicles*: We have 5 new street sweepers which are fully electric. The majority of the park team's vehicles are electric. We have lots of pool bikes and electric bikes for staff to use as well.

Running out of time so prioritise Transport Actions:

- AP 42.1 *Increase amount of citizens cycling outside the 18-38 age group*: We have raised awareness of try before you bike. In July 2018, we re-launched the [Try Before You Bike](#) scheme, we promoted cycling at the Lambeth Country Show in July 2018 and also organised a [Floral Bike Ride](#), we held a [Festive Lights Ride](#) in November 2018, we installed 42 [bike hangars](#) during 2018/19
- AP 42.2 *Very Important Pedestrian Days*: We had a car free day in Windmill drive in 2018. This year we are encouraging people to organise their own car free days and we also have two school streets and will look at rolling out more school streets.
- AP43 *Parking*: Rolling out more CPZs across the borough
- [REDACTED] raised concerns about ULEZ cutting borough in half and the impact this may have on south of Borough. AR explained we can now implement Zero Emission Zones to help tackle pollution in the south of the borough.
- JW asked about parking permits and polluting vehicles. [REDACTED] explained that we have emission based car parking charges to address the most polluting vehicles and we are working towards more CPZs.
- AP 44 *Installation of more residential electric charging points*: DI asked about targets for electric charging points in the future. AR explained this is dependent on funding. We applied for go ultra-low city funding to pay for these. We committed to 200 charge points by 2020 and have currently installed over 110 so will meet this target. We have a combination of slow, fast and rapid chargers.
- AP 45 *Installation of rapid chargers to help enable the take up of electric taxis, cabs and commercial vehicles (in partnership with TfL and/or OLEV)*: We are trying to plan strategically where to install charging hubs in the future to support uptake.
- AP 46 *Reprioritisation of road space; reducing parking at some destinations and/or restricting parking on congested high streets and A roads to improve bus journey times, cycling experience, and reduce emissions caused by congested traffic*: Examples of schemes to encourage sustainable transport in 2018 include: building parallel cycle crossings at Dulwich Road/Hurst Street, Norwood Road/Dulwich Road, and Salter's Hill/Bloomhall Road; and creating contraflow cycling in streets such as Hopton Road and Cosser Street, we successfully submitted our [Brixton Liveable Neighbourhood](#) bid to create low traffic neighbourhoods and encourage walking and cycling
- [REDACTED] – is there any data showing increase in number of cyclists and reduction in car ownership. AR explained we need to start looking at the impact of the plan and evaluate so we can prioritise certain actions. It is also important to remember that some impacts are hard to quantify and we have a limited resource to monitor.

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- The next AQAPSG meeting will be on Wednesday 18 September and will discuss Transport actions and the Liveable Neighbourhood