

Implementation of Action Plans

The Borough Council's 'Environmental Health and Housing' and 'Planning and Regeneration (Economic Development)' departments are working in partnership with Norfolk County Council on drafting an Air Quality Action Plan. The Action Plan will overlap with the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the Urban Renaissance Strategy for King's Lynn.

A draft AQ Action Plan had previously been put together for the original Railway Road AQMA, but this was not submitted or progressed due to the need for it to be expanded and extended. Similarly, the current LTP references the original Railway Road AQMA. Both documents need to be updated as the Borough Council Variation Order of 9th February 2007 confirmed the AQMA extension.

The intention is for a draft AQ Action Plan to be ready for consultation by the end of autumn 2007, and approval by February 2008.

The Borough Council is currently in the process of carrying out air dispersion modelling for King's Lynn. From this, the Council hopes to ascertain:

- Whether the existing AQMA boundary is appropriate, and whether further amendment or variation is required
- The likelihood of a further AQMA being required in the Gaywood Clock area – NO₂ diffusion tube data has indicated that this may be the case.

In addition, it is intended that the modelling will help to optimise the positioning of current and future monitoring sites.

The Borough Council are participating in the development of the King's Lynn Transport Strategy (KLATS) in Autumn 2007 with the Director of Planning and Transportation for Norfolk County Council and Mott MacDonald Limited. One of the main aims of the Strategy is identifying and creating locations with good public transport access to encourage the appropriate scale, form and type of development in ways that reduce car travel.