



Air quality in Dudley matters

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We are lucky here in Dudley because our air quality is very good across almost the entire borough.

However, there are a few locations where we are trying to make improvements and we want to consult with people like you to see how we can work together to make it happen.

Nitrogen dioxide, mainly caused by emissions from road vehicle exhausts, is currently above the recommended level in 15 locations. The level is precautionary and well below that at which even the most sensitive person would be adversely affected.

Unsurprisingly, the highest levels are found in small pockets close to some of the borough's busiest roads. We have produced a draft action plan, suggesting a number of ways that could help to reduce car emissions and nitrogen dioxide levels.

Proposed methods include:

- Local road network improvements
- Looking at how public transport and rail freight capabilities can be improved
- Reducing vehicle emissions by encouraging the uptake of low emission vehicles
- Directing development to appropriate locations and ensuring developments do not cause deterioration in air quality
- Providing education and information by working with schools and others
- Encouraging residents to use other methods of transport apart from the private car

We are consulting with residents on our draft action plan and need your feedback.

You can see the draft consultation and more information online at:

www.dudley.gov.uk/airqualityconsultation





You can request a copy of the draft action plan by writing to:

The air quality team,
Claughton House,
Blowers Green Road,
Dudley,
DY2 8UZ

or **EnviroProtect.DUE@dudley.gov.uk**

Copies of the plan are also available to view at borough libraries and leisure centres and Dudley Council Plus.

In the meantime you can do your bit to improve air quality in your area while saving money by:

- Walking or cycling instead of driving a car
- Using public transport to help reduce traffic congestion
- Car sharing and eco-driving

Please note the consultation closes on **30 November 2010**

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