

Clean air for East Herts

Poor air quality across the country continues to adversely affect people's health at significant public cost. East Herts is a wonderful place to live, work and visit and we must strive to maintain and improve our district for the benefit of all our communities.

There are three AQMAs within the district: Gascoyne Way in Hertford, Hockerill Junction in Bishop's Stortford and London Road in Sawbridgeworth.

Poor air quality

is responsible for an estimated

58 deaths in East Herts

-compared to 0 deaths from traffic collisions in 2016.

98% agree

that air quality is an issue in East Hertfordshire.

(from 2017 residents survey)

East Herts currently monitors **48 locations** across the district.

Our residents priorities include: enhancing existing green spaces, improving traffic flows, promoting the uptake of electric vehicles, increasing the opportunities for active travel, more pedestrian spaces in towns and more.

The district has put together an action plan to tackle the problem head on, including commitments to:

Promote modal shift by making walking and cycling routes more attractive and working with local school children to foster a better understanding of how air pollution can be reduced.



Use funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA, to set up and promote electric vehicle car pools in Hertford and Bishop's Stortford.



Continue to take a leading role in the national Clean Air Day campaign, focusing on anti-idling and modal shift to highlight the opportunities that already exist within the district and neighbouring areas.



Ensure all new developments comply with sustainable development practices.

Work collaboratively with Hertfordshire County Council on sustainable transport solutions.

Council Strategy

