Havering Council's Air Quality Action Plan 2025-30

Overview

Let's Talk About Air Quality in Havering

Clean air matters. It affects everyone—residents, workers, commuters and visitors alike. That's why improving air quality across Havering is a top priority for the Council. While poor air quality is a challenge across London, we've already seen improvements locally thanks to initiatives like the Mayor of London's Low Emission Zone.

Now, we're inviting you to have your say on Havering's updated **Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for 2025–2030**. You can find our plan in the 'related' section below along with a link to our website.

This plan sets out the actions we'll take to tackle air pollution and protect public health. Our focus is on reducing harmful pollutants like **Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2)** and **Particulate Matter (PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$)**—most of which come from road traffic, but also from sources like construction, wood burners, domestic heating and industry.

Since 2006, the entire borough has been designated an **Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)** due to levels of NO_2 and PM_{10}. While we're meeting national targets for PM_{10}, Romford town centre still exceeds the national annual mean objective for NO_2.

This updated AQAP is also subject to review, appraisal and reporting to both the **Greater London Authority (GLA)** and the **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)**.

Please note: Climate change actions are covered in Havering's separate Climate Change Action Plan. This consultation focuses specifically on air pollutants NO_2, PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$. You can find the **Climate Change Action Plan here** *<https://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/file/6573/climate_change_action_plan_2024_to_2027.pdf>* .

Why your views matter

We want to hear from you - your views will help shape a cleaner, healthier Havering.

About you

1 Please tell us your connection with the London Borough of Havering (LBH), and choose all that apply:

Please select all that apply

- ☐ A resident of LBH
- ☐ A worker in LBH
- ☐ A council officer working for LBH
- ☐ An elected Member or Councillor for LBH
- ☐ The owner of a business in LBH
- ☐ On behalf of an organisation in LBH
- ☐ Representing a school in LBH
- ☐ Other

If you answered 'other' please comment below

2 Please tell us your postcode (most relevant to your connection with Havering):

Your understanding of air quality

This section explores your experiences and opinions on air quality issues helping us better understand local concerns and what matters most to you.

3 How important do you feel it is to improve air quality in Havering?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Extremely important
- ◯ Quite important
- ◯ Slightly important
- ◯ Not important at all
- ◯ No opinion

4 How concerned are you about the impacts of poor air quality on health?

	Extremely concerned	Quite concerned	Slightly concerned	Not concerned at all	Unsure
For yourself? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
For your family and/or friends? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

5 Which local sources of air pollution concern you the most?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Aircraft travel and transportation
- ◯ Agricultural sources (fertilisers, livestock etc)
- ◯ Construction and demolition activities
- ◯ Domestic heating (wood-burning stoves, open fires etc)
- ◯ Industrial emissions (factories, power plants etc)
- ◯ Natural sources (e.g. pollen, dust storms)
- ◯ Road traffic (cars, lorries, buses etc)
- ◯ Train travel and transportation
- ◯ Waste burning or incineration
- ◯ Other (please specify)

If you answered 'other' please comment below

6 Have you previously accessed information about air quality from the Havering Air Quality Webpages?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

7 Are you aware of the Council's airTEXT service to inform residents of possible poor air quality?

More information about airTEXT

airTEXT is a free service for the public providing air quality alerts by SMS text message, email and voicemail and 3-day forecasts of air quality, pollen, UV and temperature across Havering and Greater London.

It is an independent service, operated by **Cambridge Environmental Research Consultants (CERC) Ltd** *<https://www.cerc.co.uk/>* in partnership with a Consortium made up of representatives from all the member local authorities, the GLA, Public Health England and the Environment Agency.

(Link will open in a new window).

Please select only one item

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

To sign up, please click here: **airText - sign up to airTEXT alerts** *<https://www.airtext.info/signup>* (opens in a new window).

Feedback on our Air Quality Action Plan 2025-30

8 How effective do you think our proposals are for dealing with PM2.5?

More information about particulate matter PM10 and PM2.5

Click here for more information about **PM10 and PM2.5** *<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/air-quality-statistics/concentrations-of-particulate-matter-pm10-and-pm25>*

Please select only one item

- ◯ Very effective
- ◯ Somewhat effective
- ◯ Not sure
- ◯ Somewhat ineffective
- ◯ Very ineffective

9 Please tell us how effective our proposals will be in:

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not sure	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective
Encouraging the move to electric vehicles across the borough? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Tackling pollutants from construction and development? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Dealing with air quality monitoring and data provision? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Promoting cleaner travel and alternative transport? *Please select only one item*	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

10 To what extent do you agree that the Air Quality Action Plan has identified the areas of work needed to improve Air Quality in the Borough?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Strongly agree
- ◯ Agree
- ◯ Neither agree or disagree
- ◯ Disagree
- ◯ Strongly disagree
- ◯ Don't know

If you disagree please state why:

11 Do you have any further comments about the draft Havering Air Quality Action Plan or suggestions for other practical actions, which could be taken to improve air quality in Havering?

Equalities Monitoring

Please help us further understand the impact of these proposals by answering the following equalities questions.

The information provided will be protected by The Data Protection Act 2018 that ensures the Council and its employees protect the confidentiality of data collected from individuals.

None of the data will be published in such a way that identifies individuals.

For more information on Havering's data privacy please see **here** <*https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20044/council_data_and_spending/139/data_protection/2*> .

12 I am happy to answer equalities questions

(Required)

Please select only one item

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Equalities Monitoring questions

13 How old are you?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18-24
- ◯ 25-34
- ◯ 35-44
- ◯ 45-54
- ◯ 55-64
- ◯ 65-74
- ◯ 75-84
- ◯ 85+
- ◯ Prefer not to say

14 How would you describe your gender identity?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Male
- ◯ Female
- ◯ Non-binary
- ◯ Another description
- ◯ Prefer not to say

Option to self-describe

15 Ethnic origin is not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. It is about the group to which you perceive you belong.

Please select:

Please select only one item

- ◯ White/White British
- ◯ Black/Black British
- ◯ Asian/Asian British
- ◯ Mixed/multiple groups
- ◯ Other ethnic group
- ◯ Prefer not to say

If you answered 'other' please specify below

16 Do you consider yourself to have a disability, impairment or health condition?

Please select only one item

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Prefer not to say

If you have answered 'yes' please tick the box(s) below that best describe your impairment. This information helps us improve access to our services

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Sensory - e.g. mild deafness; partially sighted; blindness
- ☐ Physical - e.g. wheelchair user
- ☐ Mental Illness - e.g. bi-polar disorder; schizophrenia; depression
- ☐ Development or Educational - e.g. autistic spectrum disorders (ASD); dyslexia and dyspraxia, neurodiversity
- ☐ Learning Disability / Condition - e.g. Down's syndrome; Cerebral palsy
- ☐ Long-term Illness / Health Condition - e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, stroke
- ☐ Other

Option to self-describe