

Air Quality Action Plan 2026-2030 - Consultation Survey Questions

Section 1: Your general views on air quality

This section will ask you about your general views on air quality in Hackney.

Q1. Are you a:

- Resident
- Business
- Visitor to Hackney
- Person who works in Hackney
- Other

If Other, please specify below:

Q2. How important is air quality to you?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Fairly unimportant
- Not important at all

Q3. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Hackney Council's current approach to managing air quality?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

Q4. There are many sources of air pollution in Hackney. Which of the following sources of emissions do you think Hackney should prioritise in managing? Select up to three.

- Road traffic
- Construction sites
- Wood and coal burning
- Gas boilers and heating systems
- Mobile generators (e.g. events, filming)
- Commercial cooking (e.g. charcoal cooking and deep frying)

- Industrial premises
- Bonfires and fireworks
- Waterways (canals and rivers)
- Other (please specify)

If Other, please specify below:

Section 2: Limits and targets

UK regulations set limits and targets for air quality. This means that the amount of pollution in the air should be below a certain level.

The World Health Organization (WHO) also sets limits and targets, based **solely** on the evidence of effects to health. These are known as 'guideline values'. There are also 'interim targets', which are levels that are higher than the guideline values, but are associated with decreasing risks to health.

Hackney is proposing to adopt targets for levels of air pollution that are stricter than those set out in UK regulations. These are based on interim targets set by the World Health Organization (WHO). We have selected these as a challenging but realistic target based on current levels of air pollution in Hackney.

Hackney is proposing to adopt targets for the following pollutants to be met by 2030 across the borough. These are based on the 'annual mean concentration', which is the average level of the pollutant in the air across the whole year:

- NO₂: 30 µg/m³ (2nd interim target)
- PM₁₀: 20 µg/m³ (4th interim target)
- PM_{2.5}: 10 µg/m³ (4th interim target)

For the daily average and 1-hour average limits and targets, we are proposing to keep those that are in UK regulations.

This section will ask you about your opinion on these targets.

There is more information about UK and WHO limits and targets in Section 2 of the draft AQAP.

Q5. Do you think adopting stricter targets will be effective in improving air quality?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the targets we have chosen?

- Strongly agree
- Agree

- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure

Q7. If you wish, you can provide further details on why you have chosen your answers.

[Free text box]

Section 3: Themes of the AQAP

Hackney's draft AQAP 2026-2030 is organised into eight themes. This helps us to organise our action plan by focusing on specific pollution sources and the types of activities we will undertake to improve air quality. You can view these themes below.

We would like to understand your opinion on the themes we have included in the draft AQAP.

<p>Air quality monitoring and statutory duties</p> <p>Hackney has an extensive air quality monitoring network, which we use to assess progress on our actions and compliance with our adopted targets and core statutory duties.</p>	<p>Planning and construction</p> <p>Emissions from construction make up almost half of all PM₁₀ emissions in Hackney. We will continue to regulate construction activity and reduce emissions associated with development through the planning system</p>
<p>Buildings, heating and solid fuel</p> <p>We will support the adoption of clean heating technologies, raise awareness of the impact of smoke from wood and coal burning and work with the sector to manage emissions from commercial cooking.</p>	<p>Cleaner transport</p> <p>Despite improvements, road traffic continues to be a major source of air pollution in Hackney. We will prioritise walking, cycling and other sustainable transport options to continue driving down emissions from traffic and transport in the borough, including those from deliveries and freight. We will also lead by example and continue reducing emissions from the Council's own vehicles.</p>
<p>Schools, communities and the local environment</p> <p>We will take action to improve air quality and reduce exposure where people are most vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution, such as around schools and healthcare settings. We will also address specific emissions sources that affect our local communities, such as in our parks, green spaces and town centres.</p>	<p>Public health and awareness raising</p> <p>We will continue to work with our healthcare partners to raise awareness of the health impacts of air pollution and encourage behaviour change to reduce individuals' exposure to poor air quality.</p>
<p>Advocacy and partnership working</p> <p>We will work with and influence other organisations to reduce emissions outside</p>	<p>Indoor air quality</p> <p>We will support work to raise awareness of indoor air quality to reduce the health</p>

of our control and coordinate regional and national work to improve air quality.	impacts of exposure to indoor air pollution.
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Q8. Please select three themes that are the most important to you in improving air quality:

- Air quality monitoring and statutory duties
- Planning and construction
- Buildings, heating and solid fuel
- Cleaner transport
- Schools, communities and the local environment
- Public health and awareness raising
- Advocacy and partnership working
- Indoor air quality

Section 4: Priorities of the AQAP

We have also identified top 10 priorities in the draft AQAP. These are the main actions that we believe will deliver the most significant improvements to air quality within our control. We will work to deliver on these as a priority over the course of the AQAP, which will run from 2026-2030.

This section will ask your opinion on our choice of priorities.

Q9. Consider our top 10 priorities. To what extent do you support or oppose the following?

1. Work towards achieving the 2021 WHO guideline values for NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}, setting a realistic pathway to reduce levels in line with the interim targets
2. Clean up construction sites through the planning system, including carrying out compliance checks of the Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM) emissions standards
3. Reduce emissions from solid fuel (wood and coal) burning, working to raise awareness of the health effects of wood burning and enforcing the Smoke Control Order
4. Support the continued reduction in traffic across Hackney's roads and assess the air quality impacts of traffic and transport schemes
5. Tackle engine idling through increased campaigns and encourage behaviour change
6. Invest in walking, cycling and sustainable transport infrastructure to support travel mode shift and support businesses to adopt lower emissions deliveries and freight, such as through the Zero Emissions Network
7. Work to improve air quality on our waterways, engaging with communities to reduce the impacts on health and working with local people on ways to reduce emissions on the borough's canals and rivers
8. Implement measures around schools, nurseries and healthcare settings to reduce the exposure of the most vulnerable people to high levels of air pollution

9. Work closely with public health and healthcare colleagues to improve knowledge of the health effects of air pollution exposure, and increase the accessibility of information on local air quality
10. Provide information on improving air quality indoors and work within our own buildings to reduce the production of indoor air pollutants

- Strongly support
- Support
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Not sure

Section 5: Other comments

We anticipate that some people responding to this consultation will have more in-depth views on the draft AQAP 2026-2030, and would like to provide a more detailed response.

Q10. If you wish to provide a more in-depth response, or have any other comments, please do so in the box below.

[Free text box]

Section 6: About you...

This information will help us to understand our service users and residents, allowing us to establish if the response to the questionnaire is representative of the borough. All information is used under the strict controls of the 1998 Data Protection Act and the 2016 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

This information is **optional** and will not be used in a way that identifies you.

Q11. Gender: Are you...

- Male
- Female
- Non Binary
- Another term
- Prefer not to say

If you prefer to use your own term please provide this here:

Q12. Are you transgender or do you have a history of being transgender?

- Yes
- No

Prefer not to say

Q13. Age: what is your age group?

- Under 16
- 16-17
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85+

Q14. Disability: Under the Equality Act you are disabled if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes
- No

Q15. Caring responsibilities: A carer is someone who spends a significant proportion of their time providing unpaid support to a family member, partner or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or substance misuse problems. Do you regularly provide unpaid support caring for someone?

- Yes
- No

Q16. Ethnicity: Are you...

- Asian or Asian British
- White or White British
- Black or Black British
- Mixed background
- Other ethnic group

Other (please state if you wish):

Q17. Religion or belief: Are you or do you have...

- Atheist/no religious belief
- Christian
- Muslim

- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Secular beliefs
- Charedi
- Jewish
- Sikh

Other (please state if you wish):

Q18. Sexual orientation: Are you...

- Heterosexual
- Bisexual
- Gay man
- Lesbian or Gay woman
- Pansexual
- Asexual
- Queer
- All other sexual orientations
- Prefer not to say

Other (please state if you wish):

Q19. Housing tenure: Which of the following best describes the ownership of your home?

- Being bought on a mortgage
- Owned outright
- Rented (Local Authority/Council)
- Rented (Housing Association/Trust)
- Rented (private)
- Shared ownership (part rent/part buy)
- Don't know