

MINISTERIAL FOREWORD

Local environmental quality – the ‘Cleaner, Safer, Greener’ agenda – matters to the people we serve, whether as political representatives or service managers, a fact repeatedly confirmed by countless opinion surveys.

This is why the Government, in the Sustainable Development Strategy 2005, committed to provide better joined up information on the local environment, where it matters to the public – namely, where they live.

This report is a realisation of that commitment, a commitment not only to see that councils have the best management information available to them to build on improvements to the quality of the local environment, but also for residents to judge for themselves an individual council’s performance.

Since 2001, the Government has commissioned ENCAMS to undertake the annual Local Environmental Quality Survey of England (LEQSE), to provide Defra with relevant and reliable information on the state of the local environment. We use this information to develop policies, direct support to councils and to allocate priorities for action on the basis of actual evidence.

To help take improvements further, in April 2006 I asked ENCAMS to undertake not only the national LEQSE, but also to increase the size of the survey so that we could provide every English council with its own individual report (this being your council’s) between 2007 and 2008.

As you will see, like the LEQSE, this report provides a detailed picture of how your council is performing on a range of local environmental quality issues, including: litter, detritus, graffiti, fly-posting, condition of highways and street furniture, right down to the condition and management of your bin stock.

However, this report isn’t just a snapshot assessment of your council’s performance, it is more than that. This report allows you to compare your performance with national and regional benchmarks, it provides you with detailed management information about which problems are greatest, where they are worst, who or what are causing them, and how they can best be overcome. All information to help you improve services still further so that your council, along with the government, is better placed to respond to the demands of the people that we serve, and to help us deliver the truly cleaner, safer, greener places that we aspire to.

I do hope that your council benefits from this report, and along with the support package that is being offered by ENCAMS it helps you realise improvements where needed, so that we can continue to report to the public on improvements to the quality of the local environment. After all, by publishing this report, along with those of other councils, on the Directgov website (www.direct.gov.uk) the public will rightly be able to judge our performance themselves.

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	As Areas	Primary Retail/Commercial	Secondary Retail/Commercial	Transport Infrastructure	High Density Housing	Low Density Social Housing	Low Density Private Housing	Industry/Working Retail Sheds	Main Roads	Rural Roads	Other Highways	Public Open Spaces	Walkways
Cleansing Standards													
Litter	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Detritus	Unsatisfactory	Good	Unsatisfactory	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Good	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good
Leaf Fall	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Cleansing Related													
Weed Growth	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Staining	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Plytipping	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Waste Placed Out	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Good
Plyposting	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Graffiti	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Highway Infrastructure													
Paved Areas Obstruction	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Paved Obstruction No Upland	Poor	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
Channel Obstruction	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Paved Areas Condition	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Channel Condition	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Carriageway Condition	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Road Marking Condition	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Vehicle Flows	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Pedestrian Flows	Good	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Street Furniture													
Posts & Poles	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory
Public Signs	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Other Street Furniture	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Buildings & Boundary Structures	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Litter Bins													
Cleanliness	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Poor	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Condition	Unsatisfactory	Good	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Degree of Fill	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Bus Stops Etc.													
Litter	Good	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Condition	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Good	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Staining	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Plyposting	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Graffiti	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Landscaping													
Litter	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Maintenance	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory



Footnote: Please see section 1.1.7 in relation to Interpreting data at a land use level.