

## CALNE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Report to Calne Area Board

14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Purpose of the Report:**

To ask the area board:

- 1. To review and accept the following Calne Air Quality Management Group Action Plan covering the period to the end of 2019.**
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# Calne Community Area Air Quality Management Group ACTION PLAN 2018/19



The Calne Air Quality Management Area was declared in 2015 in response to increased levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) recorded at specific locations.

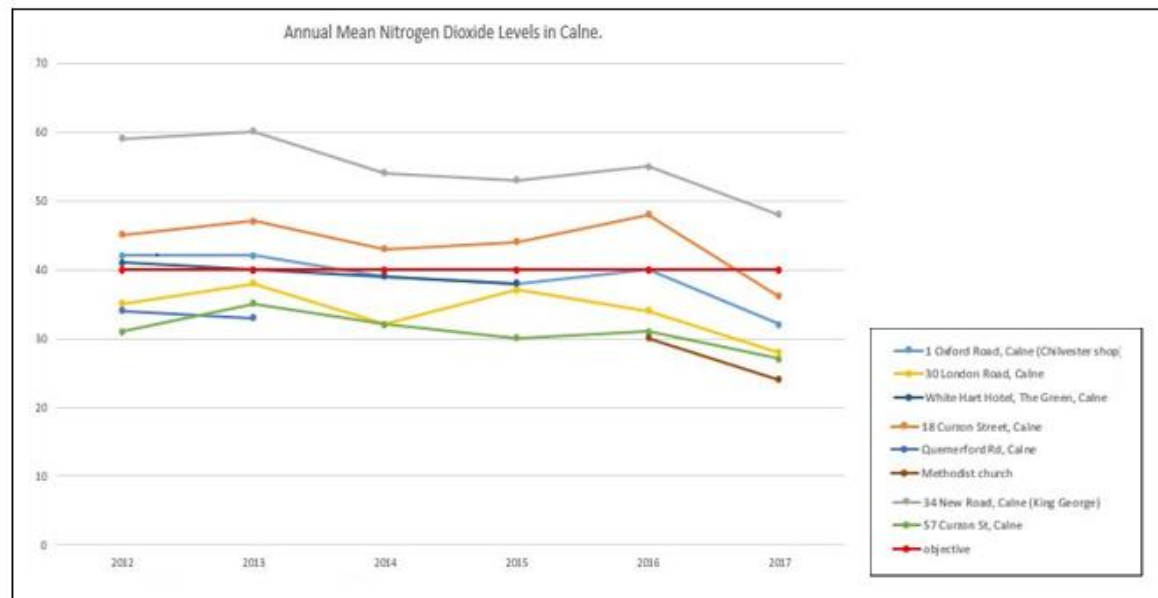
In developing its local Action Plan, the Calne Air Quality Management Group recognised that polluting gas Nitrogen Dioxide is emitted by engines burning fossil fuels.

Initially there were three points where NO<sub>2</sub> levels exceeded government limits and the group understood that these exceedences were due to motor vehicles.

Therefore, the top priority for the group has been to reduce the number of motor vehicles, especially HGVs, which pass through the Calne Air Quality Management Area wherever possible.

## National quality assurance factors for 2017.

Ongoing assessment of the 3 locations has shown reductions in these levels and the most recent statistics show only one location in Calne was recorded above the objective in 2017. (New Road, Calne)



The Air Quality Management group recognises the positive trend suggested by the 2017 statistics.

It is hoped that the future of the group will be defined by the continued improvement of air quality. If levels remain low or lower consistently over the course of the next few years it is hoped DEFRA may consider it appropriate to rescind the AQMA.

The action plan for 2018/19 continues to focus attention on actions that will improve the flow of traffic through the Air Quality Management Area, encourage local people to reduce the use of private cars and to reduce the current impact of pollution.

The following table shows the priorities for action identified by the working group (highlighted in green) and those action points currently identified and/or acted upon.

The action plan will be updated at each group meeting and will be reported to each area board along with any recommendations for local decision making.

The Area Board will be asked to review and report progress made implementing their action plan on an annual basis.

<b>Priority 1: Seek to reduce the number of motor vehicles that pass through the Calne AQMA.</b>			
<b>Projects/actions</b>	<b>Progress, Milestones, Comments</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Assess/Review classification of the A4 through Calne.	Calne Our Place, Calne Town Council and Calne Without Parish Council is working with Wiltshire Highways dept. and Atkins to develop a Community Transport Strategy for Calne, this is being discussed as part of that work.	John Boaler & Anne Henshaw	
Clarify the criteria required for the A4 as an alternative route to the M4.		John Boaler & Anne Henshaw	
Appoint traffic survey to assess future impact of Hills cross site link road.	Proposed link road within the Hills site may take significant numbers of lorries away from the AQMA Application heard at planning committee April 2018. Baseline data required to measure the future impact of this work. (pollution levels and traffic volume).  Section 106 money is available to address Air Quality (£10k 'for the provision of air quality management in Calne' linked to development at Marden Farm – N/12/04038). 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018 - It was confirmed this was to be used for air quality and not other pollution and can be accessed to appoint a	Alan Hill, Public Health and Highways officers.	

		traffic survey in the New Road area adjacent to the A4 and the A3102.		
<b>Priority 2. To consider traffic flow regarding road safety and air pollution through the Calne Air Quality Management Area</b>				
<b>Projects/actions</b>		<b>Progress, Milestones, Comments</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Budget</b>
To request other Area Board working groups; s106 WG, CATG, Safety Forum, Town Development and Planning and Calne Community Transport Strategy group should be asked to ensure that planning of future schemes should always consider air quality /traffic flow issues.		Make a request to s106 working group and CATG	Alan Hill	
		Make request at Calne TD&P and Calne Community Safety Forum.	Mark Edwards	
		Make request at Calne Community Transport Strategy group.	Anne Henshaw/ John Boaler	
<b>Priority 3. Promote awareness of the issue in Calne community area.</b>				
<b>Projects/actions</b>		<b>Progress, Milestones, Comments</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Budget</b>
'Love Calne, love clean air'	Promote tree planting schemes with branded boards.	Phase 1 and 2 of tree planting scheme completed.	AQWG Chair and CEM	
		Funding to be sought for phase 3, High Street planters.	All	
		Funding to be sought for promotional boards alongside trees.	All	
	Hold an Air Quality Themed Area Board meeting in 2018/19.		Alan Hill, Ian Thorn and CEM	
	Use brand identity in future campaigns.	Acquire branded banners for use during community engagement activities.	AQWG Chair and CEM	
	Work with Calne Our Place to discuss future action.	Invite representatives of Calne Our Place to attend a future meeting.	Anne Henshaw	

<b>4. Promote Clean Vehicle Use in the Community Area</b>			
<b>Projects/actions</b>	<b>Progress, Milestones, Comments</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Provision of Electric Vehicle Recharging Points in the Town.	<p>Proposal to provide an initial EV point in the Heritage Car Park.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council had put a hold on future implementation, but if an organisation wanted to implement projects locally, Wiltshire Council may support in principal, on condition management /maintenance arrangements were in place.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018: Area Board had provided support towards the implementation of units and Town Council is in discussions about funding connection of the units.</p> <p>Town Council in discussions to arrange for a licence and identify a supplier.</p>	John Boaler/ Mark Edwards/ Calne Town Council.	
Encourage sustainable transport from all new estates.	<p>Extensions to bus routes linked to the Tesco's development have been introduced.</p> <p>3/10/18 – concerns expressed about links to the Marden Farm Development.</p> <p>Hopes to work with Calne Community Transport to run an additional project alongside the Tesco's bus to cover the Abberd Way Area and the Curzon Park Area.</p>		
<b>5. Promote walking for local journeys to School/work</b>			
<b>Projects/actions</b>	<b>Progress, Milestones, Comments</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Encourage School Transport Plans	<p>Investigate, which schools need to update their plans – it was understood this would include JBS and Holy Trinity Academy</p> <p>Explore a roll out in Calne of the 'Home Run' app, which had been piloted in some Air Quality Management Areas in the County. This app encourages schools to develop transport plans and parents to consider alternatives to school journeys by car.</p> <p>3/10/18 Changes had been made to the Home Run app system.</p>	Anne Henshaw	

	The group wanted to arrange an update from Ruth Durrant, an update from Cllr Trotman relating to the s106 working group and a discussion with John Bentley School to try and encourage attempts to increase walking to school.		
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**6. Encouraging/enabling cycling in the Calne community area.**

Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead	Budget
	Bike and Hike Family and young people cycle events.	Calne Area Transport had suggested this action was deferred until 2019, awaiting development of the Area Board Section 106 group work on safer cycling/walking networks.  Calne Area Transport has been replaced by the Transport Strategy working group and the Calne Our Place Project. It was planned that an invite to C.O.P would result in a representative attending a future meeting to discuss this action.	Anne Henshaw	
		S106 working group is working to develop cycle routes/dual use paths across the town to encourage cycling.  A Rec cycle path is due to be developed in the near future.	S106 working group	

**7. Encouraging/enabling walking in the Calne community area**

Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead	Budget
	Encourage local guided walks for leisure.	Calne Environmental Network guided walks during the Summer Festival. Potential to identify further dates for new walks linked to other events.	Sue Wallace	
		Get Wiltshire Walking group ongoing popular weekly activity.	Volunteers and Wilts Council	
	Enhance the local area to make walking more attractive	Support the 'Calne Clean-up Crew' to map the local area for 'grot spots' – This group is currently actively engaging community volunteers in litter picks around the Town.	AQWG/Calne Town Council/Calne Area Board	
	Wordfest Trail	Support and input into a new walking/literacy project planned along similar lines to the former, successful 'Beat the Street' project.	AQWG Chair/Calne Area Board	

8. Tree Planting Schemes in the Calne Air Quality Management Area				
Projects/actions		Progress, Milestones, Comments	Action Lead	Budget
	Plant Silver Birch trees in the AQMA	1st Phase completed April 2016 – Calne Town Gardens – reported in Gazette and Herald, Twitter, Facebook and OCM. Funded by Area Board Feb 2015		
		2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of planting had been completed in vicinity of New Road/Silver Street.		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase for the High Street	'City Tree' scheme was investigated but dismissed on grounds of cost. A further scheme was required.		

This plan has been created for review by the Calne Area Board on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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