

Air Quality Management Group report – Cllr McGrath

The Air Quality Management Group met in April to finalise the new Air Quality Action Plan below. The new plan streamlines and makes tangible the priorities outlined in the previous plan. The plan is divided into four themes:

- i. Low emissions
- ii. Modal shift
- iii. Tree planting strategy
- iv. Air quality measurement

The new Action Plan focuses on short to mid-term deliverables that the AQMG can achieve without dependency on stakeholders (although their input will still be required). The group will take this Action Plan forwards over the coming weeks by working with local schools to develop School Travel Plans and investigating the possibility of No Idling zones in Salisbury city centre, amongst other actions.

Salisbury Air Quality Management Action Plan			
Theme	Goals	Actions/milestones	AQ hotspot affected (if applicable)
Low emissions	Achieve noticeable improvements to air quality in identified pollution hotspots in Salisbury	Organise meeting with John Glen MP/Cllr Mark McClelland/SWR on feasibility of reopening Salisbury station's northern entrance	South Western Road
	Acquire data on traffic flow/vehicle type into city centre (defined as area inside Ring Road) to feed into other campaigns (e.g. No Idling)	Investigate funding options for traffic flow survey to be completed	Salisbury ('city centre')
	No idling in Salisbury city centre and near schools	Organise meeting with Paul Shaddock to discuss options Contact Salisbury Reds to assess feasibility of no idling of buses on congested roads in city centre (e.g. Blue Boar Row, New Canal)	City centre, London Road, Wilton Road
Modal shift	Review School Travel Plans through engagement with WC and local school governors	Contact Ruth Durrant at WC to begin review of School Travel Plans (focusing firstly on Laverstock schools and primary schools in western Salisbury) Engage with school governors at Laverstock schools to encourage consideration of walking buses from London Road P&R/no idling for waiting parents	N/a

	Develop and implement a Salisbury Travel Demand Management (TDM) Plan	Engage with WC in drawing up a Travel Demand Management Plan for Salisbury as outlined in the Government's Active Travel Local Authority Toolkit	N/a
	Increased bike storage in Salisbury	Organise meeting with Paul Shaddock to discuss CATG/LHFIG progress on funding bike shelters in Salisbury. Contact Old George Mall to assess possibility of bike storage in Pepys Walk	City centre
	Improved footways/byways in Salisbury to encourage walking	Work with CATG/LHFIGS and Byways team to explore ways to improve footway/byway quality	N/a
Tree/planting strategy	Improve tree planting (and planting generally) in areas of Salisbury where air quality is worst	SCC Tree Strategy due September 2022 Liaise with Marc Read once completed to input air quality data into decision-making on tree planting (where possible)	N/a
	Explore rewilding near congested routes to encourage biodiversity and promote better air quality	Contact National Highways on possibility of transferring responsibility of some A36 roundabouts to SCC re green space maintenance	N/a
Air quality measurement	Adopt PM2.5 measurement in Salisbury as an additional dataset to assess air quality	Work with Citizen Scientists to install PM2.5 measurement equipment across the city centre and poor air quality areas (e.g. London Road, Wilton Road) Contact Gary Tomsett to see if data can be linked into air quality data collected by WC	City centre, London Road, Wilton Road