

AIR QUALITY

Across the Liverpool City Region, 11 Air Quality Management Areas have been designated where pollution from nitrogen dioxide exceeds European standards. Across the city region, the main source of nitrogen dioxide pollution is traffic and transport (i.e. from petrol and diesel engines). Evidence by government and other bodies shows that short-term exposure to high levels of air pollution can cause a range of adverse health effects including worsening of asthma, effects on lung function, increases in hospital admissions and mortality.

What we are doing about it

- The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority is establishing an Air Quality Task Force to support the local authorities and other key agencies in their collective efforts to tackle the problem
- The combined authority and Merseytravel are working with bus companies to invest in clean bus technologies. We are also investing in a new fleet of electric Merseyrail trains which will transform our local rail network
- Liverpool City Council and the NHS have developed a public awareness website and campaign with useful information. Visit <https://letscleartheairliverpool.co.uk>

What you can do about it

- The key is making sensible travel choices - walking, cycling and using public transport whenever you can for short trips; travelling by foot or by bike is usually quicker and much cheaper
- When walking, reduce your exposure to poor air quality, by avoiding busy roads and stick to quieter streets wherever possible
- Switch off your car or van engine when stopped or parked
- Check Year of the Environment activities / events calendar to get more involved

