



The Environment Audit Committee (EAC) reported that 30,000 people in the UK died prematurely from air pollution in 2008.

Like other central London boroughs, Hackney is exceeding air quality limit targets, and as a deprived area, residents suffer a greater proportion of related illness. The Hackney Air Quality Action Plan is addressing this through the following strategies:

#### 1. Hackney Transport Strategy (2015 – 2025)

Much of the air pollution in Hackney results from road traffic. Local and wider sustainable transport initiatives aim to address this. The strategy aims to further enhance walking, cycling and public transport provision in the borough, which already includes a rail network, the London Overground and regular bus services. Parking permits are charged at different rates based on vehicle emission, and the council have installed nearly 300 electric charging points to encourage the use to electric cars.

#### 2. New Developments

Developers must ensure that building work and new developments don't add to poor air quality in the borough and that the health of future occupiers is protected. The draft local plan states that all new developments must be car-free, with parking limited to disabled spaces or essential servicing needs.

#### 3. Schools / Monitoring

Hackney council monitor air quality at over 50 schools and nurseries, using the data to mitigate air pollution by providing funding for green walls at schools. Streets outside schools are closed at opening and closing times to reduce air pollution and to help children walk and cycle to school – there are aims to implement 17 School Streets by 2021.

#### 4. Planting

The borough is planting over 30,000 new trees, including 5,000 street trees, by 2022, which absorb and block harmful pollutants.

“ We’ve got more radical action planned to tackle poor air quality - including rolling out green screens to primary schools, launching a public cargo bike hire scheme, and radically expanding our tree planting programme - because we’re determined to tackle the public health crisis of our generation. ”

- CLLR JON BURKE, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENERGY, WASTE, TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC REALM



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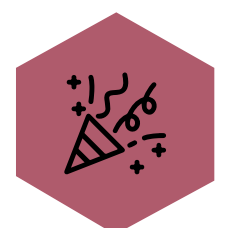
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WALKING & CYCLING



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