



Air Quality in Iver

AQAP update



Background

- In 2017 new monitoring locations in Iver measured concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide above the permitted annual average of $40\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$.
- To comply with the Environment Act 1995, an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) was declared on 1st August 2018.
- Following the declaration of an AQMA, local authorities are legally obliged to develop an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP).
- The original timeline was between 2020 and 2025. However as a consequence of a number of issues, such as delay in potential sources of s106 funding or funding becoming no longer available, an extension is likely to be needed.
- The Action plan is going through the approval process and will be with CMT before the end of March.

Air Quality Monitoring Sensors

Defra grant funding was received to purchase and trial Air Quality Sensors. Four Vaisala sensors have now been installed in Iver. They are located as follows:

- Lighting column outside Iver Village Junior School
- Lighting column on the corner of Thorney Lane North and Iver High Street
- Lighting column outside the Tower Arms
- Lighting column on North Road to the West of Old Slade Lane



Five praxis cubes have now been delivered and they will be mainly located within the Iver Parish area.

All monitoring data can be viewed on https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/?la_id=315

Air Quality Action Plan Assessment

- In March 2020 the Council received a £52,000 grant from Defra to carry out an assessment of the current measures in the plan.
- The purpose was to ensure that the package of air quality actions outlined offered the greatest chance of achieving compliance with the air quality objective for NO₂ in the shortest possible time.

Air Quality Grant 2020/21

- Working with Global Action Plan (GAP) and local business engagement groups, Buckinghamshire Council (BC) will lead a campaign to accelerate the mode shift to electric vehicles and e-bikes in Buckinghamshire
- 30 large employers will receive tailored, high quality, and independent support to implement actions to increase EV and e-bikes in their own operations and to encourage and enable 10,000 of their staff (including staff on low to middle income brackets) to buy or lease EVs and e-bikes taking advantage of attractive incentives on offer
- Results to be released by mid March.

Next steps

- Publish the Air Quality Action Plan and accompanying feasibility report.
- Work with partners to deliver the measures outlined in the Air Quality Action Plan
- Continue to request s106 funding and apply for grants.