

Active Measures from NHC Air Quality Action Plan to carry forward with the Air Quality Strategy

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3	Engage with & promote school travel plans in Hitchin schools	Promoting Travel Alternatives	School Travel Plans	2019	2024	Hertfordshire County Council	LA internally financed	NO	Partially Funded	< £10k	Ongoing. Road safety Officers promote Mode shift Stars travel plans and road safety initiatives across the County. Active promotion of: Walk to school week; Park & Stride and anti-idling. Modeshift accreditation take place 3 times a year;	Reduction in private car journeys to school & associated reduction in vehicle emissions	Number of schools with updated Travel Plans & proactively engaging with travel planning	Ashwell – Good Travel Plan accreditation – expires December 2025 Codicote – Good Travel Plan accreditation – resubmitted for Renewal Hillshott Infants – Good Travel Plan accreditation – resubmitted for Renewal Knebworth Primary – Good Travel Plan accreditation – resubmitted for Renewal Offley Primary – Good Travel Plan accreditation – expires December 2025 Pixmore Junior – Approved Travel Plan accreditation – resubmitted for Renewal St Thomas More Primary – Good Travel Plan accreditation – expired December 2024, not renewed by school William Ransom Primary – Good Travel Plan accreditation – expires December 2025 Wymondley JMI – Good Travel Plan accreditation – Expired but reapplied submission for Good Travel Plan Kimpton Primary - applied submission for Good Travel Plan Mary Exton JMI - applied submission for Good Travel Plan Samuel Lucas - applied submission for Approved Travel Plan Purwell Primary - applied submission for Approved Travel Plan Ickleford Primary – Not engaged Icknield Infant – Withdrew
4	Promotion of walking & cycling for commuting in North Hertfordshire	Promoting Travel Alternatives	Promotion of walking and cycling	2019	LCWIP was adopted in 2023.	NHDC & HCC	Active Travel England, developer contributions	NO	Not Funded	£>150m	Awaiting funding for delivery	Reduced emissions due to modal shift	Number and percentage of trips made by active travel	Some work is ongoing to develop LCWIP schemes into detailed plans.
6	Increasing/ improving publicly available re-charging for on-street EV	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Procuring alternative refuelling infrastructure	Planned 2020-21	2032	NHDC & HCC	OZEV (LEVI) and chargepoint operators	NO	Not Funded	~£700k	Procurement	Reductions in emissions due to take up of ULEVs	LEVI grant received. Preparing to procure county-wide suppliers.	Ongoing procurement
7	Increasing private availability of recharging infrastructure for Electric Vehicles	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Procuring alternative refuelling infrastructure	2018 onwards	2032	North Hertfordshire Planning Department	Developers	NO	Active	~£500 per dwelling	Required for all new dwellings	Reductions in emissions due to take up of ULEVs	Number of EV dwellings in NHD with EV chargepoints	Ongoing
8	Dedicated parking bays for EVs at charging points	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Priority parking for LEV's	Ongoing	2032	NHDC	NHDC	NO	See action 5	See action 5	Integral to action 5	Reductions in emissions due to take up of ULEVs	See action 5	See action 5

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9	NHDC fleet review diesel to low emission vehicles	Promoting Low Emission Transport	Company Vehicle Procurement - Prioritising uptake of low emission vehicles	2019 and ongoing	2022 (ULEVs)	North Hertfordshire District Council	NHDC	NO	Partially covered by reduced fuel costs, remainder subject to annual budget growth bids	£10-£20K	Implementation	Reductions in emissions due to take up of ULEVs	Numbers of ULEV as part of Council Fleet	In accordance with the Council's 2019 resolution, continue replacing all future operational vehicles leased or purchased by the council with ULEV or zero emission vehicles until the last non-ULEV vehicle leases expire, and encouraging key contractors to adopt similar measures
13	Engage with Herts CC on development of LTP4 & Local Growth & Transport Plan	Traffic Management	Strategic highway improvements, Re-prioritising Road space away from cars, including Access management, Selective vehicle priority, bus priority, high vehicle occupancy lane	2017	2022	North Hertfordshire Environmental Protection Team via Hertfordshire County Council	LTP = 2018/19 & GTP = 2019	No	Via LTP/GTP	Not defined	Fifteen packages of schemes and projects, concerning areas in North Central Hertfordshire, were identified in GTP implementation paper May 2022	Not defined	Not defined	Consultation responses have strengthened presence of Air Quality as an issue and the importance of mitigation and benefits of specific projects including some relevant to Hitchin in the LTP. North Central Hertfordshire area GTP was adopted
15	Workplace & School based car sharing including consideration of preferential parking	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Car & lift sharing schemes	2019	Ongoing	North Hertfordshire Environmental Protection with Hertfordshire County Council Travel Planning Team	Not defined	No	Not defined	Not defined	Informal car share for schools. Workplace and Residential Carshare promoted in Travel Plan Guidance	Not defined	Engagement by schools and businesses	<p>Schools encouraged to consider promotion of car sharing between parents/carers where practicable. Linked directly to Measure 3</p> <p>Car Share data is captured on Modeshift STARS travel plans in the pupil and staff hands up surveys. School Promotes Car Sharing is also Air Quality Initiative on the Modeshift STARS travel plan, Initiative Code AQ1. Although we do not promote any official car sharing, we encourage schools to promote informal arrangements with their staff, parents and carers.</p> <p>Car share figures for the school travel plans:</p> <p>Ashwell Primary – 1 pupil – 1 staff Codicote Primary – 9 pupils Hillshott Infants – 6 pupils Knebworth Primary – 2 pupils Offley Primary – 9 pupils Pixmore Junior – 1 pupil - 1 staff William Ransom Primary – 9 pupils – 1 staff Wymondley JMI – 2 staff</p>
16	Car clubs for new developments	Alternatives to private vehicle use	Car & lift sharing schemes	2018	Not defined	North Hertfordshire Environmental Protection with Hertfordshire County Council Travel Planning Team	Developer contributions from Planning Conditions	No	Not defined	Not defined	Ongoing	Not defined	<p>Prevalence of car clubs in North Herts & number of Travel Plans with Car Clubs specified by condition</p> <p>Provision of a club car now a standard requirement on larger developments.</p>	<p>Standard conditions available & supported by Local Plan Policy & guidance document. Planning permissions being granted with Travel Plans in place</p> <p>No active sites in Hitchin for business and residential travel plans, therefore no data available.</p>
17	Participate in National Clean Air Day	Public Information	Via the Internet	Ongoing annual event	Ongoing	Hertfordshire County Council and North Hertfordshire District Council. In partnership with Schools' Air Quality Monitoring for Health and Education (SAMHE)	Funded by Herts and Beds air Quality Group of Local Authorities	No	Ongoing	Not defined	Focus on public engagement through Lets Clear the Air	Not defined	Schools receive air purifiers and monitors across Herts. Over 8,000 children to benefit from state of the art air purifiers installed in over 30 primary schools	Countywide Let's clear the air campaign

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18	Air Pollution Alert Notification System	Public Information	Air Pollution Alert	2018	Ongoing	North Hertfordshire DC, other Herts local authorities & Herts County Council Public Health	LAs in Herts, HCC, Public Health	No	Ongoing	Set-up cost £1122.73 annual cost £113.64	Ongoing	Not defined	Number of participants in scheme. 116 signed up	AQ alert launched 2019. Consideration of future projects to increase uptake with communications campaign. Local Authority Data - Air Quality monitoring service
19	Reducing emissions from public transport	Vehicle Fleet Efficiency	Enhanced Partnership Plan Objectives: Prioritising bus and coach services in traffic Upgrading Infrastructure Integration of the bus network Smarter use of data and information	No progress	None	North Hertfordshire District Council & Herts CC & bus companies	Not defined	No	Not defined	Not defined	Intalink Partnership adopted in April 2023	NO2 reduction of 0.009g/km per Euro 5 bus	Hertfordshire is introducing low-emission buses through a £198 million grant from the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) scheme , which also funds the new electric buses on the University of Hertfordshire campus operated by Uno . Hertfordshire County Council is partnering with the Department for Transport and Uno to improve air quality and provide a quieter travel experience with these zero-emission vehicles.	Intalink Enhanced Partnership between HCC, Districts and public transport operators, managed by HCC https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/highways/transport-planning/local-transport-plan-live/intalink-enhanced-partnership-plan-and-scheme-feb-2020.pdf
20	Engage with schools to raise awareness of air pollution	Public Information	Other	2020 onwards	Ongoing	North Hertfordshire in liaison with Herts CC Active & Safer Travel Team	Not defined	No	Not defined	Not defined	Ongoing	Not defined	Number of schools in Hitchin utilising the Air Pollution teaching toolkit	3 schools joined Anti – Idling Campaign. 3 schools taken part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. 12 registered for our Walk to School Behaviour Change Campaigns : Anti – Idling Campaign: – no Hitchin or North Herts schools participated Sustrans The Big Walk and Wheel : Codicote Primary - Hitchin Highbury Infants - Hitchin Highover JMI - Hitchin Hillshott Infants Knebworth Primary Offley Primary - Hitchin Our Lady's Catholic Primary - Hitchin St Mary's Junior Mixed, Baldock Studlands Rise First The Grange Academy William Ransom Primary - Hitchin Wymondley JMI - Hitchin Walk to School Week & Clean Air Day: Cockernhoe Primary Codicote Primary - Hitchin Hartsfield JMI Highbury Infant - Hitchin Hillshott Infant Kimpton Primary - Hitchin Mary Exton JMI - Hitchin Northfield Infant Norton St Nicholas Primary Offley Primary - Hitchin Purwell Primary - Hitchin Roman Way Academy Sandon JMI St Pauls Walden Primary - Hitchin St Thomas More Primary Studlands Rise First Tannery Drift Weston Primary - Hitchin Wilbury Junior Wymondley JMI - Hitchin Week and Clean Air Day campaigns,

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21	Local Plan Policy and Air Quality Planning Guidance Document	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Air Quality Planning and Policy Guidance	Delivered 2018	2018	North Hertfordshire's Environmental Protection and Planning Teams	NHDC	No	Completed	Not defined	Completed, in active use	Not defined	Recommendations for developers to include EV charging	Ongoing. It is actively used for all relevant planning applications
22	Herts & Beds Air Quality Forum including Public Health, Transport Planners & Development Control representation	Policy Guidance and Development Control	Regional Groups Co-ordinating programmes to develop Area wide Strategies to reduce emissions and improve air quality	Ongoing	Ongoing	Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Local Authorities	NHDC	No	Ongoing from local budgets	Not defined	Ongoing	Not defined	County-wide initiatives and joint working on bids and projects	Active & well-established Forum, regular meetings.