

Bearsden Air Quality Action Plan

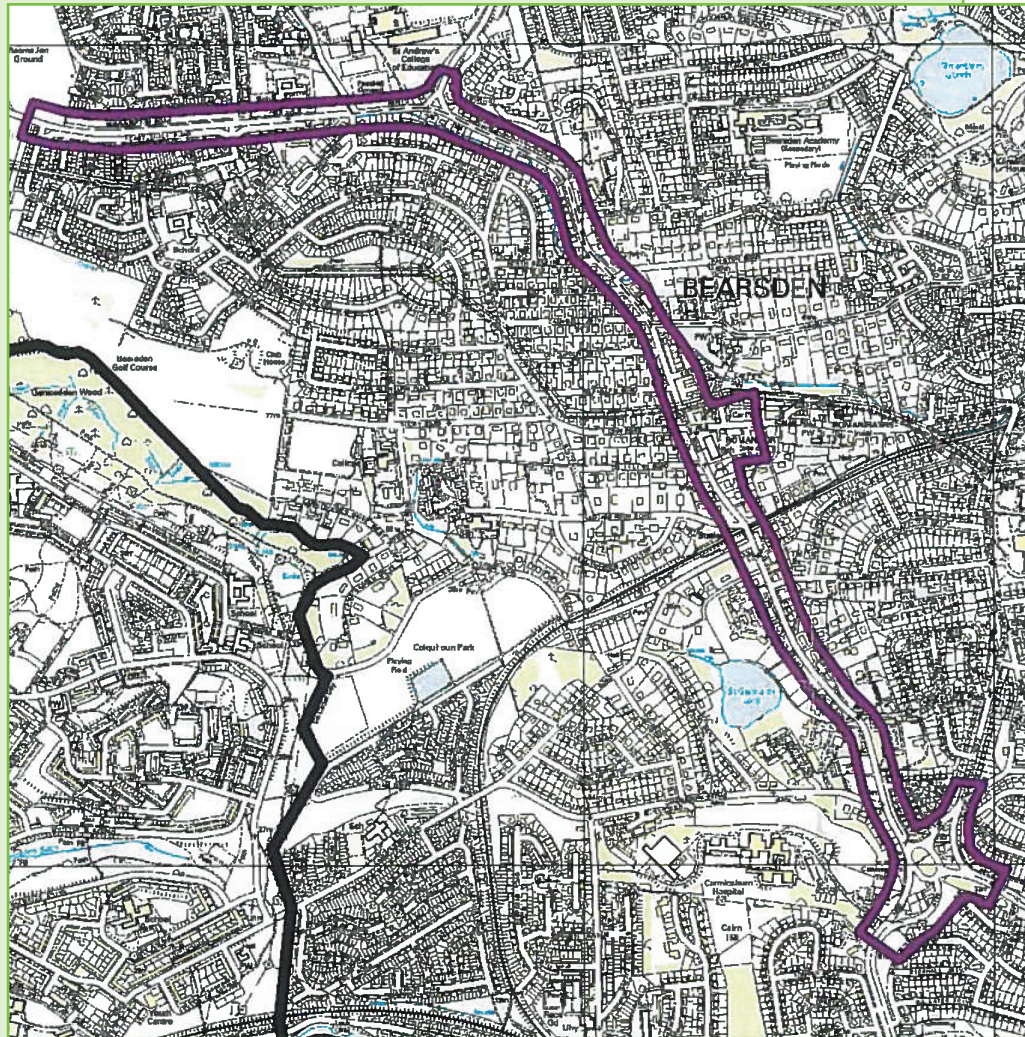
East Dunbartonshire Council is looking for your comments on its draft Bearsden Air Quality Action Plan

East Dunbartonshire Council continuously monitors air quality within its boundaries. Investigation in the Bearsden area confirmed that air quality objectives would not be met along the A809 Drymen Road/A810 Duntocher Road corridor within Bearsden and around the Bearsden Cross area close to Roman Road. In 2011, an area of Bearsden was declared an air quality management area. (AQMA)

Road traffic emissions appear to be the main contributor and, in particular, emissions from queuing traffic of all vehicle classes and emissions from cars. A reduction in both the queuing of traffic and the volume of traffic within the AQMA would help improve air quality, however, it isn't easy to make these things better.

To help improve air quality, a draft Bearsden Air Quality Action Plan has been produced with an initial list of 29 measures which should help improve air quality.

East Dunbartonshire Council would appreciate contributions and comments from residents and businesses in the Bearsden area.



Your feedback

Your comments would be much appreciated and responses should be forwarded to environmental.health@eastdunbarton.gov.uk Once all of the comments and responses have been analysed, an amended Plan will be published, taking into account appropriate comments. There will be workshops and community events to follow when, again, participation by residents and local businesses will be encouraged.

The list of proposed measures covers such things as:

- Installation of intelligent traffic management systems could reduce traffic congestion. Air quality issues are linked to congestion as slow moving, stop-start traffic generates more pollution than free-flowing traffic
- Additional yellow lines near schools and hotspots
- East Dunbartonshire Council will investigate options available for making use of more electric/hybrid vehicles as part of the Council fleet
- Increase number of charge points across the East Dunbartonshire Council area. Introduce an environmental fleet recognition scheme
- Continue to carry out awareness-raising campaigns to highlight the increase in emissions of exhaust pollutants and greenhouse gases due to inefficient combustion during engine idling
- Update all school travel plans where appropriate-ensuring sustainable travel options are presented
- Raise awareness in schools by involving pupils in science projects, art competitions and planting days. Undertake planting schemes within or adjacent to Bearsden AQMA
- Continue joint working with local communities and residents in joint effort to improve health and address health inequalities.

This is just an example of some of the measures in the Plan. To read the Plan in full, please go to www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/council/consultations/draft-bearsden-air-quality-action-plan