Local Air Quality Management v. Climate Change

	Local Air Quality	Climate Change
Limit / Target	40ug/m ³ NO2	Zero carbon by 2030
Extent of effect	20-30m	Global
Measurement	Monitoring	Calculated emissions
Management	Local, with national guidance / legislation	National, with local action
Solution	Very similar: Fewer private cars, fewer diesels, more cycling, walking and public transport. Cleaner energy production and reduced consumption at home and work.	

Air Quality Management Area Revision 2020

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What we are required to do - the law

Law: Environment Act 1995 says we have to assess a range of pollutants, all have a limit. Some are fairly unusual, and only arise from specific industries, others occur all over the country in varying quantities.

In Cheltenham the only one of concern is NO_2 , but

Particulates are also of increasing note.

 NO_2 derives almost entirely from traffic, particularly diesel vehicles.

Measured using NOx tubes at 29 locations around the town and AQ station at St. George's St.

Particulates come from a wider range of sources, measured by mesh pods – not close to (current) limits.

9 Mesh pods at key points around town.

History of previous AQMAs

- 2008 Bath Rd / High Street
- 2011 Borough-wide AQMA. Why? Integrated 5 failure areas. Single over-arching plan. Avoids displacing problem from one area to the next.
- What has that achieved?

Some up to date results – measured against these limits:

Pollutant	Annual Average	Short-term Limit
NO ₂	40ug/m³	200ug/m ³ , measured over 1 hr, not to be exceeded more than 18x per year
PM10	40ug/m³	200ug/m ³ , measured over 24 hrs, not to be exceeded more than 35x per year

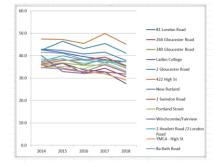
2019 Results



Monitoring Locations



Longer term graph shows slow change



Process now:

- Outline approved by DEFRA in 2018/19 reports.
- Detailed Assessment completed.
- Confirms need to re-define AQMA.
- Will revoke existing Whole Borough AQMA.
- Simultaneously declare new, smaller AQMA.

New AQMA

- Will cover a "sausage".
- From Gloucester Rd / Tewkesbury Rd, Poole Way, Swindon Rd to St.George's Street.
- Will include all properties with a façade onto the roads.
- 29 Commercial, 79 Residential
- 120 Residents (approx)

New AQMA



Follow up:

- New AQ Action Plan.
- Outline ideas: Stagecoach, Royal Mail, Works to traffic lights already in pipeline.
- Depends on GCC involvement GCC £1M fund for Climate Change Action.
- Will have to be implemented not optional.
- Considerable overlap with CBC Climate Emergency (back to slide 1).