

<b>General Measures. Please use the box below to comment on any of these measures. Do you feel that there are any measures missing which could be included to improve air quality across the district?</b>
Plant more trees
I know that bus services have been cut from my area of town and idont imagine this is the only part of Banbury to be affected. We need to invest in good local transport services
In Banbury would be good to have adequate cycle lanes, more trees or shrubbery to counter the pollutants, relief road to enable vehicles exiting the motorway to be drawn away from the areas mentioned in the report.
Is air pollution from business premises and potential business premises included
Hennef Way to the M40 junction is a real bottleneck and can only get worse with more businesses moving into the trading estates
no
A lot of traffic on the roads in general is caused by parents taking their children to school. The impact of this is evident at school holiday times. I firmly believe the number of cars on the road would be greatly reduced if affordable public transport was available for all schools including primary schools.
encourage staff to walk/cycle/car share/use public transport. Such encouragement could be to pay travel allowances inversely proportionate to emmissions. charge for car parking at offices, promote alternatives to individual cars. lobby for change in emmissions based taxation to take account of high polluting hybrids that can only do 20 miles on electric motor. offer reduced parking/free charging for genuine electric vehicles. improve cycle routes to avoid slow, winding routes. look to make areas traffic free. build cycle/foot bridge over railway to offer uncongested alternative to the two existing traffic clogged roads. convert old railway route between Brackley and Banbury into a footpath/cycleway route to encourage emission free travel between two centres + general health benefits from more active population.
Explore mitigation measures to address the impact of air quality
Encourage the planting of more trees and hedgerows - increase the viability of open spaces to provide a green lung to new developments
The biggest problem must be the volume of traffic at peak periods and older vehicles with higher levels of NO2 emission. Town growth must increase this problem over the next five years.
Every major development should me made to include EV charging points (how come Sainsbury's have 2 but a later Tesco development have none) this should be included in the local plan as a matter of urgency. It should really be stipulated that a minimum of 10% of the parking spaces have charge points. Milton Keynes offers free parking for EV drivers - this attracts people to own them. Without measures like these they town will just get worse. The planning for the north west should be changed so that chargers should be mandatory at all new builds (not just "provision for charges" as it currently is)
Increase bus use, and provide increase cycle network. Low emission buses
Direct action needs to be taken immediately. Reduce the number of buses entering Bicester Re open North Street to Banbury Roa, this will help to spread the pollution in a wider area area and dilute it. Impose speed restrictions in the area, Say 20 mph Stop giving any more planning permissions that increase traffic in Central Bicester. Etc,etc.
N//a
CDC promised cycle paths around Bicester. They have not delivered on this promise bar a few isolated stretches. CDC paid for a consultants report which recommended banning HGVs from the centre of Bicester. CDC have ignored this report. CDC proposed car sharing scheme despite OCC having had one for years. The problem in Bicester will only improve if the traffic through town is routed on new roads on the periphery of the town and stopping any more housing/warehouse developments.

<p>This is too late for Bicester, there have been too many developments without thinking through the consequences for the air quality in Bicester. I live on Kings End in Bicester - it's a conservation area, it also has a signpost on it disallowing any vehicle over 7.5 tonnes except for access. 1 this road is access Sainsbury's but so is Launton Road. Little use is being made of the ring road by huge trucks and cars alike. This could have improved the air quality in Bicester but now the damage is done. Many are probably just following their SatNavs without realising they are going to sit in a huge traffic jam rather than drive round the ring road at 50 miles per hour. Surely the council have a duty of care to the buildings in the conservation area as well as the owners of the properties.</p>
<p>How about building a ring road around Bicester that works now, let alone when the 10000s of new houses are built. Then maybe the quickest route won't be directly through the middle of the town. The road plan is currently flawed! Why go the longer, slower route around the failing ringroad?</p>
<p>Reduce amount of traffic travelling to and from and across Bicester. Close down Bicester village. Reduce amount of housing - Bicester is due 100% in number of homes with an antiquated traffic system that current plans do not address</p>
<p>Stop traffic into and around Bicester Village.</p>
<p>Stop cars using villages as "rat runs"</p>
<p>Re-assess any recent changes in road layout that may have had a detrimental affect on air quality.</p>
<p>Seem ok. How about funding the buses so people don't have to drive everywhere. how about doing something about all the traffic caused by bicester village which adds to the bad air quality in that area, a bypass for lorries, park and ride for bicester village located out of town.</p>
<p>I live near AQMA no 2 but I have not noticed poor air quality when I have walked near Banbury Cross because of wide pavements, plenty of trees and generally a pleasant environment. The area I am surprised is not covered by an AQMA is along the A4620, its crossing with Bridge Street, and then along Bridge Street itself where it crosses the railway. I walked along this route for years taking my children to school and the combination of heavy traffic, often stationery because of congestion or pedestrians crossing, make it one of the most polluted-feeling walks in Banbury. Hundreds of school children cross the bridge both ways every day as it links Grimsbury with routes to the secondary schools. I think this area is the one that needs priority.</p>
<p>1, the buses are all diesel and pump out lots of pollution, make the electric.</p>
<p>Nothing to add</p>
<p>Pro actively prevent further AQMAs arising, such as Ardley, where the M40 junction, incinerator fumes and lorries delivering to the tip and incinerator may tip it over the edge.</p>
<p>I agree with vehicles that will help increase air quality but I feel you're placing your efforts in the wrong area. It is half term this week and that amount of traffic on the roads in these areas and indeed everywhere is DRAMATICALLY reduced. I personally feel encouraging more lift sharing and the return or schools buses would greatly benefit air quality in general. I'm sure everyone can agree that one child per car is not environmentally friendly.</p>
<p>Local master plans all include significant elements that encourage the increase and growth of motor vehicle pollution in these areas e.g. increased housing, more local roads, more out of town shopping offering large scale car parking, large distribution developments (more large lorries). Doubtful whether mitigating plans/ideas will counter this or whether requirements for development will be enforced. Nothing about actually reducing the volume of polluting activity i.e. vehicles and encouraging/increasing non or less-polluting alternatives e.g walking, cycling, rail,</p>
<p>reduce the increased traffic flow going to the new railway station by creating access from the A34 to the station.</p>
<p>Exclusion of all HGVs from B430 Weston on the Green</p>
<p>Low emission vehicles sound nice but the emissions that it takes to create and charge them exceed that of conventional vehicles. Battery powered vehicles only change the location that the emissions come from. Removing some of the impediments to traffic flow might help clear the problems.</p>

better public transport as living in a village with non-existent buses it is impossible to get anywhere without a car or motor bike. Cycling is not an option with small children. Also why not have a school bus system like in America as if all children were picked up by bus it would cut down dramatically the amount of vehicles on the road, not to mention the CO<sub>2</sub> coming out of parked cars outside schools

Measures missing are charging points in Banbury to encourage electric vehicle. Require usable and safe cycle lanes. Relief road required to take vehicles exiting the motorway from using Banbury town centre as a through road.

Considering points two to four above, I would like to know why a Waitrose was granted planning permission within and around the Hennef Way/Southam Road areas both of which are highlighted as needing to reduce the poor air quality. How is a large supermarket and subsequent additional car park 'neutral'? Surely the extra few hundred cars per day visiting the new supermarket will be adding more emissions to the area you're actually trying to reduce them? As it is in between both sites and not necessarily a 'target' the extra traffic will use either or both areas at risk to access an already traffic congested roadway.

I would like to know how considering points two, three, and four that a Waitrose was granted planning permission on that stretch of road (Southam Rd). Surely an additional supermarket and its carpark would bring great traffic and emissions which would only add to the impact of poorer air quality, and is not 'neutral'. How was this passed considering the above points?

Stop the growth of rapeseed in the fields. It has dreadful effects for asthma/hay fever sufferers.

**AQMA No.1 - Hennef Way. Please use the box below to comment on any of these measures. Do you feel that there are any measures missing which could be included to improve air quality in this AQMA?**

free bus between town centre and both retail parks to reduce cars travelling between the retail parks and the town. The M40 junction park and ride wouldn't be used by those living south side of Banbury.

As stated previously, we need investment in local transport to make it both user friendly and affordable

Park and ride would be good, but would have to be developed so that customer is not taken from the town centre. Employee lift scheme may work if businesses run 9-5 shifts. Home working would be better. Canal towpaths would have to be made safer, railways provide good parking facilities unfortunately the car park causes congestion feeding into the air quality which you are trying to improve. vegetation I have already mentioned, a cheaper and more flexible transport system may encourage more use. I suggest large wind turbines to disburse the pollutants and provide energy.

Schools should be encouraged/mandated to have a "walking bus" initiative whereby parents sign upto a walking group that delivers their children to school safely, rather than clog up streets with their dreadful/irresponsible parking.. Would it be possible to liaise with Head Teachers?

no

I agree with these measures and personally would be happy to work from home as I live 20 miles away. I am glad that school traffic is being taken into account, rather than just businesses. Car sharing for both is a great idea.

Reduce the speed limit on Hennef Way and consider relocating the pelican crossing/installing a footbridge.

Vegetation wall might be a could idea but in some areas has been found to prohibit the dispersal of airborne pollutants and increase pollutant concentrations.

greater promotion of walking buses for school age children

Need to improve the canal towpath for cycle traffic from the Track roundabout to the footbridge over the canal towards the Hansel Fields roundabout.

Better cycle route avoiding road

1, lots.as mentioned before, copy other towns or cities .

N//a

I live in Bicester

This is naive, you will not get people out of their cars.

Promote Bicester park and ride more

None of this will have any affect on the issue as it relates to Bicester.

These are all fine but I think a big issue relating to this AQMA will be goods traffic. Are there no measures to deal with this?

Increase business rates, so those that the more employees you have that drive to work in petrol/diesel cars the higher business rates you pay

Nothing comes to mind.

Prevent stationary traffic building up at the roundabouts - consider traffic lights or other measures.

As mentioned previously, it's not the businesses you need to target. I travel during rush hour and there is no issue at all when the schools are on holidays....

Very good.

I would very much like to see school buses, as the drop in the amount of traffic during half term is huge.

The vegetation wall is a great idea and works well. Park and rid service would be great but it needs to reduce the cost that drivers would pay at in town parking otherwise folks would not use it.

I think all new houses with gardens should have to have tree/s in their garden to offset the co2 the houses and extra vehicles coming from them as the area gets progressively more built up. Also why aren't all houses and new office blocks not as standard fitted with solar panels or similar as this should be mandatory.

See previous page.

A second entry onto the retail park is essential. The traffic build up at peak times on the roundabout can only be exacerbating the emissions to the area, where as a separate entrance/exit point front eh Tesco car park on Southam Road would ease the flow of traffic and thus lower emissions. Recently traffic was backed up on the retail park and surrounding roads for several hours.

**AQMA No.2 Banbury - Please use the box below to comment on any of these measures. Do you feel that there are any measures missing which could be included to improve air quality in this AQMA?**

Living in a village but travelling to Banbury is very expensive by bus, cheaper to drive or get a taxi if one way journey for 2 adults.

Additional relief road from the motorway to take away traffic trying to get to the outskirts at the other end of town. Subsidised parking for vehicles used for car sharing.

Any initiative needs to be frequent and easy to use and delivered from the service user point of view rather than the non-user's perspective

no

Reduce the speed limit and consider alternative routing of through traffic

loan bikes at park and ride sites and easy access to safe cycling and walking routes from perimeter car parks

Probably insufficient to deal with the increase in traffic volumes created by the growth of the town.

Better off road cycle network, especially around the train station, Middleton road.

Reduce the number of vehicles with road calming measures

N//a

I live in Bicester

1 all very laudable but will people give up using their cars?

Can we have some measures aimed at safe cycling? And again, why are there no measures connected with goods traffic?

Have one day a week when the town is closed to all petrol/diesel driven traffic

Nothing comes to mind regarding the AQMA. However, I think a Park and Ride service could have some attraction perhaps on a weekend between the M40 and Banbury town centre linked to the retail park bus service.

Increase parking charges to deter cars.

Same as before. A school park and ride may help if it's located outside of Banbury and then children are brought in by bus.

Very good

Create a local area lift share scheme along the lines of BlaBlaCar.

Including a park and ride in the area of Bodicote would be helpful too.

see previous as this applies to all areas suggested

Where would the park and ride be set up ? also I do not think a park and would be used much. Previous scheme run at Christmas proved to be low usage. If more thought went into cycle paths it may encourage greater use, even pioneering a 'Boris type bike scheme'

Personally, I think the pedestrian crossings are all too close together. There is a crossing on all four junctions of the cross, then a hundred yards further up on Horse Fair there is another, another mini one a hundred yards further up and then on the corner of North Bar there is the traffic lights and crossings (the Three Pigeons). While as a business owner I want pedestrians to come into town, surely all of these crossings in such a short space will mean cars are just sitting there with their engines running up to three times in a matter of a few hundred yards. All the time the traffic is waiting, the emissions are building.

<b>AQMA No.3 Kidlington - Please use the box below to comment on any of these measures. Do you feel that there are any measures missing which could be included to improve air quality in this AQMA?</b>
No new comments to be made on the above only that cycling appears to be ignored.
Can't comment as don't have any experience of Kidlington
no
Consider alternative junction arrangements to prevent / reduce the impact of queuing traffic
N\A
N//a
I live in Bicester
1 the train'a great, and I'm looking forward to being able to get the train to Oxford again. Thank you Chiltern Rail. There are some people who you will not for to use public transport. Others don't give it a second thought and would definitely use it. Maybe exorbitant parking charges like in Oxford would do it?!
Using rail is fair enough but how do people then complete their journeys; no-one will walk anymore and bus services are being cut to shreds
1. Introduction of separate designated cycle lanes. 2. Upgrade A34 to eliminate traffic queueing and the knock on effect of using the area as a rat run. 3. Better phasing of traffic lights at junction of Bicester Road and A41 to reduce traffic queueing. 4. Parking restrictions on Bicester Road as parking slows down traffic. 5. Better phasing of traffic lights at junction of Bicester Road and Oxford Road to reduce traffic queueing. 6. Promote switching off engines at traffic lights. 7. Use smart traffic lights that operate according to traffic queueing.
I know the canal area is little used in Kidlington and I suggest the tow path route to Oxford could be opened up to cyclists and perhaps small motorcycles. Keep them off the busy roads into Oxford and make use of an unloved facility.
Cycle lanes on main north-south route
Same as before
Make park and ride parking free
Slip road from the A34 giving direct access to the park and ride and new railway station, keeping traffic away from Bicester Road. Reduced speed (from 40 to 30) to slow traffic and 'put people off' using it as a through road to the railway station. Introduce resident parking in layby and around the close to prevent people coming and parking by the houses instead of using the park and ride.
Removing roughly half of the traffic lights on the Oxford road would reduce the time that vehicles are idling in traffic. One direction travel roads within the city centre would also limit idling time.
see previous as this applies here to
Do not live in Kidlington, unable to comment.

<b>AQMA No.4 Bicester - Please use the box below to comment on any of these measures. Do you feel that there are any measures missing which could be included to improve air quality in this AQMA?</b>
Bring back catchment areas for schools to avoid pupils having to travel miles to attend school. I notice the decrease in traffic when pupils on holiday, perhaps there is a quick fix here ?
Can't comment as don't use Bicester
no
Implement the proposals for the central corridor route set out in the Bicester Sustainable Transport Strategy.
N\A
Again - incourage EV take up by free parking and charge points in council car parks
Consider positive ways to reduce traffic, either travelling to/from Bicester Village or through traffic going to/from Tescos on A41 and/or going towards/away Junction 9 on the M40. Sheer weight of traffic would seem to be the cause of pollution in this Management Area.
More effort should be made to reduce the 'school run' vehicles going to/from Bicester Community College, twice a day. Travel to/from Oxford should be promoted using Bicester Village station when the service through to the main station in Oxford starts in December 2016.
Build an integrated and joined up cycling network in Bicester.
N//a
A circular bus network from 6am-10pm. A proper ring road to take traffic away from Queens Avenue No further expansion of Bicester Village Cancel planning permission for warehousing developments.
Please just stop the lorries! They should not be thundering past the old houses on Kings End, the Causeway and Church Street.
Park and ride is pointless where it is. Should have been built by M40 with decent access and exits. Lack of planning - it's obvious Bicester will expand so the park and ride will end up in the middle of the town eventually! Stop cancelling bus services. Fix the ring road. it's half done, and not good enough for today's traffic, let alone when the "eco"town is built. These people are going to have cars you know!
Once again how do people continue on with their journeys if going by rail? They will NOT walk to final destination which puts the kibosh on your active travel plans
1. Implement separate designated cycle lanes. 2. Eliminate traffic into Bicester Village, which causes huge traffic queues. Make access to Bicester Village by Park and Ride buses only. 3. Use smart traffic lights that operate according to traffic queueing. 5. Implement a proper and complete ring road around Bicester. 6. Stop messing around with so called hamburger roundabouts that do not work and just cause months of traffic misery in construction and waste of public money. 7. Use some common sense before allowing new business access to existing roads e.g. appalling and dangerous placement of Tesco access. 8. Move Tesco access to Bicester Avenue access point so traffic lights can be eliminated at the present Tesco entrance.
Organise buses to serve Bicester Village station.
Work with bus companies to reinstate the routes that have recently been lost. Look at the changes that have been made to the road layout in the last few years, and assess whether these need to be changed back to what worked in the first place. Have a proper independent assessment of the road layout around Bicester Village and the effect this has on traffic travelling south along Queens Avenue.
Bring back the local bus services to Langford and Bure Park and other areas where they have been stopped and charge more for car parks so that more people will use them.
Prioritise developing land for jobs before more housing in order to create local opportunities that stop people having to commute. Bicester has an appalling lack of quality employers, meaning a large percentage (majority?) of workers have to travel. For my own journey, to Aylesbury, there is no viable public transport option given I can do the journey in 30 mins by car.
Bicester seems to be well served with travel options
Cycle lanes and electric car charging points. Increase the cost of parking
Same as before



Vehicle low emission zone, particularly for buses and HGVs (the latter which traverse the area despite the weight restriction)
Banning al HGVs from driving through centre of Bicester. Any deliveries enter via London Road only.
School journey times are very busy in this area, this is important topic to look at, especially considering most people are local and shouldn't need cars. Include investigate ways to control volume of traffic through stated area, especially vehicles with generally higher emissions (lorries, busses etc...) can through traffic be directed to other routes?
The use of banbury and Buckingham roads as through roads causes lots of traffic on a daily basis. This is regular Bicester traffic, school traffic and Bicester Village traffic. We live on field street and see it every day. We feel more should be made if the ring roads. Discourage traffic from using these roads as quick through roads by adding measures which would make the ring road a more time efficient route?
Air quality in Weston on the Green / A34/M40 is extremely poor and steps must be taken to improve this.
I have no comment.
So air quality is below acceptable levels in the defined management area, but you are not interested in the the adjacent areas which must be feeding low quality air into the area, why ? Why did you permit the incinerator so close to Bicester and upwind, what contamination is that spewing over Bicester, similarly what contamination is the energy plant on the so called ECO town throwing out ? If as you seem are only blaming motor vehicles you could speed up the flow of traffic by having synchronised pelican or toucan crossings instead of giving priority to pedestrians particularly at school throw out times. You could dispense with the inane chicanes on Banbury Rd and Buckingham Rd as the do not serve any purpose apart from producing more pollution by slowing down the traffic. Of course the ultimate answer would be to build a proper dual carriageway ring road which any sensible Council would have done.
see previous as answer applies here too
Do live in Bicester, unable to comment.
Stop the growth of rapeseed in the fields. It plays havoc for hay fever/asthma sufferers. Lorries to only deliver during the night. To cut down on exhaust fumes during the day.

<b>After considering the actions proposed and your comments so far, are there any actions that you are planning to personally take to improve air quality in Cherwell?</b>
Find a job away from Banbury
I have invested in a hybrid car to reduce my emissions as I can't use public transport for my journey to work
reduce single occupancy use of car
carry on cycling to work and try to avoid peak times when I need car.
Encourage through traffic to use alternative routes and reduce speed limits in town centres. Investigate possible mitigation measures such as a green wall on Hennef Way
I walk and cycle when I can.
Personally we have already invested in one electric car and are considering a second.
Regularly publish air quality data
There is little I can do as where I live is close to this area, and I can't always avoid travelling through it.
I will pressure councillors.
No
Sack the CDC member Tony Illot for failing to act on his portfolio. Tie all developments into a single plan which balances transport and air quality.
Again, kept the huge trucks to the ring road and Launton Road. The old houses are being ruined, the once beautiful roads of quant old houses are now unbearably busy.
Move?
No. That is the responsibility of CDC.
Promote bus and rail travel. Buses to some villages have ceased recently which has meant more people having to use cars.
I am keen to move out of Bicester because of traffic and air quality issues.
I presume you mean in Cherwell District. My children both walk to school and I work from home and use the train to travel to occasional meetings. I would like us to use bicycles more locally but I do not consider it safe on the road to do so.
I walk almost everywhere.
Travel into and out of urban areas outside of rush hour to avoid queuing traffic in and around town
Considering an electric car
I would love to use public transport to get to work but it just isn't available to me.
Driving less. Not using Banbury Gateway shopping centre. reducing the number of visits to town and shopping centres by car.
Move to somewhere that's taking it seriously? I already make most local journeys (up to 30 minutes walk) on foot
walking a lot more!
walk everywhere and use more public transport . might get a bike
I live in the centre of Bicester and we only own one vehicle. We only use the car for work or large shopping trips. Otherwise we tend to walk in and around town and my husband takes the train to work.
Change from diesel to petrol vehicle if there is any financial incentive
I am unable to do so due to the fact that I already ride share in with a co-worker, that co-worker uses their personal vehicle for Cherwell business and that there is no public transportation options connecting Buckingham and Banbury.
1 to move out of the area to one controlled by a Council who can control their planning applications sensibly
We will replace our diesel car with a petrol car when the lease expires.
Keep on cycling wherever possible, or walk.

<b>If you have any further comments on this consultation, please feel free to give them below.</b>
shared green travel plans could be revisited and re-launched.
Easier to identify problems rather than solutions, so I don't envy you the task, but I do think that the welcome growth of Banbury etc will make this a major problem for the future, as air pollution of the industrial kind used to be. Investment in buses, cycle routes and relief roads will be needed at some point. Also car sharing for school runs as well as peak hour commuters - need to work with schools on that.
The chicane on the Buckingham road near Coopers Green increases pollution by making vehicles wait, often for a minute or more with engines running and then accelerate away through the gears thereby using far more fuel than if they were able to flow through at a steady 30mph. I live near there and also see many close calls where impatient drivers try to get through against oncoming traffic.
This has been going on for over 10 years. When will the government take Cherwell Council to court. When are the EU going to support air quality improvements in Bicester. When are central UK government going to do something?.
No
Sack all Bicester Councillors for failing to represent the needs of their constituents.
This has been too long coming and is too late for Bicester. I fear the damage is done and you councillors have ruined our town. Shame on you.
No doubt nothing sensible will actually be done as usual, except allowing Bicester Village and Tesco and other developers to do what they want, without thinking about the consequences.
It's good we are having this survey. However I am surprised at the emphasis on car travel rather than large lorries (on the one hand) and promoting cycling (on the other). Perhaps if this is for strategic reasons then at some stage it could be explained. Many thanks.
All the proposed actions will not reduce the air pollution, the traffic in Banbury is appalling. Only really radical measures will make a difference.
Nothing to add
Put children back onto buses and we'll all be better off
We do feel the park and ride should be promoted much more across Bicester and much sooner on the signs on the routes into town - ring roads and A41 from motorway junction. Is this service cheap enough to encourage users? We also think the lack of proper well signposted cycle lanes and busy traffic encourages people to cycle in the pavements which has become a daily hazard of walking to station or around town.
Nothing comes to mind.
I think more grants should be given to provide affordable solar panels/heat pumps etc. The green deal previously being run was rubbish. We would love to get rid of our oil fired central heating but as we live in a village without gas there are little options available. We have already insulated our windows and roof however encourage reduced parking charges for electric vehicles, introduce electric charging points. Please consult cyclists before introducing any further cycling initiatives, previous attempt was very poorly thought out and implemented.