

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 1 in the name of Councillor Fletcher to be seconded by Councillor Maines	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
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Class	Part 1	Date: November 27 2013

The Council notes with concern statistics released on 3rd September 2013 which placed Lewisham as the 12th worst borough affected by air pollution. Air pollution is exceeding the legal limit on 88% of Lewisham's roads, and this exceeds the average for the city, which is 78%.

The Council notes that nitrogen dioxide contributes to respiratory problems, particularly with regards to aggravating asthma and causing problems such as colds, flu and bronchitis. Children with asthma are particularly put at risk by these levels of pollution. Emergency hospital admissions in Lewisham for asthma for those aged under 19 are significantly higher than the UK average.

Council therefore agrees to examine carefully which roads are the worst affected and take action to remedy this. Once target roads have been identified the following actions need to be considered to bring down pollution:

- a) Encouraging cycling and providing facilities on these roads, such as cycle lanes, which make cycling both safer and easier
- b) Encouraging children local to their school to walk rather than take a bus or be driven by parents
- c) Encouraging residents not to use their cars for short trips but instead to walk
- d) Planting greenery at the sides of these roads to combat the pollution levels