

London Cycling Campaign response to Westminster Air Quality Action Plan

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<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/air-pollution>

About the London Cycling Campaign

London Cycling Campaign (LCC) is a charity with more than 20,000 supporters of whom over 11,000 are fully paid-up members. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in Greater London; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

This response was developed with input from LCC's borough groups.

General comments on this scheme:

- We fully support and echo the more detailed comments regarding the plan submitted by our borough group, Westminster Cyclists, as well as the Westminster Healthy Streets group.
- Specifically, we share their concern that despite the clear link the plan and associated materials makes between emissions from motor traffic, and indeed the acknowledgement that switching to electric vehicles will not alone sufficiently deal with pollution (and inactivity, congestion, collisions, climate change etc.), the plan currently has very little proposed other than to accelerate switch to electric vehicles.
- As per other responses, the plan should include clear and measurable targets on air pollution level reduction, motor traffic (including electric vehicle) reduction, parking provision reduction. And with those, a suitable plan of actions to reach these targets including measures to enable far more cycling and more walking such as low traffic neighbourhoods, motor traffic restrictions, School Streets, a high-quality cycle route network including cycle tracks, wider pavements, changes to junctions etc.