

Air Quality Management Area(Market Hill)
Technical Group
Draft Terms of reference

Maldon District Council declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) along a section of Market Hill Maldon, on 11 December 2018. A requirement of this process is to develop an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and submit this to the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). This Technical Group has been brought together as part of the AQMP development to carry out the functional work required to research, model, develop and consult upon the AQMP. It will provide updates to the Members' Panel on a monthly basis ahead of provision of the draft and final AQMP. Due to the development of a Member's Panel to facilitate Member input and scrutiny, the Technical Group is an Officer Group and will not therefore have Member representation on it.

Membership:

The group will comprise of (all MDC unless otherwise specified):

Senior Specialist (Community)
 Lead Specialist (Community)
 Specialist (Local Plan)
 Director of Customers and Community
 Chelmsford City Council Scientific Services Officer (contracted for AQMP work) – Tim Savage
 Essex County Council Senior Transportation and Infrastructure Planner – Katie Pudney

Purpose:

To develop an air quality management plan (AQMP) for Market Hill for Member Approval in response to the AQMA declaration. To achieve this, the Technical Group will:

1. Meet at a frequency appropriate for the development of the plan.
2. Provide to the Members' Panel a monthly briefing note detailing the work of the group and any updates towards the development of the AQMP.
3. Initiate/instruct appropriate modelling to enable accurate assessment of the existing air quality on Market Hill and to apportion the contribution of various sources to that air quality.
4. To identify and discuss potential measures for inclusion in the AQMP.
5. To initiate/instruct modelling of measures that are seriously under consideration for inclusion in the AQMP so as to demonstrate the potential improvement that such measures could achieve.
6. To discuss the potential acceptability/capability of implementation of measures under consideration.
7. To discuss and develop information suitable for keeping residents and other parties involved during the process.
8. To identify when the public consultation on the draft plan is appropriate and how to do this.
9. To provide appropriate advice and feedback to Members at other times as may be necessary.
10. To provided to Full Council the finalised Air Quality Management Plan for their approval.