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Introduction

1 In what capacity are you taking part in this consultation?

An organisation

organisation name :

Railfuture East Midlands branch

postcode:

2 Do you think that poor air quality is an important issue in Leicester?

Yes

Theme 1: Air Quality Monitoring, Public Awareness and Engagement

3 Do you agree air quality monitoring and public awareness and engagement should be a key theme in the new Air Quality Action Plan?

Yes

Q3b - Other:

Of Course.... but this is a Motherhood and Apple Pie question

4 Other than the actions listed in the new Draft Air Quality Action Plan, are there any other actions we could doing in terms of air quality monitoring and public awareness and engagement?

Yes

Q4b - Other :

Monitoring should include the railway station area.... where several thousand HP engines are idling much of the time.

Monitoring should include New Walk at the bridge over the railway where even after MML Electrification, there will be many heavy freight locomotives accelerating up hill from the station as they go Southbound.

Havelock Street, at the back of the LRI, needs monitoring as that must be the biggest concentration of idling taxi and car exhausts.

Theme 2: Promoting, Supporting, and Encouraging Sustainable Transport

5 Do you agree that the promotion of active and sustainable transport should be a key theme in the new Air Quality Action Plan?

Yes

Q4b - Other :

6 Other than the actions outlined in the new Draft Air Quality Plan, are there any other actions we should be doing to promote, support, and encourage sustainable transport in Leicester?

Yes

Q5b - Other :

Perhaps concentrate on promotion at Primary schools (it was there that the importance of recycling was born)

Then at secondary schools, develop a scientific understanding so as to encourage an understanding of job opportunities.

There has to be much better assistance for the person who has to use a bus for the first time in their life to get from A to B and needs to find out then how and where to find a service relevant to the need.

Work with major Destinations to encourage the use of public transport for access (eg LRI, DMU, LU, Highcross, etc.

(Bus services which pass LRI and DMU only serve a small arc between South and South-West Leicestershire. People living to the West, North and East of the city have to use at least two buses to access it... they may have to change between the two separate bus stations... and even then, the buses going south have stops on the far side of two wide roads (Welford and Aylestone) and if they are going to LRI, they may be some of the least fit people.)

Theme 3: Reducing Emissions from Transport

7 Do you agree that reducing emissions from transport should be a key theme in the new Air Quality Action Plan?

Yes

Q7b - Other:

8 Other than the actions listed in the new Draft Air Quality Action Plan, are there any other actions we should be taking to reduce emissions from transport in Leicester?

Yes

Q7a - Other :

Try to spread the rush hour....perhaps have schools vary the time of arrival for children by year groups which in turn can enable people who use cars to get to work to spread time on the main access roads.
At Leicester station speed up the work to be done in the tunnels for electrification. This will include slightly widening and raising the aperture and enable freight trains to use the fast lines (platforms 2 and 3) at 60mph and thus coast up the incline immediately South of the station, thus reducing emissions. Consider installing the new Ultra Light Weight Trams into and around the city. (only 10% the cost of traditional tram systems) as Suits like trams but not buses.

Theme 4: Optimising Traffic Management

9 Do you agree that optimising traffic management should be a key theme in the new Air Quality Action Plan?

No

Q9b - Other:

Although it is one of the key themes, it must BE SEEN AS JUST ONE OF main areas of activity and thought. Other activities can make important contributions and must not be over-looked as being less important.

10 Other than the actions listed in the new Draft Air Quality Action Plan, are there any other action we should be doing to optimise traffic management in Leicester?

Yes

Q10b - Other:

Get to grips with the White Man Van processes for delivering parcels.

1. Have parcels for central area of the city delivered by the new parcel trains to the station and then have cycle delivery do the last mile
2. Combine deliveries from all Parcel companies at a depot on the fringe of the city and from there, have them delivered to each smaller area by just one White Van Man for each area or Post code.
3. increase the number of major destinations in the city served by Park N Ride buses... at least have them go round the inner ring road.
4. Support more remote rail developments to encourage use of rail for longer distance journeys...eg have the Nuneaton Rail connection re-introduced to enable direct rail services to Coventry and Leamington Spa..... Encourage the re-opening of the Matlock to Buxton rail link for faster and direct services to Manchester.
5. Work with the new Rail Minister to find a way for EMR services to be extended to Leeds.

Theme 5: Development Control and Regulatory Services

11 Do you agree that improving development control and regulatory services should be a key theme in the new Air Quality Action Plan?

No

Q11b - other :

We say NO only because it is not really clear how the various activities will achieve much, though we accept they may well be necessary. For example, new building work should involve the architects and construction companies invited to tender to off-the-record chats about the best way to contribute to air quality issues. They are the ones which are accumulating relevant knowledge.... Use It !!

12 Other than the actions listed in the new Draft Air Quality Action Plan, are there any other actions we should be doing to improve air quality through development control and regulatory services in Leicester?

Yes

Q12b - Other:

Buildings in Conservation Areas have a very difficult and expensive task in bettering their thermal efficiency. Those buildings were put up before any awareness of Air Quality existed. Regulations there have to move with the times!
Capture more waste heat from buildings with production processes which produce it and somehow use it.

Anything else

13 Do you think that the actions and measures outlined in Leicester City Council's new Draft Air Quality Action Plan will effectively address the air pollution in Leicester?

No

Q13b - Other:

They are only the tips of large icebergs of activity.... too much is just Motherhood and Apple Pie.

If you really want to reduce vehicle emissions, you need to bar cars and light trucks from the city... but that ignores the reality of public transport organisation and affordability.!!!

14 Are there any other actions or measures that we could do to improve the air quality in Leicester?

Yes

Q14b - Other:

Difficult to say.... but make it financially attractive to people who live and work in the city and who provide services in it.