

Policy AQ1

Air Quality

1. New development should result in a positive or neutral impact on air quality for new residents, the existing surrounding area and other areas connected to the development. It is expected that proposals should:
 - a. Ensure that onsite and offsite air quality issues are included when assessing the environmental impact of proposals;
 - b. Ensure that development which may have an adverse impact on air quality will be required to incorporate measures to reduce the impact to an acceptable level;
 - c. Ensure that suitable onsite and offsite mitigation measures are incorporated into the scheme, including a financial contribution to strategic air quality improvement measures, if appropriate, such that future air quality is either improved or sustained at a level that would be achieved without the development; and
 - d. Require design and location of new development to take account of the need to improve air quality in accordance with the District's Air Quality Action Plan, and any further Air Quality strategies.
2. An Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) will be required for the following new developments:
 - a. All major housing developments of 10 units or more; and/or
 - b. All residential and non-residential development proposals, except for minor proposals such as extensions, small-scale internal alterations, or other works that do not materially affect site access, layout, or transport demand, within 50 metres of a Strategic Road network road or heavily trafficked route.
3. Schemes where unacceptable impacts cannot be overcome by mitigation will be refused.