
D I R E C T I O N

ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995

Environment Act 1995 (Southampton City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 85(5) of the Environment Act 1995(a), gives the following direction.

In accordance with section 85(6) a copy of this direction will be published in the London Gazette.

The Secretary of State makes this direction having determined that it is necessary in order to meet obligations placed upon the UK under the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive(b).

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) This direction may be cited as the Environment Act 1995 (Southampton City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019 and comes into force on the day after it is made.

(2) This direction applies to Southampton City Council.

Interpretation

2. In this direction—

“AQP” means the UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2017, drawn up by the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 26(1) of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010(c);

“the authority” means Southampton City Council;

“local plan for NO₂ compliance” means the detailed scheme (excluding any associated mitigation measures) which the authority identified as part of the AQP to deliver compliance with the legal limit value for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest possible time that was approved by the Secretary of State on 18 March 2019 and is summarised in Schedule 1..

Duty to implement the local plan for NO₂ compliance

3.—(1) The authority must take steps to implement the local plan for NO₂ compliance for the area for which it is are responsible.

(a) 1995 c25.

(b) 2008/50/EC OJ No. L 152, 11.06.08, p.1.

(c) S.I. 2010/1001. A copy of the plan is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-plan-for-nitrogen-dioxide-no2-in-uk-2017>.

(2) The authority must ensure that the local plan for NO₂ compliance is implemented so that—

- (a) compliance with the legal limit value for nitrogen dioxide is achieved in the shortest possible time, and by 2019 at the latest;
- (b) exposure to levels above the legal limit for nitrogen dioxide are reduced as quickly as possible.

Variation, revocation or suspension

4. The authority must not vary, revoke or suspend its implementation of the local plan for NO₂ compliance pursuant to paragraph 3, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State.

Guidance

5. The authority, in taking steps under this direction, must have regard to relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

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SCHEDULE 1

Paragraph 3

Summary of local plan for NO₂ compliance measures

<i>Measures description</i>	<i>Deadlines</i>
- Taxi licensing condition change to require a minimum euro 6 diesel/4 petrol for newly licensed vehicles in 2020 and all vehicles by 2023	To be implemented as soon as possible and at least in time to bring forward compliance to 2019
- Expansion of low emission taxi incentive scheme for Southampton licensed taxis	
- EV charge points	
- ULEV taxi trials for Southampton licensed taxis	
- Bus lane restriction for non Southampton vehicles	
- City centre euro 6 bus traffic	

- condition
 - A3024 MyJourney support for Northam/Bitterne to promote active and sustainable travel
 - Freight consolidation and delivery and service planning for HGV operators in Southampton
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the direction)

This direction directs Southampton City Council to implement its local plan for NO₂ compliance, in connection with duties in respect of air quality under Part 4 of the Environment Act 1995 and as part of the UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2017. Southampton City Council's local plan for NO₂ compliance was approved by the Secretary of State on 18 March 2019, and it must now be implemented to ensure compliance with the legal limit value for NO₂ is achieved in Southampton in the shortest possible time. Under section 85(7) of the Environment Act it is the duty of a local authority to comply with a direction given to it. A copy of this direction is available at for inspection at Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.