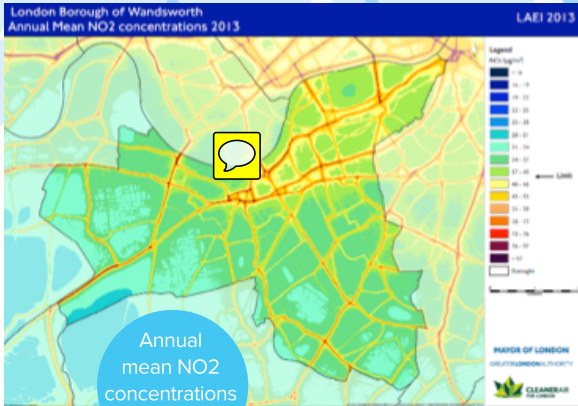


Improving ir quality

to make Tooting High Street a nicer and healthier place to visit, shop and work



The London Borough of Wandsworth is committed to improving air quality in the area. Tooting High Street has particularly elevated levels of air pollution and the high footfall means that exposure to pollutants is significant.

Businesses such as yours – whatever the size - can significantly improve traffic congestion and air quality by reducing the number of vehicle trips.

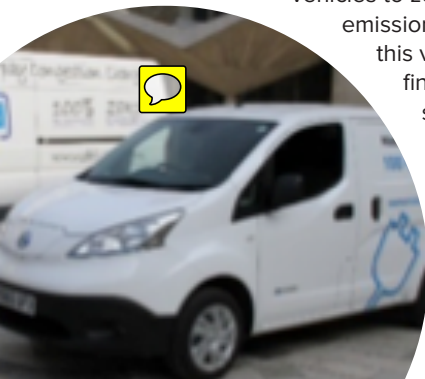
Here are some simple actions you can take

Choose cleaner and greener vehicles

Ask your suppliers to use zero or low emission vehicles when delivering to you and build this into your procurement decision-making; ask your suppliers to provide information on how clean and green their fleet is and check it against this list of vehicles and criteria.

For electric vehicles of up to 3.5 tonnes, total costs over a vehicle's lifetime tend to be lower than for a diesel equivalent. You could save money by switching your own

vehicles to zero or low emission. Use this vehicle finder to search for one to fit your needs.



Join forces with your neighbours

By using the same suppliers as your neighbouring businesses, you could consolidate deliveries, reduce the number of delivery vehicles on your local streets and reduce costs.

For market stallholders, common goods include bags, serviettes, kitchen roll, latex gloves, rubbish bags, take-away containers, cups and eating utensils. Procuring these jointly can save market traders time and money while also reducing the number of local vehicle trips. Ask suppliers what discounts they can offer if your group of all used the same supplier.



Help staff get active


Being physically active every day can prevent a wide range of illnesses, which is good for staff and good for employers.

Encourage staff to make active travel part of their journey to work by providing lockers, cycle stands or showers where possible. Check out TfL's cycling workspaces for a range of free goods and services to help you kick-start cycling at your workplace.

<https://businessoffers.tfl.gov.uk/>



Retime your deliveries

Avoiding deliveries in the peak hours (typically  between 7am – 11am and 4pm – 7pm) not only helps reduce air pollution from vehicles stuck in traffic but can make deliveries more efficient – helping reduce costs which are ultimately passed on to you.



Buy Local

By buying locally instead of collecting goods further away, you will save time and money and support your local community at the same time. Local suppliers might also turn into clients when you start sourcing from them. Browse your market and neighbouring businesses to see if anything there might be useful.

For more information, please see
<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality>

