

IMPROVING AIR QUALITY

to make Greenwich a nicer and healthier place to visit, shop and work

The Royal Borough of Greenwich is committed to improving air quality as detailed in its [Air Quality Action Plan](#).

Better air quality will make Greenwich a nicer and healthier place to visit, shop and work. Good for business, good for Greenwich!

We know that delivery and servicing vehicles, such as vans and trucks, significantly contribute to local air pollution.

Businesses such as yours can significantly improve traffic congestion and air quality by reducing the number of deliveries and servicing vehicles through procurement.

Here are some simple actions you can take to improve air quality while saving your business time and money

Choose cleaner and greener vehicles

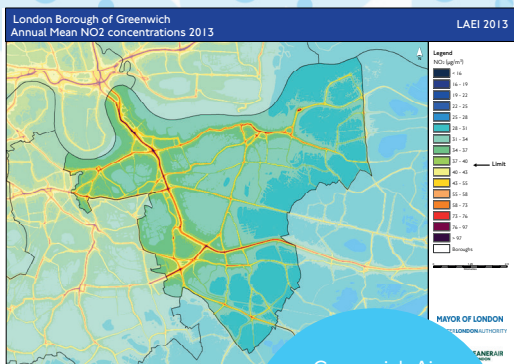
Ask your suppliers to use zero or low emission vehicles when delivering to you and build this into your procurement decision-making; ask your suppliers to provide information on how clean and green their fleet is and check it against this list of vehicles and criteria – gov.uk/plug-in-car-van-grants

For electric vehicles of up to 3.5 tonnes, the total cost of ownership over a vehicle's lifetime tends to be cheaper than for a diesel van,

so 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

– locity.org.uk/
locity-commercial-vehicle-finder/



Greenwich Air Pollution map showing that NO2 concentrations are most elevated around the major roads and town centres in the borough.

Streamline suppliers and ordering

By placing fewer orders with fewer suppliers, staff will spend less time ordering, receiving deliveries and processing payments; and you will generate less traffic on local roads.

You can reduce the frequency of deliveries by making use of internal storage and ordering in bulk for non-perishable goods. If you do not have space, how about sharing storage with your neighbours?


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Redirect personal deliveries

It is tempting for staff to have their online shopping delivered to work, but these deliveries add to congestion and air pollution to our streets, and can add costs for employers.

Promote www.clickcollect.london that lists alternative collection points located nearer to your staff's homes that are easy, convenient and affordable, in fact, some are even free.

Reduce your waste collections

Taking action to reduce volumes of waste could not only save between £400 and £1,000 annually per employee, but also helps improve the environment through reduced frequency of waste collection trips.

Find out more about how to save money through better waste management by visiting www.wrap.org.uk

Reduce and retime your deliveries

Avoiding deliveries in the peak hours (typically between 7am – 10am 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.

Join forces with your neighbours

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

Ask suppliers what discounts they can offer if your group of interested businesses all used the same supplier for goods and services such as stationery, cleaning services and waste and recycling collections.

Case study: Zero emission deliveries – E-Cargo bike loan business pilot

The Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) is about to launch a Zero Emission Delivery (ZED) pilot scheme aimed at providing support to local organisations in the Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) area wanting to reduce costs and their carbon footprint by undertaking a transition from vans to e-Cargo bike deliveries.

The pilot's objectives are to monitor a local business using e-Cargo bikes to produce a case study on the effectiveness of e-Cargo bikes urban deliveries as well as the savings businesses can make.

Following the pilot we will determine how the initiative could be scaled-up to include additional local organisations interested in undertaking a similar transition. For more information visit: <https://greenwich.commonplace.is/>



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