

## Summary of actions proposed in the Carnforth air quality action plan

The draft Carnforth air quality action plan has been posted on the council's intranet together with background information. A copy has been placed in the members room at Lancaster Town Hall and members room at Morecambe Town Hall.

The draft Carnforth air quality action plan identifies and assesses potential air quality options for improving local air quality within the Carnforth air quality management area. It proposes for implementation the shortlisted options that are (a) relevant to Local Air Quality Management and either (b) capable of bringing about improvements or (c) enabling further actions to be brought forward that might do so. Rudimentary impact assessments and cost-benefit assessments (as documented within the action plan) have been carried out for each shortlisted measure with regard to Defra guidance.

Six proposed actions are contained in the draft Carnforth AQAP and summarised in the table below. Actions 1 and 2 are the key measures with estimates provided of their air quality benefits, whilst actions 3 to 6 are supporting measures that are relevant to air quality and feasible to implement, accommodating many of the public suggestions received during previous consultation.

Short List	Long List	Action	Lead Partner /Department	Completion date
1	1	Relocate the heavy goods vehicle depot accessed via Market Street (West) to a location where it will not have to travel through the AQMA	Lancaster City Council - Planning Services	2012
2	2,3	Implement M6 Heysham link road and re-route through traffic avoiding AQMA	Lancashire County Council	2014
3	2,3,4,6,9,11,12,18	Review highway traffic flow in/through Carnforth to identify opportunities for reducing total NOx emissions in AQMA	Lancashire County Council - Transport and Development Team	2015
4	7,10,15,17	Review car parking permission in Carnforth to identify opportunities for reducing total NOx emissions in AQMA	Lancaster City Council - Planning and Property Services	End 2010
5	14	Implement school and business travel plans to minimise travel by car	Lancashire County Council - School Travel Planning Team and Business Travel Planner	On-going
6	19	Modernise local bus fleet to low emission technology minimising NOx emissions in AQMA	Lancashire County Council - Public Transport Policy Group Manager	(TBC)

The combined effect of all six measures, if successfully completed, should be sufficient to achieve the air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide annual average concentrations. Fuller commentary on prospects for success is provided at section 8 of the draft action plan.

Following approval by members and before finalising the draft action plan, the council has a duty to carry out public and stakeholder consultation. There will be further opportunities during the

consultation to influence the final form and content of the Carnforth AQAP. The finalised version will also be submitted for member approval.