



Draft Air Quality Action Plan Consultation.

Background Information and Ideas.

Easy read summary.



Sefton Council has a new plan to make the air cleaner in Sefton. This plan is from 2025 to 2029.

Poor quality air can make people sick with heart problems, cancer, and breathing issues.

Children, older people, and those already sick are most affected by poor quality air.



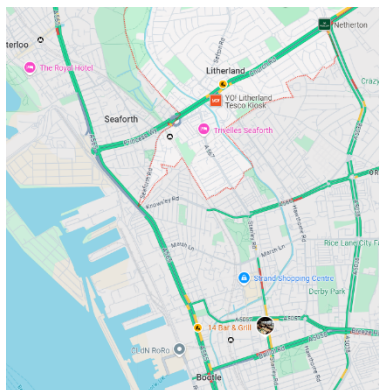
Poorer areas often have worse air quality which can have a big effect on people's quality of life.

We must have a plan to improve the quality of air in Sefton. This is called the draft Air Quality Action Plan 2025 – 2029.



The plan focusses at four places in South Sefton that are Air Quality Management Areas. These places have air quality that has been or is currently below the National Air Quality Standards.

The Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) are in:



- **Seaforth** – Princess Way and Lathom Close.
- **Bootle** – Millers Bridge and Derby Road junction.
- **Waterloo** – South Road and Crosby Road North junction.
- **Litherland** – Hawthorne Road and Church Road junction.



What has been done.

Since the last Air Quality Plan from 2015 to 2023. Sefton have done many things to help air quality improve.



- Made new road plans and systems changes to roads to help traffic move better. Like in Waterloo.
- Changing traffic lights on Millers Bridge to keep big trucks moving to help stop pollution.
- Worked with Peel Ports to introduce a booking system with set times for trucks coming to the port to reduce queuing of lorries.
- Studied the types of trucks, where they were going and what fuels they use.
- Council joined the Eco Stars Scheme to make sure the vehicles we use are good for the air quality. We also help other companies join this scheme.



What the draft Action Plan says.

The new draft Air Quality Action Plan 2025 - 2029 has 6 big ideas called Priorities to make air better.

- Encourage transport owners to change to newer less polluting vehicles.
- Keep vehicles moving so they are kept running not still and polluting.
- Find out more about how vehicles like vans and lorry's can be less polluting.
- Improve public transport and different ways for people to travel.
- Make sure building developments agreed in the future will not make air quality poorer.
- Explore different ways to improve air quality in Sefton.





Sefton Council is committed to working with other stakeholders and partners including:

- Our local communities.
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- Other Local Authorities near us.
- National Highways.
- Peel Ports.

We all work together to improve air quality to benefit wider areas.

The draft Action Plan has 13 key actions:



1 – Emissions Enforcement:

Work with the DVSA to spot and fix vehicles that pollute a lot. DVSA Is the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency.

2 – Traffic Light Checks:

Regularly check how the traffic lights work at busy junctions to keep traffic moving. Fix them quickly if there are any issues.



3 – Using Sensors for Traffic Lights:

Consider using technology that lets sensors control traffic lights when pollution levels are high.



4 – Maritime Corridor Improvement:

Maritime Corridor runs from Switch Island to Netherton Way and Southport Road. Improve roads in the Maritime Corridor and add safe paths for walking and cycling.



5 – Upgrading Old HGVs:

Identify and encourage operators of older heavy polluting vehicles to replace them with cleaner ones.



6 – Reducing HGV Pollution at Peel Ports:

Work with Peel Ports to reduce emissions from heavy goods vehicles (HGV), like reducing traffic jams or stopping them from the engines running when still.



7 – Reducing Non-HGV Pollutants at the Port:

Look into using electric vehicles (like cranes and tugs) and renewable energy (solar, wind and tidal) at the port to cut pollution not caused by lorries.



8 - Bus Fleet Improvements:

Focus on using the cleanest buses available in the areas where air quality is worst.



9 – Bus Fleet Improvements:

Improving all busses so they are all cleaner.



10 – Study at Millers Bridge:

Do a detailed study to understand non-traffic pollution sources near Millers Bridge in Bootle like nearby industry or shipping.



11 – Cleaning Roads and Walkways:

Clean Road gullies and footpaths in the air quality management areas to reduce dust and debris that affect air quality.



12 – Planning Rules:

Use planning rules to make sure new projects consider the impact on air quality.



13 – Promoting Active Travel:

Encourage walking and cycling through initiatives like workplace travel plans and new roads and paths to walk and cycle around Sefton.