

## Annex 2

**From:** Iain Livingstone  
**Sent:** 16 June 2016 08:53  
**To:** Amanda Berry  
**Cc:** Adrian Verrall; Emma Fibbens  
**Subject:** Air Quality Planning Guidance

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the 'Air Quality Planning Guidance', created in coordination with the Kent and Medway Air Quality Partnership. Whilst we are supportive of the principle of mitigation as outlined in the document to assist in improving air quality in Thanet, given that the whole of Thanet urban area is subject to an AQMA, the document creates an additional burden above other Kent authorities on residential and commercial development. The document has not been subject to the Local Plan process for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document or Development Plan Document as far as I am aware, and therefore the status and weight that it can be given to it in decision making is unclear, and therefore whilst the Planning Applications team will strive to achieve the requirements set out on major developments (10 units or more, 1000sqm commercial development or more), until the document is linked to a specific policy within the new Local Plan (and this has been subject to viability testing etc) then we would only be able to utilise the document as a guide rather than definitive requirement. We will of course continue to work with Environmental Health colleagues to ensure that air quality continues to be considered within planning applications across the district.

Regards  
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### Environmental Protection Response:

In terms of the additional developer burden from standard mitigation; the cost for installing a residential electric charging point are no more than £500 per dedicated residential connection to existing supply (16 amp / 3KW). The requirement to install ultra-low NOx boilers to minimise air pollution has little or no extra cost. Only residential properties that have off-street parking will be required to install an EV point and 1 in 10 allocated parking.

Our longer term aim is to link the guidance to EP5 Air Quality Policy within the Emerging Local Plan