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Dear Boris

## **Becoming a Cleaner Air Borough**

As part of the London Borough of Haringey's application to the Mayor's Air Quality Fund, I am writing to confirm my borough's commitment to improving air quality.

Haringey has been committed to improving air quality since the publication of the first Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) in 2003. Progress was made against some key measures of the plan, including:

- Approval and publication of the Council's Transport Local Implementation Plan • (LIP). This sets out the Council's commitment towards achieving the objectives of the Mayor's Transport Strategy and includes a range of measures to reduce vehicle pollution and encourage a modal shift away from cars;
- Installation of electric vehicle charging points in 5 car-parks across the borough (bringing the total up to 14 charging points in car parks with a further 3 on the public highway);
- All schools in Haringey have completed travel plans with some workplace travel plans in place across the borough;
- The Council has its own staff travel plan;
- There are 27 car clubs at 14 on-street location across the borough.

An updated AQAP was published in 2011. We published this partly as a result of the proposed publication of several significant strategic documents in relation to air quality; such as the Mayor's latest Air Quality Strategy 'Clearing London's Air', and partly as a result of the findings of local air quality modelling. The local air quality modelling was undertaken in partnership with neighbouring boroughs and provided baseline information for our action plan. Through this updated AQAP. Haringey Council has undertaken the following to improve air quality within the borough:

Implemented air quality considerations into documents, such as Supplementary Planning Guidance and the council's Public Health Joint Strategic Needs and Assessment (JSNA) document. An information leaflet for air quality has also been produced as a guide for public health officers.

- Encouraging Council staff to travel sustainably, through provision of improved cycle parking facilities, provision of pool bicycles, regular bicycle maintenance sessions and access to 3 electric vehicles to undertake Council duties.
- Implemented 21 charging points for electric vehicles which are part of the Source London Network.
- Introduced CO2 emission based residential parking charges for controlled parking zones in the borough.
- Implementing Community Street / 20mph zones in residential areas across the borough
- To work with certain schools in the borough to deliver local green infrastructure and engagement projects in Air Pollution. These will have combined benefits of improving schools' playground environments adjacent to busy main roads as well as helping reduce human exposure to any pollutant concentrations;
- To reduce NOx emissions from CHP and domestic boilers in new developments, requiring ultra low NOx boilers;
- To allocate LIP resources to co-fund air quality improvement initiatives
- Delivery of Smarter Travel Haringey programme to encourage travel behaviour change and modal shift towards more sustainable forms of transport, including cycling, walking and efficient car usage.
- Delivery of cycling and walking infrastructure improvements
- Expansion of car club network across Haringey
- Working with neighbouring boroughs to implement initiatives such as encouraging cycling and walking, smoothing the flow of motor vehicles to reduce pollution, and promoting zero-emitting electric vehicles.
- To raise awareness of air pollution through animation campaigns; in partnership with TfL and the College of Haringey, Enfield & North East London and website updates.

In 1995 Haringey was one of 8 London boroughs to monitor for PM10. Since then Haringey has expanded its air quality monitoring programme and today operates an extensive air quality monitoring programme comprising of 2 continuous air quality monitoring stations and 13 diffusion tubes sites across the borough area. The 2 continuous monitoring sites are affiliated to DEFRA's national network. Annual results from the monitoring programme are reported back to both DEFRA and the GLA each year and the reports are available to download from the council website.

The London Borough of Haringey is committed to improving air quality and to minimise the risk to of poor air quality to human health and quality of life of all residents. We welcome this opportunity to access funding in order to continue improving air quality in the London Borough of Haringey.

Yours sincerely,

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