

Thank you for consulting Transport for London (TfL). I attach TfL's response to the stage 2a Local Plan. We also have the following comments to make on the draft Air Quality SPD

### Comments on draft Air Quality SPD

#### 9.1 – Traffic Reduction

As well as requiring new developments to contribute towards public transport improvements there should be an expectation that developments will incorporate measures that support active travel and provide contributions towards active travel improvements where appropriate

TfL welcomes the requirement to provide cycle parking in accordance with the London Plan as a minimum and the need to make provision for larger and adapted cycles. It would be helpful to clarify that cycle parking should be designed in accordance with the London Cycling Design Standards

The final bullet point should also state clearly that car free developments will be encouraged and where car parking is provided in new developments this should be minimised in line with policies in the Publication London Plan

Additional bullet points could be added to state that the Healthy Streets Approach would be adopted for new developments and improvements to streets or the wider public realm and to highlight the role of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in Merton

#### 9.3 – Electric Vehicles

TfL welcomes the requirement for car parking to be provided with active and passive electric vehicle charging facilities consistent with the Local Plan and London Plan.

#### 9.6 - Air Quality Focus Areas (AQFAs), Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LENs) and Clean Air Zones (CAZs)

TfL supports the requirement for all development in these areas to be car free although we would not want to see car free development limited to these designated areas. The car free requirement should be reflected in the Local Plan. TfL also supports the restriction on parking permits being issued in neighbouring CPZs

Best wishes  
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