

## Air Quality Survey Results 2020

### Introduction

Boston Borough Council is seeking the views of residents, visitors, businesses and organisation in Boston on potential measures to improve air quality in the town as outlined in the Air Quality Action Plan.

### Methodology

Draft air quality papers were made available online between Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for comment and consideration.

This documentation was published on the council's website and posted on social media.

### Headline Results

26 responses were received.

- 76% of respondents were local residents.
- 70% of respondents thought the issue of air quality in Boston was very important or important BEFORE reading the AQAP consultation
- 75% of respondents thought the issues of air quality in Boston was very important or important AFTER reading the AQAP
- 44% of respondents agree with the overall approach described in the plan to improve air quality
- Promote cycling and walking as an alternative to the car – 64%

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n\*total number people who have responded to question.

### Full Results

**Q1 - To help us understand who we have consulted with please indicate which of these best describes your view point in relation to this consultation**

	n*	%
I am a local resident and these are my personal views	19	76%
I am not a local resident but work or visit Boston	5	20%
I am responding in a professional/business capacity	1	4%
I am responding on behalf of a non-business organisation	0	
None of the above	0	

**Q2 – How important did you think the issue of air quality was in Boston prior to reading the AQAP consultation?**

	n*	%
Very important	8	31%
Important	10	39%
Not very important	7	27%
Not important/Don't know	1	4%

**Q3 – How important did you think the issue of air quality was in Boston after to reading the AQAP consultation?**

	n*	%
Very important	8	33%
Important	10	42%
Not very important	5	21%
Not sure/Don't know	1	4%

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**Q4 – Do you agree with the overall approach described in the plan to improve air quality? If not, why not?**

	n*	%
Yes	11	44%
No, if no please specify below	2	8%
Partially	10	40%
Not sure/Don't know	2	8%

9 further comments were received.

**Q5 – Do you agree with the overall approach described in the plan to improve air quality? If not, why not?**

A full breakdown of results is in appendix 2.

**High Importance**

- Provision of outer distributor road – 68%
- Junction improvement to aid traffic flows – 68%
- Promote cycling and walking as an alternative to the car – 64%
- Increase the patronage/service provision of the 'into town bus service' (48%)
- Work with rail operators to increase use of rail freight and passenger services (40%)
- Provision of cleaner buses (40%)

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**Low Importance**

- Workplace parking levy (68%)
- Investigate reduced car parking charges for EV/hybrid vehicles (56%)
- Discourage the use of bonfires for disposal of waste (44%)
- Implement standards for control of dust from construction sites (36%)
- Encourage the use of electric vehicles by providing public charging points. (20%)
- Work with rail operators to increase use of rail freight and passenger services. (32%)

**Q6 – Are there any other measures you feel the council of its partners should be taking to improve air quality which are not included in the draft AQAP?**

14 comments were received, of those 10 felt there were further measures that could be put in place.

**Q7 – Which of these measures would you personally consider taking to improve air quality in Boston. Please tick all that apply**

	n*
Walk more	19
Cycle more	15
Use public transport	10
Share a lift	9
Use a lower emission vehicle	11
None of the above	4

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**Q8 – What issues of factors do you currently consider prevent you from regularly using more sustainable transport options or low emissions/electric vehicles ?**

15 comments were received, the majority of these related to public transport and electric vehicles.

The Air Quality Action Plan was discussed agreed at Cabinet in May.

<https://modern.gov.boston.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=1618&Ver=4>

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