

Let's 'Clear the Air' in Maidstone

Starting with Upper Stone Street

Upper Stone Street is currently the only area in Maidstone that has been designated as an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

This means that Maidstone Borough Council has identified that national air quality objectives are not being met or are unlikely to be met in the area.

What is an AQMA?

An **Air Quality Management Area** is a location where air pollution levels are higher than government standards. Local authorities must take action to improve air quality in these areas.

Learn more at: uk-air.defra.gov.uk/aqma



What You Can Do

While you may not be able to change the air directly, you can reduce your exposure and protect your health:



Check daily pollution forecasts at kentair.org.uk



Sign up for email alerts to stay informed



Stay indoors on high pollution days if you're vulnerable (e.g. elderly, asthmatic)



Always carry necessary medication like inhalers



Keep windows closed during high pollution periods



Visit pollutionpatrol.org.uk to find out more

What We're Doing

Maidstone Borough Council is actively working to improve air quality:

- Working with bus and taxi providers to reduce emissions.
- Installing anti-idling signs across the borough.
- Creating more electric vehicle (EV) parking.
- Promoting the Clean Air for Schools programme.
- Ensuring effective enforcement where parked vehicles cause traffic jams.
- Exploring signage to raise awareness of AQMA status.

Together, We Can Make a Difference

Let's make Upper Stone Street a healthier place to live, work, and breathe.

**Let's Clear the Air –
for a cleaner, safer Maidstone.**

