

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.***

