

INSPECTOR'S NOTE – AIR QUALITY PLANS FOR NO₂

On 17 December 2015 the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) published the Government's response to non-compliance with the Ambient Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC for Nitrogen Dioxide emissions following a Supreme Court judgement in April 2015¹.

Two documents are potentially relevant to this Local Plan examination – an Overview Document which summarises the policy background and the UK's approach to meeting the Directive obligations, and an Air Quality Plan for the Liverpool urban area. These are available on the www.gov.uk website at the following links (for access to a hard copy please contact the PO):

[Improving air quality in the UK
Tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities
UK overview document
December 2015](#)

[Air Quality Plan for the achievement of EU air quality limit value
for nitrogen dioxide \(NO₂\) in Liverpool Urban Area \(UK0006\)
December 2015](#)

The Inspector invites written comments on the implications of these documents for the Sefton Local Plan by **Wednesday 13 January 2016**. An item will be placed on the Agenda for the Hearing session on Thursday 14 January to enable the matter to be discussed.

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¹ R (Client Earth) v SoS EFRA [2015] UKSC 28 (on appeal from [2012] EWCA Civ 897).