

# Northampton Low Emission Strategy (NLES, 2016-2021) Consultation Responses & Recommendations

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	<b>Definitely Not Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Weighted Average</b>
Using the planning system to influence low emission development	<b>2.78%</b> 3	<b>3.70%</b> 4	<b>31.48%</b> 34	<b>62.04%</b> 67	108	3.53
Travel Choice and promoting Active Travel	<b>2.86%</b> 3	<b>4.76%</b> 5	<b>29.52%</b> 31	<b>62.86%</b> 66	105	3.52
Making it easier and safer for cycling and walking in the town	<b>3.74%</b> 4	<b>2.80%</b> 3	<b>20.56%</b> 22	<b>72.90%</b> 78	107	3.63
Local authorities to promote the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles, such as electric cars and vans.	<b>4.63%</b> 5	<b>7.41%</b> 8	<b>30.56%</b> 33	<b>57.41%</b> 62	108	3.41
Increasing the knowledge of air quality for residents and businesses in Northampton.	<b>0.93%</b> 1	<b>4.63%</b> 5	<b>26.85%</b> 29	<b>67.59%</b> 73	108	3.61
Working with commercial delivery companies and freight operators to reduce emissions from goods delivery operations and HGVs	<b>3.74%</b> 4	<b>2.80%</b> 3	<b>18.69%</b> 20	<b>74.77%</b> 80	107	3.64
Working with bus operators to reduce emissions from fleets	<b>2.80%</b> 3	<b>1.87%</b> 2	<b>19.63%</b> 21	<b>75.70%</b> 81	107	3.68
Working with local taxi operators to reduce emissions from fleets	<b>4.63%</b> 5	<b>3.70%</b> 4	<b>24.07%</b> 26	<b>67.59%</b> 73	108	3.55
Local Authorities and Public Sector organisations reducing emissions from their own vehicles.	<b>1.89%</b> 2	<b>3.77%</b> 4	<b>30.19%</b> 32	<b>64.15%</b> 68	106	3.57





# Specific Comments

- Majority supportive and welcome NLES
- Over 90% feel key measures in NLES are important/very important
- Specific issues:
  - Public awareness, bus and taxi standards, cycling & walking provision, Council leadership, spatial planning, support for electric vehicles, Low Emission/Clean Air Zones
- Specific issues (outside of NLES scope):
  - Discourage cars from Town Centre/need for north orbital road
  - Modal shift to public transport/cycling and walking
  - Prevent wood burning, including biomass CHP
  - **STRONG OBJECTIONS TO INCINERATOR (20%)**

# Separate Stakeholder Responses

- **Northamptonshire County Council (Highways)**

- Smart Transport Projects
- Liaison on electric vehicle charging infrastructure

- **Northamptonshire County Council (Public Health)**

- Suggested amendments to NLES
- Inclusion of more standards/targets/timetable

- **Highways England**

- Funding support for measures on Strategic Road Network (SRN), inc. M1, A45, A43

- **Northamptonshire Green Party**

- Clean Air Zones/Low Emission Zones
- Stronger spatial planning measures covering all Northampton urban area
- Support for cleaner buses/electric vehicles/cycling/park & ride

- **Hardingstone Parish Council**

- Low Emission Zones
- Stronger spatial planning measures

## NLES actions since consultation

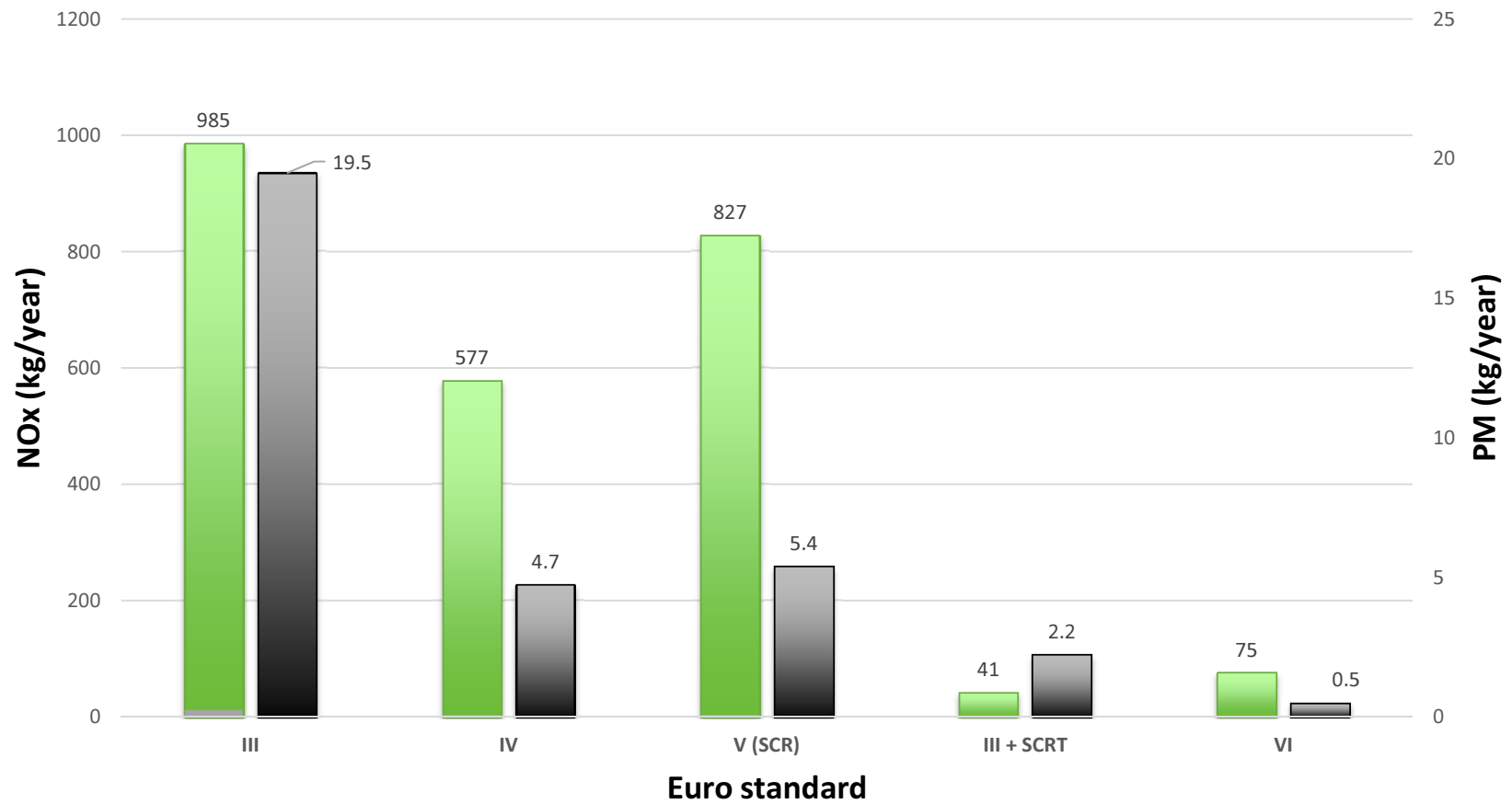
- Agreed a minimum Euro IV emission standard with Stagecoach and Unobus from 2018. Need to look at further standards going forward
- Consultation underway on setting emission standards as part of taxi licensing
- Consideration of OLEV funding for ultra low emission taxi infrastructure and demonstration schemes
- Response to Ministers letter outlining local activity to improve air quality and request for more action at a national level
- Government consultation on the proposed National Clean Air Zone (CAZ) Framework
- Discussions with NCC regarding development of Ultra Low Emission Hub demonstrations on major development schemes

# Recommendations

- With consideration of consultation responses, prepare final Northampton Low Emission Strategy (NLES) for adoption by Council, including detailed delivery plan (measures/standards/roles & responsibilities/timetable and funding)
- Consider whether the scope of the NLES should including non-road transport issues eg chimneys
- Adopt NLES Air Quality & Emissions Planning Guidance
- Develop a public awareness scheme concerning air quality and the impacts on health, issues affecting local air quality and measures that can tackle the problem
- Introduce emission standards as part of public sector Social Value procurement
- Consider undertaking a feasibility study regarding the introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) or Low Emission Zone in Northampton, including:
  - bus and taxi emission standards
  - consideration of standards for other vehicle types
  - promotion of low and ultra low emission vehicles, including provision of infrastructure, through development of ultra low emission hubs
  - consideration of publicity and signage
  - consideration of enhanced funding potential

Questions?

## Yearly bus emissions (50,000 miles/year)



# Real world emissions from diesel cars

