

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

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

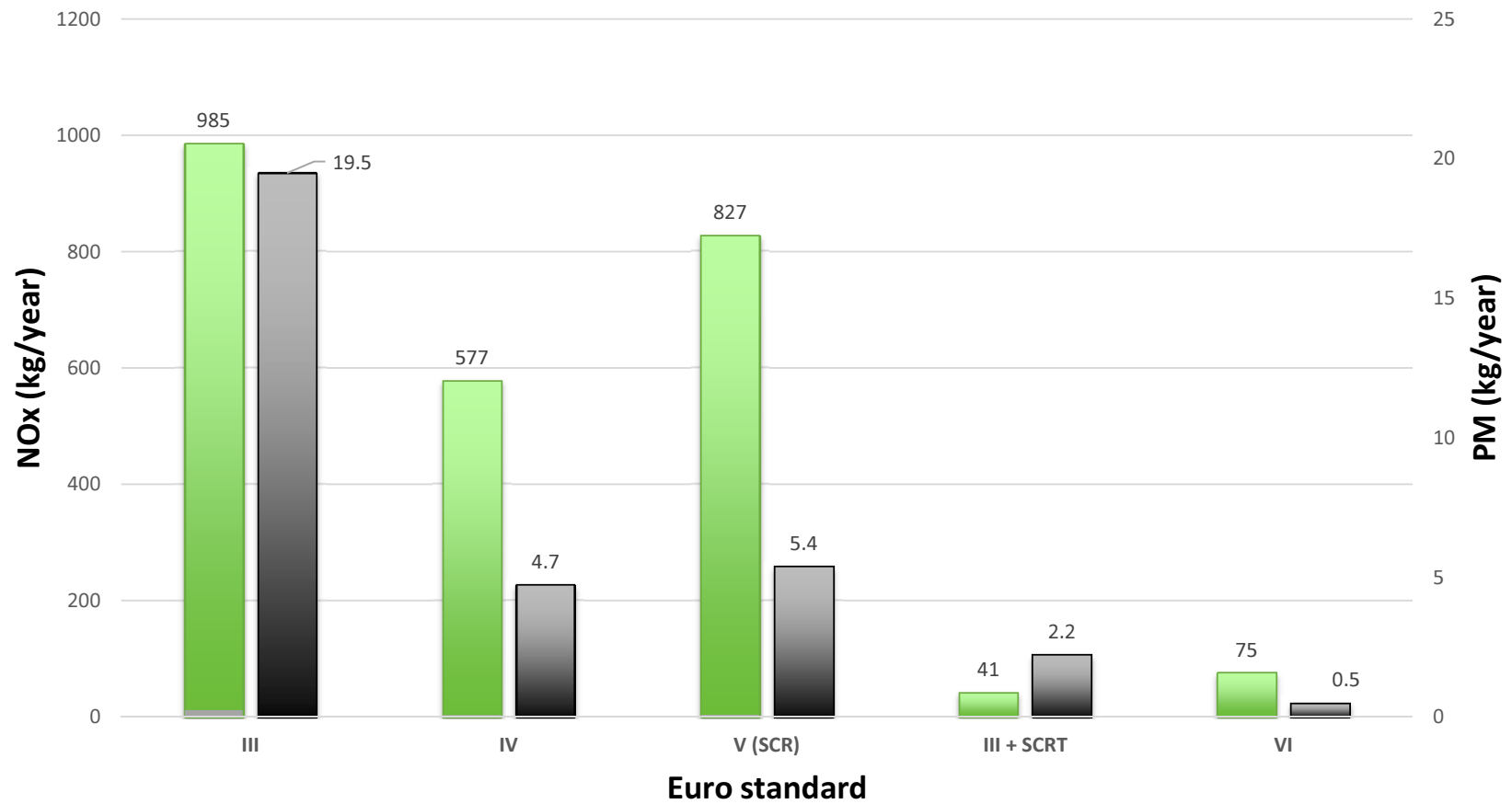
- Agreed a minimum Euro IV emission standard with Stagecoach and Unobus from 2018. Need to look at further standards going forward
- Consultation underway on setting emission standards as part of taxi licensing
- Consideration of OLEV funding for ultra low emission taxi infrastructure and demonstration 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 include 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

