

Committee(s)	Dated:
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Subject: Publication of the City of London Corporation's Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document	Public
Report of: Director of Markets and Consumer Protection	For Decision
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Summary

This report presents the City of London Corporation's Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for publication. The document is attached in Appendix 1.

The SPD provides guidance for developers on the implementation of air quality policies in the City Corporation's Local Plan 2015. With reference to the SPD, developers can minimise the negative impact of developments on local air quality and therefore on the health of residents, workers and visitors in the Square Mile. The SPD also supports the City Corporation's statutory obligations to assist the Government in meeting air quality Limit Values for nitrogen dioxide and fine particles, together with responsibilities for improving public health.

This is the City Corporation's first SPD for air quality and it has been written with reference to Greater London Authority (GLA) guidance. Following Port Health and Environmental Services and Planning and Transportation Committee approval, the SPD has undergone an 8-week public consultation period. Consultation changes are incorporated into the attached SPD and are detailed in the proposed 'Consultation Statement' and 'Adoption Statement', which are presented in appendices 2 and 3 respectively.

Recommendation(s)

Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Members are asked to:

- approve the amended SPD and new supporting SPD Consultation and Adoption Statements, subject to any comments received, and
- recommend to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the SPD is adopted.

Planning and Transportation Committee Members are asked to:

- approve the amended SPD and new supporting SPD Consultation and Adoption Statements, subject to any comments received, and
- approve the adoption of the SPD.

Main Report

Background

1. The City Corporation has a statutory obligation to improve air quality and to minimise the impact of air pollution on the health of residents and workers. The City Corporation's Air Quality Strategy 2015-2020 details action that will be taken to fulfil this obligation. It contains 60 actions that are divided into ten policy areas. Policy 6 contains actions to: 'Reduce emissions from new developments'. The production of the SPD is a key action within this policy area.

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2. Although air pollution in London is generally associated with road traffic, it is estimated that 38% of nitrogen oxide emissions in the City come from combustion plant, which also contributes to particulate levels. New and refurbished developments can therefore reduce their impact on air quality emissions through the choice of combustion plant and the amount of energy the development requires.
3. The SPD provides guidance for developers so they can minimise the production of pollution through appropriate design, construction site management and low emission technology. In addition, the SPD recommends that exposure to pollution can be reduced through appropriate design.
4. Major developments must be at least 'Air Quality Neutral', so the SPD provides guidance for developers in relation to calculating their building and transport emissions, so they can be compared to air quality neutral 'benchmarks' produced by the GLA. The SPD also details the City Corporation's requirements for Air Quality Impact Assessments.
5. The SPD has been created based on GLA suggested content and following consultation with officers in the following departments and consultees as detailed in the 'Consultation Statement' (Appendix 2):
 - Department of Built Environment
 - Department of Children and Community Services
 - Open Spaces Department
 - City Surveyor's Department
6. The consultation period triggered 48 comments from 12 respondents. All representations were reviewed and appropriate changes made to SPD. Table 1 within the Consultation Statement shows the comments received and whether the comments have been included in the revised SPD.
7. This Consultation Statement should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Adoption (Appendix 3) which states the amendments to the document following the public consultation.

Proposals

8. It is proposed that, subject to comments received from the Port Health and Environmental Services and Planning and Transportation Committees that the supporting SPD documents are approved and the attached SPD is adopted.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

9. The work on air quality sits within key policy priority 3 of the Corporate Plan: 'Engaging with London and national government on key issues of concern to our communities....' Working with the Mayor of London on air quality is specifically mentioned as an example.
10. The SPD provides further guidance on the implementation of the policies in the City of London Local Plan 2015. It fully accords with the policy requirements in the Local Plan and is complementary to other SPDs adopted by the City Corporation.

Conclusion

11. The City Corporation has produced an SPD for Air Quality designed to reduce a development's negative impact on air quality and on the health of City residents, workers and visitors. It provides guidance on the implementation of the City Corporation's adopted planning policies for improving air quality in the City.
12. Subject to comments received, the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee Members are asked to recommend the adoption of the SPD, and the Planning and Transportation Committee Members are asked to approve the adoption of the SPD.

Appendices

1. City of London Corporation Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document
2. City of London Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document - Consultation Statement
3. City of London Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document - Adoption Statement

Background Papers

[City of London Corporation Air Quality Strategy 2015-2020](#)

[City of London Local Plan 2015](#)

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