

- We'll improve cycle lanes to encourage more people to travel by bike.
- A Kent wide car share scheme is already in existence, but we will also be investigating the potential of a car club, which gives you the convenience of a car without the stress of owning one. We will also continue to research a suitable park and ride site.

Planning

- We'll work with developers to raise funds for the improvements we're intending through the planning process.
- Our planners will also work with developers to ensure that all new developments have as little impact on air quality as possible.

Clean Air – Working together to achieve it

Air Quality Management Area A26 – Tunbridge Wells to Southborough

If you require this information in large print, Braille, on audiotape or in any other format, please, contact us on 01892 526121

The A26 is a very busy road with lots of heavy traffic emitting fumes. This road doesn't cause the pollution levels that those living next to a motorway or in a busy city would experience, but the impact the traffic has on our air does give us cause for concern.

We're working with other organisations to reduce the traffic and the pollution along this stretch but we need your help.

The area – stretching from London Road in Tunbridge Wells to the Common in Southborough has been designated an Air Quality Management Area. This means that we are monitoring the air. More importantly, we will be introducing measures to hopefully reduce the amount of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in the air – it is this gas that gives us the most concern.

Increased levels of NO₂ can lead to respiratory problems and can trigger breathing difficulties in asthmatics, so we need to tackle this issue now.

Overleaf are some of the things we are proposing. There is a longer and more detailed list on our website at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk or we can send it to you if you do not have access to the Internet. What we need to know from you is:

- *Do you think these are the right suggestions?*
- *Could you help us to implement any of these suggestions?*
- *Is there anything else that we could/should be doing?*

...and any other comments you have.

You can let us know these things in the way that is easiest for you:

By phone – **01892 554240**

By e-mail – **envprotection@tunbridgewells.gov.uk**

Online – **www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/**

In person – at the **Town Hall** or the **Weald Information Centre** in Cranbrook

By post:

**Karin Grey, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells,
Kent TN1 1RS**

Our proposals:

Controlling Traffic

- *Traffic survey – we'll conduct a traffic survey along that stretch of road to find out where people are travelling to and from and how often.*
- *We'll work with Kent Highways to improve junctions and the road layout in an attempt to keep traffic moving.*
- *We will also continue to enforce parking restrictions so that those parking illegally, and invariably causing congestion, are discouraged.*

Reducing Traffic

- *We've introduced a Quality Bus Partnership to improve the infrastructure, quality and reliability of local buses so that local people will travel by bus rather than car. We'll also work with Kent Highways to improve bus lanes so that we can get them to their destination faster!*
- *We'll encourage local schools and businesses, particularly those along that route, or using that route to develop travel plans – these focus organisations on encouraging staff and pupils to travel by means other than the car. We'll even lead by example and we intend to update our own plan.*