

# Policy paper: Air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in UK (2017)

*Updated:* Added the supplement plan and annex D maps.

Statutory air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), setting out how the UK will be reducing roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations.

These documents and [zone plans](#) set out our comprehensive approach to meeting the statutory limits for nitrogen dioxide, and the policy background.

The technical report details the modelling techniques and assumptions used when developing the plan.

A supplement to the plan was published on 5 October 2018. Read the [local authority studies used to develop the supplement](#).

The Directions require specified local authorities to carry out studies or to implement actions to meet legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest possible time, and sets deadlines.

These documents detail how we will meet our legal requirement to reduce nitrogen dioxide set out in the:

- Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010
- Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2010
- Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010
- Air Quality Standards (Wales) Regulations 2010

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## Collection: Future of mobility

*Updated:* Added 6 workshop reports.

Technological developments and disruptive business models will have a significant impact on how people and goods move around the UK over the coming decades. This project investigates the impact and consequences of these issues on how people and goods will be transported.

The project aims to:

- share the latest scientific evidence with policy makers
- use futures techniques to inform policy decision making
- help policy makers deal with uncertainty around the future of transport

Emerging areas of focus are:

- the interaction between people, technology and data
- new transport business models
- alternate transport futures

These areas are likely to develop over the course of the project.

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## [News story: New Foresight project to investigate the future of mobility](#)

The project will explore the opportunities and implications arising from the future transport system in the UK.

Technological developments and disruptive business models will have a significant impact on how people and goods move around the UK over the coming decades. The Government Office for Science's [new Foresight project](#) will investigate how these issues will affect the transport of people and goods up to 2040.

Commenting on the project, Sir Mark Walport, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, said:

Understanding what the future of transport could hold is important for society and government.

Policy makers need to think about the longer term future of transport in order to make informed decisions today to shape the way people and goods move in the future.

The Foresight Future of Mobility project will help policy makers to think about the future of transport by providing the latest scientific evidence and tools.

The project is developing evidence in the following areas:

- the interaction between people, technology and data
- new transport business models
- alternate transport futures

These areas will develop over the course of the project.

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## [News story: China IP Roadshow 2017](#)

The UK Intellectual Property Office is holding a UK-wide intellectual property roadshow run by Tom Duke, the UK's IP Attaché to China.

The annual China IP roadshow will run from 18 to 20 September 2017 and this year will visit Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leeds, Barnsley, Liverpool and Manchester.

Based in the British Embassy Beijing, Tom supports over 200 UK companies each year to protect and enforce IP in China. He will draw on this experience to provide practical advice on a range of ventures in China, including exporting, manufacturing, investment (in China, the UK and third countries), collaborative research, technology licensing and creative projects.

China IP Roadshow events are open to large and small business, and cover all industry sectors. The events will cover all major aspects of IP: patents, trade marks, designs, copyright and trade secrets. All sessions will be interactive with opportunities to comment, ask questions and network with other participants.

The dates and locations for each city are provided below, along with links to further information and registration pages. All events are free of charge.

### **Monday 18 September 2017**

In partnership with [Scottish Enterprise](#), the China IP Roadshow will begin with events in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

#### **Glasgow**

- time/date: 10am-12:30pm (including networking lunch), Monday 18 September 2017
- venue: Scottish Enterprise Glasgow office, Atrium Court, 50 Waterloo Street, Glasgow
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available

#### **Edinburgh**

- time/date: 2:30pm-4:30pm, Monday 18 September 2017
- venue: Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh office, Apex House, 99 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
- sector focus: IP and retail, including food and beverages, healthcare, personal care, cosmetics and fashion.
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available

## Tuesday 19 September 2017

We are delighted that for the first time the China IP Roadshow will visit Yorkshire for events in Leeds and Barnsley. Events will be held in partnership with the [Business and IP Centre \(BIPC\) Leeds](#), the [Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre \(BBIC\)](#), the [IP Yorkshire blog](#) and [4-5 Gray's Inn Square](#).

### Leeds

### Barnsley

- time/date: 2:30pm-5pm, Tuesday 19 September 2017
- venue: Barnsley Business and Innovation Centre, Wilthorpe and Head Office, Innovation Way, Barnsley
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available

## Wednesday 20 September 2017

The China IP Roadshow will visit Liverpool for a meeting held in partnership with [Invest Liverpool](#), before returning to Manchester for the third year running, working with partners the [China-Britain Business Council \(CBBC\)](#).

### Liverpool

- time/date: morning , Wednesday 20 September 2017
- venue: TBC, Liverpool city centre
- a sign up page will be published shortly. For more information and to be notified when registration is open please [email Monica Su](#)

### Manchester

- time/date: 2:30pm-6pm (including early-evening networking reception), Wednesday 20 September 2017
- venue: TBC, Manchester city centre
- more information and [sign-up details](#) are available

If you require further information on the 2017 China IP Roadshow please contact [Monica Su](#)

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## [News story: MHRA response to the final report of the Mesh Oversight Group](#)

Patient safety is our highest priority and we sympathise with women who have suffered complications after surgery.

We are committed to helping address the serious concerns raised by some patients. We have undertaken work to assess the findings of studies undertaken by the clinical community over many years, as well as considering the feedback from all sources in that time.

What we continue to see is that evidence supports the use of these devices in the UK for treatment of the distressing conditions of incontinence and organ prolapse in appropriate circumstances. This is supported by the greater proportion of the clinical community and patients.

In common with other medical device regulators worldwide, none of whom have removed these devices from the market, we are not aware of a robust body of evidence which would lead to the conclusion these devices are unsafe if used as intended.

We actively encourage patients and healthcare professionals to [report complications associated with these implants](#) through the [Yellow Card Scheme](#).

The final report of the NHS England-led Mesh Working Group can be found on the [NHS England website](#).