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Government launches Draft Air Quality Action Plan for public consultation

The Government is launching its Draft Air Quality Action Plan this week. The draft plan will be posted on the Department of the Environment website as part of a public consultation exercise. The document can be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/environment/environment>

The draft plan comprises actions that Government has established as a means of reducing levels of Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) and Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in Gibraltar, which are the two pollutants for which exceedences of EU limit values have been recorded for the years 2007 and 2008. Once the proposed actions are applied the measured concentrations of PM₁₀ and NO₂ will be well below the EU limit values.

This draft air quality action plan has been produced to accompany the formal applications for a time extension for PM₁₀ and NO₂ to the European Commission and to establish a bold coherent strategy to reduce measured levels of PM₁₀, NO₂ and other pollutants. The public needs to be aware that this is an active document that is subject to review.

Members of the public are invited to read the document and make representations to the Department of the Environment in writing if they wish. The public consultation exercise will run from 22nd June 2010 until the 6th July 2010. Any submissions on the draft plan should be sent to the Department of the Environment, Duke of Kent House, Line Wall Road by no later than Friday 6th July 2010.