

# Air Quality in Canterbury: what we know and what we need to know

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There has been an increasing interest in the impact of air quality on health in the last few years. Air pollution is a major public health problem and while much of the media focus has been on large cities in the UK, poor air quality affects many smaller cities and towns – including Canterbury. Air quality in Canterbury already breaches national limits for nitrogen dioxide and ozone – both of which are associated with traffic emissions. With new developments the situation is likely to get worse unless new solutions are found. This talk will provide an overview of the current situation in Canterbury, the health impacts associated with poor air quality and outline ideas for tackling the issue.

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