

DELIVERING YOUR AQAP



Ricardo's team has extensive experience in preparing AQAPs for UK local authorities. This includes delivering plans for Tower Hamlets, Derby, Wakefield, Oxford and Mid Devon Councils, all in line with the relevant Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) process. Ricardo can prepare a technical AQAP on behalf of your organisation taking

account of existing measures, in addition to proposing additional measures, as required by Defra's updated LAQM, Technical Guidance (LAQM.TG22). As part of this process, we assess the progress of measures in recent annual status reports (ASR), as well as existing policies in local plans and/or initiatives that will contribute to the improvement of local air quality.

Source apportionment

Identify principal sources of emissions. Potential scenario assessment. Review conclusions and recommendations.

Notify Air Quality Partners/Inception Steering Group meeting

Attend core steering group meeting to provide a background on air quality.

Core AQAP Steering Group meeting

Review the list of provisional measures for inclusion in the draft AQAP.

Preparation of draft AQAP

Identify timeframes for implementation of proposed measures and how these will be monitored. Submit to steering group for comment.

Public consultation

Ricardo's energy & environment division can provide support and personnel to prepare and attend meetings.

Review of relevant plans and policies

Policies with potential to influence AQAPs, including local air quality management (LAQM), planning, transport, environmental, climate change.

Prepare provisional list of measures

For consideration by the core steering group.

Assessment of shortlisted measures

Assessment against the following criteria: emissions benefit, implementation costs, cost effectiveness, potential co-environmental benefits, risk factors, social and economic impacts, feasibility and acceptability.

Steering Group meeting

Involving all key stakeholders. Review and assess the provisional short list of measures. Collation of final agreed shortlist measures to be included in the AQAP.

Finalisation of AQAP

In light of consultation feedback, prepare additional chapter summarising the consultation process.

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