

SERVICE UPDATE

<u>Name of Cluster:</u>	Protective Services, Governance
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<u>Title of Update:</u>	Revocation of Anderson Drive and Wellington Road Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) and Amendment of City Centre AQMA.
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Purpose:

To advise members of the revocation of the Anderson Drive and Wellington Road Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) and amendment of the City Centre AQMA to omit particulates (PM₁₀) with effect from 1 February 2025.

1. Summary of Current Air Quality in Aberdeen

1.1 There are the following three Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) in Aberdeen which were declared due to exceedances of the national air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particles (PM₁₀):

- City Centre
- Anderson Drive corridor
- Wellington Road (Queen Elizabeth II Bridge – Balnagask Road)

1.2 Air quality in Aberdeen has progressively improved in recent years due to a range of national policies and local actions. There have been no exceedances of the NO₂ objectives at monitoring locations within the Wellington Road or Anderson Drive AQMA since 2018 and no exceedances of the PM₁₀ objectives since 2016. There also has been no exceedance of the PM₁₀ objectives in the City Centre AQMA since 2015.

2. Revocation of the Anderson Drive and Wellington Road AQMA and amendment of the City Centre AQMA

2.1 To justify an amendment or revocation of an AQMA national guidance recommends a minimum of at least three consecutive years when the objective of concern has not been exceeded and when data suggests no further exceedances are predicted.

- 2.2 Revocation Proposal Reports for the Anderson Drive and Wellington Road AQMAs and an Amendment Proposal Report to omit PM₁₀ were approved by the Scottish Government and SEPA in August 2024. The Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee of 12 November 2024 approved the recommendations to:
- (a) revoke the Anderson Drive and Wellington Road AQMAs and amend the City Centre AQMA to omit PM₁₀, and:
 - (b) Instruct the Chief Officer Governance to commence statutory procedures to formally revoke and amend the AQMAs.
- 2.3 The Revocation and Amendment Orders will come into effect on 1 February 2025 and will be publicised through local media. These are available to download [here](#).
- 2.4 City Centre air quality has also progressively improved and monitoring results showed compliance with the NO₂ objectives at all locations for the first time in 2023. Revocation of the City Centre AQMA will be considered if air quality continues to improve and monitoring results demonstrate continued compliance with the objective levels over at least three consecutive years.