

In 2016, 186 Air Quality Focus Areas were defined across London in locations where the EU annual mean limit value for NO₂ was exceeded and there was high human exposure. These were not designed to be an exhaustive list of London’s air pollution hotspots, but where the problem was most acute. The Focus Areas have been used by GLA, TfL and the boroughs to inform local air quality management, the development of air quality interventions and the planning process. Under London Local Air Quality Management guidelines, boroughs are required to have regard to the focus areas in their borough when devising their air quality action plans.

TfL have reviewed the Focus Areas following the publication of new air quality data with the LAEI 2019. There are now 160 Focus Areas across the 33 London Boroughs. Some have been modified as a result of the review; others have been removed or added due to changes in air quality or exposure. The process followed is largely unchanged from 2016 but it uses the most up to date information as outlined below.

