

# Ashford's Air Quality

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# Ashford's growth

- Largest borough in Kent
- Fast growing population
- 14,680 new dwellings proposed between 2011 and 2030
- Ashford town redevelopment
- J10A & A28

# Monitoring

- NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring
- Fixed monitoring
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring

# Public Health England

## Ashford's particulate matter

- Contributes to the death of 50 persons (age 25+).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in Kent
- Contributes to 539 of life-years lost.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in Kent

# Current ABC AQ work

- Member of Kent AQ Monitoring Network
- Planning applications
- VMS signage
- Electric vehicle provision
- KM 'walk to school' scheme
- M20 J10A and A28 improvements

# Conclusion

- Despite the trend toward improved air quality, we are conscious of the potential impact of major development in Ashford.
- We aim to retain a 'good' air quality status and minimise the burden of poor AQ on public health and local authority resource.

# Recommendations

We ask the board to;

- Support an AQ strategy
- Assist in identifying actions to reduce the effect of air pollution
- Facilitate training of staff relevant to AQ