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Consultation Comments Summary

239 consultation letters were sent out to residents and local businesses in the proposed A25 AQMA 1 response were received.

23 letters were sent out to residents and local businesses within the proposed Swanley AQMA 1 response was received.

Consultation Letters were also sent out to the statutory consultees, Town and Parish Councils

Comments are summarised below:

Consultee	Comments
Resident, Swanley	I have long asked that HGVs be banned from using this section of road. This would reduce the air pollution hugely, particularly at peak times, when they often have to wait a considerable time for a gap in the oncoming traffic, in order to get round the bend .
Councillor Fittock, Swanley	I fully support the proposals for the new zone. I would suggest that an introduction of a 30 mile speed limit along London Road from Birchwood Corner to the Town Centre might help to prevent the bunching of traffic at the Birchwood traffic lights. This would also give weight to the call for speed limits on that section of road following a recent fatality. It would also conform with the 30MPH limit that is already in place in London Road to the East of the town centre. This would be a comparatively affordable win and would have local support though might be a challenge to enforce without other traffic calming measures.
Sundridge and Ide Hill Parish Council	We are concerned regarding the air quality and would support pollution studies which will prove the case. We would welcome any further information to aid in this matter.
Resident, Riverhead	Air quality deteriorates on the A25 Bradbourne Vale Road outside our property when the traffic is congested and backs up from the Riverhead roundabout. You asked for any comments or suggestions regarding the consultation and we would like to make the following:-

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	<p>1. Additional signage discouraging HGVs from using the A25 2. Designating the A25 a Low Emission Zone</p>
<p>Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council</p>	<p>Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (TMBC) share many strategic busy roads with Sevenoaks District Council (SDC); most notably the A25, M20, M26 and A20. It follows that the traffic related air quality problem along these roads are interlinked between the two Authorities. As a result we would like to take this opportunity to set up closer joint working relationship between air quality officers of TMBC and those of SDC. This is in accordance with actions from our Air Quality Action Plan to ensure close working relationships with our neighbouring local authorities. In light of TMBC's own recent consultation on declaration of a proposed AQMA in Borough Green, the need for joint working in terms of traffic on the A25 is of the utmost important.</p>
<p>Westerham Town Council</p>	<p>Westerham Town Council discussed the AQMA consultation letter at the Planning and Development Committee meeting today, they had no comments to make on this consultation.</p>
<p>Natural England</p>	<p>Natural England does not have any comment to make on the aforementioned consultation.</p>
<p>Friends of the Earth Sevenoaks Local Group</p>	<p>As coordinator of the Friends of the Earth Sevenoaks Local Group we would welcome the suggestion that the A 25 be declared an Air Quality Management Area. However we wondered how this would be monitored. Given the cost of fixed monitoring points would it be possible to organise mobile monitoring? I understand that this is used in London. We note the intended efforts of the District Council to encourage energy-saving and decrease car use. We would be interested to know which practical actions are underway to implement these.</p>

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Kent County Council	Kent Highways and our Kent Transport Policy Team are satisfied with the proposal for the designation.