



Climate and Nature Forum



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Idling Emissions

Did you know?

Stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, which carries a fine, and is thought to contribute to asthma, heart disease and even lung cancer and has a negative effect on the environment by contributing to poor air quality.

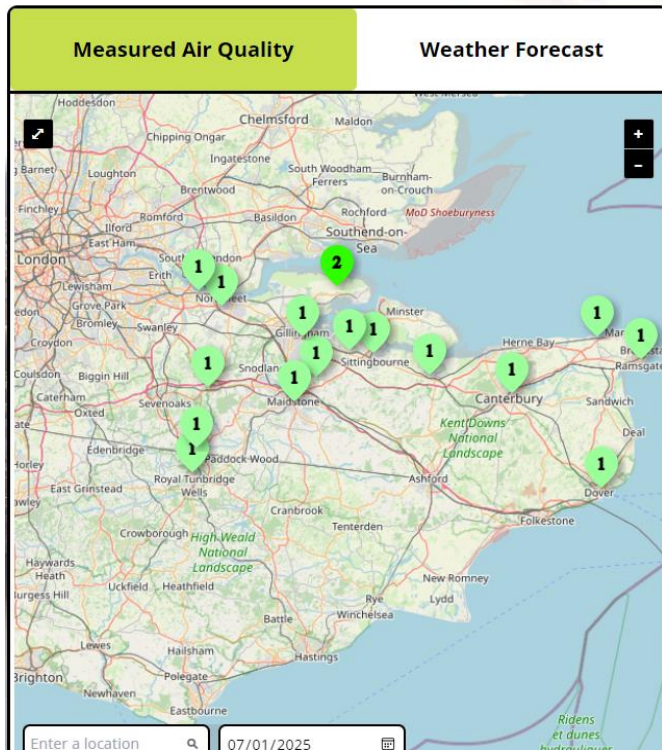


Idling Emissions



Reporting Air Quality in Kent and Medway

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New sensors network

DEFRA are funding a project to install a small network of air pollution sensors in Canterbury's Air Quality Management Area, which covers the main ring road where all traffic passes around and through Canterbury.

[View the AQ sensors page](#)

Latest Summary

Last updated at KentAir at 10:00 on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

- 19 Sites index Low (1-3)
- 0 Sites index Moderate (4-6)
- 0 Sites index High (7-9)
- 0 Sites index Very High (10)
- 0 Sites Offline

[Monitoring Site Summary](#)

[24 Hour Summary](#)

Air Pollution Forecast

The following days are available to view

< Today 7th January >

Today Air pollution levels are forecast to be Low today

Dover Centre Roadside

Last updated **07/01/2025 13:00**

Latest pollution level **Low**

[View full site data](#)



KALC Resilience Forum

1. Report on discussion at Dover Forum - KALC 23-10-2024 arising from item on local councils' new Resilience Plans agenda item from WTC cllr SWG.
2. Planning issues arising out briefing by Kent Resilience Forum. (Flood prevention, wildfire prevention).



Item for Agenda of Dover Forum – KALC Oct 2024 from cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave of Walmer Parish Council (07931 975769)

To note : further to the advice from Kent Resilience Forum July 2024 on the need to update parish level resilience plans due to wider range of risks including risks of extreme weather events due to worsening climate change:

list of risks within the KRF template recommended 24/7/2024 (<https://www.kentprepared.org.uk/>)

[feedback from DDC Climate and Nature forum \(set up with a Dec 2023 meeting to which a handful of town council clerks were invited\) suggestion, more local level 1 councils may want to ask to participate,](#)

parish level and Dover district level carbon footprint information, available also to all 35 parish councils in Dover district, to all level 1 councils nationwide.

The template to update parish level resilience plans is very helpful and easy to use. This is the list of events KRF suggests we level 1 councils should put into our updated plans.

Flooding (including coastal, river or surface or ground water) *A warmer climate sucks up more moisture, leading to heavier and more unpredictable downpours)*

Fire

High winds

Heavy snow & extreme cold *(climate change is leading to reduction / loss of gulf stream as arctic meltwater flows south)*

Heat wave / Drought *(in July 2022 temperatures hit 39/40 degrees in UK, health advice was not to go out 11 – 3pm and fire services became very overstretched)*

Electricity failure

Gas failure

Water supply failure

Pandemic (covid or other)

(suggest in Dover district we add road gridlock given the comments from David Parrott, DDC Resilience manager 24/7)

Gridlock on A-roads (A2, A20, A258, A256, A257 other)

Comparison of 10 of 35 DD parishes with Dover district -carbon footprint per household; both methods shown (website : <https://impact-tool.org.uk/>) by Cllr S Waite-Gleave (SW-G certified Carbon Literate Jan 2024, trained to use carbon auditing tool 4/12/2023 also 2 day training self paid Zero-Carbon-Britain CAT, happy to help any cllr or clerk with this anywhere in Dover district).
An 18 page advice report per parish is generated by the impact-tool on-line carbon audit service.

| Parish / District | Territorial CO2e ftpt | Consumption CO2e | Key points from territo- | Key points from con- | Do-able actions to target (which |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Walmer Parish Sept'24 | 6 t CO2e (BREAKDOWN TOHousing Rd trspt Ind & Comm Aviation Shpg Fgases Agri Wste-mgt Othertrns diesalRly) | 11t CO2e (gds&servs Food&d Housing Travel Waste) | Housing carbon ftpt MORE than district: Road transport LESS than dis- trict; Agri much LESS than district Much lower than district because of travel we have no control over & suburban nature of par- ish, no agriculture. | All more than district: consumptn goods&services; food & diet; housing; travel; (same as district – waste) Slightly higher than district because slight- ly better-off = more consumption. BUT note pockets of pov- erty in Walmer no better-off than district. | Encourage : insulation of homes; provision / use public transport & active trav- el; switch to choice of veggie & local food; Increase in re-use / repair of goods & services. |
| DOVER DISTRICT | 11t CO2e | 12t CO2e (under 11.7 | See above | See above | See above |
| Deal Sept'24 | 5t CO2e | 11t CO2e (under10.5) | | | |
| Dover town Sept'24 | 7t CO2e | 10t CO2e | | | |
| Aylesham Sept'24 | 4t CO2e | 11t CO2e (under10.7) | | | |
| Sandwich Sept'24 | 13t CO2e | 12.2t CO2e | | | |
| Ringwould w/ | 10t CO2e | 14t CO2e | | | |
| Eastry Sept'24 | 13t CO2e | 13t CO2e | | | |
| Whitfield Sept'24 | 10t CO2e | 12t CO2e | | | |
| St Margarets at Cliffe | 14 t CO2e | 13 t CO2e | | | |
| Guston Sept'24 | 36 t CO2e | 14 t CO2e | | | |

KALC Resilience Forum

Key takeaway messages :

- There are very likely to be intense dry hot drought periods once every 4 years.
- More intense rain periods (long periods in winter ; sudden thundery ones in summer) sea level rise in 2100 like to range between 0.5 and 1.15m). Not unrealistic that melting arctic will cause loss of gulf stream.
- Public support for action. Expressed by 74% of respondents to 2021 census. KCC has bought 2 large solar farms in Somerset 22MW which represent 76% of electricity used by KCC (private note sw-g Update on ELES work July 2024 KCC cttee meeting agenda). Encouraging private residents to reduce their carbon footprint with Green Open Homes project
- Local councils need to develop a Climate Action Plan . some guidance on www.greatcollaboration.uk/the-toolkit but no template / exemplars
- Taking increased threats of wildfires seriously especially where parish boundaries are on edge of farmland. Need for firebreaks on edges of all new developments. UK wildfire peaks are April & July.
- Sw-g Q to CSE's Steve Cole about how to push LPA to reach and incentivize private landlords to make their rental properties energy efficient – got response we don't have answer but this is very important / key question. Less regulatory obstruction to retrofit on historic / conservation buildings see Historic England new 2024 Advice Note Saving Energy and Carbon .

Deal Town Council

- [DTC's response to Environment Agency's annual report](#)
- [More than 200 people visited the first ever Deal Climate Action Day in November.](#)
- [Look after what you love - litter launch!](#) We launched our new anti-litter campaign 'Look after what you love' at Climate Action Day. People will choose their favourite stencil design that will be used to help stop littering at 'hot-spots' in the town.
- Work has begun on the **Ocean and Coastal Recovery Declaration & Strategy** - To make a declaration supporting the recovery of the Deal coastline and sea off Deal, to develop strategies to achieve this for the Town Council itself and to develop cooperative strategies with neighbours and interested parties
- Coming up in Spring 2025, to make Deal a **hedgehog friendly town** by raising awareness amongst residents and distributing hedgehog-friendly fence gravel boards to households and from the summer to recruit **Tree Guardians** and start the next phase of the **Hedge Pledge**



Members updates

Dover District Council

- Local Plan has been adopted.
- Meeting with AMP energy battery in January.
- Attended Sustainable Action Group (SAG) delivered by the Local Government Association.
- Attended CCN meetings hosted by KCC.
- Climate Neutrality project continues – ISO 14068 accreditation planned.
- Attended the Sustainable Future Forum in Folkestone
- Preparing for the heat network feasibility study with the Heat Network Delivery Unit (Government Department).
- Attended Local Authority Net Zero Knowledge Sharing meetings
- Attended the Deal Town Council climate day
- Attended the community energy event, hosted in Walmer.

Visit to MRF and/or Incinerator



Morning of April 3rd – proposed date – CaNF forum meeting 2pm

Energy Efficiency boxes And Thermal Cameras

£5,000 budget for boxes £1,000 budget for cameras



One Year Review





North East Young Dads and Lads

Climate Action Fund - Our Shared Future

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The Climate Action Fund is our commitment to help communities tackle climate change. We're supporting communities to be environmentally sustainable.

With Climate Action Fund – Our Shared Future we want to involve more people in climate action. And we want to inspire bold and exciting change.



Next Climate and Nature forum

April 3rd- 2pm DDC Offices Brave Room

Hybrid

Timing – Daytime

Speakers – may include DDC or KCC Project Officers, KWT, RSPB, Butterfly Conservation, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, and Bumblebee Conservation to name a few.

AOB & Networking

