

Examples of typical environmental problems related to air identified for different scales of Plan		
Level of Plan	Environmental Problems & Sensitive Areas	Examples of Evidence
Air quality		
National Plan (e.g. National Transport Strategy)	Poor air quality, as a result of road transport and congestion, is a key environmental problem in and around Scotland's major cities (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Perth, Glasgow and Dundee) and on main arterial routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Scotland's Environment Report (SEPA). • Local Authority Air Quality Monitoring Reports. • Scottish Air Quality Database.
Local Plan (e.g. Urban Regeneration Masterplan)	The town centre has historically suffered from poor air quality associated with levels of NO _x and CO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority Air Quality Monitoring Reports. • Data from Local Authority air quality monitoring stations.
Pollution		
National Plan	Increased area emissions of air pollutants in city/ town centres caused by increased development of city/ town centres for retail, business and leisure, without adequate provision of new public transport infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National level State of the Environment Reports. • Local Authority Air Quality Monitoring Reports.
Local Plan	Congestion on city centre arterial routes leading to increased polluting emissions.	Information collated from local air quality monitoring stations.
Nuisance		
Regional Plan	Open fires in rural areas (e.g. fire places and stoves, burning of leaves, other green waste and muirburn/ heather burning) generating smoke and haze and leading to negative aesthetic impacts.	Complaints received by Local Authorities.
Local Plan	Dust levels in city centres exceeding recommended levels.	Complaints received by Local Authorities.

Note: This table provides a framework to illustrate how this guidance could be used.