

## Examples of typical SEA objectives and assessment criteria for air

SEA topic	SEA objective	
Air	To improve or maintain air quality and reduce emissions of key pollutants.	
SEA Sub-topic	SEA sub-objective	Example assessment criteria Will the Plan...
Air Quality	To improve air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen to air?</li> <li>• ...reduce emissions of sulphur dioxide to air?</li> <li>• ...reduce emissions of particulate matter?</li> <li>• ...reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds?</li> <li>• ...reduce contributions to acid deposition?</li> <li>• ...avoid exacerbating air quality problems?</li> <li>• ...reduce exposure to existing poor air quality?</li> </ul>
Air Pollution	To reduce levels of air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...reduce or prevent emissions of point source air pollution?</li> <li>• ...reduce or prevent emissions of linear/ nodal source air pollution?</li> <li>• ...reduce or prevent emissions of area source air pollution?</li> <li>• ...encourage cleaner technologies?</li> <li>• ...reduce the need to travel?</li> <li>• ...increase/ reduce traffic congestion?</li> <li>• ...reduce and prevent long-range transboundary air pollution?</li> <li>• ...improve or maintain ambient air quality?</li> </ul>
Nuisance	To reduce the levels of nuisance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...reduce levels of odour?</li> <li>• ...reduce levels of dust?</li> <li>• ...reduce levels of fine particulates?</li> <li>• ...reduce levels of smoke?</li> <li>• ...reduce levels of haze?</li> </ul>

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