



# Transform Our World News

Special Edition

Make Change Happen

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## CAN YOU HELP US #BUILDBACKCLEANERAIR?

Since lockdown began we have all noticed changes on our roads – in most areas there are less vehicles around, there are more people walking and cycling, and the reduction in noise means you can hear birds singing!

Vehicles, such as cars, vans and lorries, are the largest source of air pollution in our communities. So, less vehicles on the roads has meant less pollution in our air.

In cities, the level of toxic gas nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), one of the most dangerous air pollutants, has dropped by almost 50%, and local residents are enjoying breathing cleaner air that is better for our health and for the planet.

"I've noticed that the air is so much cleaner – there are less fumes in the air from cars



and vans, and it's quieter and more peaceful too", said Lucy, a local resident. "I hope it stays like this after lockdown ends!"

We're all looking forward to lockdown restrictions and getting out of the house more, but this does not have to mean bringing back air pollution.

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## Your challenge!

As our young reporter, we would like you to gather evidence that we can send to the government and businesses to help build safer and cleaner cities. Our voices have never been more powerful, and you can help shape the future, *today*.

Can you take photos or short videos of you and your family in answer to these questions?

1. How has less road traffic affected your daily life?
2. How are you embracing walking and cycling, both as a form of exercise and transport?
3. Which shops, cafes or businesses are you looking forward to returning to?
4. What do you want to see after the lockdown eases for clean air?

**Submit your photos and videos\* via Twitter or Instagram using #BuildBackCleanerAir or by email to [team@globalactionplan.org.uk](mailto:team@globalactionplan.org.uk).**

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