



Lockdown seems to have improved air quality

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The overwhelming majority of drivers have noticed a positive improvement in local air quality according to a survey into driver attitudes and behaviours during lockdown.

The survey by nationwide electric car charge point installer Smart Home Charge, found almost all respondents noticed less congestion and noise pollution (99.3% and 88.3% respectively), with 98.3% agreeing that electric cars would help reduce noise pollution if they replaced petrol or diesel vehicles.

When asked about air quality, 72.5% of respondents said this was “very important” to them and 97% said the lockdown has had a positive effect on local air quality.

In addition, 68.4% pinpointed petrol/diesel vehicles and too many cars on the road as having the most negative impact on local air quality.

In response, 66% of those surveyed said they would be willing to get a fully electric car when asked what they would most likely do to improve local air quality.

Other options included walking or cycling more (14.4%), car sharing (2.1%), avoid driving into town (3.1%) and getting a plug-in hybrid (7.6%).