



Greater Manchester launched two major public consultations to get a wide range of views on the city-region's plans **to reduce harmful air pollution** on local roads and to introduce minimum standards for all taxis and private hire services licensed in the region. People and businesses across the region and beyond are being invited to help shape the final plans by taking part in the consultations, which run until 23:59 on Thursday 3 December 2020.

People can find out more and give their views at [cleanairgm.com](http://cleanairgm.com) and [gmtaxistandards.com](http://gmtaxistandards.com), or request further support, including copies of consultation documentations, on 0161 244 1100. Both websites will host a virtual engagement space open 24/7 for the next eight weeks given government guidance around social distancing. [cleanairgm.com](http://cleanairgm.com) will also host a series of webinars for businesses and taxi operators, as well as live chat drop-in sessions so people can find out more and ask questions about the proposals.

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As we head towards the **end of the transition period** for Brexit, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has developed a series of webinars to help businesses prepare. Please use the following link to see the [BEIS' webinar schedule](#). They cover the following sectors: life sciences; aerospace; construction; consumer goods; metals and other materials; retail, automotive; services and investment; and electronics and machinery.

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Manufacturing excellence has an end goal: Improved quality, better lead times, reduced costs. This creates satisfied customers, which leads to more customers.

To achieve manufacturing excellence, leaders need to take action and lead by example. Most courses take the leader away from the shop floor for prolonged periods of time, and any impetus and initiative from the course is lost as the leader plays catch-up.

Open to businesses in Greater Manchester, the Made for Manufacturing **programme** is entirely online and is delivered in short bursts, minimising time away. As a participant, you will identify an improvement opportunity during each session and immediately work on it. It's for leaders, it's for doers.

For more information and details of how to register please click [here](#). The deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> November.

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Skills Support for the Workforce offers fully funded support to help you develop your staff through a range of training programmes which are tailored to your business needs. There is a variety of accredited and non-accredited programmes to choose from in sectors such as Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Retail, Business & Professional Services, Creative & Digital, Health & Social Care, Hospitality, Logistics, Low Carbon & Environment Goods and Services

These qualifications are aimed at individuals who would like to develop the skills and knowledge to progress within their chosen career. They are industry recognised qualifications, assessing both knowledge and competence that are transferable across a range of competencies. [Learn more about our offer here.](#)

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This year's **Meet the Buyer event** will obviously not take place in its usual format, and will instead be a series of online sessions. The events all take place week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November and more details can be found on the STAR Procurement website: <https://www.star-procurement.gov.uk/Events/Meet-the-Buyer-2020/Meet-the-Buyer-2020.aspx>

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And a final reminder for those businesses based on Stakehill Industrial Estate. There is a webinar with the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham on 11<sup>th</sup> November, and Leader of Rochdale Council, Allen Brett. Booking details can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stakehill-bid-virtual-open-event-tickets-125913148617>

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