

Consultation Responses:

Consultation response - Public Health.

From: Beth Wolfenden >

Sent: 27 March 2023 19:18

To: Public Protection <Pollution_Team@blackburn.gov.uk>

Cc: Laura Wharton <>; Abdul Razaq

<>; Catherine Taylor

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Subject: Public Health response to AQMA revocation consultation

In response to the consultation to revoke three AQMAs, please find comments below from Public Health.

Public Health are pleased to note the improvement in the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) at Intack, Bastwell and Four Lanes Ends and support the proposal to revoke the AQMAs with the following comments for consideration and action by the Council:

- Annual Air Quality reports to the Health Protection Board which includes NO₂ levels around all former AQMAs to provide reassurance that levels remain below the relevant concentration levels
- Consideration for new housing and employment developments which will impact on traffic flow around the AQMAs and ensuring all possible mitigation is implemented
- Consideration of the Walking and Cycling Plan to support the promotion of active travel and reduce traffic flow
- Supporting the School Streets work and idling campaigns around schools

Kind Regards

Beth

Beth Wolfenden MSc

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Please note my working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Consultation Response –

From: ? >

Sent: 27 March 2023 12:54

To: Public Protection <Pollution_Team@blackburn.gov.uk>

Subject: AQMA consultation

Dear Sir/madam,

Many thanks for setting up the consultation pm AQMAs in Blackburn.

I would be most keen for this to be continued. There is a public health concern that you have addressed by establishing this in the first place. By removing it I fear the good work will be undone.

We have the worst data for lung hospitalisations and deaths according to reports from the charity Asthma. I am sure the hospital and health sector in general would appreciate the support.

I am sure parents of children with asthma will be appreciative.
School absences as a result of asthma exacerbations can be a
challenge also.

Please do continue to support this scheme.

Kind regards,

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Consultation Response – Highways Agency

From: Christopher Henderson

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Sent: 21 March 2023 10:37

To: John Wood <John.Wood@blackburn.gov.uk>; Public Protection
<Pollution_Team@blackburn.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: 22597851: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council -
Revocation of Air Quality Management Areas NHHC:02512000519

Hi John,

Thanks for notifying us of your proposal to revoke the Intack,
Bastwell and Four Lane Ends AQMAs.

We note that all three AQMAs are stated to not be influenced by roads
controlled by National Highways in the 2022 Blackburn and Darwen
Annual Status Report - [https://blackburn-darwen.org.uk/wp-
content/uploads/BwDBC_ASR_2022.pdf](https://blackburn-darwen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/BwDBC_ASR_2022.pdf)

As such we have no objection to your proposal to revoke these AQMAs.

Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to get in touch
via the air quality mailbox - Airquality@nationalhighways.co.uk

Thanks,

Chris

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Consultation Response – Health Protection

From: Health Protection <Healthprotection@Lancashire.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 March 2023 08:10
To: John Wood <John.Wood@blackburn.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - Revocation of Air Quality Management Areas

Hi John, thanks for this email.

We won't be providing a response to this consultation as its BwD but its always useful to know what our neighbours are up to 😊 and its useful to know which AQMAs are close to the border.

Any ones we get from the Districts we'll look at.

Regards

Wendy

Wendy Mackley

Senior Health Protection Officer

Health Protection Service

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Consultation Response – Verbal – Swallow Field Community Group

We had a call from a representative from the above community group who was positive about the improvement in air quality and the revocation of the AQMAs.

Other Local Authority Responses

Rossendale

From: Lorna Robinson < >

Sent: 17 March 2023 11:17

To: John Wood <John.Wood@blackburn.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Consultation - Revocation of AQMA's

Hi John no issue here great that they can be revoked.

I'm following the more simple method in the guidance for our revocations and not consulting on them

Regards

Lorna Robinson

Senior Environmental Health Officer

Environmental Health

Public Protection Unit

Rossendale Borough Council

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Consultation Response – Environment Agency

From: Enquiries, Unit <enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 March 2023 12:39
To: John Wood <John.Wood@blackburn.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: 230321/BC10 RE: 230313/KEH17 FW: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council - Revocation of Air Quality Management Areas

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Please quote your enquiry reference 230321/BC10 in any correspondence with us regarding this matter.

Customers & engagement team

Environment Agency

Cumbria and Lancashire (Preston office) Email address - Inforequests.cmbInc@environment-agency.gov.uk

Kind regards

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