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Dear Ms Beach

**LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2013 AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT**

Thank you for consulting the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on Cotswold District Council's Air Quality Progress Report. Please find comments on the report attached.

The report provides update with respect to air quality management in Cotswold. The Council has examined the results from monitoring in the District. Concentrations within the AQMA still exceed the nitrogen dioxide objective at Air Balloon Birdlip. The report considers that the AQMA should remain. Concentrations outside of the AQMA are also exceeding at one site. The report also concludes that the Council will need to declare an AQMA for Thames Street Lechlade

The Progress Report includes a brief update on the Action Plan. Given the imminent AQMA and subsequent Action Plan for Thames Street, we recommend that future updates provide an Action Plan progress table as outlined in the LAQM guidance.

On the basis of the evidence provided the conclusions of the Progress Report are accepted. We look forward to receiving the Council's 2014 Progress Report.

Yours sincerely

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