



CABINET

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AGENDA ITEM (11)

DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA - THAMES STREET LECHLADE

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Purpose of Report	To consider declaring Thames Street, Lechlade an Air Quality Management Area
Recommendation(s)	That Thames Street, Lechlade be declared an Air Quality Management Area
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	Air Quality Monitoring has shown that the level of nitrogen dioxide is exceeding the National Air Quality Objectives.

Ward(s) Affected	Kempsford-Lechlade
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report
Legal and Human Rights Implications	Where a breach of the national air quality objectives is identified, the Council is obliged by statute to declare an Air Quality Management Order. Subsequently, there is a statutory requirement to produce and implement an action plan to improve the situation
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	Part IV of Section 83(1) of the Environment Act 1995 requires local authorities to assess local air quality with regard to National Air Quality Standards and Objectives
Human Resource Implications	None
Key Risks	The Council is required to make an Order designating an Air Quality Management Area for this location under the provisions of Part iv of Section 83(1) of the Environment Act 1995

Equalities Analysis	Residents and Interested Parties within the assessed area will be contacted individually by letter and in person if requested, advising of the reasons behind our decision to declare an Air Quality Management Area prior to general publication
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Related Decisions	None
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Background Documents	A detailed Air Quality Assessment and Progress Reports
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Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Draft Order Appendix 'B' - DEFRA Recommendation Appendix 'C' - Summary Air Quality Assessment Thames Street, Lechlade
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Performance Management Follow Up	Following the declaration of an Order, the Council is required to produce an Action Plan within a period of eighteen months
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Options for Joint Working	The Air Quality Action Plan will be developed in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Highways.
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Background Information	
<p>1. Part IV of Section 83(1) of the Environment Act 1995 requires local authorities to assess local air quality with regard to National Air Quality Standards and Objectives, and to submit regular reports to DEFRA as part of the National Air Quality Strategy.</p> <p>2. Since 1998, the Council has carried out monitoring of prescribed pollutants and submitted reports in accordance with statutory guidelines. The pollutants that we are required to monitor affect human health.</p> <p>3. The 2013 Progress Report identified one location of concern in relation to nitrogen dioxide where there is relevant public exposure. Nitrogen dioxide is a pollutant that can affect the respiratory system. This location is an area of Thames Street, Lechlade, at the junction of the A417 and A436 where residential properties are affected. The source of the pollution is emissions from road traffic vehicles.</p> <p>4. Subsequent monitoring has shown that the level of nitrogen dioxide is exceeding the National Air Quality Objectives. The area included is a portion of the road where the street narrows and the opposing buildings create a canyon; the traffic here is slow moving and queues at the junction because of the traffic lights.</p> <p>5. The Council is required to make an Order designating an Air Quality Management Area for this location under Part IV of Section 83(1) of the Environment Act 1995.</p>	

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