
SPECIAL MOTION NO.3 – CALLING FOR ACTION ON AIR QUALITY

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Larry Culhane
- (ii) Councillor Adam Connell

The Council notes that London's air is the filthiest in the UK with the 50 top worst black-spots in the country and that according to a study commissioned by the Greater London Authority and Transport for London air pollution in London resulted in nearly 9,500 deaths last year.

The Council is concerned that every day Londoners breathe in unhealthy levels of the toxic gas nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and that such air pollution is linked to lung and heart conditions, breast cancer and diabetes which is estimated to cost the UK up to £20 billion a year to treat.

The Council welcomes the fact that the UK signed up to the European Union's limit of 40 micrograms of NO₂ per cubic metre on average per year but is deeply concerned that people living, working or simply passing by Hammersmith Flyover are breathing in air that has 114 micrograms of NO₂ in it and that other spots around the Westway were also well over EU safe limits.

The Council notes the Mayor of London Boris Johnson's view when he stated "The air quality in London, you can go outside and breathe in great gulfs of virtually alpine air".

This Council calls on the Mayor of London and Government to take a serious and determined approach to improving air quality in London.

The Council resolves to combat air pollution in the borough and supports the work of the independent H&F Air Quality Commission. The Council agrees to bring forward measures to improve air quality and to lobby others in regional and national government and the EU to take measures to improve air quality and reduce the silent killer of air pollution.