

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	2 nd November 2023 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Item 11 Air Quality		
Background	<p>Local air quality management is a statutory process introduced by the Environment Act 1995 (Part IV), which places a legal duty on all local authorities to regularly review both the current and future air quality within their areas. These air quality reviews must follow Government guidance that sets health based objectives, which are based on what is considered acceptable given the known effects.</p> <p>Details on the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) that have been declared within Congleton. These areas are declared on the basis of being likely to breach the annual mean concentration of nitrogen dioxide, which is set as an Air Quality Standard of 40µg/m³ to be met by 31 December 2010.</p> <p>Congleton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality Management Area - West Road, Congleton (PDF, 565KB) - between the Waggon and Horses gyratory and the fire station roundabout• Air Quality Management Area - A34/A54 Congleton (PDF, 488KB) - a stretch of the A34 through Congleton incorporating Clayton Bypass, Rood Lane and Rood Hill back towards the town centre roundabout• Air Quality Management Area - Lower Heath, Congleton (PDF, 541KB) - a short stretch on the A34 at Lower Heath		
Update	<p>Cheshire East Council currently has one automatic analyser located on Market Street in Disley.</p> <p>This unit provides high quality, real-time data which can be used to analyse patterns and try to find out more about the characteristics of the pollution as it varies over time. This information is extremely useful for identifying causes of pollution and highlighting where efforts need to be targeted to reduce air pollution.</p> <p>Whilst providing high quality data, this equipment is expensive to purchase and maintain and often compromises have to be made in terms of its location for logistical reasons.</p> <p>Their monitoring site measures levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀).</p>		

	Our Streetscape Development Manager is currently in talks with the team at Cheshire East how we go about getting one for Congleton or when the Disley one is due to be located the next place for it to be used would be here in Congleton.
Financial Considerations	None currently.
Environmental Considerations	Our KPIs are set to ensure that we are following the latest environmental concerns to see where we can improve and help sustain the environment for both the public and local wildlife.
Equality Considerations	
Decision Requested	To support our Streetscape Development Manager on further discussions with Cheshire East Council on Air Quality and use of the analyser within Congleton