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Dear Consultee

Consultation on local air quality management framework in England – Changes to Guidance and Reporting

1. I am writing to invite views on our proposals to improve the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) framework in England. These proposals are a result of conclusions reached in the 2014 LAQM review consultation (which closed January 2015).
2. The following documents may be found on Defra's website www.gov.uk/defra or directly at: https://consult.defra.gov.uk/communications/laqm_changes
 - Consultation document
 - Impact Assessment
 - Consultee letter
 - List of consultees
 - LAQM Policy Guidance 2016



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IN PEOPLE

- LAQM Technical Guidance 2016
- Template – Annual Status Report (included in Technical Guidance)
- Template – Action Plan (included in Technical Guidance)
- Action Tool Box (included in Technical Guidance)

3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals.

Consultation Criteria

4. This consultation is in line with the Consultation Principles. These can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

Responses

5. Please use the Online Survey to respond to the consultation. This is now the preferred way for consultation responses to be received and analysed. If you experience problems in filling out the online survey you may email responses to:

LAQM.Review@defra.gsi.gov.uk

Postal replies may be sent to: 'LAQM Review Responses', Defra, Atmosphere and Industrial Emissions, Area 2C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR

6. Responses should be received by **21st January 2016**.

7. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

8. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

9. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at: www.gov.uk/defra or directly at: https://consult.defra.gov.uk/communications/lagm_changes

This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

10. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, Room 629, 9 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 3JR, or email consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

11. Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

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