

Council: 4 April 2017

Agenda item 15.5 – Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Dean Cohen

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Adam Langleben – Tackling air pollution around Barnet schools

Replace the final paragraph with:

“Council asks the Environment Committee to urgently investigate what measurable outcomes have resulted from LB Barnet’s Air Quality Action Plan over the last year, and to come up with recommendations for the Mayor of London to implement, in order to improve the air quality around these fifteen schools and across the borough.”

Full text to read:

Council notes that according to a recent study commissioned by Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, fifteen schools in Barnet are located near areas where the toxic pollutant Nitrogen Dioxide NO₂ is at or has breached EU legal limits of 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air.

The fifteen schools where air tests showed 40 micrograms, or more, of NO₂ per cubic metre of air are:

Wentworth Tutorial College (52 micrograms per cubic metre)

Beis Soroh Schneirer (47.8)

Rhodes Farm School (47.5)

Torah Vodaas (47.1)

Mapledown School (46.5)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (46.1)

Ayesha Community School (45.1)

Unity Girls High School (45.1)

Beis Medrash Elyon (44.7)

Wessex Gardends Primary School (43.1)

Whitefield School (41)

Tudor Primary School (40.7)

Beis Yaakov Primary School (40.6)

Hasmonean Primary School (40.1)

The Orion Primary School (40)

Council also notes that children are more vulnerable to the effects of pollution, and there is a link to increased asthma and severity of asthma and other respiratory diseases.

Council further notes that thousands of deaths are caused by pollution each year in London and that MPs have called the problem a public health emergency.

Council acknowledges that Barnet council has been awarded the Cleaner Air Borough accreditation, which is part of the Mayor of London's Local Air Quality Management Framework (LLAQM), and that the accreditation is awarded to boroughs for effectively monitoring and reducing air pollution.

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