

Full Council: 4 April 2017

Administration Motion: Cllr Dean Cohen

Mayor Khan: Tackle Illegal Air Pollution on Our Trunk Roads

Council calls on Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to explain what action he will take to reduce the unacceptable, unlawful, and harmful levels of NO₂ around Barnet schools sited near roads administered by Transport for London.

A study commissioned by the Mayor found the air around 15 Barnet schools to be polluted with NO₂ above the legal limit of 40 µg/m³. All schools but one were sited either on or around five TfL administered roads; the North Circular Road (A406), Edgware Road/West Hendon Broadway (A5), the M1, Brent Street (A502), and Watford Way/Hendon Way (A41).

To date this Council has introduced free green parking permits to drivers of electric cars, installed new charging points, and tabled the introduction of a diesel surcharge for Controlled Parking Zones later this year. We have also erected a 'green wall' around St Joseph's Catholic Primary – one of the 15 schools affected by illegal levels of NO₂.

We can and will do more, but the effects of our efforts will be limited while dangerously high levels of nitrogen continue to be belched from vehicles using TfL administered trunk roads. The Mayor's Ultra Low Emission Zone, while welcome, uses the North Circular as its outermost border and therefore will not include West Hendon; the ward most severely affected by NO₂ emissions.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.