

NCC-030258, Cleaner Air

I am writing to you to ask you to please send to me the name and email address of the person most likely to be able to respond to my request for information. I would also ask for response if you would wish to decline this request. The information that I will receive will be treated with confidence and anonymity and no disclosure of any information will be released that will identify any involved or no response involvement.

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent Freedom of Information Request, Please see below info as requested.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ON NRMM (NON ROAD MOBILE MACHINERY) AND DUST IN CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THEIR OWN AREAS

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| Q1 | Do you plan to include NRMM's emission and dust in your Clean Air Policy | Yes | No | see below |
| Q2 | Will clean air zone policy be included in your planning processes in the future | Yes | | see below |
| Q3 | Do you conduct site checks for emissions and dust monitoring of construction sites in your area If Yes have you taken enforcement action against offenders | Yes | | see below |
| Q4 | Are domestic users of NRMM's going to be included in future policies | Yes | No | see below |
| Q5 | How many officers do you have to control clean air zones now and in the future | | | see below |
| <i>Please answer here- if you require more space simply extend box: see below</i> | | | | |
| Q6 | How are your officers and departments being budgeted and funded: through planning department for example | | | |

Please answer here- if you require more space simply extend box: see below

Q7

Please add any additional comments or further questions that you would like to add:

You have asked a series of questions in relation to NRMM and dust in construction and what policies and controls are imposed/monitored by the Council in its capacity as Planning Authority. As you will be aware Nottinghamshire (excluding Nottingham City which is a unitary authority) is a two tier authority with the District and Borough Councils developing local plans for development within each district. The relevant District and Borough will also be responsible for Clean Air Policy within its district and this is normally overseen by Environmental Health.

The County Council is responsible for regulating planning control in relation to minerals and waste development and it also determines planning applications for development at schools (where local authority funded) and some of its own development.

The County Council prepares the Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan which contain policies in terms of details required to be submitted with a planning application and policies which provide for planning conditions to be attached to control certain environmental issues, including dust.

As such the County Planning Authorities involvement is primarily related to minerals and waste development rather than construction and this response is based on this

Q1 - The County Planning Authority does not draft a specific Clean Air Policy

Q2 – Clean Air Policy is a considered as part of planning applications as considered appropriate.

Q3 – The Council routinely monitors minerals and waste sites to check compliance with planning conditions for developments it has granted planning permission, these include conditions relating to the control of dust and air emissions if attached. Should issues of dust be observed then following Government guidance a resolution is sort with the operator. To date no specific enforcement action has been undertaken under the Town and Country Planning Act

against site operators for these issues.

Q4 – we do no deal with domestic properties.

Q5 – not applicable, but we have a team of 3FTE officers who monitor compliance with planning control generally.

Q6 – these officers are funded from both general council funding and also from fees levied under the Town and Country Planning Act to monitor minerals and waste deposit sites.

We hope this now satisfies your request. Should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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