

**Notice of Motion**  
**Air Pollution**

Proposed by Councillor David Lomax  
Seconded by Councillor Ray Atkins

This council welcomes the recent press release highlighting the problems of air pollution caused by traffic in the Tintwistle area and the establishing of an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). However, this is not the only area in the High Peak where pollution from traffic is a concern. The late summer opening of the Manchester Airport Relief Road from its junction with the A6, south of Hazel Grove, through to the Airport may have serious consequences for future traffic flow along the A6 in the High Peak - with the section between the Bridgemont Roundabout, near Whaley Bridge, and the Cheshire East boundary at Newtown being the worst affected. It is widely anticipated that the opening of the Relief Road will attract additional traffic from all over the East Midlands onto the A6, bound for Manchester Airport and the motorway network – traffic which has previously used a variety of other routes.

“This Council is concerned about the likely adverse health effects caused by increased air pollution, as well as further deteriorating traffic congestion – and calls for High Peak Borough Council to:

- publicise the results of monitoring of air quality that has taken place along the A6 route since 2010.
- initiate an increase in air quality monitoring along the affected route – with a trial monthly operation for the first year after the opening of the relief road in the case of the A6 through Bridgemont, Furness Vale and Newtown
- liaise with Network Rail and Northern on how they can provide radically enhanced parking facilities at stations in the affected area, in an attempt to persuade even more motorists to commute by rail
- liaise with Derbyshire County Council - and other nearby highway authorities - about the long-term implications of predicted increase in traffic along the A6 corridor.”