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Prof Jonathan Grigg

Thank you for your letter of 10 May to the Prime Minister outlining your concerns about the health impacts of air pollution. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

I am grateful to you for making known your views on this issue. The government is committed to improving air quality across the UK. The most immediate air quality challenge is to reduce contributions of nitrogen dioxide around roads and to achieve the statutory limit values for the whole of the UK in the shortest possible time. Our priority is to transform the UK's most polluted cities into clean and healthy urban spaces, supporting those most directly affected and making sure that vehicle manufacturers play their part to improve the nation's air quality.

As the Prime Minister wrote in her letter to you in March, more than £2 billion has been committed since 2011 to increase the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles, support greener transport schemes and set out measures to improve air quality through a new programme of Clean Air Zones.

Local authorities have a choice of actions to deliver the desired outcome to improve air quality and can select the actions that best suit their needs. The combination of measures required, along with details of the Clean Air Zones, will be determined through scoping studies led by local authorities.

Thank you again for your letter.

With every good wish,

Michael Gove

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