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Dear Consultee

### Consultation on a draft revised UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide

1. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in England, the Department for Transport, the Welsh Government, the Scottish Government, and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland are writing to invite views on a draft revised UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide.
2. The following documents may be found on Citizen Space (on-line consultation tool) at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/airquality/air-quality-plan-for-tackling-nitrogen-dioxide>
  - **Tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities – a consultation**
  - **Draft UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide** ('Improving air quality in the UK: tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities')
  - **Technical report, including details of the modelling techniques and assumptions used in the draft UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide**
3. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact: [2017airqualityplan@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:2017airqualityplan@defra.gsi.gov.uk)



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## Responses

4. To submit your consultation response, please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/airquality/air-quality-plan-for-tackling-nitrogen-dioxide>

5. Responses should be received by 23:59 on **15 June 2017**.
6. This is a six-week consultation.
7. In 2015, the Government carried out an eight-week public consultation on a UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide. The summary of consultation responses to the 2015 consultation is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/air-quality-draft-plans-to-improve-air-quality](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/air-quality-draft-plans-to-improve-air-quality). The UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide and accompanying documents published in December 2015 are available at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-in-the-uk-plan-to-reduce-nitrogen-dioxide-emissions](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-in-the-uk-plan-to-reduce-nitrogen-dioxide-emissions). We are now seeking views on proposed revisions to this Plan.

## Confidentiality and data protection

8. A summary of responses to this consultation will be published on the Government website at: [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra). The summary will include a list of organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details.
9. Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). Defra may also publish the responses to the FOIA/EIR requests at: [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra).
10. If you want your response, including personal information such as your name, that you provide to be treated as confidential, please explain clearly in writing when you provide your response to the consultation why you need to keep these details confidential. If we receive a request for the information under the FOIA or the EIRs we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as a confidentiality request.
11. Defra will share information provided in response to the consultation, including personal data, with the devolved administrations for the purposes of response analyses and provision of reports. Defra may share information provided in response to the consultation, including personal data, with a third party of contracted external analysts for the purposes of response analysis and provision of a report.
12. Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide, and Defra's Personal Information Charter, which gives details of your rights in respect of the

handling of your personal data, can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter).

13. This consultation is being conducted in line with the “Consultation Principles” as set out in the Better Regulation Executive guidance which can be found at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance).

14. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Coordinator, Area 8A, Nobel House 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR; or email: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation. We welcome your views and comments. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

Joint Air Quality Unit

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