

October 2018 update statement from the B&NES Environmental Monitoring team:

The Temple Cloud Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) was officially declared by a legal order which came into force on 20 August 2018.

The Council's Environmental Monitoring Team have been generating actions and measures that could form part of the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and result in the required air quality improvement within the Temple Cloud AQMA. Some of these are complex and involve infrastructure and therefore require a technical assessment.

The Environmental Monitoring team plan to commission an 'Options and Feasibility study' to assess these measures in terms of: feasibility, deliverability, predicted air quality benefit, and cost. The measures that are deemed deliverable and effective in achieving the necessary reduction in nitrogen dioxide levels will form part of the Temple Cloud Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) alongside other, less complicated measures that haven't required the same technical assessment.

In line with guidance published by the government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) a draft of the AQAP will be prepared within twelve months of the AQMA declaration. The draft AQAP will also be subject to a public consultation exercise to receive the public's views and comments on the acceptability of the measures.

We also have results to share from the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera which was installed in Temple Cloud, on the A37, for two weeks during November 2017. The data collected from the ANPR provides a profile of the vehicle types driving through the village; including the quantity and Euro Standard classifications. This enables us to quantify where emissions are coming from i.e. the proportion that each vehicle type is contributing to the level of nitrogen dioxide pollution.

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