

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

26 JUNE 2018

ITEM NO 10 - Caversham Air Quality

Councillor Grashoff to move:

This Council notes with concern that in March 2018 Caversham Globe carried out professionally analysed Nitrogen Dioxide tests over a 2 week period on busy roads and junctions in Caversham and found that the results were well above the European Union's legal average annual limit of 40 micrograms per cubic metre, as can be seen by the table below:

Location	Adjusted Results
59 Church Street, RG4 8AX (Waitrose Roundabout)	41.18
14 Church Street, RG4 8AR (Priory Avenue Junction)	46.83
Peppard Rd, Prospect St Junction (Prince of Wales Pub)	51.17
Church Rd, St Anne's Road Junction (Griffin Pub)	56.90

These tests followed on from one that was previously carried out over a 2 week period in December 2017 on the Church Rd, St Anne's Rd junction which showed a result of 56.2, which is consistent with the one observed in March.

As a responsible authority which is committed to tackling problems of air pollution in Reading, this Council accepts that whilst these recorded figures are not average annual figures they nevertheless show a worrying trend that warrants further investigation.

This Council therefore resolves to install two Council maintained diffusion tubes on the worst affected junctions North of the river, by the Prince of Wales Pub & the Griffin Pub, in order to facilitate the collection of annual data which is so important to help the Council, on behalf of residents of Caversham & Emmer Green, to build an accurate picture of air quality in the area and to subsequently form a plan to ensure the health of our Community going forward.