

CHIDEOCK PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Cllr Knox

Re: Advice on Public Health Issues

The problems of Public Health risks arising from the air pollution in Chideock were discussed at a recent meeting between Chideock Parish councillors, Sir Oliver Letwin MP and Dorset Ward Cllr Simon Christopher, .

You are no doubt aware that the village of Chideock was declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in 2007. The Dorset County website gives the following background:

"Road traffic emissions were causing the nitrogen dioxide annual mean objective, set by the government for the protection of health, to be exceeded at homes along this trunk road. Notably there is a steep incline on the road going west out of the village with houses immediately adjacent to this road."

NO₂ monitoring has been carried out continuously by Dorset County since 2007 and the levels of this pollutant have significantly exceeded government guidelines throughout. There is much public awareness of this and other air pollutants and their adverse effects on public health.

Chideock Parish Council is currently attempting to persuade Dorset County to include measurement of these other particulates (e.g. PM_{2.5}) into the regular air quality monitoring programme so that the extent of this additional pollution can be ascertained.

As you would expect, Chideock Parish Council takes the health and well-being of village residents and visitors very seriously and, whilst councillors accept that the Dorset County monitoring results are publicly available on their website, the Parish Council asks your advice on any further Public Health Notice that should be given by Government or County to residents and visitors, and, if so, how this information should be disseminated.

Chideock Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sal Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Sal Robinson (Miss), Chideock Parish Clerk

To: Cllr Knox, Chair of the Dorset Health and Well-Being Board

Cc: Sir Oliver Letwin MP
Cllr Simon Christopher, Ward Member for Marshwood Vale