To: letters pages, Oxford Times

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Dear Editor,

Air pollution is a perennial source of concern in Oxford. It should be. My home in Lye Valley, Headington is in an area breaching three World Health Organisation air pollutant limits(1). The route to the supermarket I most often use includes a road which does the same. But it’s not just where I live. St.Aldates, where Oxford Town Hall is situated, and where the City Council Committees meet, has air quality in breach of three pollutant limits – in company with the offices of the County Council.

Public health policies should be directed by the need to radically reduce the 64,000 deaths from all sources of air pollution which the World Health Organisation says occurs in the UK each year(2). Fortunately, there are two current consultations underway which can help people respond to this serious problem.

By 6th June, do respond to the DEFRA consultation on reviewing how air quality management is being done in the UK. For help, see a Cowley Area Transport Group submission to this consultation under OTHER RELEVANT SUBMISSIONS at [www.catg.org.uk](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.catg.org.uk%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2Y8r3Y4R7aLJMg1qW5GroyfDhNoQFGo3fuf-HL8PWDj5udNxkM9lmlXtQ&h=AT20XTfcAOACGIQvBBT40wWl2Ch9qj-XMZdP6ZGq11VdDtqUGYbkKRr7stWk1uKs6qdvtlS5HMiZx5c5quF2H-XD8bfzfevQUDNSwwOKQ2DSQyDvf4yfntZJlgMy8e-jyQ&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT0g5x9KAZbNHLWeLtvWxAcSb4wdwiZF6ybn1mqznisrI8qEWMmzJZj0U8MGY8kgjknzMLQ363rnZPINBLQq99Am_2Ui7lrIBeFMQLy02AX5ONI0o-xILo3kj7If7LI54L8hNNOzBcT6etp3ACbZ3I0xidEfIl9aFAdgJ0WKRsuojB4Aus3ZWqWdWtfphnQTYwc60cWgxHabXCmcdgo) The consultation questions, quite brief, are at: [https://consult.defra.gov.uk/.../consultation-on-the.../](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/air-quality-and-industrial-emissions/consultation-on-the-review-of-the-local-air-qualit/?fbclid=IwAR30LLSBjRPA14pI_PNF4K_U1qD1axKQD8mKvJY2mdhrMWBwdND0fI-nTM0)

By 29th June, do respond to the Air Quality targets elements in the Environment Act. The brilliant group, *Mums for Lungs,* has set up a consultation tool on their website to help you do this. See: [https://www.mumsforlungs.org/.../environment-act...](https://www.mumsforlungs.org/our-campaigns/environment-act-consultation?fbclid=IwAR2NN3-0EbUeNttgY2waLjsAWJ1pbv3x4RnbODcWM7Zg8G0kWye9VSFca0Q)

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Yours sincerely,

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Notes:

1. 53 Bulan Road, air pollution data: <https://www.addresspollution.org/results/ef069d5b-d345-4599-94ec-a219744b278b> All data shown here using postcodes inserted into this site.
2. See: <https://inews.co.uk/news/health/air-pollution-kills-64000-people-in-the-uk-every-year-268508>