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Councillor Judith Blake, Councillor James Lewis  
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Dear Judith

### **ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 (Leeds City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019**

I am grateful for the letter from [---] of 8 October 2020 setting out further information related to the Leeds local air quality plan.

Following the further analysis undertaken by Leeds and considered by Defra and DfT's Joint Air Quality Unit, I am content that you have suitably demonstrated that for the purposes of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2010 (which transpose the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive) compliance with the annual legal limit value for nitrogen dioxide has been achieved in Leeds.

The Environment Act 1995 (Leeds City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019 was made having determined that it was necessary in order to meet obligations under those Regulations and the Directive. Upon revocation I am satisfied that those obligations will continue to be implemented.

I note that you have confirmed that any local air quality issues will continue to be addressed under your local air quality management responsibilities.

This letter formally confirms that the Environment Act 1995 (Leeds City Council) Air Quality Direction 2019 is revoked on the day after this letter is signed.

A copy of this letter confirming the revocation will be published in the London Gazette and on a government website and made available for inspection at Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

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