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Via Email

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Dear Cllr Carmichael

ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 (IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES FOR NITROGEN DIOXIDE COMPLIANCE) AIR QUALITY DIRECTION 2018 - SANDWELL

I am grateful for the work undertaken by you and colleagues to put in place measures to address areas in Sandwell above the legal limit value for Nitrogen Dioxide.

Following evaluation by Defra and DfT's Joint Air Quality Unit of monitoring and other data provided, 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 Sandwell.

The Environment Act 1995 (Implementation of Measures for Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance) Air Quality Direction 2018 pertaining to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council 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.

This letter formally confirms that Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to the Environment Act 1995 (Implementation of Measures for Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance) Air Quality Direction 2018, dated 4th October 2018, are amended to remove the reference to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council on the day after this letter is signed.

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

Yours sincerely,

EMMA HARDY MP