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Cllr Nick Adams-King Hampshire County Council  
Via Email

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Dear Cllr Ashberry, Cllr Guinness, Cllr Furniss, Cllr Heath, Cllr Adams-King,

**ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 (BLACKWATER VALLEY) AIR QUALITY DIRECTION 2019**

I am grateful for the work undertaken by you have collectively taken to put in place measures to address areas in Blackwater Valley 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 Blackwater Valley within: Rushmoor Borough Council; Surrey Heath Borough Council; Hampshire County Council; and Surrey County Council.

The Environment Act 1995 Air Quality Direction 2019 pertaining to Blackwater Valley and comprising (a) Rushmoor Borough Council; (b) Surrey Heath Borough Council; (c) Hampshire County Council; and (d) Surrey County 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 the Environment Act 1995 (Blackwater Valley) Air Quality Direction 2019 is hereby revoked.

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**