

Air Quality Monitoring Meeting Thursday 26 November

Planning Application

It was reported that there probably would not be any announcement before late January 2016. The question was asked if we could speak to the Planning Committee meantime, to air our concerns/objections. We would need to be invited. June Mitchell will contact those Councillors who are not on the Planning Committee and will ask Alan Scott and Ann Marie Carr for a meeting.

Air Quality Monitoring Petition

We have received a response from Glasgow City Council advising that our requests have been answered by their following actions:-

Action re Pollutants Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Monitoring: An air monitor system has been put in place at Harland Street.

Our response: This is as basic and cost effective a solution as they could possibly provide and is not placed in the best position to monitor our concerns. It only monitors one gas, not other nitrous emissions and will provide an average. Therefore, spikes in emissions at times of peak traffic flow will not be recorded. Byres Road has real time monitoring

Action re Pollutants Particles (PM10) Monitoring: This request has been covered by scientific research which revoked concerns in 2010.

Our response: The figures were not recorded using the best scientific methods.

Action re Heavy Metal and Carbon Particulates Monitoring: It is only Lead particulates that need to be monitored, so nothing has been done.

Our response: This is not good enough.

Action re Dioxins Monitoring: It is SEPA's responsibility to carry out the Site Licence Management Process, this will not monitor off site readings. There are no plans to carry out on-going monitoring.

Our response: It would be good to get an independent, scientific reading of the situation.

The decision was to go ahead with the petition as our concerns have not been satisfactorily answered. It was the council's intention to have works commenced in July. We have successfully delayed this.

We should encourage the council to consider other waste management solutions to landfill and the type of facility that Malcolms wish to construct. However, we understand that Malcolm's is a commercial and not a council facility.

Traffic Calming

The plans for traffic calming would have a significant impact on air quality as the constant stopping and starting of traffic and associated deceleration and acceleration does increase emissions.

Cycling Scotland Fund

Neil Lovelock mentioned that funding is available and he intends to propose a Cycle Friendly Road Safety Week.

Next Meeting A further meeting will be held in mid-January.