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Dear Paul,

### **National Air Quality Plan for Nitrogen Dioxide**

I am writing to you following the publication of the 'UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations 2017' (AQP). The plan sets out how the Welsh Government will ensure compliance with air quality limits for nitrogen dioxide in the soonest time possible. A key part of achieving this plan is a requirement on some local authorities to undertake feasibility studies to explore a range of measures to improve air quality.

As you will be aware, Cardiff was named in the AQP as one of the areas where we need to accelerate compliance with air quality limits for nitrogen dioxide in the soonest time possible. I am now placing a legal duty on you through a formal direction to undertake a feasibility study in accordance with the HM Treasury's Green Book approach, to identify the option which will deliver compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the area for which your authority is responsible, in the shortest possible time.

This letter sets out how the process will operate, and how funding will be initially allocated. It also includes a copy of the formal legal direction at **Annex A**.

The 'Environment Act 1995 (Feasibility Study for Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance) Air Quality Direction 2018' requires you to submit your initial scoping proposals by 31 March 2018, the initial plan by 30 September 2018 and your final plan by the 30 June.

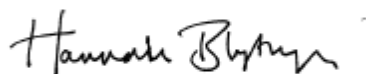
Delivery of the feasibility study will be overseen by the Air Quality Policy Team. I would like to thank you for the positive engagement which has already taken place between our officials and want this to continue.

As you know, the Welsh Government has allocated funding for feasibility studies and implementation of your scheme. I recognise these activities require time and expertise from your staff and contractors. I would like to offer funding as soon as possible to cover your immediate resourcing needs for the project. My officials will work with your team directly to discuss the amount of funding available and to establish payment mechanisms.

The Air Quality Policy Team will provide guidance and jointly develop a governance framework with you to support you in the preparation of your feasibility study.

I look forward to working with you as your study progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hannah Blythyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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