

Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Licencing by Mr R. Dell

I accept that the World Health Organisation (WHO) only offer advice, but their recommendations are usual accepted globally.

On the 22nd September 2021 they published their new guidelines on Air Pollution levels, supplanting their own levels of 2006. In these they recommended fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) to 10 microns per metre cubed ambient and 2.5 microns per 24hours.

At any one testing site the WHO recommend that the following four gases are tested:

Ozone, Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulphur Dioxide and Carbon Monoxide.

This is because each is harmful in itself and harmful combined.

BDC only publish levels for Nitrogen Dioxide and then using the old guidelines. At the new WHO levels the BDC published Nitrogen Dioxide level now falls outside the requirements.

The above four gases are seriously harmful and continue to threaten particularly “pregnant women, young babies and toddlers,” Will the Council increase the scope of its Air Pollution monitoring bearing in mind Death by Air Pollution is now established as a Coroner’s verdict?