

**Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health and Licencing by Mrs A Morgan**

Will BDC please plant many more trees in Barlborough and elsewhere, specifically chosen and located to maximise capturing pollution arising from road traffic and protecting homes, children's nurseries and schools from pollution?

This will have health benefits for years to come and needs to be started urgently as the trees take time to grow to an effective size.

As a resident of Clay Pit Way Barlborough for 20 years this year, I have noticed a huge increase in the amount of vehicle exhaust fallout in the air and in my home. I have black particles on internal windowledges. Traffic along Oxcroft Way and surrounding the Links Estate has multiplied during this time and is now posing a serious health risk. We are surrounded on 3 sides by busy roads. Traffic around schools and nurseries has also increased enormously.

We know that trees soak up carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, ammonia and particulates through their leaves, bark and roots. They also provide sanctuary for wildlife. Trees slow climate change and reduce global warming.

World Health Organisation pollution limits to human safety have been reduced. Roads with heavy traffic are dangerous to human health and Barlborough is a pollution hotspot.