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Cllr Steve Fritchley,
Leader, Bolsover District Council

20 July 2022
Ref. 31/6167

By email: steve.fritchley@bolsover.gov.uk

Dear Steve,

Support for measures identified by Bolsover District Council to help reduce roadside nitrogen dioxide exceedances.

I am writing to confirm I have received clearance to make a resource grant payment of £375,000 to Bolsover District Council under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. I attach a signed Grant Determination Form. Please note that notification of a capital grant will be sent under separate cover.

In September 2021, Bolsover District Council submitted a full business case setting out evidence why there are no measures to bring forward compliance from 2025. We indicated that we would consider providing funding for 'additional' measures which, whilst not expected to bring forward compliance, could help reduce exposure to pollutants. This letter sets out the funding and next steps.

This funding is to implement some of the projects from your district-wide measures proposal. This was presented at the same time as the Full Business Case of your local plan submitted in September last year. Subsequently, you have received a Ministerial letter allocating the funding award and confirming that the Final Business Case you have submitted concludes your obligation under the Direction issued on 22 March 2018. A summary of the activities that are supported are listed in Annex C.

The conditions of the grant and the monitoring and reporting expectations are outlined in Annex B. The first reporting submission is expected by 30 September 2022 and subsequent quarterly submissions. If this funding is not exhausted delivering the projects set out in Annex C we ask that you inform us so we can consider how the underspend is to be used.

Should you require a change to any element of the project this must be discussed with JAQU as soon as possible, any substantial change may require a variation. Your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this grant payment will be made by completing the sign-off section below, signed by the project SRO or your council's Director of Finance, and returning a completed copy via email. The Agreement is formed on the date on which the Authority communicates this acceptance. No other form of acknowledgement will be accepted. Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications relating to this grant.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact either Darren Hill (Darren.hill@defra.gov.uk) for finance queries, or Mideia Kotsogianni (mideia.kotsogianni@defra.gov.uk).



SALLY RANDALL

DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DEFRA

NO₂ PLAN IMPLEMENTATION FUND GRANT DETERMINATION 2022: No 31/6167

The Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the NO₂ Plan Implementation Fund 2022 [No31/6167].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to local authorities in England to implement their NO₂ plan to bring forward compliance.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs.



Sally Randall

Director, Environmental Quality

July 2022

ANNEX A


ANNEX A: Resource allocation for the 2022/23 financial year

English Local Authorities	22/23	Total
Bolsover District Council	£375,000	£375,000
TOTAL	£375,000	£375,000

Signed for on behalf of Bolsover District Council

Name	
Title	
Signature	
Date	

Signed for on behalf of the Joint Air Quality Unit

Name	Sally Randall
Title	Director, Environmental Quality, Defra
Signature	
Date	20.07.2022

ANNEX B: GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Monitoring and evaluation of measures in the local plan will need to be carried out in accordance with guidance which will be published shortly.

Bolsover District Council will be required to submit quarterly monitoring reports detailing progress with the implementation of the local plan. The first reporting submission is expected by 30 September 2022. In addition to specific reporting on the above measures, this will include the provision of:

- Existing air quality monitoring such as diffusion tubes and continuous analysers.
- Existing and planned relevant transport monitoring such as traffic surveys.

Evidence may also be requested to support use of funding, such as contracts, contractor reports, invoices and timesheets.

2. Should you require to change any element of the project this must be discussed with JAQU as soon as possible, any substantial change may require a variation.

Annex C: Summary of projects to be funded

Measure	Detail	Amount
Package 1: Infrastructure improvements (Capital Grant)	(1) Setting up EV charging points on council carparks (and possibly later on non-council land), Contract to maintain these charge points and (2) promoting and improving existing walking, cycling infrastructure. Bike rental scheme.	£600,000
Package 2: Communication and engagement (Resource Grant)	(1) Schools - communication of anti-idling messages, AQ monitoring near schools and promoting Safe walking routes. (2) Developing of travel plans for businesses/business parks, communities (3) Education on links between transport, AQ and Health	£375,000
Total		£975,000