

# Member Briefing

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**Title:** Public Consultation: Air Quality Action Plan for Thornton le Moors

**Summary:** Following the production of a draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) a public consultation exercise will run from Monday 27 November 2017 until Friday 23 February 2018. The consultation exercise will be used to finalise the Air Quality Action Plan and the selection of measures to improve air quality within the Thornton le Moors Air Quality Management Area.

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## Introduction

The Council has been monitoring air pollution levels in Thornton le Moors for a number of years. Monitoring results confirm that air quality fails to comply with the sulphur dioxide 15 minute mean national air quality objective. The main source of the pollution is industrial emissions and the Essar Oil refinery at Stanlow.

An Air Quality Management Area was declared on 29 September 2016 and a draft Air Quality Action Plan has been produced in partnership with Essar and the Environment Agency who are the site regulator. The AQAP proposes a range of measures to improve air quality in this defined area. The Council will now consult with the residents, businesses and other key stakeholders within and around Thornton le Moors, in connection with Action Plan.

The consultation will run from Monday 27 November 2017 until Friday 23 February 2018.

Community engagement during the consultation will include letters to residents in the affected area, attendance of the Parish Council, and liaison with the ward member.

The consultation document will be made available on the Council's website.

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