

Subject:Chideock Air Quality

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From:Chideock Parish Clerk <chideock@dorset-aptc.gov.uk>

To:Director pf Place <john.sellgren@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

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Dear Mr Pitt-Kerby

Chideock Parish Council trusts that Dorset Council is aware of the additional funding for Air Quality Action which is being provided by Central Government, and that applications can be made from 4 October - 7 November. It is assumed that Dorset Council will be making an application for funding - Chideock is on record as being the place with the worse NO₂ pollution in the Dorset Council area, whilst other pollutants, such as particulate matter, are not currently measured.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-provides-more-funds-for-local-authority-air-quality-action>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sal Robinson

Chideock Parish Clerk

Subject:RE: Chideock Air Quality

Date:Tue, 15 Oct 2019 07:38:09 +0000

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Ms Robinson

Dorset Council is of course aware of this funding opportunity.

The funding is being made available for local authorities to bid for grants to support projects aimed at delivering identifiable improvements in air quality – installing electric vehicle charging points has been cited as an example – and the measures are expected to deliver results within 1-2 years. It is not thought that the funding will be made available for additional monitoring, as local authorities are expected to have been undertaking such activities in accordance with their duties under the Environment Act 1995 and will therefore be familiar with issues within their area.

Funding bids are required to meet the strict criteria set out in the scheme documents and of course are not guaranteed to be selected for financial support. In making any application for funding, the council would be required to provide a detailed explanation of how any grant monies would be spent, quantify the air quality improvements which would be expected to be achieved, and confirm that staffing resources will be made available to deliver the project, starting in February 2020. In reality, this means that the council would need to have a fully planned and costed project already in hand now, in order to present for consideration to the funding panel. Given that the A35 is a Trunk route under the control of Highways England ('HE'), the scope for the local authority to implement measures, particularly any which would return very early returns in such a discreet area, is very limited. Highways England has already investigated a number of options such as air quality barriers and single lane traffic platooning and is currently undertaking a trial speed limit reduction with associated monitoring; funding for these actions has already been made available. It is anticipated that the mobile particulate monitoring initiative also in operation will provide early results which would not be achievable with any DEFRA funding, as outlined above.

You will be aware that Dorset Council is supporting Highways England with these ongoing projects and for this reason no further projects or schemes have been developed which could be presented for consideration of funding at this time.

Mr Kerry Pitt-Kerby

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