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We, the Parish Council of Chideock, on behalf of the residents of Chideock, implore you to support and work towards Parliament accepting and incorporating all of the amendments shown on the attached document "<u>Client Earth Proposed Amendments briefing on Clauses 1 to 8".</u>

This is a People's Bill for the People of the UK and should be influenced by the People.

This is a Bill to protect all the People of the UK from the effects of Pollution and their right to enjoy **CLEAN AIR**.

We have been protected somewhat by European Law. But we also have current UK legislation ending in 2020, some of which this Bill replaces and some of which gives insufficient protection for the People of this Nation.

Currently the Bill could give Ministers too much wriggle room to avoid their responsibilities.

We the People now have a chance to show the world that we can not only "do" Rhetoric but put it into practice.

We have also lost a Great Protector - the Aarhus Convention (access to Justice on Environmental matters) which, if not already, will soon no longer apply to the UK when we leave the European Union at the end of 2020.

Legislation <u>MUST</u> apply <u>EQUALLY</u> to <u>RURAL</u> areas affected by environmental pollution, not solely to towns and cities. To this end the Department for Transport, DEFRA, Public Health bodies, the Police, Local Authorities and Air Quality Partners must be made <u>LEGALLY</u> responsible for introducing and enforcing measures to reduce or eradicate pollution in both rural and urban areas within reasonable and agreed timescales. Any failure to apply and enforce such measures should make the responsible authority legally liable with significant financial penalties, which would be directly used to support those communities affected by the pollution.

This is the time to bring together all those who truly believe in our wonderful Green and Pleasant Land. Whoever you are. Whatever particular cause you support.

Do it now.

Support the Bill and support the Client Earth amendments.

Yours sincerely