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Dear Sir/Madam,

Public Consultation on Air Quality Action Plan for the Twynyrodyn Air Quality Management Area.

You may be aware that on 30th January 2017 the Council declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) after finding that the air quality on a section of Twynyrodyn Road did not meet national air quality standards.

After declaring an AQMA the Council is required to consider methods of improving the air quality in the affected area and to consult the public on its findings. During the last twelve months a wide range of measures has been considered but only three of these are expected to be capable of improving the air quality without causing significant adverse effects elsewhere.

These measures are;

1. To reduce the volume of traffic on Twynyrodyn Road as a whole by providing an alternative northbound route for vehicles using the roundabout outside Tesco,
2. To reduce the volume of traffic on the section of Twynyrodyn Road where the air quality is poor by closing the road to west-bound traffic at Queens Road. West-bound traffic leaving at Queens Road would be able to re-join Twynyrodyn Road via Windsor Terrace.
3. To install a chicane on the uphill carriageway of the affected section of Twynyrodyn Road to improve the dispersion of air pollution from vehicles using the road.

All of these measures provide advantages and disadvantages to residents, traders and others living in both the affected and nearby areas. As you are one of those who is more likely to be affected by the proposals you are specifically invited to comment on them.

Details of all of these proposals, and of the Council's draft Air Quality Action Plan in general, are available on our website at www.merthyr.gov.uk. Answers to frequently asked questions, which will be updated as the consultation progresses to address any common concerns, are also available on the website.

Over the forthcoming weeks we will be holding a number of drop in sessions and social media events where you can ask questions or make comments. The dates of these will be posted on our website in April.

If you do not have access to the internet please do not hesitate to contact us for further information either by letter, telephone or visiting the Civic Centre.

All responses received during the twelve week consultation period will be considered. The Air Quality Action Plan will then be finalised and submitted to the Welsh Government in July.

If you wish to speak with someone for more information or wish to comment on the declaration of the AQMA please do not hesitate to contact us. You may use e-mail address PublicHealth@merthyr.gov.uk or by telephone 01685 725000.

Yours sincerely,

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