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Dear Member

Land-Use Planning and Development Control: Planning for Air Quality Consultation Document – December 2014

In 2010, Environmental Protection UK (EPUK) published its revised guidance on Development Control: Planning for Air Quality. The Guidance made reference to criteria published by the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) to assist in determining the significance of individual developments.

Since this time, there have been many changes to policy and legislation. We have also recognised that there has been a view expressed by some of our members that the Guidance should be revised, to enable better judgements in the planning process to be made and to achieve better outcomes. A workshop held in May 2013 confirmed this view. Following this event, a Working Group was established, comprising both EPUK and IAQM members.

Over the intervening period, and during the course of several meetings, the Working Group has produced a Consultation Document, a copy of which is attached. The Working Group invites comments on the Consultation Document before the closing date of 16th February 2015. All consultation responses should be sent to planning@iaqm.co.uk.

Regards

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