

MIDDLEWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Victoria Building, Lewin Street,

Middlewich, CW10 9AT

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Air Quality Group in Room 3A, Victoria Building, Civic Way, Middlewich on Monday 11th December 2017. The Meeting will commence at 4.30pm

Yours sincerely



Jonathan Williams

Town Clerk

AGENDA

Part One

1. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence
2. To confirm Chair and Vice Chair of the Group
3. To note the content of the Member's Item on Air Quality raised at the last Meeting of the Town Council
4. To carry out the actions recommended in the report
5. To follow up recent correspondence from the Portfolio Holder re: Air Quality issues in Middlewich
6. Recording of figures and Town Council budget
7. Preparation for an Air Quality Workshop
8. Engagement of the Public

Part Two

None

b) AIR QUALITY

This evening I revisit the need for having proven Air Quality readings being taken both around the ANSA site and indeed throughout Middlewich as a whole.

Following on from the near completion of the ANSA site build and its impending site start date along with the public announcement and acknowledgment that its own Air Quality readings were not sound it is clear that the need for actual proven air quality readings is higher now than ever.

If the local authority cannot stand by its own air quality figures submitted to Defra for the town how can anyone else tell the state of the air quality in Middlewich prior to the opening of the ANSA site.

It is clear through Cheshire East Council own comments regarding the vehicle movements that the Air Quality in the town will suffer massively with the possible movement of over 1100 HGV vehicles per day.

This massive change in Air Quality will have a direct effect on the town's residents' health and the well-being of all its residents. The close proximity of two children's nurseries and infants/junior school clearly shows the impact it will have on the young children of our town never mind the elderly people who live in sheltered housing nearby.

The planning conditions placed on the ANSA site will not completely clear the risk to the public of Middlewich and indeed this has been accepted by the Borough Council

Middlewich Town Council has an obligation to stand up for its public regarding such strong issues such as health and well-being and I now formally ask the following:-

1) The money set aside within the existing Town Council budget for Air Quality testing now be made available along with ALL other relevant funding needed to allow the Air Quality Committee set up by the Town Council to seek and employ the professional advice and Air Quality readings which will be accepted by all bodies and a court of law.

2) That a clear letter from the Town Council be sent to Cheshire East, ANSA and our local MP Fiona Bruce indicating the need for these test results and clearly explaining how worried the people of Middlewich are over these issues.

The obtaining of proven third party Air Quality results will give a bench mark for future readings to be compared too and which cannot being ignored.

This item is a MUST DO for the Health and Well Being of all Middlewich Residents.