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Welsh Government

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Dear

Request for information – Clean Air Survey

We wrote to you on 15 September regarding your request for information.

Information requested

You asked for the following specific information in relation to the recent Clean Air Zone travel behaviour survey:

1. The businesses that were surveyed
2. The format in which the survey was circulated
3. The number of consultants employed
4. Consultancy costs

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed. By way of providing some context to the survey, I should draw your attention to the following advice which was shared with survey recipients.

‘Areas of poor air quality have previously been identified on the M4 between Junction 25, Caerleon Road and Junction 26, Malpas Road in Newport and the A470 between Pontypridd and Upper Boat/Treforest where levels of pollution (principally nitrogen dioxide) are above legal limits. In recognition of this problem, the Welsh Government has been assessing potential solutions and packages of measures to improve air quality and protect the health of people.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



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In 2018 and 2019, measures to improve air quality including 50mph speed limits and Average Speed Cameras were installed at both locations. Whilst to date, the measures have helped improved air quality, the Welsh Government are currently developing further solutions including the introduction of a Clean Air Zone, which may entail charging certain types of vehicles (with high emissions) that travel along the above sections of M4 and A470. If such a charge was to be implemented, it would be a single charge applied on a daily basis irrespective of the number of trips made throughout the day on either M4 or A470 or both.

This work is necessary as the Welsh Government are legally required to improve air quality and reduce harmful levels of nitrogen dioxide in the shortest possible time and whilst at this stage a Clean Air Zone is not proposed at these locations, all potential options must be developed should they be required in the future.

This survey is seeking to obtain information that will assist in identifying what these potential solutions or interventions might be and the consequent possible impacts on local people and businesses in the district.'

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
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or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Businesses surveyed

The survey was targeted at businesses that operated light goods vehicles, heavy goods vehicles, or both, as part of their commercial activity. Responses were sought from the relevant decision-maker with responsibility for vehicle upgrades and replacement.

A list of the individual businesses who responded to the survey is provided below:

Acacia Joinery
AJ Tensile Manufacturing
Alan Counsell Sand and Stone Ltd.
Almesco Ltd.
APR Distributor Ltd
Arthur Brothers Transport Ltd
ASHBURN
Asset & Infrastructure
B. Sidoli and Sons Ltd.
Bateman Bros 1953 LTD
Birkemp Ltd
Border Bobcat Ltd
Brecongate Projects Ltd
C J Bird Transport
CAD Services Ltd
Caerleon Ready Mixed Concrete Ltd
Caerphilly Skip Hire CWS Ltd.
Calibre contracting ltd
Cardiff Commissioning
Cardiff Galvanizers Ltd
Cardiff Scaffolding Contracts Ltd
Cardiff University School Of Engineering
Church Glass Co
Classic Decorators (UK) Ltd
Complete Kitchens Ltd
comtec ltd
Countissbury Fruit Supply
CREigiau tyres ltd.
CVA Building Ltd
D G Howell Ltd
D J Rees Decorating Services Ltd
Darlington Bros
dc construction
Dura seal Ltd.
Eco Vigour
Elis
ETS Medical Ltd.
ferryman ltd
Fleetwheel Motor Factors Ltd
G W Elliott & Son
Gamlins Music Centre
Griffs Garage Ltd

Hall and Pickles
Harris Pye
Huw Thomas Saddlery
Intercity Removals
J and L Thompson Ltd
J. Jslee Ltd
James and Powell Agriculture Supplies.
JFC Precision Engineering Ltd.
John Raymond Transport
Johnsons Workwear
Jumbo Minibus of Newport Ltd.
K S Barry Plumbing and Heating Ltd.
Kidz Castle
Kwan Yick UK Ltd
L & D Transport Ltd
Lakewell Utilities
LBS Builders Merchants Ltdsd
Lewis Lewis And Sons
Llandaff Laminates
Mandarin Stone LTD
Mark Wallace Electrical Ltd.
MDM Services.
MDW Ltd
Minton Treharne and Davies Ltd
N H Services
newhall janitorial ltd
Newport Galvanizers
Nigel
NR Parsons Transport Ltd
Olleco
Pear Media Ltd
PI UNDERWOOD and son
Plastic Coating limited
Prodem fire and safety
Property building maintenance wales
Pugh's Garden Centre
Refused
Roadrunner motor parts ltd.
Roberts Couriers
Senior Flextronics
South Wales Door Window & Lock Services
South Wales Mobility And Driving Assessment Service
SPE Energy ltd
Supacleen Ltd
Thomas Waste Management Ltd
TIP Trailer Services UK Ltd.
Town And Country Fencing
Truck Trailer & Bus Components Ltd
TW Joinery (South Wales) Ltd
Twt Logistics Ltd
UK FF solutions

Valley Tool Hire
VC Industrial Doors Ltd.
Wellington Stores
Wild Water transport
Zenith Print and Packaging LTD

Survey format

The survey was undertaken in two waves; firstly for drivers of private cars and light goods vehicles used for private purposes, and secondly for commercial enterprises that operate vehicles as part of their business.

For the private survey, postcards were delivered to a random sample of addresses in the vicinity of the M4 Newport J25-J26 and A470 Upper Boat to Pontypridd. The postcards invited recipients to undertake the survey online. Paper copies of the survey were also made available should recipients be unable to access the survey online. In addition, drivers were also approached at motorway and A-road service areas and petrol stations in the region, and invited to participate.

Surveys of commercial vehicle drivers or decision makers were undertaken using a Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing (CATI) approach. Businesses that operate in the CF and NP postcode areas of South Wales were randomly selected from the Wales Business Register.

Number of consultants employed

One consultant has been appointed to assess the potential of Clean Air Zones to contribute to the achievement of compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in ambient air at two locations:-

1. A470, between Upper Boat to Pontypridd
2. M4 Newport, between J25 to J26

Consultancy costs

The consultancy contract extends to the development several measures for their potential to support the delivery of legal compliance with nitrogen dioxide limits at five exceeding locations on the strategic road network.

The costs incurred for the development work this year to date, including, but not limited to, the design and undertaking of the Clean Air Zone stated preference survey, updating the strategic traffic model, and provision of professional advice, amounts to £315,550.

Please note that these costs also include development work on other potential measures for exceeding locations elsewhere on the strategic road network, which forms part of the same contract.