

Fine particulate matter air quality targets

Q1. Question 1a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Annual Mean Concentration Target (AMCT)?

Agree

Q2. Question 1b: Please explain your answer

Gwynedd Council is broadly supportive. The target is ambitious but achievable with national support.

Key caveats:- Requires national interventions (domestic burning, agriculture, transport)- Local authorities will need adequate funding for monitoring and enforcement- Transboundary pollution reduces local control

Overall support, subject to proportional funding and guidance.

Q3. Question 2a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Population Exposure Reduction Target (PERT)?

Agree

Q4. Question 2b: Please explain your answer.

Council supports the target. Fair approach for rural authorities. Benefits - health inequalities. Modelling methodology must be reviewed regularly.

Q5. Question 3a: To what extent do you agree with the proposed arrangements for assessing PM2.5 levels and achievement of the targets?

Neither agree nor disagree

Q6. Question 3b: Please explain your answer.

Positive aspects:- Transparent monitoring. Expansion of monitoring network welcomed.

Challenges:- High cost of PM2.5 reference instruments. Need clarity on LA responsibilities.

Recommendation: Welsh Government should fully fund expansion of the monitoring network.

Q7. Question 4a: To what extent do you agree with the provision in the draft regulations to allow the subtraction of the 'natural contribution' to particulate matter where exceedances of a target are due in whole or in part to these natural contributions?

Strongly agree

Q8. Question 4b : Please explain your answer.

Council supports discounting natural contributions- coastal areas like Gwynedd are heavily affected by sea salt. Natural sources cannot be regulated. This aligns with best practice

Q9. Question 5: We have asked some specific questions. If you have any other relevant thoughts or comments on our proposals, please provide them here.

Domestic solid fuel burning is a major source locally. Need national behaviour-change campaigns and heating support.

Clarity required on integration with LAQM- Cross-border pollution must be addressed at UK level.

Submit your response

Q10. Please provide the first part of your home postcode e.g. CF10

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Q11. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

Name *[information redacted]*

Organisation (if applicable) Gwynedd Council

Q12. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.

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Q13. Responses to the consultation may be published. Your response will be anonymous.

However, if you would like your name to be published alongside your response, please tick the box.

No Response

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