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Dear Jake,

Please find below a screenshot of an article published in Portsmouth News on 1.November 2023.

We have consistently highlighted air pollution as a huge problem for Portsmouth and beyond

This would increase enormously with heavy vehicles on the road and gridlock of traffic on Eastern Road should the Aquind Interconnector be given the go ahead.

It would also put enormous pressure on business and people living in this area.

The most densely populated city outside London with high air pollution is already at breaking point.

Please pass this latest update to the SoS.



Many Thanks,

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All areas of Portsmouth suffer high pollution levels, study shows

Chris Brown

All neighbourhoods in Portsmouth, Fareham and Gosport are exposed to dangerously high air pollution, new analysis has found.

Analysis from the environmental organisation Friends of the Earth shows more than 36.5m people in England and Wales, including 8m children, were breathing air with hazardous levels of nitrogen dioxide in 2022.

It came as the government announced it was pushing back the deadline for several environmental policies such as the ban on sales of new diesel and petrol cars, which are significant contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.



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Nitrogen dioxide can affect the respiratory system and is associated with higher mortality rates. It is especially dangerous for children as it increases their risk of respiratory infection and may lead to poorer lung function in later life.

The data uses information from the census to divide the country into over 33,000 neighbourhood areas, each with between 1,000 and 3,000 people living there.

The analysis revealed every neighbourhood in Portsmouth, Gosport and Fareham, and four out of five in Havant, was exposed to air pollution exceeding the World Health Organisation recommended safety limit. Of these, eight neighbourhoods had levels of dangerous air particles twice as high as the established standard.

Across our region this meant approximately 200,000 people were breathing polluted air in the area in 2022, which has been linked to up to 36,000 premature deaths every year in the UK. Across England and Wales,

three in five neighbourhoods were found to have polluted air.

Friends of the Earth's head of policy, Mike Childs, said: "It's a national scandal that millions of people across the country live in areas where air pollution is double the safety level, with children, the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions most at risk."

Areas where the recommended limit was exceeded twice accounted for a per cent of all neighbourhoods, with 5.5m people breathing dangerously polluted air.

Further figures by the Royal College of Physicians show the issue costs the UK economy £20bn annually through NHS costs and workdays lost due to illness.