

Guildford Borough Councils response to ExA's Third Written Questions (Ref: ExQ4)

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	Topic	Question	GBC response
3.	Air quality and human health		
4.3.2	Applicant, Natural England (NE), Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC),	<p>You are all requested to provide your organisations' corporate views on the effect of the Government's evolving policy to reduce vehicle emissions might have for the consideration of the air quality impacts of the Proposed Development. In replying to this question, you should provide an indication of:</p> <p>1) the individual emissions types that might change and the magnitude of change for those particular emissions; and</p> <p>2) how any changes to emissions may arise over time, using 2015 as the base year, and plotting any changes on a graph of a form that you consider most appropriate to depict the information being provided.</p>	<p>GBC declared a Climate Emergency on the 23rd July 2019 along with urgent actions, including to reach a target goal of net zero emissions by 2030, working with partners towards a carbon-free borough and establishing a local Climate Change Partnership. The Council also committed to work towards a plastic free borough by reducing all single-use plastics to minimal medical or other essential uses.</p> <p>While the Council believes air quality impacts from vehicles may reduce over time, due to measures introduced to promote sustainable methods of transport, there is no guarantee to what extent this will be effective and according the scheme should assess a number of scenarios.</p>
15.	Content of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)		
4.15.1	EBC, GBC, SCC, Environment Agency (EA)	Please provide any comments you may wish to make on the aims and/or wording of the new Article 48 in the dDCO [REP8-013].	GBC has no comments to make on the suggested wording but does question whether this is required to be included given the right to appeal is contained in other legislation.