

It is a little surprising that under the Legislation and advice column there is no reference to the Environment Act 2021 (primary legislation) and secondary legislation setting legally binding targets for PM 2.5. Whilst noting that there are a range of SoCG documents, I did not note one with DEFRA who are responsible for setting of the targets and would be best positioned to comment on health impacts given advice has been given by COMEAP. Legal opinion has been provided that the nearest monitoring station for PM 2.5 is in the Southend area and hence Air Quality issue from the scheme are too remote but an analysis of DEFRA's data reveals that PM 2.5 levels in Braintree District are already higher than Southend. If it transpires that there is no legal issue and for that I have not been convinced there isn't then there is most certainly a moral issue given the evidence available.