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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-825  
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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 1 February regarding petition P-05-825 in which the British Lung Foundation is calling for measures to protect children's lungs from harmful pollution whilst at school.

The Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) is managed by the Environment Agency on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Devolved Administrations.

Local Authorities have statutory duties under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 to review, report and where necessary take action to improve air quality in their areas. The Welsh Government provides Local Authorities with core funding, which they allocate to air quality depending on local priorities. In 2019/20 Local Authorities in Wales will receive £4.2 billion in core revenue funding and non-domestic rates to spend on delivering key services, in addition to the revenue received through council tax, sales, fees and charges.

Under The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (Wales) Regulations 2003, Local Authorities can stop the commission of statutory idling offences and issue fixed penalty notices in respect of such offences. It remains the decision of each Local Authority to determine whether it will enforce these offences and if so whether this is throughout the whole of their area or only in certain zones.

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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.

The Welsh Government will consider all measures to improve air quality. We intend to consult on a Clean Air Plan for Wales later this year. In developing this plan, we are considering future responsibility and accountability for tackling air quality across local government and other public bodies to enable effective action. We will also consider the potential for anti-idling zones and an associated review of existing regulations. We welcome the opportunity to engage with stakeholders, including the British Lung Foundation, in exploring the most effective solutions to achieve clean air.

Regards  
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