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Dear Mr Shepherd

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please see our response to your Freedom of Information request below.

## Air Quality Data for Rottingdean

***The Head of Transport says the Rottingdean AQMA was declared in 2013; and assuming the AQMA decision was based on the council's 2012 detailed assessments, the traffic data required and used for this specialist work would have been defined and reviewed by the officer carrying out the assessment (the Environmental Health Officer EHO) and "neither I nor members of my group were directly involved in the detailed analysis or designation of the AQMA within Rottingdean."***

***I wish to see the traffic data / report produced by the specialist and how the work was defined for the specialist.***

***If there are difficulties locating the report, I wish to know which specialist was contracted for this work and also to see how the work was defined for the specialist and to see the Officer's review of this work.***

***To avoid confusion, it is solely the information about Rottingdean's AQMA that is of interest, not information about the larger AQMA near the City Centre, though I recognise that the report may cover both AQMAs.***

An Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) for Rottingdean was declared in 2013.

The AQMA declaration is based on nitrogen dioxide monitoring evidence collected since January 2009.

In this case an Atmospheric Dispersion Model System (ADMS) setup was verified with local monitoring evidence. ADMS helps to map the extent of nitrogen dioxide pollution, it is not the sole tool used to determine the AQMA.

Traffic data is one of the inputs to the dispersion model. For queuing traffic at a bottleneck it is not the most influential variable. The assessment was carried out by BHCC's air quality specialist and did not involve; an EHO, external consultant or a Transport Officer.

The 2015 Air Quality Action Plan includes the traffic data used in the 2014 detailed assessment. It can be found at: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan%202015%20%28pdf%201.6%20MB%29.pdf>.

In 2015 the Air Quality Action Plan was open for lengthy consultation and was approved by committee. Since that time monitoring results have been updated in subsequent Annual Status Reports on air quality.

Prior to 2016, available traffic data for the B2123 road link utilised a counter to the north of Rottingdean. Since that time surveys closer to the AQMA are available that will be utilised with subsequent updates to be approved by ward and parish councillors.

Please quote the reference number 1600333 in any future communications.

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We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer