Your name

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

Postcode

Email

[Insert date]

Dear [Councillor name],

I am writing to express my desire for our local air pollution problem to be tackled as a matter of priority and to ask that you support an ambitious plan for the council to play its role in making our air cleaner.

I am a resident/parent/carer/grandparent [delete as appropriate] and worry what impact air pollution has on my health and the health of our community. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today. It can harm every organ in your body and can shorten our lives, contribute towards chronic illness and put us more at risk from COVID-19. When we breathe polluted air, it can inflame the lining of our lungs and move into our bloodstream ending up in the heart and brain, causing lung disease, heart disease, dementia and strokes.

I understand that the council will have people working on this issue, and that there will be a plan to address air pollution. I would like to show my support for urgent actions to be taken to improve local air quality. [If there are specific things you would like to see happen, include them here. For example, a no idling policy implemented across the area, School Streets implemented to close streets to vehicles at pick-up/drop-off times, an area of town pedestrianised, more safe cycle paths, limits on burning].

There are simple steps we can all take to help us cut down on the pollution we cause. Any reductions in air pollution that we make will lead to health improvements for us and in our local community. But we can't do it alone - the government and industry need to be making decisions to create system-wide changes. I support the council’s plans to bring a swift end to our unhealthy air pollution levels and would urge you to prioritize this action for the sake of our community’s health.

Please can you share with me the council's plans to reduce air pollution to recommended World Health Organisation limits, and when this will be achieved.

If there are programmes that I as a constituent can become a part of to join the council’s effort to make our air cleaner, please do let me know.

Yours faithfully,

[Your name]