Your name

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

Postcode

Email

[Insert date]

Dear [Councillor name],

I am writing to express my desire for walking to be made safer and easier in our community. Not only does it improve health, but also helps to tackle our local air pollution problem by reducing the number of cars on the road.

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. I understand that the council will have a plan to address air pollution, as part of this I would like to show my support for urgent actions to make walking more accessible and easier in the community through actions such as: [If there are specific things you would like to see happen, include them here. For example, School Streets closed to vehicles at pick-up/drop-off times, an area of town pedestrianised, more walking paths, more street lighting, no pavement parking, improved/widened pavements, safer pedestrian crossings].

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.

As we return to school/work post pandemic, some people are still worried about using public transportation and are therefore using cars – we need to clearly promote active travel instead of driving and make it easier for people to walk and cycle safely. Walking is the most inclusive form of active travel for many as it is free. Additionally, with the new Highway Code updates including changes that give pedestrians more priority, it is also a good time to be focusing on walking.

Can I ask what actions you are taking to make it easier for our community to walk more and have clean air?

If there are things that I can do to help our local efforts around making our air cleaner, please do let me know.

Yours faithfully,

[Your name]