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Dear Mr Rickman,

New Forest District Council local NO₂ plan

In July 2017, New Forest District Council were directed to conduct a feasibility study and submit by 31 December 2018 a final plan for delivering compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the shortest possible time.

Following internal and external review of the evidence submitted as part of the feasibility study and resulting final plan, I am pleased to confirm our agreement with your view that New Forest District Council will comply with the legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in 2019 and no implementation of measures could bring compliance forward.

No further action is required from New Forest District Council in respect of the direction. However, I would like to remind you of your duty to review and assess local air quality in accordance with the Local Air Quality Management guidance issued under the Environment Act 1995.

I understand you will be continuing your close working relationship with Southampton City Council with regards to addressing air quality in the local area. I would like to thank you for the positive way in which New Forest District Council responded to the direction and the feasibility study.

Yours sincerely,

DR THERESE COFFEY