

Question from Mike Richardson, Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth –

“Once again, the Public Protection Officer's report to the Board, although well-intentioned, contains no actual plans, commitments, or target dates. Instead, we have a report containing many consultations and contemplations but no sign of implementation.

Since 2010 (that's 13 years), when UK legal limits were introduced, there has been a failure to solve the problems, even within UK limits which are currently set four times higher than the latest WHO recommendations.

**Q. Instead of vague plans without definite timescales, when will the Board demand decisive action with targeted dates?**

Response provided by The Environmental Protection Service Manager

A. Shropshire Council have commissioned reviews of both Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth AQAP's which are currently being undertaken by specialist contractors, Bureau Veritas. There have been delays to this work as set out in the '2023 HWBB Update – November 23'. However, this work is rapidly developing, and we anticipate completed AQAP's by early 2024 outlining plans for effective and quantifiable reductions in both areas. Shropshire Council continue to assess air quality elsewhere in the county as described in the update report.