

AIR MONITORING

We raised the issue of the old cabinet with SCC in 2018, when we found that it contained a cylinder of compressed gas and was connected to the mains electrical supply. SCC told us they had issued orders to disconnect & make safe the supply, and remove the cabinet. We removed the compressed gas to a BOC depot for safe disposal. SCC confirmed the electrical supply had been disconnected. I am sorry the cabinet hasn't been removed by SCC I have asked my officer to request for this to be removed and I would suggest contact is made to your County Councillor to request the same .

Air quality is really important for me leading the environment team and as an indication of the health of our environment .We are blessed with an amazing coastline and some amazing countryside , however it's important we monitor air quality across the district and in urban areas occasionally we can get a build up pollution .

We have a diffusion tube monitoring network across the district which covers 73 locations, several of which are in Lowestoft. This network is reviewed annually with sites of concern being added and others removed (where data has been collected and they are no longer required).

We report the results of our monitoring each year and those reports are checked by DEFRA to ensure that we are fulfilling our duties properly.

As well as publication in our annual reports, a summary of all of our monitoring data is published on the website and data for the last 5 years (including 2019 data) can be seen using this link; <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Environment/Environmental-Protection/Air-Quality/Diffusion-tube-summary-last-5-years-2015-19.pdf>

You will be pleased to know across the whole district we meet statutory requirements . However I personally don't agree government restrictions are as strict as they should be so at East Suffolk we work hard to continue to highlight the issue of clean air to residents and constantly look at how we can make improvements

In fact we are working on a Clean Air Task Force - more details of this early 21.

As a general guide however we deal with Air Quality concerns as follows :

1. responding to complaints of air pollution incidents, investigating them to determine whether there is any statutory action we need to take to deal with it.
2. commenting on planning applications, requiring detailed assessments of air quality impacts of proposed development in appropriate cases and requesting changes to proposals, or conditions to be applied to mitigate it to acceptable levels.
3. regulating certain prescribed activities in accordance with the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 using a system of 'Permits'
4. working to reduce the impact of our own estate and vehicle fleet
5. where resources permit, providing information, guidance and running educational and promotional campaigns to encourage responsible behaviour amongst relevant target groups <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/air-quality/>