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To: Planning Policy
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I am writing in response to the Shipley Area Action Plan.

As a local resident and parent I am very concerned about the air quality in our area. I requested a Freedom of Information disclosure on the air quality on Otley Road, between the junction with Keighley Rd and Shipley Airedale Road, as this is where Shipley Primary School is. The information I received was that the air at this point was not monitored but there was good reason to assume both particulates pollution and oxides of nitrogen would be high in this area. Informally, I know people who have measured air quality at this site in 2014 and have found it to be at legal limits.

The planned further development in the Shipley area will lead to increased traffic which is going to push the air pollution beyond the legal limits. I cannot therefore agree in any sense to the paragraph on page 83, stating that local resident's health will be enhanced (point no.10). I do not find the plan has any adequate or effective means of addressing air quality at all. This is in light of the Born in Bradford study which has clearly stated a link between vehicle emissions and small birth weight in babies, and other evidence linking respiratory diseases and poor air quality. While this will have an impact on all in the area, pedestrians, cyclists and drivers (as air quality is also poor within vehicles), I am particularly concerned about children at Shipley C of E Primary. The nursery and reception playgrounds directly boarder the road where air quality is poor. It is known that poor air quality has a bigger impact on young children than on older people.

I therefore object to the Shipley Area Action Plan. It is by no means 'sustainable' as it claims to be. To only focus on increasing active transport while not addressing the increase in vehicles and especially large, diesel vehicles, is a failure.

Yours sincerely,

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