



Storrington, Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan



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**Statement by Neighbourhood Plan Qualifying Body in response to the Further Initial
Comments of the Independent Examiner.**

Question 14 – Air Quality Management Area

31 August 2018

1.0 Introduction

'It appears to me that Policy 17 merely duplicates existing planning policy which already covers Storrington's Air Quality Management Area. What is the value of a neighbourhood plan policy that merely repeats existing policy without any additional local dimension.'

1.1 Storrington & Sullington Parish Council, Washington Parish Council and Horsham District Council have had the opportunity to meet and discuss this response. In light of the meeting, a response has been prepared by the Qualifying Body.

2.0 Background

2.1 Storrington Village Centre is the subject of an Air Quality Management Area and has recently been ranked in the top 30 for poor air quality in the Country.

2.2 The Steering Group would like to add some local dimension to Policy 17 by way of an additional point at vii:

vii. Traffic Regulation Orders and Community Highways Schemes will be supported where they are designed to improve the flow of traffic through the AQMA area and to prevent idling of vehicles.

2.3 To assist the Examiner, the Steering Group would be prepared to remove Policy 17 and include it in the list of Community Aims if this was considered more appropriate for the SSWNP in order to meet the Basic Conditions.