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Dear Ms Dodd

Consultation on the draft UK notification to the European Commission to secure additional time to meet limit values for particulate matter for certain zones and agglomerations in accordance with Council directive 2008/50/EC on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe.

Thank you for inviting our views on this topic.

We have no views to offer on whether the UK Government has set out an adequate evidence base on whether an extension should be given.

We are however deeply concerned that such an approach is being taken. The UK Government and the Devolved Administrations have been fully apprised - *for a period of approaching fifteen years* - of the need to meet EU directives on air pollution, and it is therefore deeply disappointing that the UK Government proposes further delays in meeting targets put in place to provide basic levels of protection for human health. That one of the areas proposed for the exemption includes Scotland's only major city (Glasgow) is therefore deeply unfortunate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colin Howden'.

Colin Howden
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