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Dear Londoners

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Do you live on a main road outside the North and South Circular roads? Do you want to know how polluted the air on your street is?

Almost 10,000 Londoners die prematurely each year as a result of long term exposure to Nitrogen Dioxide, mainly from diesel vehicle emissions. Many more Londoners find their existing heart and lung conditions are worsened by breathing polluted air.

Communities living in London especially on main roads are routinely exposed to health damaging levels of diesel particulate pollution.

The Mayor of London is preparing to consult on an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to reduce the number of polluting vehicles. He is proposing to start it in central London in 2019. In 2020 he proposes to extend the boundaries to the North and South Circular roads for cars, vans and motorbikes, and Londonwide for lorries, coaches and buses.

I'm interested to find out how much pollution the communities living on main roads in boroughs that are outside of the North and South Circular are regularly exposed to. If the pollution levels prove to be high, then I will ask the Mayor to consult on including cars, motorbikes and cars roads in the Londonwide scheme.

I am looking for individuals and community groups living on the boundaries or outside of the North and South Circulars that are willing to get involved in measuring air pollution on their local polluted streets over the summer. It won't take long and is easy to do.

I plan to visit communities around London to talk about measuring polluted air. If you are interested and want to get involved, please get in touch with me, or George Raszka (george.raszka@london.gov.uk) who is assisting me.

In the meantime, I have attached some simple information about measuring Nitrogen Dioxide and where to buy and how to use diffusion tubes.

Yours sincerely

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