

## **Bath Polluted – Official!**

B&NES has been named in the Government's new Air Quality Plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) as one of 29 local authorities with the greatest problem with excessive levels of NO<sub>2</sub> pollution. See Table 3, page 31 of the DEFRA Air Quality Plan July 2017:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/633270/air-quality-plan-detail.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633270/air-quality-plan-detail.pdf)

B&NES will now be required to produce a local plan to reduce NO<sub>2</sub> pollution below the legal limit. An initial plan will be required by March 2018 and the final plan by December 2018.

The plan is likely to involve the introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) for Bath. The Government has promised local authorities access to funding for this.

B&NES' data show that there are excessive and unlawful levels of NO<sub>2</sub> across the entire main road network in Bath, and that these are not reducing. See below for the relevant data: the Bath air pollution map; Bath air quality data 2016; and Bath NO<sub>2</sub> graphs 2016.