

Air Pollution

Recent correspondence on the subject of air pollution has highlighted a problem we should all be concerned about.

More than 28,000 British people die from air pollution every year, according to government statistics, with nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter from diesel engines being the main culprits. Here in Sevenoaks there are about sixty deaths a year that are attributable to poor air quality.

Those are adult deaths, but children suffer the worst effects. Schools sited on or near main roads (such as the A25) put our young people's health at serious risk.

Most of the political parties pay lip service to this problem, but it's no surprise that it's only the Greens who put it at the top of their agenda.

Just monitoring air quality is not enough. We need to move as quickly as possible to cleaner forms of transport.

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