

BBC School Report

The warning of the patronising poisonous air.



Where does health care come in?

Severity of poisonous air causes thousands of deaths across the UK every year.

The MPs have warned that the deadly air that covers certain parts of England, like a blanket has now become a ‘national health emergency’ and is responsible for 40,000 deaths and £20 billion in economic costs each year.

This air doesn't just affect the people of England it also affects the environment as a whole.

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IT'S NOT JUST ENGLAND

Both Rome and Paris have started to take action within their city

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THE GOVERNMENTS PLANS

To stop petrol and diesel motor vehicles, by 2040.

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WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC THINK?

The public is forced to change their daily routine.

– Pressures have been placed on the government to introduce a wide range of measures to urgently grip this problem.

– This problem has also effected many other countries, such as Paris and Rome. Paris has stated that they will ban petrol and diesel cars by 2030, and will only allow electric cars.

– As well as Paris being effected, Rome (within Italy) has outlined plans to stop diesel cars from entering the city centre by 2024

– The public is furious due to the fact they can't continue with their normal lives as the air is limiting their time spent outside due to the poisonous emission increasing

Are the government taking action?

A government's spokesperson once said; "By ending the sale of conventional new diesel and petrol cars and vans from 2040, the UK is going further than almost every other European nation"

He also said, "Air pollution has improved significantly since 2010" the government have said that they have a £3.5 billion plan to reduce harmful emissions.

WHAT'S THE CAR INDUSTRY RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION?

The car industry must pay millions towards solving the UK's toxic air crisis.

In Germany car companies such as Volkswagen, BMW and Daimler are providing €180 million to a €1 billion Clean Air Fund. Whereas within the UK, Volkswagen are not paying anything to help with this critical situation.

Where's the clean air? Are there ways of avoiding pollution?

The government have now lost the clean air court case, does this cause more problems? There are many ways to avoid pollution which could make this situation less hazardous.

- One of the main ways pollution increases is from the large amounts of busy roads within a country — help roads become less busy with access to other routes/roads



IS THIS ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE?

- The UK government figures show that the total emissions from motor vehicles fell 12% from 2012 to 2016. But has it decreased this year? Many polluted gases have been seen to decrease within England; for example sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.
- This toxic air could lead to extremely bad polluted areas, within England and other countries. This then leads to environmental hazards causing problems for nature and communities.
- All this pollution can affect the younger generation for their later life which will be majorly damaged if pollution continues or gets worse.