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Plea as village tops table for pollution

By Lottie Welch

AFTER two decades of feeling ignored, the parish council of the village deemed to have the worst air pollution in England continues to press for a bypass.

Friends of the Earth claim Chideock Hill on the A35 is ranked number one for breaching air pollution limits after a data audit revealed 1,360 sites across England have breached the annual Air Quality Objective for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) levels. The leading cause of NO2 pollution is emissions from road traffic.

The level has increased in Chideock after Main Street was ranked ninth in the south west last year with 58.9ug/m3 by Friends of the Earth. This has now gone up to 97.7ug/m3 when the target is 40ug/m3.

Parish councillors say this is 'no surprise' and pollution has



Chideock Hill has been named the worst place in England for air pollution

been known as an issue in the village since Chideock was declared an Air Quality Management Area in May 2007.

A spokesman said: "In some ways Chideock Parish Council

feels that all of the public bodies concerned are ignoring the very real impact of pollution on this village, in order that they do not have to consider that action needs to be taken now to provide an alternative strategic route for HGVs / delivery vehicles and all non-local traffic. In addition, any possibility of providing additional safe crossing points for pedestrians appear to be years away."

They explained that national environmental air quality legislation currently only applies to cities and towns with Chideock not having a national focus or funding for alternatives to be delivered through Highways England and Dorset Council.

The spokesman added: "Chideock Parish Council needs our Dorset Ward Councillor, Dorset Council, our MP Chris Loder and the Ministers responsible for DEFRA and the Department of Transport to stop procrastinating

and to start doing. Take this matter seriously, we need your help.

"Decisions need to be made now - the village of Chideock is as important environmentally as any town or city and the A35 as a strategic route through this village is not fit for purpose.

"Chideock needs an alternative route."

Over the last two years, Highways England implemented two initiatives, one to consider the impact on the village through a safety and severance report and the second a speed limit reduction trial.

Highways England were unable to comment at the time of going to press.

Friends of the Earth is campaigning to remove polluting vehicles from the road and clean up transport - to fight the climate crisis and to protect public health.