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Reducing emissions from domestic Burning of solid fuels Easy Read Version

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Introduction

The Clean air plan for Wales is called Healthy Air, Healthy Wales. The plan sets out how Welsh Government will clean up the air around us.

Most people do not realise the air is not as clean as it should be.

We want to change how people heat their homes and businesses.

So that they use cleaner fuel.

We want to reduce the use of Solid fuels for burning.

Solid fuels are things like, coal and wood.

What are the Problems?

Wood burning stoves produce very small dust particles which can be very damaging to our lungs if you breathe them in.

We want to change the law so that dangerous things cannot be burned and cause you any health problems.

This will also limit bad chemicals that are sent into the air by burning certain types of things.

Clean Air Plan Actions to be taken

We want to change the rules so that your local council can take action against people who break the new rules.

We want to do tests to see how bonfires, fireworks, and coal make the air dirty.

We want people to sell only things which are clean and safe to put in your home to make it warm.

We want to make sure that anyone who puts in heaters has the right qualifications.

And we want to make it a rule that you have an inspection once a year to check the appliance is working properly.

We want to make sure that any appliance is the best and safest for you to use.

We want to make sure that people who live in the country who use house coal or wood already do not go without any fuel and be cold in the winter time.

We want to limit the amount of bagged house coal you would be able to use at home.

Limit solid fuel for home use.

What we want to do about solid Fuels

We want to use cleaner fuel.

We must make sure the piece of equipment is the best type for you to use.

You use the equipment the best way possible.

The heater is installed by someone who is qualified.

The heater is installed in the best place for your home or office.

And, regular checks to make sure it continues to work properly.

Domestic Solid Fuels

If you burning anything it produces particles in the air.

But, some things that are burned in the home may produce more dirt grains than other things you burn.

We want to make sure that only fuel that does not give off lots of dangerous dust is used in your home.

Examples of solid fuel burned in the home are coal and wood.

What we want to do in this consultation

We want to end the use of coal for heating your home or office.

Stop the sale of wet wood for your home, because this gives off lots of dust in the smoke.

We want to ban the fuel that is the dirtiest.

We want to use cleaner types of fuel.

How can we help people stop using coal?

There are many varieties of alternative biomass based solid fuels on the market and biomass products which are being developed, such as waste coffee grounds, logs, and pellets.

What is Biomass

Biomass is a modern name for the old practice of burning plant or animal material to make heat.

The UK Government has approved a Sustainable Fuel Register (SFR) to certify such products.

The certification rules are currently focused on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

What is Greenhouse Gas

A Greenhouse Gas is the warming of air that results when the atmosphere traps heat spreading out from Earth toward space. Certain gases in the atmosphere act like glass in a greenhouse, allowing sunlight to pass into the 'greenhouse,' but blocking Earth's heat from escaping into space. This then warms up the air around us.

Questions

1, do you agree that we should stop using house coal and wet wood for heating our homes and businesses?

Yes	No
Could you tell us why?	

2, how long do you think we should give people and industry to stop using house coal and wet wood?

1 year

2 years

Or make them stop straight away?

Yes	No
Could you tell us why	