

On 22nd Oct 2009 I attended a JAG meeting on A14 Air pollution.

The main speaker from S Cambs health protection Team Leader Susan Walford failed to arrive .She had apologised by e mail at a very late hour which was missed.

Her power point presentation was enclosed.It appears the main objectives are to increase the monitoring and measuring points which are deemed insufficient..Long term to decrease “Particulates” ,by use of Guided Bus, roads developed to take traffic off A14 which should prevent congestion and the constant accelerating/stopping which increases fumes.

There are no reliable statistics about the affect on health.It is thought that 200 metres from a road ,the particulates drop greatly.No numbers .
There are no known actions to reduce pollution –if you want roads .

An eg of aims is Bar Hill ,which enjoys the worst number (43) target 40 next year.Does not mean much to me but just the numbers appear to be rather similar.

The other speaker Dr Steve Darling Senior lecturer School of Environmental Studies U of EA.

Very knowledgeable about every aspect but had nothing conclusive to say or suggest expect we should think about engaging an expert to” fight our battle”. I cannot see what we are fighting for or with whom other than siting the A14 somewhere else we will have air pollution.We already have. We would be asked to help fund the said expert.Cost and timing currently unknown. The 200 metre thing did not have numbers on it either.The chemistry of pollution is not properly known or understood neither are the affects.Housing close to roads should be avoided but that battle is with planning /developers and not a step to reduce pollution.