

Distributing this leaflet to Taxi Drivers at Sheffield Station led to BBC Look North covering story last Night (Tuesday 3rd November)
 You can view this story at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b06mvphv/look-north-yorkshire-03112015>



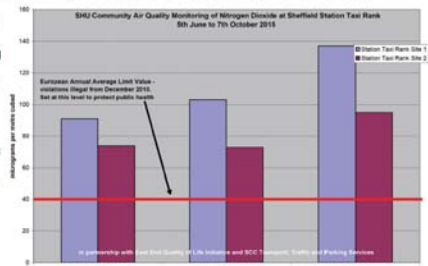
Please switch off your Taxi engine when standing. The High Air Pollution levels at this Taxi Rank can damage your Health and that of your passengers



Community air quality monitoring around Sheffield Station Taxi Rank indicates that air pollution levels in the form of Nitrogen Dioxide are dangerously high. The pollution levels are much higher than the Annual and the Hourly legal levels set to protect peoples health. Switching off idling engines could help reduce pollution. Driving low emission vehicles such as hybrid, electric, hydrogen and gas or even petrol would further improve air quality.

Air pollution has a range of long and short term health impacts. Short term impacts can include mild symptoms such as irritation of the airways, sore throats and headaches, to severe impacts such as asthma and heart attacks. Long-term impacts may include permanently reduced lung function in children, the causation of cardiovascular disease, respiratory illness such as asthma, and early death.

Many people believe that stopping a car engine, only to restart it a minute or two later, causes more pollution than idling. *This is a myth.* If you think that sitting in your cab protects you from the pollution outside a recent study showed that a car driver was exposed to more than twice the amount of air pollution as the person walking the same busy route, and almost eight times more pollution than the cyclist. Watch the video at <http://healthiest-air.org.uk/healthiest-transport-option-video/>



Air Pollution is a Serious Health Issue

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