

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Review of Community Strategy to cut CO2 emissions from cars

Combating the worst effects of climate change requires urgent action; the next 10-15 years will determine whether we can arrest the potentially devastating effects of our warming planet. While many are predicting that the downward slope from peak oil will be the end of the internal combustion engine, the positive side effects of that crisis will not be evident for some years now.

The EU should in the meantime set mandatory targets for fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions from cars and lorries. It would seem logically to phase in the standards: so that the initial goal for new cars might be in nearing 100g/km CO2 (between 110 and 125). By 2020 that figure could reduce to 75-90 g/km. Biofuels should not be allowed to figure as this is an optional practice for the owners and biofuels have significant detrimental effects on food production, biodiversity and is a significant producer of CO2 when land is cleared to make way for biofuel plantations.

There are many business interests that will try to dissuade you from these policies, but the overriding health and well being of Europe and the planet must be a higher priority than short term profit. If our cars are slightly more expensive as a result, this should have the positive effect of more people on public transport and cycles.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Morrison