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## Appendix 1 – Original Referral to the Scrutiny Board (Impact of nitrous oxide use and abuse on Leeds' Communities)

From: Robinson, Cllr Matthew Sent: 16 June 2020 17:59 To: Anderson, Cllr Barry

Subject: Scrutiny Request - nitrous oxides use & abuse

Dear Barry,

Hope you're keeping well.

In your capacity as Chair of the Environment, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee I am writing to ask your committee to look into the use & abuse of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) in our communities.

The below petition is gathering support to see Parliament debate this matter: <a href="https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/301247">https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/301247</a>

However there is no doubt the council can do more to support the police, help users, educate people, tackle the health problems and work to eradicate the empty canisters we find left all over our neighbours.

I hope your scrutiny board will look into this matter and work with our local Police to help address this blight on our communities.

Many Thanks, Matthew

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