Appendix 3 - Research on air quality and wood burning stoves

Wood burning is a leading source of PM2.5 emissions: DEFRA's 2019 clean air strategy reported that it accounts for up to 38% of the UK's PM2.5 emissions.

The aim of the project being led by Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) in collaboration with the University of Manchester is to better understand the extent of wood burning in Manchester. This will explore who is burning, and key motivations. Through increased understanding of the attitudes towards burning, this can inform more targeted communications to the public. It is hoped this will help reduce wood burning and improve air quality. To determine whether this is achieved, measurements of air quality before and after a communications campaign to discourage wood burning will be compared.

Results from this research are eagerly awaited and will be discussed and disseminated when available.