Thank you for your feedback on the revocation of the AQMA. Monitoring of particulate matter, although not necessarily specific to black carbon, is likely to be considered as part of the air quality strategy. As always, funding for such devices is always the key issue, but I hope to at least have the discussion and hopefully generate some interest.

The council did monitor particulates on Bridge Street during 2025. The results are in Appendix C of the attached report.

Although the sensor is no longer on Bridge Street, it is still in the Council's possession. If the Town Council would be interested is using the sensor, please let me know. Please note, this will be at the Town Council's own cost. The cost to re-calibrate the sensor and have data access for 12 months was £600. This was at the beginning of 2026, so if the Town Council is interested, I would need to check if this cost has changed since then. The sensor needs to be plugged into the mains (it has a 3m cable) and installed somewhere where it is unlikely to be tempered with, vandalised or stolen. The distance from a mains electric supply can be extended with an extension lead. If there is interest, I can send over some more information and confirm costs.

Kind regards,

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