

DARK SMOKE

The darker the smoke, the more polluting it tends to be. Smoke darker than a specified shade of grey is officially classified as 'dark smoke'.

The Ringelmann chart is used to define dark smoke. The chart has 5 shades of grey with 0 being clear and 5 being black. Smoke is considered 'dark' if it is shade 2 or darker.

Local councils can introduce extra controls on emissions if there are air quality problems in your area.

For more information on dark smoke see: <https://www.gov.uk/preventing-air-pollution/dark-smoke>