

# Greens respond to SMMT report on diesel cars



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Responding to a report from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders which shows that diesel car sales have fallen 31% and to the SMMT's assertion that cutting diesel sales will make CO2 emissions worse [1], Co-Leader of the Green Party Jonathan Bartley said:

"It is hardly surprising to see the voice of the motor industry trying to spin a drop in diesel sales as a bad thing. The truth is that diesel vehicles produce dangerous nitrogen dioxide particles which damage our air, environment and health. Fewer dirty diesel engines on our roads is a good thing. If the SMMT really cared about the environment it would focus its efforts on promoting cleaner, cheaper and more sustainable modes of transport, like electric cars powered by renewable energy."

## **Notes**

[1] <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/uk-car-sales-forecast-two-year-drop-motor-industry-carmakers-eu-brex-it-a8142236.html>

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