**Reasons for the issue: example piece of writing**

Although not everyone agreed, the class decided to take action on pollution from traffic in the school grounds.

We have many reasons for this. Our first reason is that we are very concerned about the health of staff and students on the school premises. Our school is located on a busy junction where traffic builds up at certain times of day. Pollution from particulates produced by traffic is known to cause many health problems both short term and long term. Examples of these health problems are asthma, heart disease and dementia.

Another reason we would like to take action on this is that road traffic emissions produce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

We also agreed that it would be an issue that we could have an impact on as a school community by, for example, working with parents/carers to reduce the number of school journeys taken by car.

Therefore, although some people might argue that there are even more important environmental problems that we should be focusing on, we think we have shown that taking action on traffic around the school is achievable and will have a clear impact on health and the environment.

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