

# Draft response to the Mayor's air quality consultation phase 3b



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## Mayor's clean air plans

*The Mayor's latest Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ 3B) consultation closes on 28th February 2018. I'm keen to hear your thoughts about the (ULEZ) before I submit my final response to the Mayor. **You can contact me on [caroline.russell@london.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.russell@london.gov.uk)***

The consultation includes proposals for:

- A London wide Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for heavy vehicles – this would apply to buses, coaches and HGVs from 2020.
- Inner London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for light vehicles from central London to inner London up to, but not including the North and South Circular roads. This would apply to cars, vans and motorcycles from 2021.

## Summary

This is a summary of my previous consultation responses to the Mayor setting out my views on what the Mayor should do to clean up our air in his current term of office:

- Aim to achieve full compliance with air pollution limits for the whole of London as soon as possible and by 2020 at the latest for Nitrogen Dioxide NO<sub>2</sub>
- Set a particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) ULEZ standard based on World Health Organisation guidelines
- Consult on a London wide ULEZ for all vehicles
- As the health impacts of diesel pollution are so serious, ideally all diesel vehicles should be banned from London as soon as practically possible
- All phases of the ULEZ should be implemented within this mayoral term (by May 2020)
- Implement a road pricing scheme as an integral part of the ULEZ, with charges based on the time of day, distance travelled and level of vehicle emissions
- Make traffic reduction a priority, with measures to reduce car use and enable a rapid transition for more journeys being made on foot, by bike and by public transport, especially in outer London
- Provide financial assistance to help individual disabled drivers and organisations providing transport for disabled people to transition to vehicles that meet ULEZ emission standards

## My response in full

This is my draft response to the Mayor's latest consultation (ULEZ 3b) about his plans to clean up London's air. I have also included my comments explaining why I support or oppose these suggestions.

When you submit your own response you can add comments in the final section, PART 5.

## PART 1: Proposals for a stronger Low Emission Zone (LEZ)

### 1. Do you support tougher vehicle emissions standards in the London-wide Low Emission Zone so that heavy vehicles must meet the Euro VI emissions standards London-wide?

**Strongly support**/Support/Neither support or oppose/Oppose/ Strongly oppose/No Opinion

**My comment:** I strongly support a London-wide Euro VI emissions standard for heavy vehicles (coaches, lorries and buses). However, this London-wide ULEZ should also be applied to light vehicles (vans, cars and motorbikes)

### 2. Do you support the proposed implementation date of 26 October 2020 for the introduction of tougher Euro VI standards for heavy vehicles driving in the London-wide Low Emission Zone?

Support/**Oppose (should be sooner)**/Oppose (should be later)/Neither/Don't know

**My comment:** All phases of the ULEZ should be implemented within this mayoral term (by May 2020).

### 3. Do you support the proposed daily charges to be paid by owners of heavy vehicles that do not meet the required emissions standards at:

- £300 for those that do not meet Euro IV PM standards and;
- £100 for those that do not meet Euro VI NOx and PM standards?

**Support**/Oppose (charges too high)/Oppose (charges too low)/Neither/Don't know

**My comment:** I support the charges, however I would prefer to see a road pricing scheme as an integral part of the ULEZ, with charges based on the time of day, distance travelled and level of vehicle emissions.

## **PART 2: Proposals for an expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)**

**4. Do you support the principle of expanding the area where ULEZ emissions standards apply to light vehicles beyond central London?**

**Strongly support**/Support/Neither support or oppose/Oppose/Strongly oppose /No Opinion

**My comment:** I strongly support the principle of expanding the central London ULEZ for light vehicles beyond central London.

**5. We are proposing that the ULEZ emissions standards would apply to the inner London area, roughly up to but not including the North and South Circulars roads. Do you support this proposed boundary?**

Support/**Support an expansion but area should be larger**/Support an expansion but area should be smaller/Oppose expansion/Neither/Don't know

**My comment:** I support an expansion but the area should extend beyond the North and South Circulars to cover the whole of London.

*There is an opportunity to expand on any of the answers or suggest alternative boundaries – like making sure the Mayor knows the ULEZ should cover all of London – in PART 5.*

**6. Do you support the proposed implementation date of 25 October 2021 for the expansion of ULEZ to include light vehicles in inner London?**

Support/**Oppose (should be sooner)**/Oppose (should be later)/Neither/Don't know

**My comment:** All phases of the ULEZ should be implemented within this mayoral term (by May 2020).

**7. Do you support the proposed ULEZ daily charge to be paid by non-compliant owners of light vehicles of £12.50?**

**Support**/Oppose (the charges should be higher)/Oppose (the charges should be lower)/Neither/Don't know

**My comment:** I support the charges. I would prefer to see a road pricing scheme as an integral part of the ULEZ, with charges based on the time of day, distance travelled and level of vehicle emissions.

## **PART 3: Proposals for residents**

**8. Do you support bringing forward the end of the sunset period for residents in the Central London Congestion Charging zone from 7 April 2022 to 24 October 2021 so that all residents of inner London, including the Congestion Charging zone, pay the daily charge for non-compliant vehicles from 25 October 2021?**

**Strongly support**/Support/Neither support or oppose/Oppose/Strongly oppose/No Opinion

**My comment:** I strongly support charging all residents in inner and central London from the date of implementation. I would prefer implementation in this Mayoral term by May 2020.

In principle, I do not support a resident's sunset period, because this will not discourage short car journeys. Any sunset period charge must have a car-use deterrent effect.

## **PART 4: Proposals for penalty charges**

**9. Do you support increasing the penalty charge (PCN) level for non-payment of the ULEZ daily charge by owners of non-compliant light vehicles from £130 to £160?**

Strongly support\**Support**\Neither support or oppose\Oppose\Strongly oppose\No Opinion

**My comment:** I would prefer a road pricing scheme so that penalty fares would not be necessary. Road pricing is fairer and more transparent than a cordon based fees system.

## **PART 5: Other comments**

Please add your comments about where you think the boundary of the ULEZ should lie.

