



Your voice for a cycling city

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Dear Sadiq

The climate emergency is an existential threat to humanity, requiring urgent and transformative action during this decade to avert it. That is why the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) supports your target to make London net zero by 2030.

At the same time thousands of Londoners die prematurely because of toxic levels of air pollution, which damages lungs, triggers asthma in the young, and increases rates of dementia in the elderly.

Moreover, the impacts of global heating and air pollution hit London's poorest and most vulnerable hardest. Every year of delay in addressing these twin threats to Londoners' health adds to that human cost.

London's congested roads are where the climate and air pollution crises most damagingly intersect. It is therefore essential to provide all Londoners with access to convenient and affordable alternatives to private car use and to eliminate tailpipe emissions from all vehicles – reducing congestion and improving our urban spaces along the way.

This will require a high quality cycle network across all of London, zero emissions public transport within easy reach of all Londoners, and easy access for everyone to zero emissions shared mobility such as e-cycles, e-scooters and electric car clubs. But it will also entail the introduction of smart and fair road pricing, with social protections, to incentivise a switch away from petrol and diesel vehicles and to reduce car trips that could readily be made by other means.

That is why LCC supports your proposed expansion of the ULEZ to the whole of Greater London, as a health-protecting first step towards consolidating all London's road charges into a single, smart and fair system, in time to deliver zero carbon roads by 2030.

We understand you will appear before the London Assembly on Thursday 17th November. We call on you to underscore your commitment to achieving net zero by 2030, bringing levels of air pollution down to World Health Organisation limits as soon as possible and, as



the cost-of-living crisis deepens, to do all you can to assist the poorest and most disadvantaged Londoners with their transport costs.

We also understand that the Assembly will vote on an amendment to the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) that would permit road charging schemes to be introduced by you or a future mayor, beyond those already in place. This amendment is essential to enable the creation of a future, single, smart and fair system across all of London. We are therefore also writing to all members of the London Assembly, asking them to both support the expansion of the ULEZ and this amendment to the MTS.

Yours sincerely

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