



Dear Sadiq,

We support the expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) and we welcomed your efforts in implementing the biggest ever scrappage scheme of £110m in January.

High levels of air pollution disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, exacerbate existing health inequalities, with Black and low-paid Londoners more likely to live in areas with the worst levels of pollution. Our residents often travel across outer London for work, to visit friends and family and for many other reasons.

It's crucial that the Government also supports the scrappage scheme in London as it has done elsewhere: Birmingham received £38m, Bristol £42m, and Bradford £30m. I will continue to join you in calls to the Conservative Government to provide a similar scrappage scheme for the capital, building on your own support.

However, in recent weeks we've heard from many constituents whose vehicles do not currently meet the criteria and are struggling with the financial costs of buying or retrofitting their vehicles, such as parents or carers who need support to make the switch. It also includes small businesses who do not currently meet the criteria, and organisations which have booked a retrofit that may not be completed until after the ULEZ expansion date of 29 August 2023.

So, we ask you to consider a review of the current criteria for the scheme, to look at ways of widening the eligibility including:

- Enabling more small businesses to fit the eligibility criteria.
- Reviewing the grace period for drivers who have booked a retrofit for their van.
- Providing further support for parents and carers, many of whom work in jobs that keep London going.
- Considering more exemptions and discounts for specialist fleet vehicles, disabled and disabled passenger tax class vehicles, and NHS patient imbursement.

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We write in the spirit of knowing that you are committed to doing all you can to support more Londoners to make the transition to ULEZ compliant vehicles. Your leadership on cleaning up our air has been exemplary and we hope you're able to enable even more people to benefit from the scheme. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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