

Town Clerk & Chief Executive
John Barradell OBE FRGS



Date 19 June 2017

Dear *Sir/Madam,*

Proposed changes to the ULEZ: start date and emission standards

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the consultation and information document: Proposed Changes to the ULEZ, start date and emission standards. The City of London Corporation's response to the consultation questions is detailed below.

1. *Do you support the principle of the Ultra Low Emission Zone to improve air quality in London?*

Yes, we are very supportive of the principle of an Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to improve air quality in London.

2. *To what extent do you support bringing forward the implementation of the ULEZ in central London from 7 September 2020 to 8 April 2019?*

In our previous consultation response, we stated our support for bringing forward the implementation date of the ULEZ to September 2019. This was subject to the availability of an approved retrofit system being available in good time. We would also support a start date of April 2019, provided that a certified retrofit system is available to allow heavy vehicles to be fitted and tested for Euro VI compliance by April 2019.

If certified retrofit is not available in sufficient time, consideration should be given to an exemption of the daily charge until heavy vehicles can be retrofit to meet Euro VI emissions criteria.

You will be aware that we have placed improving air quality as a high priority at the City Corporation. Both the City Corporation and City Police have been very active in reducing emissions from their respective fleets. The City Corporation has also made a decision not to purchase any more diesel vehicles, unless there are no viable alternatives.

Whilst we do support the revised date of implementation of the ULEZ of April 2019, this would require certified retrofit devices to become available at an early date and for there

to be an exemption for emergency vehicles to be available to avoid further pressure on police budgets.

3. *Do you support keeping a 3 year resident's sunset period so it is from 8 April 2019 to 11 April 2022?*

The City Corporation supports the proposal to maintain the 3 year resident's sunset period at three years, which if the ULEZ was introduced in April 2019, would be April 2022.

As detailed in previous consultation response, consideration should be given to a sliding scale of charges over any sunset period to provide sufficient incentive to residents to use a less polluting vehicle.

4. *Do you support keeping the present end date of the sunset period for disabled tax class vehicles so it is from 8 April 2019 to 11 September 2023?*

The City Corporation supports the proposal for a longer sunset period for disabled tax class vehicles.

5. *To what extent do you support introducing a Particulate Matter (PM) standard for diesel vehicles within the ULEZ standard?*

The City Corporation strongly supports the inclusion of a particulate matter standard in the ULEZ to bring it into line with national plans for a Clean Air Zone Framework and the national plans for a Euro VI retrofit certification scheme.

Particulate matter has a significant impact on health. It is considered that there is no safe limit so all opportunities should be taken to reduce levels in ambient air.

Yours Sincerely,

