

Proposed Amendment to Motion No. 3 - Responding to the new Mayor of London's proposed Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) consultation

Moved by Cllr Claudia Webbe

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This Council welcomes the acknowledgment by the new Mayor of London that the former Mayor of London's ULEZ proposals will only deliver a limited improvement in air quality for London. This Council welcomes any proposals from the Mayor that will make the ULEZ more effective in tackling air quality. therefore welcomes the proposals from new Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to expand the ULEZ consultation area from the existing congestion charging zone to include all boroughs, including Islington, in the area bounded by and including the North and South Circular roads.

This Council further notes the council's strong record on tackling air pollution, which has included:

- introducing the 'diesel surcharge' on residents' parking permits;
- introducing an educational programme, backed-up by fines, to tackle engine idling;
- introducing the first borough-wide 20mph speed limit;
- installing electric vehicle charging points and trialling the installation of bike hangers on streets;
- developing the cross-borough Zero Emissions Network project to encourage businesses to do more to tackle emissions;
- developing Airtext, which allows residents across London to see air pollution levels and receive advice via a downloadable app
- ensuring the council's fleet of vehicles are being made progressively more environmentally friendly;
- making representations to TfL calling for all buses stationed in the borough to be hybrid models;
- supporting development of the cycle improvements to encourage cycling;
- significant changes to the layout of roads and gyratories to make cycling and walking safer and more accessible;
- requiring that new housing developments must be air quality neutral or better;
- implementing car-free developments via planning conditions;
- commissioning research on the potential effects of expanding the proposed ULEZ beyond the boundaries outlined by the previous Mayor of London.

With a consultation on the Mayor of London's plans expected soon, this Council resolves to:

Ask the Executive to respond positively to the consultation, including repeating the Council's request that all of the most polluting engines are included in the ULEZ, including Euro 6 diesel engines, and to make recommendations for further measures that would achieve pollution levels within legal limits in as short a time as possible for Islington, as required by the law.

These measures include:

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- ~~the introduction of the ULEZ before 2020;~~
- ~~bringing the North and South Circular roads into the new ULEZ zone and allowing boroughs with parts that lie beyond the North and South Circular to opt their whole areas into a wider zone;~~
- ~~plans to help reduce traffic levels and the distances people and goods are driven;~~
- ~~support for car-free housing in planning policies;~~
- ~~practical support for workplace, school and hospital travel plans;~~
- ~~investment in quietways, protected cycle routes, Copenhagen crossings and other measures to help people make daily journeys on foot, by bike and on public transport;~~
- ~~the development of new and extensive networks for charging electric vehicles;~~
- ~~allocating cleaner buses to routes that use Islington's main roads, which have been found to have the highest levels of pollution;~~
- ~~developing a wider network of automatic pollution monitoring sites, with clear real-time information for residents about levels of pollution and support for community air pollution monitoring.~~

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