

# Taking action on air quality

Mayor Sadiq Khan has launched plans to tackle air pollution in the capital, including extending the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) and charging for vehicles that create the most pollution.

THE Clean Air Action plan, which was launched on the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act, proposes a £10 emissions surcharge on the most polluting vehicles entering London, on top of the existing Congestion Charge.

Another proposal is to introduce the central London ULEZ in 2019, and extending the ULEZ beyond central London from 2020. This would cover motorcycles, cars and vans out to the North and South Circulars, and would be London-wide for lorries, buses and coaches.

The plans also suggest bringing forward

the requirement for all double-deck buses to be ULEZ-compliant in central London from 2019 to 2020 and introducing clean bus corridors, which are aimed at tackling the worst pollution hotspots by having cleaner buses on the most polluted routes.

The plan is open for public consultation until Friday July 29. More detailed consultation will take place later this year and some measures could be introduced as early as next year.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'With nearly 10,000 people dying early every year in London due to exposure to air pollution,

cleaning up London's toxic air is now an issue of life and death.'

Outlining the plans for an emissions surcharge, the Mayor called for tough measures to tackle tough challenges, adding: 'This is just a small part of the wider measures I'm consulting on to protect the health of Londoners. And I urge everyone to respond and share their views and ideas to help tackle this public health emergency.'

■ To have your say on the plans, visit [www.london.gov.uk/cleanair](http://www.london.gov.uk/cleanair)



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## All aboard for the latest bus garage open day

ON Saturday July 9, Holloway Bus Garage in North London will be opening its doors to give the public a glimpse behind the scenes.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a display of buses, some dating back to the 1950s and 1960s, and free rides on historic vehicles on routes 39A, 196, 210 and 609. There will also be a variety of stalls that will keep the whole family entertained.

This is the second of this year's bus garage open days in the capital after the success of these events in the past two years.

In 2014, TfL held a number of open days as part of celebrations to mark the Year of the Bus, in partnership with London Transport Museum and the capital's bus operators.

The open day runs from 10.30am until 4pm at the Holloway Bus

Garage in Pemberton Gardens, N19 5RR. The nearest station is Archway (Northern line). Admission is by programme, priced at £2.50 and available on the day.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Relief.

Other bus depots opening their doors include Bromley, Twickenham and Stockwell.

## Celebrate the Festival of Eid in Trafalgar Square

CELEBRATIONS for Eid, which marks the end of Ramadan, are set to take place in London on Saturday.

Now in its 11th year, Trafalgar Square's Festival of Eid will feature activities for all the family to enjoy such as face-painting, story-telling, henna, calligraphy and art exhibitions.

There will also be opportunities to enjoy live music and performances and discover delicious foods from around the world. Festivities get underway at midday and finish at 6pm.

The Festival is organised by the Mayor of London who supports and organises many events to celebrate the diverse cultures and communities around the capital.

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