

Clean air scheme to be expanded



Cleaning up the capital: The ULEZ is offering a breath of fresh air for Londoners

THE ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE IS TO BE EXTENDED ACROSS THE CAPITAL

A SCHEME to tackle the most polluting vehicles entering the capital will widen to the North and South Circulars from 2021, as part of a plan to clean up London's air.

The new Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) will cover an area 18 times larger than the central London Ultra Low Emission Zone and will affect large numbers of polluting vehicles that don't comply with strict emission standards.

It is estimated that 100,000 cars, 35,000 vans and 3,000 lorries might be affected by the expanded zone every day.

TAKING ACTION

It will be managed in the same way as the central London ULEZ, which will be introduced in April 2019 – 17 months earlier than planned – and will operate 24-hours a day, 365 days a year, on top of the Congestion Charge.

Drivers within the expanded zone using non-compliant vehicles will pay a daily ULEZ charge of £12.50. These include motorbikes that do not meet Euro 3 standards, petrol cars and vans that do not meet Euro

4 standards (roughly equivalent to not being more than 15 years old for cars in 2021), and diesel cars and vans that do not meet Euro 6 standards (roughly equivalent to not being more than six years old for cars in 2021).

Expanding the ULEZ beyond central London and strict standards for heavy vehicles across the capital will result in more than 100,000 Londoners no longer living in areas exceeding legal air quality limits in 2021. This is a reduction of nearly 80 per cent compared to without expansion.

All areas of London are expected to see reductions in pollution, including on the North and South Circular Roads. Only four per cent of roads in outer London are expected to exceed legal limits in 2021.

BREATHE EASY

These bold measures, announced by the Mayor Sadiq Khan, will dramatically improve the health of Londoners by reducing the toxic air quality that is currently responsible for thousands of premature deaths and other serious conditions.

The Mayor is working with TfL to ensure London's public transport leads the way in low emissions.

TfL no longer buys double-deck pure-diesel buses and instead only procures hybrid, electric or hydrogen buses, with all buses meeting the new standards by 2020. TfL will also only allow new taxis that are zero-emission capable and newly manufactured private hire vehicles will need to follow suit from 2020.



ULEZ: Tackling London's most polluting vehicles

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Together with the Mayor, TfL is making the biggest investment in accessibility in the Tube's 155 year history, with a £200m fund to help make 40 per cent of the Tube network step-free over the next five years.

Other accessibility improvements include tactile paving on stairs and advances in the TfL Journey Planner to make it easier to plan accessible journeys. Last month, Buckhurst Hill became the first

station to benefit from this programme, with four more Tube stations on the eastern section of the Central line – Newbury Park, South Woodford, Snaresbrook and Debden – becoming step-free by 2022.

The drop-in session is a chance to find out more about the plans, ask questions or give your views on the programme. It runs from 3.30pm until 6.30pm and is free to attend.

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