



Breathe easy: Brixton was one of the first of London's Low Emission Bus Zones

Cleaning up air in the capital

NEW CLEAN BUS ZONES ARE LAUNCHED

FIVE new Low Emission Bus Zones have been launched as part of a plan to tackle some of London's most polluted areas.

Only buses that meet the cleanest emission standards will be allowed to operate in the new zones. This means there will be more than 1,400 clean buses across the capital.

The zones cover routes from Camberwell to New Cross, Wandsworth to St John's Hill, High Road Haringey to Green Lanes, Eastern Avenue to Homerton Road and Edgware Road to Maida Vale.

They bring the total number of Low Emission Bus Zones to seven following the launch of the first two on Putney High Street and Brixton Road last year.

A report published by City Hall shows the first two zones have already had a major impact on pollution levels, with Putney High Street exceeding legal limits for just two hours in 2018 compared to 807 hours over the same period in 2016 - a reduction of more than 99 per cent. At Brixton Road there has been an 85 per cent reduction in the hours exceeding legal limits since 2016.

It is estimated that annual bus nitrogen oxides emissions will be reduced by an average of 90 per cent along the seven bus zones delivered so far.

A recent British Lung Foundation report found that more than 2,000 GP surgeries and 200 hospitals are in areas exceeding legal air quality limits across the country, while in London more than 400 schools are estimated to be in these areas.

A further five Low Emission Bus Zones are planned, bringing the total number to 12, with all routes set to be in place ahead of schedule by the end of 2019. This is earlier than the previous target of 2020.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'Pollution from vehicles including buses is responsible for over half the harmful emissions we breathe.

Low Emission Bus Zones are an effective way of dramatically reducing pollution and improving the health of thousands of Londoners who live or work along the worst air quality hotspots.

'The results in Putney and Brixton speak for themselves, which is why I

am committing to delivering all 12 routes ahead of schedule in 2019 rather than 2020.'

In total, more than half of the London bus fleet meets the Euro VI emissions standard. By next April, all buses operating in the Ultra Low Emission Zone will be clean, and in 2020 the entire fleet of around 9,500 buses will be Euro VI compliant.

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Low Emission Bus Zones

The 12 low emission areas will run along the following routes:

1. Putney High Street - Putney Station to Putney Bridge Road
2. Brixton to Streatham - Brixton Road, along Brixton Hill, Streatham Hill and Streatham High Road
3. A12 Eastern Avenue - Homerton High Street along Homerton Road, Warren Road, Gainsborough Road, Cambridge Park Road to Eastern Avenue
4. Lewisham to Catford - Bromley Road, along Lewisham High Street to Lewisham Road
5. Stratford - Mile End Road to Romford Road
6. Haringey - High Road to Green Lanes
7. Camberwell to New Cross - Camberwell New Road, along Peckham High Street to New Cross Road
8. Wandsworth to St John's Hill - Lavender Hill to Wandsworth Road
9. Edgware Road (Staples Corner to Maida Vale) - Cricklewood Broadway via Shoot-Up Hill to Kilburn High Road
10. Edmonton to Seven Sisters - Hertford Road High Street via Fore Street to Seven Sisters Road
11. Uxbridge Road to Shepherd's Bush - Uxbridge Road via Ealing Broadway, The Vale to Uxbridge Road
12. Chiswick High Road to Kensington - Chiswick High Road via Hammersmith Broadway to Kensington High Street



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