

Cleaner air for the capital - have your say

TfL has launched a consultation on proposed changes to taxi and private hire vehicle licensing ahead of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), which will be introduced in central London in 2020.

The consultation has two main proposals. The first is that from January 1 2018, all newly licensed taxis and new private hire vehicles must be zero emission capable. The second is to retain the existing 15-year

age limit for all taxis and to encourage retirement of the oldest most polluting vehicles through a voluntary decommissioning scheme.

The proposals will be supported by a £65million fund to encourage the take-up of new vehicles that will make the capital's taxi fleet the cleanest and greenest in the world. The fund will help drivers upgrade to the next generation of zero emission capable taxis and to remove the oldest vehicles from the fleet. A zero emission capable taxi is a pure electric or hybrid vehicle capable of running in zero emission (at tailpipe) mode for all or part of the time.

By 2020, TfL is also committed to ensuring all 300 single-decker buses operating in the ULEZ are zero emission and all 3,000 double-decker buses will be hybrid, including 800 of

the Mayor's New Routemasters. And it has proposed that 400 Euro V buses that operate outside the ULEZ be retrofitted to bring them up to Euro VI emission standards.

Together, these measures are expected to nearly halve emissions of nitrogen oxide (NOx) from vehicle exhausts in central London. The ULEZ would also lead to a significant reduction in the number of people living in areas of poor air quality – where levels of NO₂ exceed legal limits – by 72 per cent in central London and 54 per cent London-wide.

■ **The consultation, which will run until August 11, is available at tfl.gov.uk/ultra-low-emission-zone**



Hammersmith flyover works to finish in August

STRENGTHENING of Hammersmith flyover is now 80 per cent complete and work is on track to be finished this summer.

The final phase of engineering will involve just four more weekends which will affect traffic mainly in one direction, but with some complete closures overnight when diversions will be clearly signed.

The works take place on the following dates, with the full closures between 10.30pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday for the first two weekends and 10.30pm Saturday and 5am on Monday for the final

two to help complete the works as quickly as possible:

- **Friday July 10 – Monday July 13**
Eastbound closure (10.30pm Friday to 5am Monday)
Westbound closure (10.30pm Saturday to 10am Sunday)
- **Friday July 17 – Monday July 20**
Westbound closure (10.30pm Friday to 5am Monday)
Eastbound closure (11.30pm Saturday to 10am Sunday)
- **Friday July 24 – Monday July 27**
Eastbound closure (10.30pm Friday to 5am Sunday)
Westbound closure (10.30pm Saturday to 5am Monday)
- **Friday August 7 – Monday August 10**
Eastbound closure (10.30pm Friday to 5am Sunday)
Westbound closure (10.30pm Saturday to 5am Monday)

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➤ Potential strike on the Tube this week

THE ASLEF, RMT, Unite and TSSA unions are currently planning strike action this week, affecting London Underground. If this goes ahead, there will be no Tube service from late afternoon on Wednesday July 8 and no Tube service at all on Thursday July 9. As a consequence, all other public transport services and roads would be much busier than usual.

■ **Find out more at tfl.gov.uk/tube-strike and by checking tfl.gov.uk which will be updated with the latest information. You can also follow @TfL on Twitter, or choose the dedicated feed for your line**

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