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Dear *Carole*

Transport Committee's response to TfL's consultation on the safer lorries scheme

Thank you for your letter, in which you set out the Transport Committee's response to TfL's consultation on the Safer Lorries Scheme.

I am pleased that the Committee supports the scheme, and specifically its support for the introduction of a ban across London for vehicles over 3.5 tonnes that do not currently have Class V or VI mirrors, or side guards. I am also pleased to note your support that this scheme will improve safety for both cyclists and pedestrians, and that the ban should apply on all of London's roads.

With regard to your aspiration that the number of exempted vehicles is as small as possible, I would like to reassure you we have sought to achieve this while still complying with European law. For example, we are planning on having very few blanket exemptions. Instead, we are planning for many of the exemptions to only be applicable if it is not possible for practical reasons to fit side guards because to do so would prevent the use of the vehicle, rather than merely hinder its operation.

Thank you for your suggestion to ensure that articulated lorries carrying shipping containers are not exempted. Vehicles, or trailers, carrying shipping containers commonly use sliding bogie arrangements to allow them flexibility to carry containers of different sizes. In these cases the vehicles, or the trailers, will be expected to have side guards fitted so that the side guard offers effective protection when the sliding bogie arrangement is in the 'closed' position – i.e. its minimum length.

Finally, I'm pleased to say that we are now reviewing the consultation report and will be publishing it on TfL's website in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Hendy', written in a cursive style.

Sir Peter Hendy CBE