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Dear Sadiq

ULEZ scrappage scheme

Enfield residents suffer from dangerous levels of pollution, and every year 164 premature deaths happen in Enfield thanks to toxic air.

We welcome steps that you have taken to tackle toxic air and support sustainable modes of transport, including introducing more cycle lanes and the new 'superloop' X34 bus route. This August, you are set to take the next step to tackle dangerous levels of pollution by expanding the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) – a move that would see ULEZ cover most of our borough.

While 76% of vehicles registered to addresses in Enfield are already ULEZ compliant, we are concerned that too many of our residents do not meet the criteria for the existing £110m outer-London ULEZ scrappage scheme.

We have heard from parents who need support to switch their family car, small businesses looking to retrofit their fleet but cannot meet the August deadline, and other organisations who want to do the right thing but cannot afford to make the switch and do not meet the criteria.

We understand that the Government is failing to step up and support you to provide London with an adequate scrappage scheme, as it has done in Birmingham and Bradford. However, to make the expansion of ULEZ a success, and ensure there is no detriment to our residents who want to do the right thing, we call on you to review the current scrappage scheme criteria.

We would welcome an expansion of the criteria that would enable more parents, carers and small businesses to access support, as well as extending the current grace period for businesses and organisations that have booked a retrofit for their van.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sadiq,

We support the expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) and we welcomed your announcement of the biggest ever scrappage scheme of £110m in January of this year.

High levels of air pollution exacerbate existing health inequalities, with Black and low-paid Londoners more likely to live in areas with the worst levels of pollution. Our residents often travel across outer London for work, to visit friends and family and for many other reasons.

The Government should be stepping up and providing London with scrappage support as it has done elsewhere: for example, Birmingham has received £38m, Bristol has received £42m, and Bradford has received £30m. I will continue to join you in calls to the Tory Government to provide a similar scrappage scheme for the capital.

In recent weeks we have heard from constituents who welcome the largest ever scrappage scheme but do not currently meet the criteria. These include parents who need support to make the switch for their family car, small businesses and organisations which have booked a retrofit, but which may be completed just after the ULEZ expansion date of 29 August 2023, and small businesses who feel like they are doing the right thing by providing local employment but do not currently meet the scrappage criteria.

So, we ask you to consider a review of the current criteria for the scrappage scheme, to look at ways of widening the eligibility to include the following areas:

- Enabling more small businesses to fit the eligibility criteria.
- · Reviewing the grace period for drivers who have booked a retrofit for their van
- Widening the eligibility criteria to provide further support for parents and carers, many of whom work in jobs that keep our capital city going.



Your leadership on cleaning up our air has been exemplary, and we write in the spirit of knowing that you are committed to doing all you can to support Londoners making the transition to lower polluting vehicles. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours sincerely,

Councillor Shantanu Rajawat Leader of the Council

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