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Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP
Secretary of State for Transport
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Date: 5 February 2025

Dear Heidi,

The Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022 provide that the functions of London local authorities in relation to parking contraventions, as set out in the Traffic Management Act 2004 (the TMA 2004) Part 2, Schedule 9, are to be exercised by those authorities jointly, by means of a single joint committee – namely, London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee (TEC). TEC is responsible for setting enforcement charges on borough roads only. It is also responsible for:

- setting penalty levels in respect of bus lane contraventions (under the London Local Authorities Act 1996 (LLA Act 1996))
- setting penalty levels in respect of moving traffic contraventions; one-way streets; banned turns and yellow box junctions, etc (under the LLA Act 1996, and the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 (LLA and TfL Act 2003))
- setting penalty levels in respect of the London Lorry Control Scheme (under the LLA Act 1996 and the LLA and TfL Act 2003)
- setting the discount rate which applies to the early payment of all penalties within 14 days of issue, and the rate of surcharge for parking contraventions (under the TMA 2004), which applies to the late payment of penalties.

London Councils has notified me of proposed changes to the above charges. Proposals to change the levels of charges are subject to my approval, as per the TMA 2004, Part 2, Schedule 9, paragraph 3. Having now considered the request – received from London Councils in December 2024 – and given it my approval, I am required by the TMA 2004, Part 2, Schedule 9, Paragraph 4 to notify you of the proposal, and I hereby do so. The proposal from London Councils is for the following increases to be made:

- parking penalty charge levels for both Band A and Band B charging regimes, for both the higher and lower-level contraventions, which are only applicable to on and off-street parking contraventions:
 - Band A: higher level, from £130 to £160; and lower level, from £80 to £110

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- Band B: higher level; from £110 to £140; and lower level, from £60 to £90
- bus lane and moving traffic penalties: from £130 to £160
- charges for vehicle removal, clamping, storage, and disposal:
 - release fee from wheel clamp: from £70 to £100
 - release fee from car pound: from £200 to £280
 - daily storage fee from: £40 to £55 per day
 - disposal fee from: £70 to £100.

The increased levels of charges do not come into force until the either one month has passed from the date on which the notification is given (the date of this letter), or such shorter period as you may allow. You may, before the end of that period, give notice to me that you object to the levels of charges, on the grounds that some or all of them are excessive. If you do so, those levels of charges shall not come into force unless and until the objection has been withdrawn. If at any time before the charges have come into force you consider that some or all of them are excessive, you may make regulations setting the level of charges.

I have attached my approval Decision with supporting documentation for your information.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London