

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our Ref: MGLA080719-6821

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 6 July 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

'As a Freedom Of Information request please can you provide me with details each week of fines being levied under this scheme?'

Our response to your request is as follows:

The GLA does not hold the information you have requested. Transport for London (TfL) is the Mayor's transport authority and is responsible for implementing the Mayor's Transport Strategy, the Congestion Charge, the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), and for the day-to-day operational running of transport services. You may wish to send a further request to TfL at foi@tfl.gov.uk.

You also raised several other points in your email. With regards to revenue, it's important to point out that the ULEZ is not a money-making scheme; it's about cleaning up London's toxic air, which is a public health crisis. Over two million Londoners live in areas that exceed legal limits for harmful nitrogen dioxide, of which over 400,000 are children. Thousands of Londoners die prematurely each year because of toxic air pollution. TfL is spending vastly more on improving air quality – around £800 million – than it expects to receive through net income from the ULEZ. Any income generated from the scheme, after costs are taken into account, will be invested in improving air quality across London's transport network. However, this income is expected to decrease year-on-year as more vehicles meet the standards.

On scheme awareness, TfL has comprehensive communications in place to make motorists – including those from outside London – aware of the ULEZ. This includes:

- extensive information on TfL's website, including a vehicle checker that has been used over 5.8 million times
- a detailed map of the charging zone boundary and a location check facility that enables users to enter a postcode, street name or location name to verify whether or not their journey took them through the zone, all zone entry and exit points are clearly signed

- advance warning signs and markings along all main approaches to the zone boundary, as well as within the zone itself.

This is in addition to the multi-channel communications and advertising campaign targeting both private and commercial vehicle owners based within and outside London that preceded the launch of the ULEZ in central London in April 2019, and which included:

- National and specialist trade press
- Radio adverts
- 3.3 million emails to drivers registered on the TfL database reminding of the scheme
- 600,000 letters through the DVLA to drivers who have driven within the Congestion Charge Zone since October 2018 and were using a vehicle that didn't meet the ULEZ emissions standards
- Posters on the TfL network and roadside
- Online adverts
- Email newsletters, and social media content.

Post the launch of the ULEZ, TfL has continued to advertise explaining that the scheme has arrived and how to pay the charge on eight radio channels and emails were sent to 1.9 million customers registered on the TfL database.

While the Mayor is also acting on other sources, road transport is the greatest contributor to air pollution in London. The ULEZ is just one part of a bold package of measures to address this and encourage a major shift towards cleaner and greener forms of transport. These measures, which are set out in the Mayor's environment and transport strategies, include:

- Cleaning up London's bus fleet. Since 2018, all new double deck buses are hybrid or zero emission and more than 75 per cent of London's bus fleet meets the ULEZ standards. By October next year every TfL bus will meet this standard
- Cleaning up London's taxi fleet. From 2018, no new diesel taxis have been licensed and all new taxis need to be zero emission capable. There are currently over 1,800 zero emission capable taxis in the fleet
- Cleaning up air pollution hotspots in London Boroughs, including through the creation of transformational Low Emission Neighbourhoods. A number of these are specifically focussed on businesses, to help them reduce their emissions and make town centres even better places to visit, shop and work in
- Continuing to make major improvements to London's public transport network. This includes investing £2 billion each year over the next five years to grow the bus network, extend the Tube network and improve signalling, introduce new trains on the London Overground and DLR networks, and upgrade stations.

The Mayor's air quality measures will deliver cleaner air for millions. We expect the ULEZ to reduce harmful exhaust nitrogen oxides emissions by around 45 per cent in central London. And the Mayor's package of air quality measures will have wider impacts for all of London. King's College estimate that without action, it would take 193 years to bring London's air quality to legal levels. The Mayor's action means it is expected we will do this in six years. This means the number of schools in London in illegally polluted areas across London will reduce from over 450 today to zero in 2025.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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