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Dear Boris

Ultra-Low Emission Zone

Thank you for your letter of 6 September, clarifying that TfL will consult on an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) that will apply to all vehicles entering central London.

While consistent with what the Committee heard from your staff at its meeting on 11 July, this is different from your statements to the Assembly on 17 July that the zone would apply only to new vehicles, and your confirmation at the Assembly meeting of 9 October, that 'no new vehicle will be allowed to be anything but ... a virtually zero-tailpipe emission vehicle. ...I do not think it is reasonable to apply it to all vehicles.'

A ULEZ that applied only to new vehicles from 2020 would clearly have very different market implications from a ULEZ applying to all vehicles in central London from that date. It could also have a significantly different effect on the quantum and timing of emissions reductions achieved.

Therefore to restore clarity for Londoners and businesses, will you make a clear statement, at the next MQT or in a similarly high-profile forum in the very near future, resolving your final position on the form or forms of ULEZ that TfL is to consult on?

If an electronic copy of your response to this letter could go to the Committee's project officer Rachel Roscow (rachel.roscow@london.gov.uk) that would be most helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Environment Committee