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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 9 September to the Secretary of State for Transport about Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) scrappage schemes and the Clean Air Fund (CAF). I am replying as the Minister responsible for air quality.

I am pleased to see that the ULEZ has been a success in improving air quality and I understand the extension of the ULEZ is expected to provide wider air quality and health benefits in the capital.

Government, through the CAF, is helping local authorities support individuals and businesses impacted by local air quality plans. As London has not been required to develop such plans, and because it has already had funding packages provided, it is not eligible for the CAF.

The Mayor received funding to implement measures to improve air quality as part of the 2015 £5bn transport funding settlement and London has also received further funding for specific air quality projects totalling almost £102m. This included almost £10m in 2019 to clean up London buses. £530m has been made available for plug-in grants up to 2023, in addition to favourable benefit-in-kind tax rates for zero-emission vehicles up to 2025.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance with this or any other matters in the future.

Kind regards,

JO CHURCHILL

