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**Cllr Michael Jones**

Leader, Crawley Borough Council

**Cllr Bob Noyce**

Cabinet Member, Crawley Borough Council

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Dear Cllr. Jones and Cllr Noyce,

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf Crawley Borough Council, regarding the expansion of Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). The ULEZ has now expanded across all London boroughs to tackle the triple threats of air pollution, the climate emergency and traffic congestion, and ensure five million more Londoners can breathe cleaner air.

The Mayor has been clear that this was not an easy decision, but a necessary one due to the impact of air pollution on people's health. Air pollution can lead to stunted lungs in children and is associated with a higher risk of dementia in older people. More than 500,000 Londoners live with asthma and are more vulnerable to the health impacts of air pollution, with more than half of these people living in outer London boroughs.

Only people with vehicles that do not meet the ULEZ standards need to pay the daily charge to drive in the zone. Already, nine in ten cars seen driving in outer London on an average day meet the standards, meaning their drivers will not have to pay. You can check whether your vehicle meets the ULEZ standards here: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/>.

For those who do not meet the charge and live outside of London, while they are not eligible for the £160 million scrappage scheme, they may be eligible for some of the temporary exemptions, or "grace periods", which the Mayor announced when announcing the London-wide ULEZ. There are grace periods available for some drivers and vehicles including vehicles for disabled people, minibuses for community transport, wheelchair accessible vehicles and historic vehicles, to name a few. A full list is available on the TfL website: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/discounts-and-exemptions?intcmp=52218>.

Finally, unfortunately, the Mayor and TfL are using limited London-sourced funding to provide a scheme that should be funded at a national level, for the people who need it most because they live (or will soon live) within the ULEZ. The Government has provided scrappage funding in other cities, including Birmingham, Bristol, and Portsmouth, but has not extended the same support for London.

The Mayor continues to call on Government to further support the switch to cleaner vehicles through funding a targeted national scrappage scheme or providing additional funding to London

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as it has done for other cities implementing Clean Air Zones across the country. I hope you will support his call for additional support from Government so we can tackle air pollution and the climate crisis.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



**Shirley Rodrigues**

Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy