

Sent via email to Mayor@London.gov.uk

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Dear Mayor Khan

London's economic and social recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic is a top priority for all London boroughs particularly given the worrying rise in the cost of living.

Ensuring our communities can thrive is a key part of that recovery, therefore I am deeply concerned by your current proposal to dramatically extend the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in August 2023.

The ULEZ expansion would be a hammer blow to businesses and residents in my borough of Croydon with many families hit with a £12.50 a day charge just to leave their driveway.

After years of Covid and now facing cost of living rises, many households with older cars won't be able to afford the significant cost of buying a new more modern car. This is particularly the case given your 8.8% rise in the Mayor of London precept which will take almost £400 from the pockets of Croydon households this year.

I agree that we must take steps to improve London's air quality, however that should not come at the cost of hitting families and businesses already struggling to make ends meet. While most vehicles may meet the ULEZ standards, those with cars which fall short will be left unable to get around without paying the extortionate charge. There is little doubt this will also hit local businesses as customers chose to stay home rather than face paying the £12.50 ULEZ charge for a trip to the shops.

City Hall should be investing to support people to take positive steps to improve our environment, for example further incentivising greener vehicles. As an electric car driver myself I know the benefits of encouraging the take-up of more sustainable vehicles however, I also know low emissions cars are not easily affordable, particularly for families with low amounts of disposable income.

I call on you to listen to the voices in communities across London and to drop your plans to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone.

Yours Sincerely



Mayor Jason Perry
Executive Mayor of Croydon