

Full Council, 12 December 2017

Agenda Item 14.1 – Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman

Administration motion in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg – Electric cars must not bypass local democracy

Delete all and replace with [changes in bold]:

Council notes that there are approximately 9,000 premature deaths in London each year as a result of air pollution.

Council welcomes the action taken by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to help tackle air pollution in Barnet by awarding £300,000 additional funds for electric vehicle charging points.

Council **also** welcomes the Government’s announcement that it will ban sales of new petrol and diesel powered vehicles by 2040, **although Council is disappointed that there is still no action by Government to introduce a much needed diesel scrappage fund.**

In Barnet, **the Council has** encouraged the shift to electric power by introducing free parking for electric vehicles, additional CPZ charges on diesel vehicles, and eight electric charging points — with a further 50 being installed from early 2018.

Council notes that, while addressing the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs committee of the House of Commons on 23 November 2017, the Mayor of London called for permitted development powers to “speed up [the introduction of] charging points without going to [local council planning] committees who refuse permission because residents complained about rapid charging points.”

Council is pleased that no electric charging points have been refused at Planning Committee in Barnet, and therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor informing him.