

Council: 4 April 2017

Agenda item 15.2 – Opposition amendment in the name of Cllr Adam Langleben

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Dean Cohen – Mayor Khan: Tackle Illegal Air Pollution on Our Trunk Roads

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council calls on Mayor of London Sadiq Khan to explain what action he will take to **help** reduce the unacceptable, unlawful, and harmful levels of NO₂ around Barnet schools sited near roads administered by Transport for London.

A study commissioned by the Mayor found the air around 15 Barnet schools to be polluted with NO₂ above the legal limit of 40 µg/m³. All schools but one were sited either on or around five TfL administered roads; the North Circular Road (A406), Edgware Road/West Hendon Broadway (A5), the M1, Brent Street (A502), and Watford Way/Hendon Way (A41).

To date this Council has introduced free green parking permits to drivers of electric cars, installed new charging points, and tabled the introduction of a diesel surcharge for Controlled Parking Zones later this year.

We have also erected a 'green wall' around St Joseph's Catholic Primary – one of the 15 schools affected by illegal levels of NO₂.

We can and will do more, but the effects of our efforts will be limited while dangerously high levels of nitrogen continue to be belched from vehicles using TfL administered trunk roads.

We recognise that the Mayor has made a step change in addressing this issue since taking office in May last year, including:

1. Implementing the T-charge

The Mayor has confirmed that the £10 toxic '**T-Charge**' (also known as the Emissions Surcharge) for the oldest most polluting vehicles in central London will start in October this year. This will send a strong signal that now is the time to ditch the dirty diesel vehicles polluting our lungs. The T-Charge is a crucial part of tackling this public health emergency affecting the capital.

2. Introducing the central London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in 2019, and then expanding it up to the North and South Circular

The Mayor will consult on introducing the central London ULEZ in 2019, which will tighten the emission standards for diesel vehicles. He is then proposing to make the ULEZ area 18 times larger and cover 3.8 million residents by expanding it up to the

North and South circular roads. This is expected to reduce NOx emissions by about 50% in central London, 40% in inner London and 30% in outer London.

3. More than doubling funding for air quality

TfL's new Business Plan includes £875m – more than double that committed under the previous administration (£425m).

4. Putting the cleanest buses on the dirtiest routes

The Mayor has announced [12 Low Emission Bus Zones](#), putting the greenest buses on the capital's most polluted routes.

5. Funding five innovative new Low Emission Neighbourhoods

[Winning neighbourhoods](#) will see a suite of measures implemented including car-free days, green taxi ranks for zero emission-capable cabs, and parking reserved for the cleanest vehicles - using funding of £11m secured by the Mayor.

6. Auditing 50 of the most polluted schools

City Hall will deliver [50 air quality audits at primary schools](#) in areas exceeding legal limits of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), engaging with schools to identify the most effective local measures to lower emissions and exposure.

7. Lobbying government to start a national diesel scrappage fund

The Mayor is lobbying the Treasury to fund his proposals for [a fund to scrap up to 70,000 polluting vans and minibuses](#) in London. Under the Mayor's proposals for Government, there would also be support to scrap up to 130,000 cars.

8. Introducing the largest hybrid bus fleet in Europe

There are now over 2,300 hybrid buses – 24% of the entire fleet- in operation on London's streets, which can emit up to 50% less NOx than standard diesel buses.

9. Investing in the [Healthy Streets](#) approach

TfL is committing £2.1bn of funding to create a city that is more pleasant to walk, cycle and move around

10. Issuing alerts during high pollution events

The Mayor's Ultra Low Emission Zone, while welcome, uses the North Circular as its outermost border and therefore will not include West Hendon; the ward most severely affected by NO₂ emissions.

Council undertakes to work with the Mayor on this challenging issue, and calls on the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to write to the

Mayor welcoming his work on tackling air pollution and asking for a meeting to discuss what he can do to help Barnet tackle air pollution.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting