

**Council: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas, as amended by Cllr David Longstaff**

**Don't Punish Barnet's Drivers**

Council notes that:

1. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has proposed a number of schemes that would penalise drivers in Barnet.
2. Introduced in 2019, Sadiq Khan oversaw the expansion of the ULEZ in 2021.
3. In 2022, Sadiq Khan announced that he would be expanding the ULEZ to cover all of London
4. Prior to the 2021 ULEZ expansion, TfL ran a £61mil scrappage scheme
  - a. The scrappage scheme ran out of money and was closed less than a month after it was launched
5. Sadiq Khan has claimed that a pay-per-mile drivers charge, alongside a daily driving fee, would be a "fair scheme"
6. An 18-minute drive from Childs Hill to Totteridge would take two buses and some two and a half times longer on public transport.
7. According to the RAC "[Sadiq Khan's] proposals to charge vehicles outside of London to enter the boundary are likely to impact hardest on workers such as carers, tradespeople and night-time economy staff for whom there is no alternative to using a vehicle."

Council believes that:

1. If a scrappage scheme is launched for the latest proposed ULEZ expansion, it would likely run out of money quickly – leaving thousands to choose between paying £12.50 a day or having to buy a new vehicle, without subsidy;
2. Due to Barnet's geography, introducing a 'pay-per-mile' scheme would tax Barnet residents for travelling across our borough;
3. Sadiq Khan's schemes will hit commuters, businesses and parents dropping their children off at school;
4. As Barnet residents continue to be challenged by a cost-of-living crisis, these proposals from Sadiq Khan, show how out of touch the Mayor of London is with the needs of Londoners;
5. As a borough that borders a county outside of London, Sadiq Khan's proposals to charge drivers for entering Greater London is likely to have a greater impact on Barnet's households and businesses.

Council resolves to:

1. Condemn the Mayor of London's proposals to tax Barnet residents further for driving in the borough;
2. Write to the Mayor of London, to scrap plans for ULEZ expansion and 'pay per mile'.