

Council: Tuesday 26th July 2022

Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman

Don't Punish Barnet's Drivers

Council notes that:

- 1.The Mayor of London has put in place measures to improve air quality, reduce air pollution and tackle the climate emergency, including the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).
2. Recent data shows that the ULEZ has delivered a 20% reduction in Nitrogen Dioxide emissions in the wider area covered by the zone (inner London), and a 44% reduction in these roadside emissions in central London.
3. The Mayor of London is consulting on expansion of the ULEZ and may consider 'pay per mile' proposals in the future, although this would not be possible for many years.
4. LB Barnet will be responding to the ULEZ consultation, and residents are also being encouraged to respond.

Council also notes that:

- 1.Around 4,000 deaths a year in London can be attributed to air pollution, with the greatest mortality burden falling in Outer London, as a proportion of population, due to the higher proportion of elderly people in these areas.
2. As evidenced by the recent extreme weather event, the climate emergency must be addressed and air quality in London needs to be improved.
3. Lobbying to expand the ULEZ was in the previous administration's Long Term Transport Strategy.
4. Road pricing was included in the previous administration's plans.

Council believes that:

- 1.It is essential that any further expansion of the ULEZ includes a comprehensive vehicle scrappage scheme to support residents – especially those on low incomes and people with disabilities, and businesses and charities.
2. Government must step-up and contribute sufficient funds to any scrappage scheme.

Council resolves to:

1. Respond to the Mayor of London's ULEZ consultation to encourage amended plans , to ensure Barnet's residents aren't penalised in any future plans .
2. Ask all political groups on the Council to write a joint letter to the Government calling for any ULEZ scrappage scheme to be properly funded.