



London Living Streets  
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Assembly Member,  
City Hall,  
Kamal Churchie Way,  
London E16 1ZE.

### Re: Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) Expansion

Dear Assembly Member,

I hope that you will not mind our getting in touch at this busy time. This letter comes from London Living Streets which campaigns across London on behalf of pedestrians. We are writing in the context of the forthcoming debate by the GLA Assembly about ULEZ expansion to urge you to support the proposal to permit the required amendments to the Mayor's Transport Strategy that will allow this policy to be brought forward. We understand the concerns of many people at this time of significant cost of living increases but would stress the importance of **tackling a public health crisis which in 2019 was linked to the deaths of some 4,000 Londoners who died prematurely because of long-term air pollution**. It is important to remember that the greatest number of deaths attributable to air pollution occur in outer London boroughs.

We recognise the significant work that has been done to date to reduce air pollution in London but there is a two-fold significance in expanding the ULEZ to cover the whole of London. In addition to helping 5 million more people to breathe cleaner air, the ULEZ expansion would also be a crucial step towards the goal of making London a **net zero carbon city by 2030**.

In the light of the harm that air pollution causes to Londoners and especially to those who are most vulnerable, **this is a key moment to act to address the impact that poor air quality has**. Pedestrians make up some of the Londoners most affected by air pollution. Overall, a range of changes are needed to improve conditions for those on foot in particular in Outer London. These include tackling the hostile environment that pedestrians face on many roads and at junctions, improving bus services and reducing traffic speeds and volumes. But before walking can be attractive, it needs to be safe and this requires the improved air quality that the expanded ULEZ can help deliver.

We urge you to support the proposals to allow the Mayor's Transport Strategy to be amended to permit a potential ULEZ expansion and in doing so to continue to support the longer term steps that the Mayor and the GLA is taking to make London a **healthier, safer and greener city** for all of its residents, workers and visitors.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, London Living Streets