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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
by email

Dear Sadiq,

Re: ULEZ expansion and effect on Watford

We are writing to you regarding the ULEZ expansion and the effect this will have on residents in Watford. Many people have contacted me worried about how your plans will cause them difficulty when they are implemented next year.

Good air quality is an issue which is important to us. However, the expansion of ULEZ so widely, so quickly, without the necessary support to mitigate the impacts is not something we can support.

We are aware that to some extent the expansion of ULEZ in the current timetable was forced upon TfL as a condition of the funding settlement from the Department for Transport but it cannot be right that residents of outer London and bordering areas such as Watford in Hertfordshire should be so significantly impacted due to political infighting between a Labour Mayor and a Conservative government.

By rushing through the ULEZ expansion, many people will be worse off and those who have older cars, most likely to be those with lower incomes, will be hit with expensive daily rates to drive. We know that our colleagues on the London Assembly have pushed for a scrappage scheme and that you have agreed to provide one. Unfortunately we believe it is not large enough and obviously this is not accessible for my residents here in Watford.

Watford is home to many people who work in London regularly and has stations that are served by TfL services. This means that Watford is contributing significantly to TfL's budget but not receiving the support that others are to deal with the fallout from ULEZ. We would urge you to expand the size of the scrappage scheme and extend it to cover all those impacted by this change.

If we want people to move out of their cars for most journeys, and switch to more sustainable options, we also need to make sure that passengers are not paying too much for public transport. As you will be aware, we have been campaigning for Watford to move into Zone 6.





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This would save commuters hundreds of pounds a year, and encourage more people to use public transport.

We would welcome to opportunity to meet with you to discuss these ideas.

Yours sincerely,

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Cllr Ian Stotesbury
Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability

