## MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Laura,

Thank you for your letter of 7 February expressing your concerns about the Greater London Boundary Charge. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

On 4 March, I announced that I have asked Transport for London (TfL) to consult on expanding the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) London-wide in 2023. This means I have been able to rule out the Greater London Boundary Charge.

The rising cost of living is a key consideration for me at a time when people's budgets are under pressure. This meant looking for a scheme that would have the biggest effect on reducing emissions and congestion relative to the potential financial impact on Londoners and those driving into London.

The existing ULEZ has been very effective in reducing air pollution and the number of older, more polluting vehicles using London's roads. However, it is clear that we need to go further to reduce transport emissions to protect the health of Londoners, achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and cut congestion. The cost of inaction to our economy, livelihoods, the environment and the health of Londoners would be far greater than the cost of reducing carbon emissions and air pollution. After examining the science, studying the data and carefully considering the wider economic context, I asked TfL to prepare to consult on expanding the ULEZ London-wide. The ULEZ is highly targeted at getting the most polluting vehicles off our streets and is expected to bring about a significant reduction in air pollution.

I would welcome input from you and your constituents when this consultation launches later this month, which will be made available on TfL's website <a href="here">here</a>.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London