## The Ultra Low Emission Zone

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# The challenge

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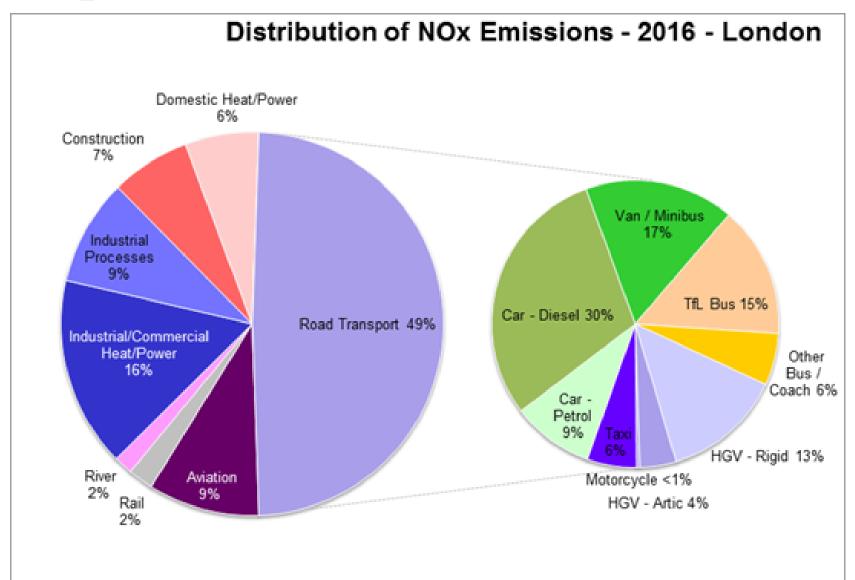




### London's toxic air is a public health crisis

- Thousands of Londoners die prematurely each year because of toxic air pollution.
- London's toxic air is stunting the growth of children's lungs in ways that will affect them for the rest of their lives.
- Toxic **air pollution is a cause of cancer** and it increases the risk of asthma, stroke and dementia.
- London's toxic air crisis is also an issue of social justice as air pollution is worse in more deprived areas.
- Road transport is the biggest contributor to air pollution in London

## NO<sub>2</sub> Road Transport Problem



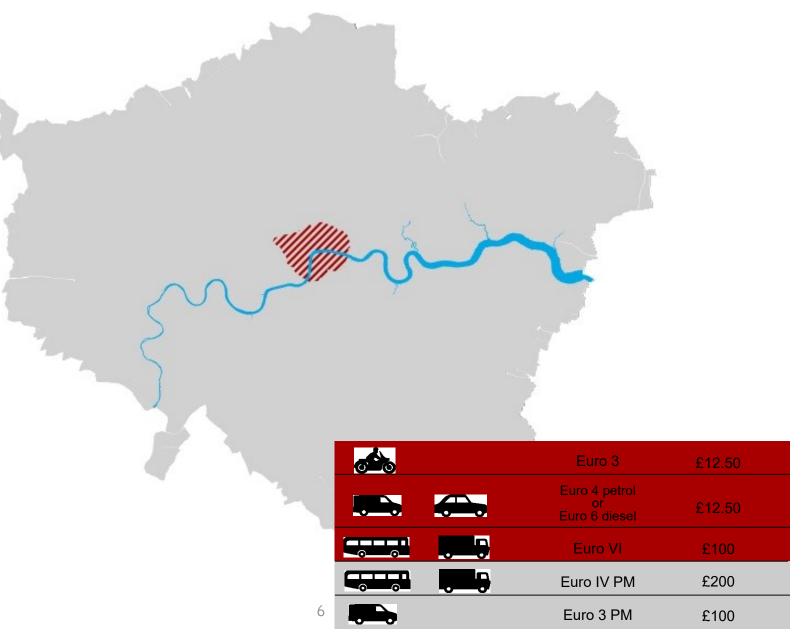
# Our approach

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### 8 April 2019 - Central London ULEZ

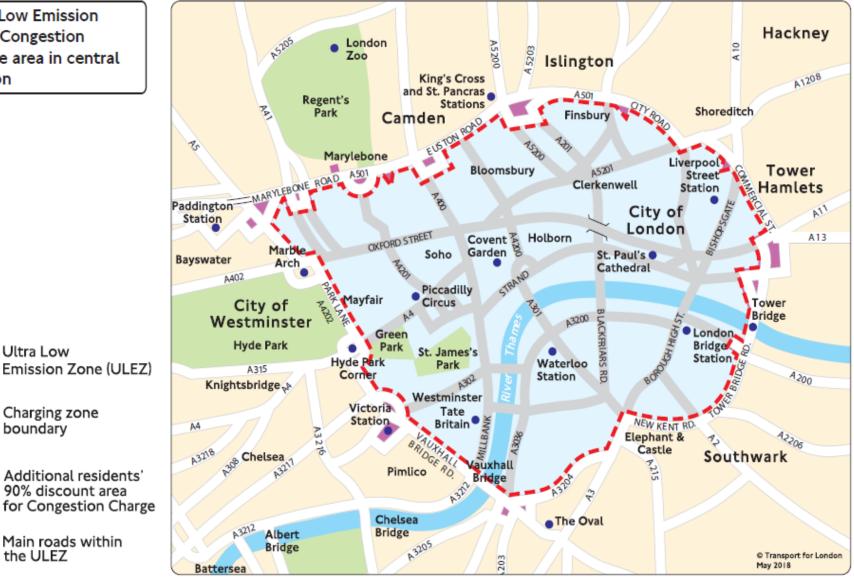


Ultra Low Emission Zone/Congestion Charge area in central London

Ultra Low

boundary

the ULEZ



### The Central London ULEZ

- Started on 8 April 2019
- Operates in the existing **central London Congestion Charge Zone**
- Operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year
- Vehicles must meet strict emission standards to drive in the central London ULEZ area:
  - Euro 4 for petrol cars and vans
  - $\,\circ\,$  Euro 6 for diesel cars and vans
  - $\circ~$  Euro 3 for motorcycles and mopeds
  - Euro VI for lorries, buses and coaches
- Or pay a charge:
  - £12.50 per day for cars, motorcycles and vans
  - £100 per day for lorries, buses/coaches
- The ULEZ **replaces the Toxicity Charge** (T-Charge) in central London and is in addition to the Congestion Charge.

### **ULEZ** has already had an impact

- 77 per cent of vehicles driving into the zone are now compliant
- 13,500 fewer polluting vehicles seen in the zone on an average day
- Roadside Nox reduced by approx one third

• Londoners and businesses are using cleaner transport alternatives





### What else are we doing?

#### Low Emission Bus Zones



#### Cleaning up our taxi fleet



#### Cleaning up our bus fleet



#### EV infrastructure



# Next steps





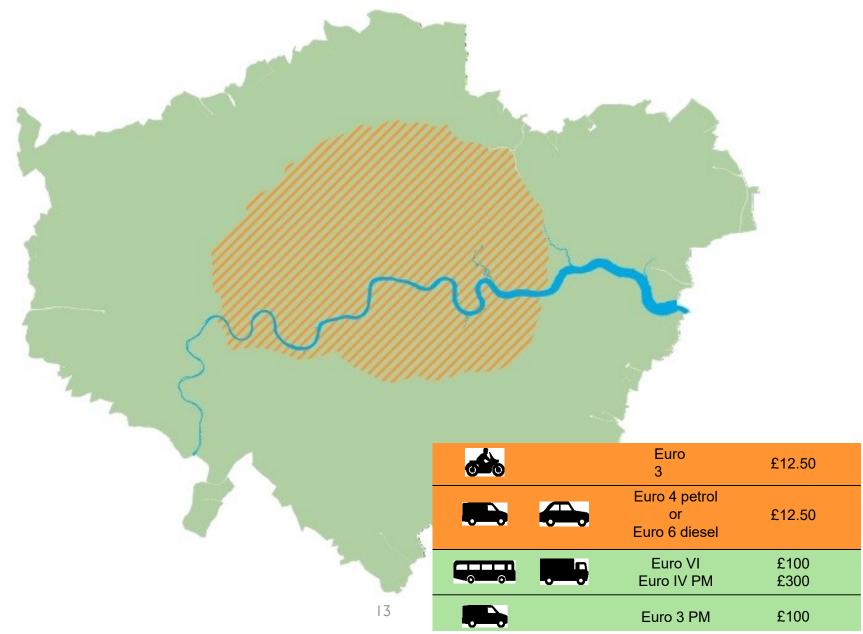
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### October 2020 – Strengthening of LEZ standards

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	Euro 3	£12.50
	Euro 4 petrol or Euro 6 diesel	£12.50
•	Euro VI Euro IV PM	£100 £300
	Euro 3 PM	£100

### October 2021 – Expansion of ULEZ





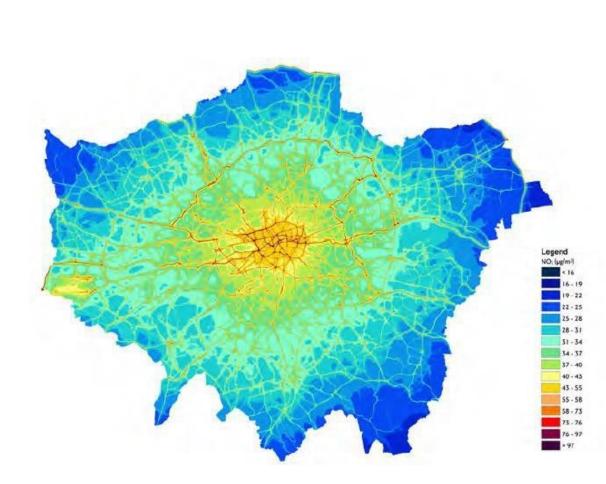
### **Options for drivers**

- Purchase a new compliant vehicle
- Purchase a second-hand compliant vehicle
- Rent/lease a compliant vehicle
- Share a compliant vehicle
- Retrofit your vehicle (this is only suitable for some vehicles)
- Reorganise your fleets to only drive compliant vehicles in the ULEZ (for those operating a fleet of vehicles)
- Pay the daily charge (we would prefer that drivers take action to meet the standards and avoid the charge).

### Scrappage schemes

- £23m scrappage scheme to support small and micro-businesses, sole traders and charities scrap their non-compliant vans and minibuses (respectively):
  - Option 1: Scrappage for frequent users of the Congestion Charge area (£3,500)
  - Option 2: Scrappage and purchase/lease of Euro 6 replacement (£3,500)
  - Option 3: Scrappage and contribution towards running costs (including insurance) of an electric vehicle (£6,000)
- £25 million fund to help certain low-income and disabled Londoners scrap older, more polluting vehicles:
  - Option 1: Scrappage of non-compliant car (£2000)
  - Option 2: Scrappage of non-compliant motorcycle or moped (£1000)

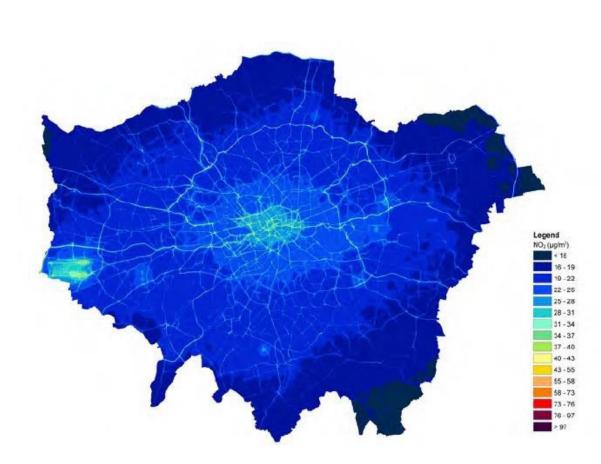
### What's the situation like now?



 Over 2 million
 Londoners live in areas that exceed legal limits for NO2, of which over 400,000 are children under the age of 18.

- Over 400 primary and secondary schools in areas that exceed legal air quality limits
- In 2013, 90-100% of major roads in inner and central London (and 49% in outer London) exceeding NO<sub>2</sub> limit

### What will it look like in 2025?



With all air quality package measures implemented:

- No primary or secondary schools in areas that exceed legal air quality limits
- Only 2% of road kms in London expected to exceed NO<sub>2</sub> limit values
- Gap in air quality between high and low income areas of London reduced by 71%.



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