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## **Proposed changes to the ULEZ (start date and emissions standards)**

### **Response by London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies to TfL consultation of April 2017.**

1. The London Forum represents 130 civic and amenity societies across London. It is strongly in favour of vigorous action to address air pollution in London.
2. It welcomes and supports both of TfL's proposals in this consultation – both to bring forward to April 2019 the central London ULEZ and to include particulate matter emissions in the ULEZ standards.
3. Our main concern is that, by allowing Euro 6 diesel vehicles to travel in the ULEZ without an emissions payment it is likely to encourage further purchase and use of these vehicles, which, once purchased, are likely to remain in the vehicle fleet for several years. Yet there is increasing evidence that Euro 6 vehicles are still significantly polluting; with this having been made more apparent through the plentiful evidence of cheating on these emissions standards by Volkswagen and others.
4. **London Forum therefore believes that the Mayor should give a much stronger signal now that Euro 6 vehicles, at the current EU standard, are likely to be subject to an emissions charge, within a very few years and especially once a tighter EU standard is agreed, in order to reduce the incentive for such purchases now.**
5. With this important proviso we are content with these proposals, and await TfL's further proposals, due we hope later this year, on the extension of the ULEZ across more of London.