Campaigns

The London Toxicity Charge

The ‘Toxicity Charge’, or ‘T-Charge’, will be introduced officially on October 23 2017. Vehicles which do not meet the minimum Euro IV standard will now pay an additional £10 when entering the Congestion Charge Zone (7am – 6pm). This marks an important step for reducing toxic diesel fumes, yet more must be done to harmonise these measures with national policy. For more details about the T-Charge, visit: www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/emissions-surcharge. Write a letter to your MP.

MAYOR OF LONDON

The Mayor of London called on the government to adopt a national ‘Diesel Scrappage Fund’ to ensure the UK legally complies with European pollution limits. By providing financial assistance to motorists, this initiative can incentivise diesel owners to switch to cleaner vehicles which safeguard citizen health. Have your say on the Mayor’s draft environmental strategy, fill out the survey at: https://www.london.gov.uk/talk-london/environment/air-quality-water. Write a letter to your MP.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

By 2020, 1,500 electrical charging points will be installed across London’s existing network. Whilst this £18 m grant can help facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles in the capital, investments in green infrastructure beyond London is critical for ensuring an equitable transition to eco-friendly alternatives.

Prior Approval Planning

Local authorities have the power to fast track the development of residential, commercial and industrial sites by granting ‘prior approval’. Yet this element of the planning process fails to consider air quality in every case, even when applied to locating schools in polluted areas such as Air Quality Management Areas. Join us by writing a letter to your MP demanding for air quality to be given greater consideration in the National Planning Policy Framework.

A New Clean Air Act

60 years on from the Clean Air Act, London face challenges new challenges to air quality from modern sources of pollution such as diesel. As Britain exits the European Union, these challenges demand a modern approach through environmental regulations that safeguard the quality of life across the country. For more information, visit: https://www.healthyair.org.uk/clean-air-act-21st-century/ and support the #SayNo2DirtyAir campaign at: https://www.clientearth.org/sayno2dirtyair

See here for a template you can use when writing to your MP.