The Greater London Low Emission Zone Charging (Variation) Order 2007

Report to the Mayor of London

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1 Background

- 1.1 This report concerns proposed variations to the Greater London Low Emission Zone Charging Order 2006 ("the Scheme Order") made by Transport for London on 13 November 2006 and confirmed with modifications by the Mayor of London on 3 May 2007.
- 1.2 The Greater London Low Emission Zone Charging (Variation) Order 2007 ("the Variation Order") proposed a number of changes, including:
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Croydon to include the area bounded by Godstone Road, Station Approach, Kenley Lane, Valley Road, New Barn Lane, and Old Barn Lane;
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Croydon at Coulsdon Road and Waddington Avenue;
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Barnet at Cannons Corner, Stonegrove;
 - To create a route excluded from the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) in the London Borough of Barnet on Barnet Road for a turnaround facility;
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Redbridge to include the area bounded by Tomswood Hill, Fencepiece Road and the GLA boundary;
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Redbridge to include the area bounded by Brook Road, Whitehall Road, High Road Woodford Green, Epping New Road and the GLA boundary;
 - A change to the boundary in the London Borough of Bexley to include Eddington Way and parts of the North Cray Road inside the LEZ, and the area bounded by Maidstone Road, North Cray Road, Vicarage Road, Dartford Road, Baldwins Park, Kiln Lane and the GLA boundary;
 - Clarifying wording within the Scheme Order that confirms payment of the daily charge by cheque must be received by TfL 10 days in advance of the day of travel within the LEZ; and
 - Removing reference to 'Switch' within the Scheme Order for the purposes of payment methods.
- 1.3 The Variation Order was made by TfL on 29 August 2007.

2 Procedures & Consultation

- 2.1 Consultation on the Variation Order was carried out for five weeks between 29 August 2007 and 3October 2007 in line with Guidance from the Mayor to TfL on the procedures for varying charging schemes and TfL's Consultation Toolkit.
- 2.2 In total, some 74 organisations were consulted. A consultation pack was sent to each of the 33 London Boroughs, and key stakeholders under the categories of English Local Authorities (28), Central Government Departments (2), Transport

Representative Groups (3), Motoring Organisations (1), Motor Manufacturers Representative Groups (1), Business Organisations (5), and Local Government Associations (1).

- 2.3 The consultation pack consisted of a covering letter advising recipients of the Variation Order how to respond to the consultation; a copy of the Variation Order itself; a schedule of proposed variations that explained TfL's reasons for the variation; and the notice announcing the making of the Variation Order. Representations and objections to the proposed Variation Order could be made via e-mail or in writing.
- 2.4 Full information on the proposed Variation Order was also posted on the TfL website, and deposited at TfL's offices at Faith Lawson House for public inspection. A notice announcing the making of the Variation Order was published in the London Gazette (circulation 8,000 approx) on 29 August 2007 and the following local titles relevant to the proposed changes in the week beginning 3 September 2007:
 - Hendon Times
 - Bexley Times
 - Ilford Recorder Series
 - Hillingdon and Uxbridge Times.
- 2.5 Should the Mayor confirm the Variation Order, with or without modification, TfL would publish a notice of the confirmation in the London Gazette and on the TfL website.
- 2.6 Representations were received to the consultation from 5 respondents, these were:
 - London Borough of Redbridge
 - London Borough of Croydon
 - London Borough of Bexley
 - London Borough of Barnet
 - Freight Transport Association
 - No individual members of the public responded to the consultation.

Respondents were either broadly supportive of the changes or had no objections or comments. One respondent had additional comments on other issues relating to the boundary of the LEZ. An analysis of the representations, with TfL's responses, is attached as Appendix 1 and copies of these representations are attached as Appendix 2.

3 Recommendation

3.1 The Mayor should confirm the Variation Order by signing the Instrument of Confirmation without modification.