

4 April 2022



Department for Corporate Core Services

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

Letter sent via email to : secretary.state@defra.gov.uk

Dear Secretary of State,

Reference: Council Motion on Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 16 March 2022 debated a notice of motion in relation to the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone.

The Council noted that:

1. Air pollution is linked to a wide range of serious illnesses and conditions. It contributes to approximately 1,200 deaths a year in Greater Manchester
2. The Government has previously rejected Greater Manchester's call for an additional hardship fund
3. The position of the 9 Labour Leaders and Greater Manchester Mayor, which support a non-charging zone
4. The Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is 493sqm which includes every district in GM
5. TfGM in July 2021 stated a database sourced from The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) estimated that approximately at present 90% of non-compliant LGV's in GM, are not retrofittable
6. TfGM estimates that in 2023 there will be 75,000 non-compliant LGV's based in GM out of a total fleet of 136k LGV's
7. The Greater Manchester Clean Air Final Plan report was approved by all GM Districts and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority
8. The 8 Greater Manchester Conservative MPs and 1 Labour MP wrote to the Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs urging a delay to the rollout of the CAZ for further consultation

The Council resolves to:

1. Call on the Government to cooperate with the current review of future arrangements in Greater Manchester and seek to agree a fairer approach to cleaning up our air.
2. Lobby the Government to ensure it provides full financial support to enable individuals and businesses to upgrade their vehicles, especially in light of the current supply-chain issues.
3. To also call upon the Government to fully fund the Bus Service Improvement Plan and City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement to help us improve walking, cycling and clean public transport.

I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G P Little".

Geoff Little OBE
Chief Executive