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The Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak M.P.

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Dear Prime Minister

Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) imposed on Romford and Havering

I am writing to express my deepest concerns surrounding the Mayor of London's recent announcement to expand the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to outer Greater London areas such as Romford and Havering.

I have been inundated with e-mails, calls and letters from constituents who will face serious financial pressures as a consequence of Mayor Khan's outrageous decision. He has ignored the views of residents and businesses in Romford, who emphatically rejected the scheme in his recent consultation over the Summer.

There is no evidence that it will improve air quality, but it will hit the poorest households in Romford the hardest. Meanwhile, this scheme will involve placing hundreds of cameras in Romford and thousands across London, which will cost hundreds of millions of pounds. This money could be better spent on helping struggling families following the legacy of lockdowns.

London cannot be treated with a one-size-fits-all approach which fails to recognise the needs of people in places like Romford, who identify more with the county of Essex. Unlike urban parts of the capital, residents in Romford do not all have the luxury of a nearby tube station. There is not a tube station in Romford. Many have little option other than to use their cars for travel. Customers from outside of Romford, too, will be charged – which will only hurt local businesses and our town centre in particular.

People in Romford are fed up with being dictated to by Mayor Khan, who continues to ignore their wishes.

Please can you intervene to ensure this potentially crippling scheme does not go ahead and ask the Secretary of State for Transport to work on immediate solutions which can better improve air quality on our roads, without the need to impose the costs of ULEZ on my constituents.

On a wider note, can we please have a further discussion soon about boroughs such as Havering being given the option of returning to being a unitary authority, which was granted to us by Mrs Thatcher, so that we can be free of the control of the Greater



London Authority and the Mayor of London. Decisions are best made by local people in our local Town Hall, not by a remote, out of touch London Mayor, a system that people in my constituency voted against being a part of in the referendum of 1998.

My constituents and I look forward to your response.

Yours ever,

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