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The Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak M.P.

Prime Minister

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Dear Prime Minister

In addition to the correspondence, I dispatched to your office in November 2022, I write to you today on behalf of my constituents who are deeply concerned about the impact of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (U.L.E.Z.) expansion to the outer areas of 'Greater London', which has been proposed by Mayor Khan.

My constituents are cross, angry and dismayed regarding the proposal of Mayor Khan to expand the U.L.E.Z. and have inundated my office with their concerns.

The U.L.E.Z. charge will disproportionately impact those who depend upon vehicles, including small businesses, who are already grappling with the deviations of economic pressures due to the cost-of-living crisis. Additionally, the Mayor's own independent impact assessment fails to demonstrate a significant improvement in air quality because of the proposed expansion.

A one-size-fits-all approach is not the solution for tackling poor air quality around London. Instead, a judicious solution would be to empower the boroughs of London by granting them greater authority to reject the Mayor's proposals and to reassume responsibility for air quality.

As per the briefing from my peers, Lord Moylan has proposed an alteration to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. This amendment would enable councils in London to express their opposition to the Mayor's plan. Should His Majesty's Government approve of this amendment, the final authority to decide on Mayor Khan's proposals would rest with the boroughs in London, on the condition that the decision is endorsed by the Full Council, in compliance with the 1995 Environment Act.

May I request that you give your support to this amendment to ensure its success in the House of Lords. This would be a critical measure in affording local communities the power to act in their own interests and supporting boroughs like Havering who are arduously endeavouring to enhance air quality in their respective domains.

If this step is not taken, the only clear option for the people of the London Borough of Havering, a feeling shared across the outer areas of 'Greater London', will be to return to



being a unitary authority. My constituents are fed up with being a source of revenue for inner London, whilst receiving little in return for this.

We need a new strategy for the reform of 'London' government that suits the interests of boroughs like Havering, that remain part of the traditional County of Essex and do not feel happy with the current structure of regional government that has been imposed on us. U.L.E.Z. has brought this issue to the fore like never before.

A Conservative government should use its powers to make changes that restore powers back to local level, giving power back to local people in areas like Havering.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Rosindell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a period. A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

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