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Dear Mark

U.L.E.Z.: Calling on the Government's Intervention

I am writing today to express my grave concerns regarding the Mayor of London's expansion of the Ultra-Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) to outer Greater London, including but not limited to the borough of Havering.

Since the announcement of the U.L.E.Z. expansion in late November 2022, my inbox has been continuously inundated with angry and distressed messages from the Romford constituency, highlighting the enormous cost that the scheme will have on their daily lives.

Whilst car ownership may not be as critical amongst the inner areas of London, the absence of an Underground tube station in Romford means that the necessity of vehicle tenure must be recognised. Many in outer greater London have little option other than to use their cars for travel.

Moreover, Romford's long-standing connection to the Essex region will take a massive financial hit. Small businesses across wider Essex that rely on the major population hub of Romford will bear a significant cost. Citizens based within the expanded U.L.E.Z. zone will now have no choice but to pay a £12.50 fee, just to reach the greater Essex region.

It is simply outrageous that the Mayor can spend in excess of £250m on cameras, signs and infrastructure for the U.L.E.Z. expansion while millions struggle with the rising cost-of-living. The timing of this outrageous scheme could not be worse.

Furthermore, this policy will fail to make a difference in the overall emission levels of the greater London area. Even the Mayor's own impact assessment fails to demonstrate a significant improvement in air quality because of the proposed expansion.



The Romford constituency is fed up with the Mayor of London's continuous political stunts and 'one-size-fits-all' approach. For years, they have suffered from chronic underfunding whilst continuing bearing the costs from this incompetent administration.

I am asking on behalf of the Romford constituency, as well as the multitude of electorates in Greater London also affected for your intervention on the matter.

I hope instead that immediate solutions to improve air quality on our roads can be achieved, without the need for unnecessary costs upon my constituents, among others.

My constituents and I look forward to your response.

Yours ever,

Andrew Rosindell .
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