

NOTICE OF MOTION

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- Make clear that the scheme is based on the principle of the less polluting your vehicle is, the less you pay, and the more polluting, the more you pay; Abandon its plans to introduce emission based parking charges and

- Make clear that it is based on behavioural analysis of previous schemes, such as the levy on parking for diesel cars, which has been introduce measures that are proven to change consumer behaviour and will to reduce pollution;

- Ensure that future air quality measures do not negatively impact benefit vulnerable people in Merton by reducing the emissions that harm their health;

- Produce clear further evidence that taxing parked cars reduces emissions, instead of relying on spurious nudge theory and out of date irrelevant studies;

- Note that to bring in measures will impact and benefit that disproportionately target all one parts of the borough;

- over other areas Continue to look into measures that will reduce emissions across the borough;

- Consider all the responses to the consultation before a final decision is made on the proposals.

Cllr Daniel Holden Cllr David Dean Cllr Nigel Benbow

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- Note that measures will impact and benefit all parts of the borough;
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