

## Liberal Democrat group amendments to the Conservative non-strategic theme motion

### ULEZ Consultation

Council notes ~~with grave concern that the Mayor of London has led a campaign to disenfranchise Londoners, including our residents in Merton, regarding support for the ULEZ expansion.~~

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2. the motion passed by this Council on 21 September 2022 on this issue, supported by both the administration and the main opposition group, which set out some concerns with the proposed scheme and notes support for “a more generous scrappage to mitigate the impact of switching to electric vehicles or retrofitting to become ULEZ compliant”;

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~~The Mayor of London has:~~

~~–Repeatedly made false statements to the GLA Assembly and the press about the ULEZ and the consultation;~~

~~–Manipulated the consultation and the results by excluding more than 5,200 consultation responses from the results thereby disenfranchising Londoners who do not wish to be hit by the ULEZ tax;~~

~~- Broken his promise that the ULEZ expansion would not go ahead if there was significant opposition.~~

Therefore, council ~~calls upon~~ asks the ~~e~~Cabinet to:

~~- Write to the Mayor of London and demand that the ULEZ expansion is immediately halted; both raising the concerns previously expressed by this Council on 21 September 2022 and backing the recent amendment to his budget, that led the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry to state “ULEZ reforms could pave the way to a safer, greener London”; and~~

~~- Consider amending its flat rate diesel levy on parking permits to accommodate ULEZ principles.~~

~~-- Refuse to allow the installation of any ULEZ infrastructure;~~

~~-- Call for a new comprehensive, free, and fair consultation across all of London;~~

~~-- Support Conservative demands for an immediate investigation into the conduct of the Mayor and support any potential future public inquiry.~~

Cllr Nick McLean    Cllr Eleanor Cox    Cllr Michael Paterson

So Motion now reads:

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