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Dear Mayor Khan

### **Proposed expansion of the London Ultra Low Emission Zone**

I write to express my disappointment and grave concern about your approach to the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) following the public consultation in 2022. My Council set out clearly our strong concerns about the consulted proposals in respect of both their spatial scope and the likely impact on Kent residents nearby to London.

I understand that following your consultation, in November you decided to continue with the implementation of the ULEZ proposals in such a way that the impacts on Kent residents will not be mitigated. The proposed scrappage scheme you are funding excludes access to non-London residents and businesses / charities.

Given this I urge you to reconsider your current approach. I invite you to discuss with ourselves at Kent County Council the evidence you have that justifies not taking any action for affected motorists in Kent near the border with London and especially those within protected groups resident in Kent that will be impacted by the charge.

We also proposed in our consultation response that you share information explaining why the proposed ULEZ does not broadly match the boundary of the Air Quality Management Areas in London, given doing so would mean the boundary would be far from the border with Kent and be less likely to affect Kent residents and businesses. Having reviewed the consultation analysis, I can see no evidence that that option has been considered, nor indeed our issue even highlighted in your analysis. This causes us strong concerns that the basis on which you have made your decision is not with full consideration of the salient points raised by respondents such as my Council.

In light of my concerns, I have instructed my officers to cease activity on reaching a Section 8 agreement (as per the 1980 Highways Act) regarding the signage you are seeking to install on our roads. My Council will resume its engagement on that agreement once I have assurances from you regarding our concerns, and only then.

I look forward to the evidence you provide in response to those concerns and stand ready to engage as we seek to resolve the impact on Kent residents and businesses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Gough'.

Roger Gough  
**Leader of Kent County Council**  
**Member for Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley**