

LEZ Variation Order consultation
CCPR Response

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Dear Sir/Madam

CCPR is the national alliance of governing and representative bodies of sport and recreation. Our 316 members represent 150,000 clubs across the UK and some 8 million regular participants. CCPR exists to promote the role of sport and recreation in healthy and active lifestyles, to encourage a policy and regulatory environment in which sport from grassroots through to elite level can flourish, and to provide high quality services to help its members to continually improve and progress.

CCPR supports the proposal to defer the date that the Low Emission Zone affects larger vans, minibuses, motor caravans and other specialist vehicles from 4 October 2010 to 3 January 2012.

Amongst our membership are a number of governing bodies and organisations who frequently use minibuses to transport participants, vans and 4 wheel drives to tow trailers and caravans and larger vehicles to move equipment and livestock. Such organisations are: the Amateur Rowing Association, the British Canoe Union, the British University Sports Association, the Camping and Caravanning Club, twelve UK Equestrian Societies, three Sailing/Yachting Associations, three aircraft associations, a number of organisations which involve motor sports and many youth organisations. The vast majority of our member organisations, and their associated clubs and societies, have clubs or participants based in Greater London and therefore will be hugely affected by the proposed LEZ scheme.

CCPR's position remains the same now as it was prior to the introduction of the scheme. Whilst sport and recreation is highly supportive of the Mayor's wish to improve air quality within the capital, CCPR is concerned the LEZ would adversely impact upon community activity and engagement. At a time when the UK is trying to increase participation in sport and recreation, in order to improve health and community cohesion, it would be counter productive to enforce a scheme which would actually prevent people from participating in sport and recreation. CCPR urges the Mayor and Transport for London to provide an exemption to the scheme for community sport and recreation clubs or to at least provide them with a longer period of time and financial support to make the changes required to their vehicles.

CCPR welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation, and would be happy to follow up on any issues that arise from this response.

Yours sincerely

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