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Dear Steve

## **Initial analysis into the removal of the private hire vehicle (PHV) exemption to the Congestion Charge**

On 20 January 2016 the Mayor asked Transport for London (TfL) to investigate the potential impacts of removing the Congestion Charge Zone exemption for PHVs with a view to helping to tackle pollution and reduce congestion in central London.

As a first step, we are carrying out a pre-feasibility study (information-gathering exercise) to enable us to answer the question set by the Mayor.

As part of this process we commissioned Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) to carry out an initial assessment of how the PHV trade might respond to this policy in terms of their trip making patterns into the Zone. This required an element of engagement with representatives of the trade and I am grateful to those who took the time to meet with CEPA to inform their findings and aid our understanding of this issue.

The outcome of this work will help shape our response to the Mayor's question. Should the next Mayor of London ask TfL to develop this further then a programme of stakeholder engagement would commence and any proposal would be subject to a formal consultation process. This would be similar to the process undertaken between us and PHV trade representatives for the development of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in 2015.

Once this initial impact analysis is complete, we would be happy to present the findings to you at one of your regular meetings with TfL.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucinda Turner'.

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