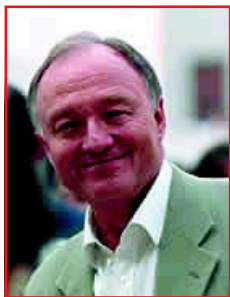




# Transport for London



## DRIVERS VISITING LONDON

Following public consultation, the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, has decided to proceed with a central London congestion charging scheme as the best way forward to reduce traffic congestion in the heart of the city. Having visited the city a few weeks after the start of the system, I can certainly testify that it seems to be working.... AM

### When?

From 17 February 2003, if you want to drive in the congestion charging zone between 7am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays, you must pay the charge.

### Where?

The 'boundary' of the zone is formed by the Inner Ring Road, on which there will be no charge to drive. This comprises: Marylebone Road, Euston Road, Pentonville Road, City Road, Great Eastern Street, Commercial Street, Tower Bridge Road, New Kent Road,



## NEW HOME FOR LONDON ASSEMBLY

The Mayor and the London Assembly have become tenants of one of London's most spectacular new buildings. On 15 July last year they moved into 'City Hall', a specially designed HQ at the More London development. The building was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 23 July. City Hall is located on the south bank of the Thames, adjacent to Tower Bridge.

The building has been designed by Foster and Partners, one of Britain's leading architects, who have also been involved in designing the new Hong Kong airport and the Reichstag in Berlin. The structural engineers for the building and consultants on the feasibility of the design of the building are Ove Arup and Partners.

The design brief was to create a headquarters building that would become a new landmark for the capital.

Kennington Lane, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Grosvenor Place, Park Lane, Edgware Road.

### Who?

All vehicles driving across the £5 charge zone will have to pay. However, some vehicles are exempt from the charge (for example, taxis, licenced minicabs, emergency services, blue/orange badge holders, alternative energy vehicles). Others are entitled to a discount - mainly residents, but also some vehicle breakdown services.

### How?

Drivers pay £5 per day, by telephone, post, internet, or in person at a retail outlet. Drivers will also be able to purchase daily, weekly (£25), monthly (£110) or annual (£1,250) passes. The scheme will be policed by cameras on roads around the centre of the city which would read car registration plates.

### How much money will be raised?

The Mayor hopes the charge will cut congestion by up to 15% and raise at least £130 million a year which, by law, will have to go back into the capital's transport system.

### What?

The scheme is to encourage people to think again about using their vehicles in central London and to choose other forms of transport. Motorists who still wish to travel in or through central London will have to pay a daily charge now the scheme has been introduced. It is not a 'cordon' scheme based solely on cameras at boundary points. Any vehicle moving within the zone, whether or not crossing boundary, will be monitored by cameras throughout the zone.

### Why?

At the moment, traffic movement in central and inner London is severely hampered by congestion - the average speed has now fallen below three miles per hour. Transport for London says the charge will reduce congestion, improve the bus network, and make central London a more pleasant location for residents, visitors and businesses.

The design by Foster and Partners expresses the transparency of the democratic process and promotes the image of a modern vibrant world city.

