
SPECIAL MOTION NO.1 – LABOUR’S DIESEL STEALTH TAX

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Greg Smith
- (ii) Councillor Steve Hamilton

This Council:

1. Recognises the importance of improving air quality in Hammersmith & Fulham and all the health benefits associated with cleaner air.
2. Notes the Labour administration’s proposal to introduce a surcharge for parking permits to apply to 28,729 diesel cars in the borough with an escalator to increase the level of charges in future years.

This Council condemns Labour’s Diesel Tax, which:

1. Is not supported by any scientific evidence to show it will do anything to improve the level of air quality in our Borough.
2. Is a stealth tax.
3. Will disproportionately punish residents of low income and restricted financial means in our Borough.

This Council therefore:

1. Calls for the immediate suspension of Labour’s Diesel Tax until a full and proper study is undertaken to examine the impact on air quality and the implications of this tax on the financial wellbeing of low income households.
2. Further commits to work with the government and TfL to identify measures which will actually improve the borough's air quality.