

COUNCIL

26 OCTOBER 2016

ITEM NO: 15

TITLE: Motion on Ultra Low Emission Zone

PROPOSING COUNCILLORS: Matt Hartley, Mark Elliott, Geoffrey Brighty, Mandy Brinkhurst, Matt Clare, Spencer Drury, Nuala Geary and John Hills

Council notes that the Mayor of London is developing proposals to extend the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), currently set to come into force in September 2020 in central London, to a much larger area bounded by the North and South Circular Roads and from as early as 2019.

Council notes that Transport for London has stated that the reason that the North and South Circular Roads are being considered for the edge of the larger ULEZ is that these roads provide “the most appropriate ‘boundary route’ for drivers opting to avoid the zone.”

As the South Circular cuts directly through Eltham and Woolwich, Council notes that this decision could have a significant impact on local residents though altered traffic flows, including the potential for increased congestion on local roads outside the zone. Council further notes the potential impact on those local residents and small business owners who will be liable to pay for local journeys.

Council believes that no decision should be taken by the Mayor of London until a full study of the impact on local traffic flows of using the South Circular as a boundary for an expanded ULEZ has been carried out.

Council further requests that the executive carries out its own consultation during November 2016 with local residents and small business owners in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, to inform its formal response to the Mayor’s current consultation on changes to the ULEZ before the deadline of 18 December 2016.