

To the Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, SW1A 2AA.

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Dear Prime Minister,

I think you will be aware that, through FairFuelUK, I have been constructively campaigning on behalf of the UK's 37 million drivers since 2010, mainly lobbying the Government to prevent an increase in Fuel Duty.

It would be ungracious not to thank you and the Chancellor for keeping this regressive tax frozen during the first two Labour Budgets. So, on behalf of FairFuelUK supporters, thank you for maintaining Fuel Duty at its current level.

I want to address a related issue, however. It seems the EU has shown some real economic common sense regarding its petrol/diesel new car sales ban and will now move its target from 2035 to 2040. Fantastic news, but what will this now mean for the UK under your governance?

As you move closer to the EU, will you now accept their sensible new decision for the UK and delay our undemocratically imposed 2030 target ban, by pushing it to 2040 too?

By now, you, the Chancellor, Transport, and Net Zero Ministers, will have received over 30,000 emails from drivers in just 24 hours. All are calling for the UK's 2030 ban to be moved alongside the EU's to 2040.

I hope you and your Cabinet colleagues have read the independent economic analysis by the Cebr I commissioned a few years back, which shows your 2030 ban will cost at least five times the supposed environmental benefits. This conclusion has been reached, even after using the government's own valuations of the alleged unproven environmental benefits

Therefore, please tell me and the millions of drivers who support FairFuelUK what the point of bankrupting our fragile economy based on this ill-informed, inaccurate, and costly idealism is? It would be irresponsible for any Government to waste billions of taxpayers' money for such a minimal benefit. Surely you recognise this?

I have spoken with dozens of your backbench MPs, too. They share what your vastly experienced Labour MP, Graham Stringer, said when the Cebr report was first published: *"The assessed cost of the planned ban on petrol and diesel vehicles is a staggering £400 billion, over five times the expected benefits. It has been disappointing to see the Government push ahead with this damaging policy, showing very little sensitivity to the likely damage it will cause. The automotive industry is already struggling, and this report paints a bleak picture of the ban's likely impact. An alternative approach cannot come quickly enough."*

Other comments on the Cebr Report commissioned by FairFuelUK, ABD, and MAG, as well as the report itself, can be downloaded at <https://www.fairfueluk.com/2030-Ban.html>.

I look forward to your personal response regarding this issue, which significantly impacts the economy and everyone's lives. The fact that the ban, as now recognised by the EU, is pointless is important.

Respectfully, I would also appreciate a meeting with your esteemed offices and the relevant Ministers (listed below) to discuss how FairFuelUK can assist your Government in implementing a sensible, long-term, cost-effective road user strategy.

Such a strategy should deliver economic growth and recognise that the UK's 37 million drivers are a vital part of the nation's economic and social heartbeat, not just easy cash cows.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Howard Cox', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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