



Isa Annie,

Thank you for your letter of 10 January about air pollution. It's great to see young people like you telling me what's important to them. You represent the future of this city and I'm happy that you share my passion to improve London's environment.

I've been working hard to make London's air cleaner, especially for children and other groups of people whose health can be particularly badly affected by pollution.

As you suggest, encouraging people to use less-polluting ways of getting around, such as driving electric cars, can help improve air quality. That's why I'm spending £750 million on cleaning up London's air. My plans include:

- Making London's famous red buses cleaner;
- Helping taxi drivers buy clean, electric taxis;
- Making cycling easier and safer with more cycle routes; and,
- Making drivers use much cleaner vehicles by introducing an Ultra Low Emission Zone in central London, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from 8 April 2019 and expanding the zone to include a larger area of the city in 2021.

The plan I have put in place will almost halve toxic pollutants from vehicles driving in central London next year and it will reduce the number of schools in areas of illegal air quality from around 400 today to zero in 2025.

My aim is for London to use transport which does not create harmful pollutants by 2050, but this can only happen if we move away from fossil fuels like petrol and diesel. To encourage drivers to switch to electric cars, I am working with the government and London boroughs to make sure that there are enough places where drivers can charge their electric cars around the city.

I wanted to find ways to try to reduce air pollution in and around primary schools and children's exposure to it. That's why in 2017, I launched the Mayor's School Air Quality Audit Programme which checked the air quality at 50 primary schools located in the most polluted areas of London.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London