

**The Greater London (Central Zone)
Congestion Charging (Variation No. 3) Order 2007**

Report to the Mayor of London

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Report to the Mayor following consultation on the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Variation No. 3) Order 2007

1 Background

- 1.1 This report concerns proposed variations to the Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging Order 2004 (“the Scheme Order”) made by Transport for London on 30 September 2004 and confirmed with modifications by the Mayor of London on 27 October 2004.
- 1.2 The Greater London (Central Zone) Congestion Charging (Variation No. 3) Order 2007 (“Variation Order No. 3”) proposed two changes:
 - Bringing the penalty charges for Congestion Charging into line with the penalties for serious contraventions such as moving traffic and parking contraventions on the strategic road network, parking offences and obstructions at bus stops, on pedestrian crossings, or in the safety zones outside schools. This variation is required as a result of the introduction of variable penalty levels by London Boroughs on 1 July 2007; and
 - Reflecting the replacement of ‘Switch’ cards by ‘Maestro’ cards.
- 1.3 Variation Order No. 3 was made by TfL on 17 July 2007.

2 Procedures & Consultation

- 2.1 Consultation on Variation Order No. 3 was carried out for 10 weeks between 17 July 2007 and 21 September 2007 in line with Guidance from the Mayor to TfL on the procedures for varying the Congestion Charging scheme and TfL’s Consultation Toolkit.
- 2.2 In total, some 281 individuals or organisations were consulted. Consultation packs were sent to each of the 33 London Boroughs, London Assembly Members (25), London Members of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament (87) and TfL Board members (16). Consultation packs were also sent to key stakeholders under the categories of: Business representative groups (4), Central Government departments (2) Disability and Mobility Groups (1), Emergency Services (7), Freight/Haulage representative organisations (2), GLA Functional Bodies and Mayoral Commissions (1), Local Government Associations (2), NHS Trusts and Health Authorities in Greater London (85), Non Departmental Government Bodies/Executive Agencies (4), Society and Community (1), Trade Unions (1), Transport/Environment groups (2), Transport user groups (1) and Utilities (7) .
- 2.3 The consultation pack consisted of a covering letter advising recipients of the Variation Order and how to respond to the consultation, a copy of the Variation Order itself; and a schedule of proposed variations that explained TfL’s reasons for the variation (attached as Appendix 3). Representations and objections could be made via e-mail or in writing.

- 2.4 Full information on Variation Order No. 3 was posted on the TfL website, and deposited at TfL's Faith Lawson House for public inspection. A notice announcing the making of the Variation Order No. 3 was published in the London Gazette (circulation 8,000 approx) on 24 July 2007.
- 2.5 Should the Mayor confirm Variation Order No. 3, with or without further modifications, TfL would publish a notice of the confirmation on its website and in the London Gazette.
- 2.6 Representations were received to the consultation from 30 respondents (listed in Appendix 2), including:
- 9 stakeholders
 - 21 members of the public

Representations were broadly unsupportive of the proposed changes to the penalty charge. However, there was no opposition to the proposed change to substitute "Maestro" for "Switch". An analysis of the representations, with TfL's responses, is attached as Appendix 1 and copies of these representations are attached as Appendix 4.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Mayor should confirm Variation Order No. 3 by signing the Instrument of Confirmation without modification.