

Dear Colleagues

CONSULTING ON THE TRANSITION TO ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES

As you'll be aware, the Prime Minister has today announced that Government is consulting on bringing forward the end to the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2040 to 2035, or earlier if a faster transition appears feasible, as well as including hybrids for the first time. This follows the manifesto commitment in November where the Government promised to consult on the earliest phase out date it could achieve.

The position reflects the independent Committee on Climate Change (CCC) advice that the phase out date should be 2035 or ideally 2030, and that only battery electric or other zero tailpipe emission vehicles should be permitted to be sold after this point. The CCC has advised that this is an important step in the UK's aim to end our contribution to climate change by 2050.

We are aware that stakeholders will have a diverse range of views on this subject and both Ministers and senior officials will be engaging closely to understand what those are. This will be done via bilateral meetings as well as roundtables and stakeholder events. We will be interested in views on:

- the phase out date
- the definition of what should be phased out
- barriers to achieving the ambitions set out in the consultation;
- the impact of these ambitions on different sectors of industry and society
- what measures are required by Government and others to achieve the earlier phase out date.

If you wish to write in formally with your views, the way to do so is via email to communications@olev.gov.uk by Friday 29th May.

As part of the consultation, we plan to engage the public via a range of routes, including via consumer groups and direct via survey and focus groups. We aim to conclude the consultation in June.



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