

ADDRESSING LONDON'S AIR QUALITY CHALLENGE

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AIR QUALITY IN LONDON

- London now meets legal limits for eight of the nine pollutants regulated by the European Commission.
- Even though we are reported compliant for Particulate Matter, it is commonly accepted there is no safe limit and further reductions are being sought to protect health.
- NO₂ remains a serious challenge. In some places London exceeds the limits by a factor of three. The Government has a plan to meet legal limits in London by 2025, which will require further action over the next ten years but some have criticised this for being too slow.

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Putney High Street breaches annual diesel pollution limit eight days in to 2016

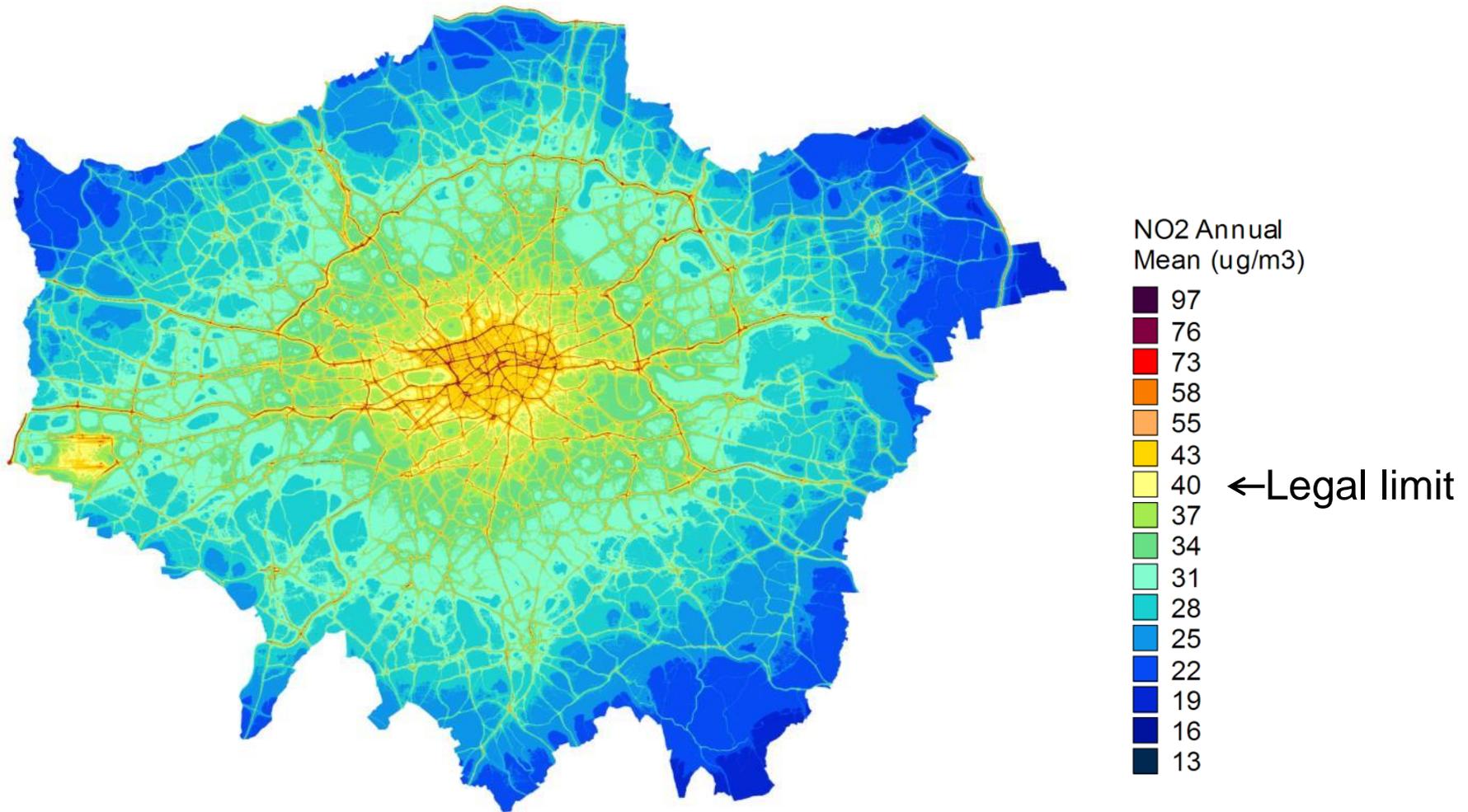
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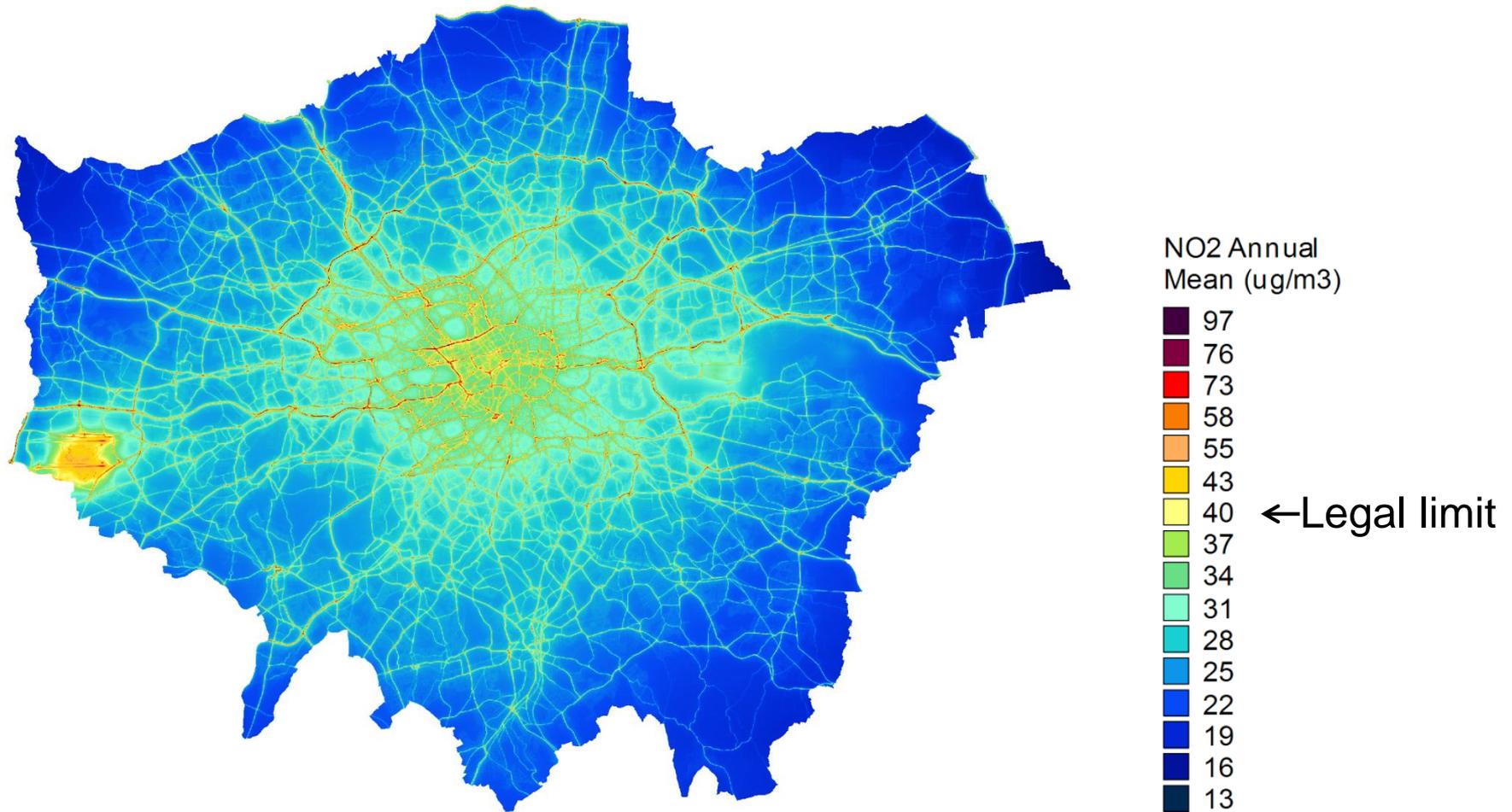


The image shows a street scene in Putney, London. In the foreground, a red double-decker bus is partially visible. The street is lined with buildings, including a prominent brick building on the left. The sky is blue with some light clouds. The overall scene depicts a typical urban street in London.

NO₂ CHALLENGE IN 2013



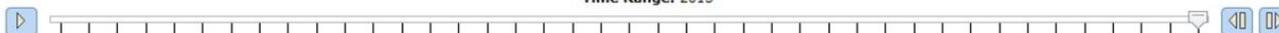
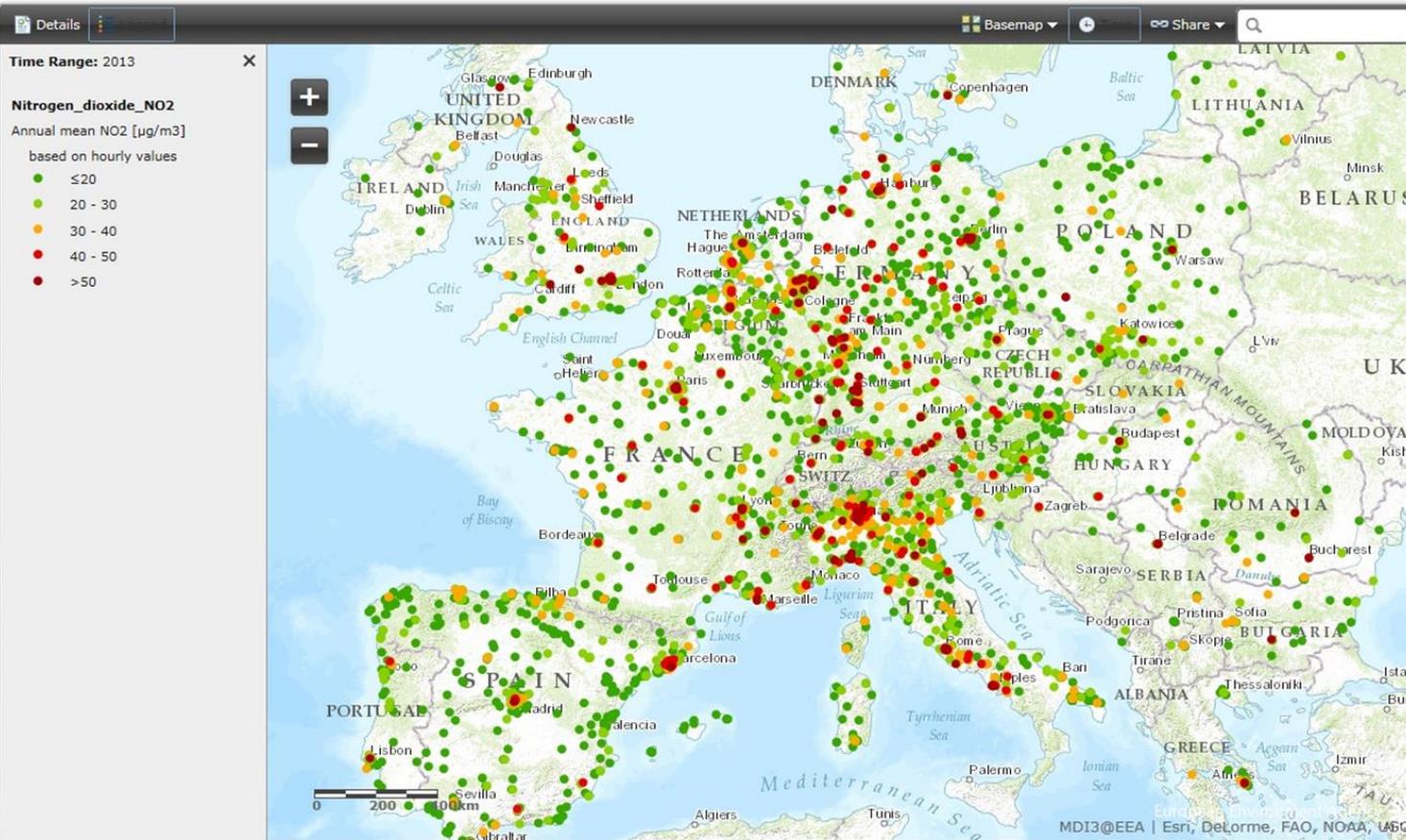
NO₂ CHALLENGE IN 2020



NO₂ – A EUROPE WIDE CHALLENGE

Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) in Europe

European Environment Agency   



HEALTH AND EQUALITIES

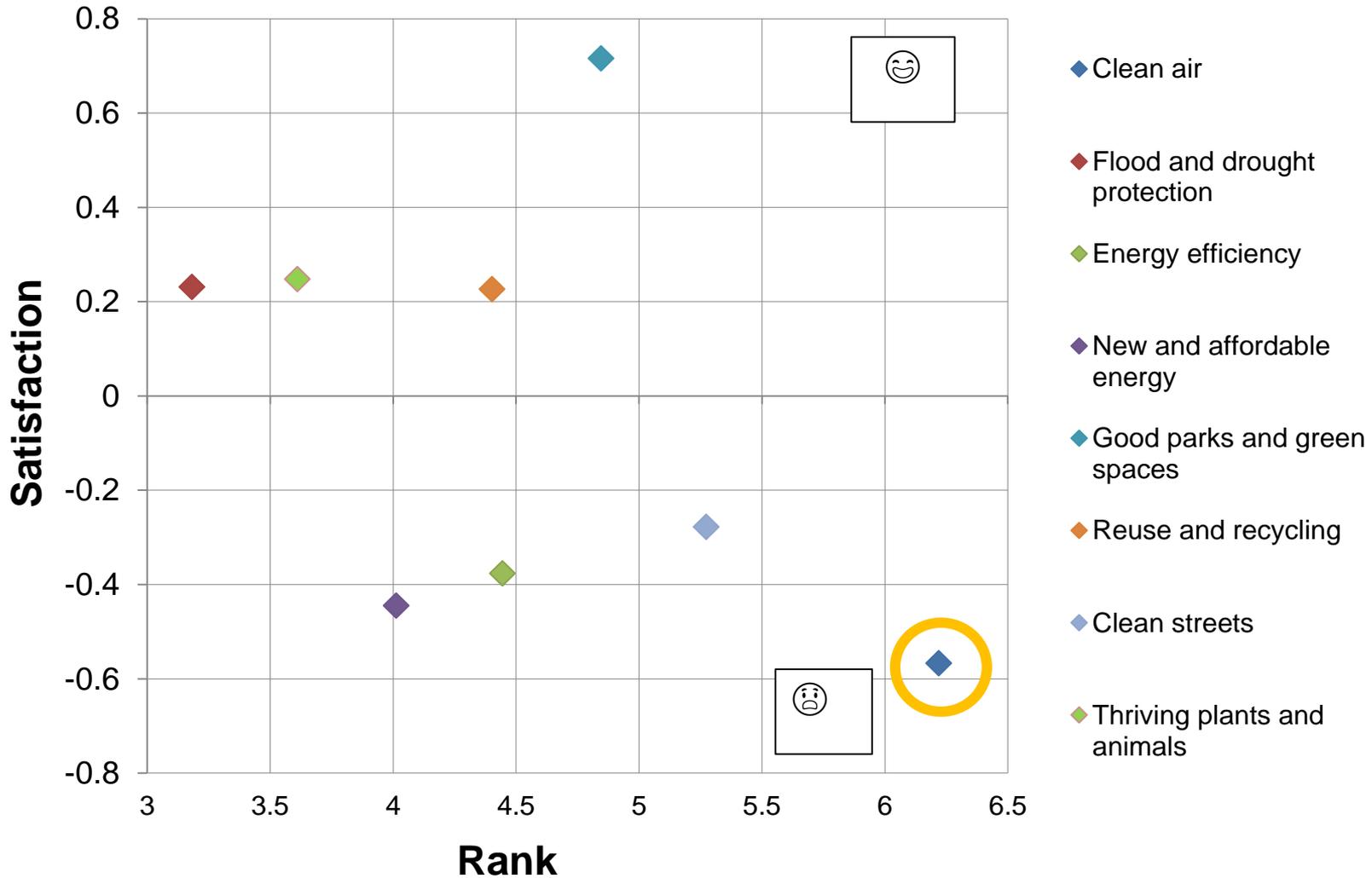
Health

- We estimate an equivalent of around 9,400 deaths were caused by long-term exposure to air pollution.
- A baby born in 2010 and exposed to that same level of air quality for its entire life would lose 2.2 years (if male) and 2 years (if female) of life expectancy.

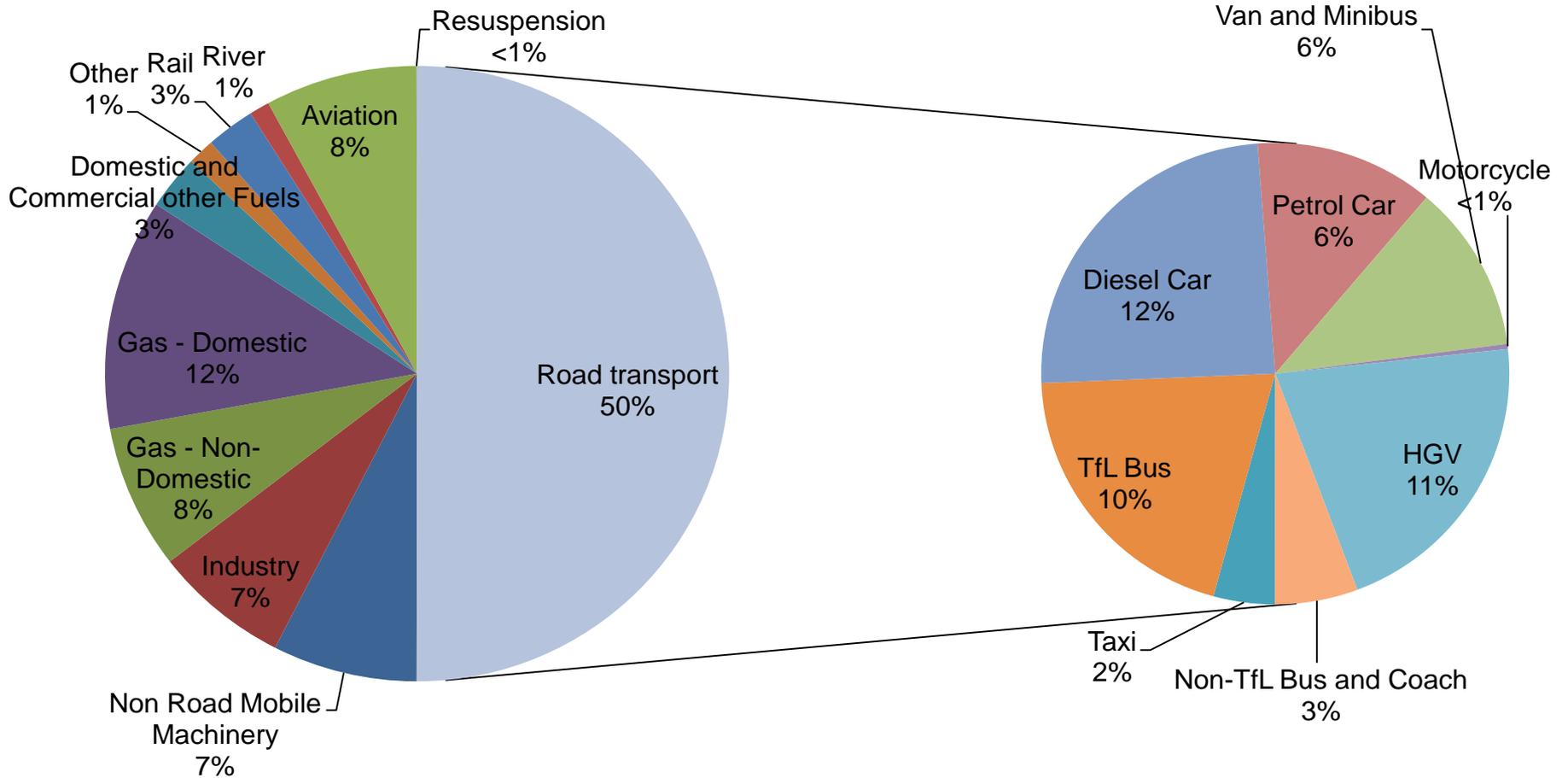
Fairness

- The health impacts associated with air pollution fall disproportionately on our most vulnerable communities, affecting the poorest and those from minority ethnic groups more acutely.
- Tackling air pollution is about social justice and there is an urgent need to do more to tackle public health inequalities.

PUBLIC PERCEPTION



NO_x EMISSIONS IN 2013



NEW MAYORAL PRIORITY

- Mayor was elected on a mandate to improve air quality.
- The Mayor held a consultation on a number of measures within weeks of coming into office.

“...we need big, bold and sometimes difficult policies if London is to match the scale of the challenge.”

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DIESEL

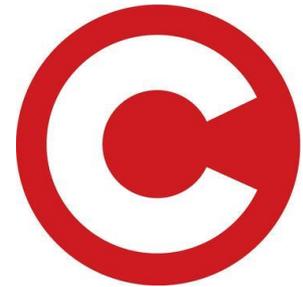
“*One of the biggest tasks we have when formulating these new measures is looking at how we can deal with the problem of diesel vehicles...*

“*We now have to face the reality that if we are going to come close to tackling air pollution in London, we have to tackle the problem of dirty diesels too.*”

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London
5th July 2016

EMISSIONS SURCHARGE

- We will be consulting on an emissions surcharge (T-charge) on older polluting vehicles entering central London from 2017.
 - A £10 charge during Congestion Charge hours
 - On top of the existing £11.50 congestion charge
 - For pre-Euro 4/VI vehicles (generally those registered up to and including 2005)
- In July, there was strong support from the public – 81% of Talk London respondents and 62% of TNS respondents support.



ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE



**Euro VI (<6yrs old in 2020)
...or £100 a day**

**Euro 4 petrol (<13-14yrs old in 2020)
Euro 6 diesel (<4-5yrs old in 2020)
...or £12.50 a day**

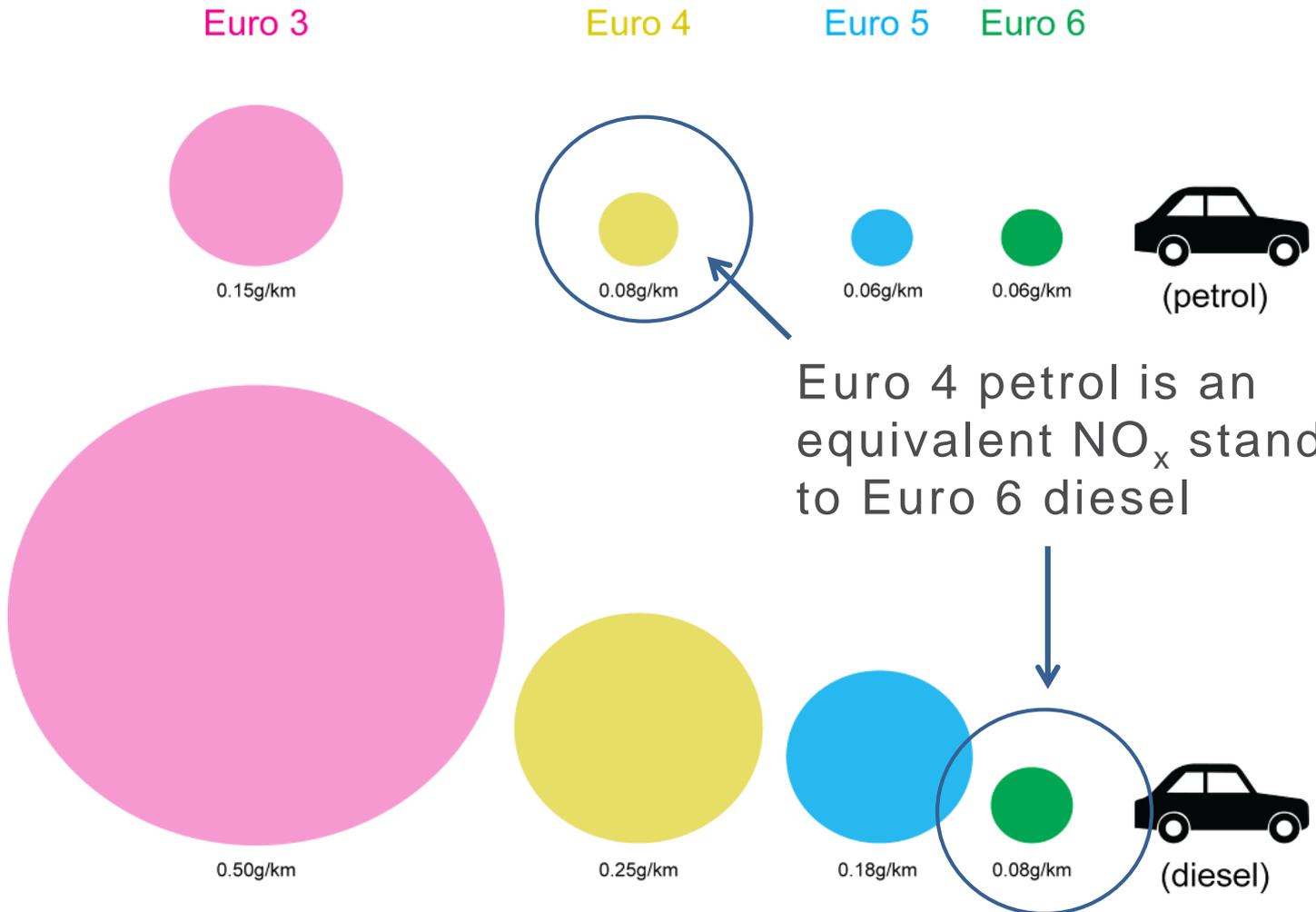


**Euro 3 (<13yrs old in 2020)
...or £12.50 a day**



**Exempt but new
licensing
requirements**

EURO 6 DIESEL AND EURO 4 PETROL



ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE

- Bringing forward the ULEZ in central London by 2019;
- Extending the ULEZ beyond central London in, or around, 2020:
 - For motorcycles, cars and vans, to the North and South Circular roads
 - For lorries, buses and coaches, London-wide
- TfL have started work on a diesel scrappage scheme as part of a wider national scheme to be delivered by Government and lobbying for a reformed Vehicle Excise Duty.

GREENER BUSES

- The Mayor expects TfL to lead by example and has proposed a number of improvements to the bus fleet:
 - **Only hybrid or zero-emission** double-decker buses from 2018
 - **Euro VI compliance** in central London by 2019
 - **Expanding the ULEZ retrofit** programme to 3,000 buses outside the central zone (over 5,000 buses in total)
 - **New low emission bus zones** – tackling pollution hotspots by concentrating cleaner buses on the dirtiest routes

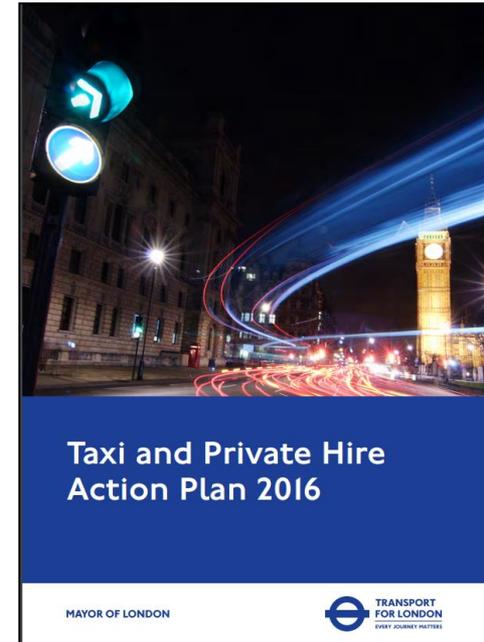
GREENER BUSES

- In September, the Mayor announced that routes 507 and 521 will exclusively run a 51-strong fleet of all-electric buses by the end of the year.
- In November, the Mayor will host an international bus summit at City Hall.



GREENER TAXIS

- The Mayor wants to deliver the greenest taxi fleet in the world by:
 - No more new diesel taxis and only ‘zero emission capable’ from 2018;
 - Providing a £3,000 grant towards the first 9,000 ZEC taxis;
 - Delivering a rapid charging network from 2017;
 - Introducing a scrappage scheme for the oldest taxis from 2017;
 - Exploring options to convert to a cleaner fuel;
 - Rewarding drivers who pioneer green technology.



LOW EMISSION NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Five flagship £1m Low Emissions Neighbourhoods were announced in July:
 - **Westminster** – Marylebone
 - **Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets** – City Fringe
 - **City of London** – Barbican
 - **Greenwich** – Town Centre and Trafalgar Road
 - **Redbridge and Newham** – Ilford Garden Junction



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AIR QUALITY ALERTS

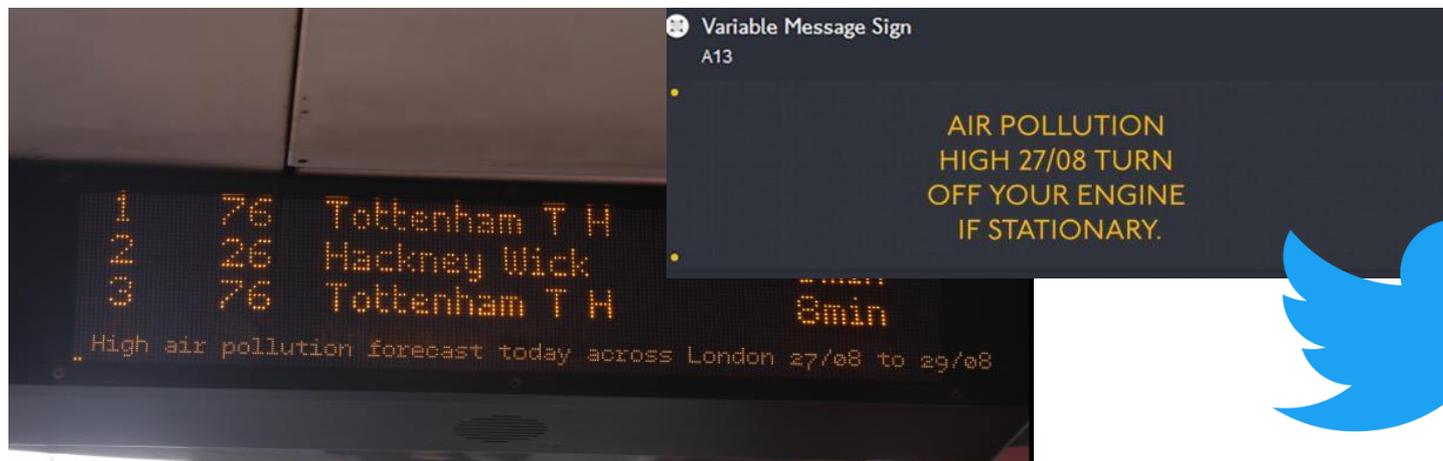


- The Mayor wants to better inform Londoners when air quality is at dangerous levels.
- The alerts will use a three-day ahead forecast about air pollution levels provided by airTEXT.
- This is the first step towards London putting in place a comprehensive air pollution incident plan, which will also provide critical information to emergency and support services similar to the existing heatwave plan for England.

AIR QUALITY ALERTS



- During and on the day before high and very high air pollution days, air quality alerts will be displayed at:
 - **2,500 bus countdown signs** and river pier signs.
 - **140 road signs**, with instructions to switch engines off when stationary to reduce emissions.
 - The entrance of **all 270 London Underground stations**.



NON-TRANSPORT MEASURES

AQ Neutral-Positive?



Retrofit



Construction



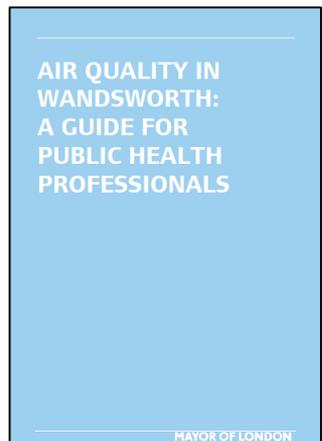
Local measures



Mayor's AQ Fund



Health



NON-ROAD MOBILE MACHINERY (NRMM) SPG

- We have supplementary guidance to support the policies in the London Plan:
 - the Air Quality Statement;
 - the identification of the potential scale of dust emissions for each stage of work;
 - the identification of the level of risk due to the scale of dust emissions
 - best practice methods for controlling dust on-site and to prevent trackout
 - recommendations for monitoring
 - emission standards for non-road mobile machinery



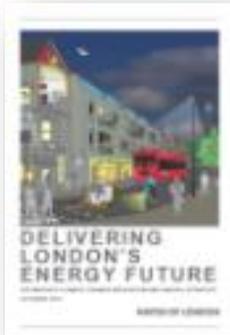
THE CONTROL OF DUST AND EMISSIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

JULY 2014

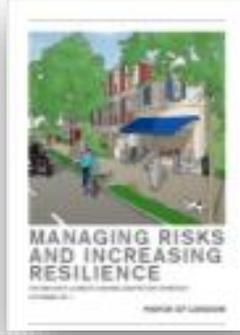
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IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

MAYOR OF LONDON

TOWARDS A NEW LONDON ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY



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London Environment Strategy

GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

- Mayor is doing everything he can but Government needs to ensure they are using their powerful policy levers in a complementary way:
 - **VED reform / devolution**, to start reversing dieselisation and promote cleaner vehicles
 - **A national diesel scrappage scheme**, to help people meet new emission standards
 - **A new Clean Air Act**, enshrining the right to clean air while providing local authorities with the powers they need to tackle emissions from sources like construction and river vessels



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