

London Mayoral Election 2021: Clean Air Parents' Network summary of manifestos

The candidates from the leading political parties in London have now published their manifestos for the upcoming London Mayoral Election. They cover all aspects of the Mayor of London's areas of responsibility but to save you time we have trawled through them and extracted the commitments that are most relevant for tackling air pollution from road transport.

The summary includes relevant manifesto commitments from the following parties:

- Shaun Bailey, Conservative Party
- Sian Berry, Green Party
- Sadiq Khan, Labour Party
- Luisa Porritt, Liberal Democrats

A list of the other candidates in the election and links to their manifestos or webpages are provided after the summary.

Please note that this only includes what we have noted to be the most relevant commitments and that for a complete view of what each party is committing to that you should have a look at the full manifestos (the links to these are provided in each party's section). We have also tried to categorise the commitments in a standardised way to make it easier for you to compare each party's policies.

The information below is up to date as of 27 April 2021. It has been taken directly from manifestos and does not represent the views of the Clean Air Parents' Network, the British Lung Foundation or ClientEarth.

Manifesto Summaries

Shaun Bailey (Conservative Party) manifesto

See the full manifesto [here](#).

Roads

- Stop the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to the North and South Circulars in October 2021. Exempt motorcycles and Blue Badge holders from the ULEZ.
- Reverse the temporary increase of the Congestion Charge and exempt Private Hire Vehicles from the Congestion Charge.
- Expand the residential charging network five-fold and ensure that 48,000 new chargers are delivered in partnership with the boroughs to encourage people to buy electric cars.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow HGVs to operate at night and work with Government and local councils to incentivise them to lift these restrictions on all roads within London, to reduce daytime congestion, improve air quality and protect lives by limiting the chance of cyclist and pedestrian injury. • Suspend Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) where they are opposed by the local community; and hold public consultations with every community located near a TfL-funded LTN and remove the traffic measures if a majority of residents favour the removal. • Help black cabs to transition from diesel to electric through loans to cover up to 10 per cent of the cost of a new electric cab and incentivise rapid take up to create a zero-emission black cab fleet in three years. • Ensure a zero-emission bus fleet by 2025 using revenue from ULEZ to convert the TfL bus fleet to zero-emission and by mandating that all new bus contracts require that new buses must be zero-emission vehicles. • Incentivise the use of fully-electric refuse collection in London: work with local boroughs to ensure that all new contracts include provisions for fully-electric refuse collection.
<p>Public and active transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Crossrail sooner than currently planned (currently scheduled to fully open by summer 2022). • Reinstall any bus routes in outer London that were cut or withdrawn in the previous mayoral term. • Restore a full service of the Tube during the pandemic • Ensure that all parts of London benefit from new transport investment: extend the DLR from Canary Wharf to Euston; extend the Bakerloo Line extension to Lewisham and the DLR to Thamesmead; and connect Sutton town centre with the Northern Line Tube at Colliers Wood by funding a new tram link. • Promote active travel with hire-scheme electric-bikes; ensuring that all the new bicycles in Outer London are ebikes as the current cycle-hire scheme expands. • Ensure that all children have access to cycle-safety training across London. • Expand and invest in walking routes across London: doubling the routes provided by the Walk London Network and ensure that these high quality walking routes are made more attractive.
<p>Legal limits for air pollution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant living walls around the schools that exceed legal limits for air pollution.

Sian Berry (Green Party) manifesto

See the full manifesto [here](#).

<p>Roads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the ULEZ to cover the whole of London by October 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replace the current ULEZ scheme with a road-pricing plan to reduce miles driven as well as cleaning up vehicles by 2023. ○ In the interim, bring in an increase in the current congestion charge to a level similar to the rise seen in bus fares since 2010. ○ Introduce progressively higher vehicle emission standards so that every diesel vehicle and any vehicle without zero tailpipe emissions is effectively prohibited from driving in London by 2030. • Produce a full strategic plan and introduce new funding and support for councils and energy companies to rapidly roll out a full network of fast, good value charging points. • Set an overall target for reducing traffic 40 per cent by 2026 and 60 per cent by 2030 through policies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ improving city planning and aim for access to services within 15 minutes locally on foot, ○ charging for driving in the city at a fair rate, ○ cancelling road projects such as the Silvertown Tunnel. If cancellation costs are too high: convert to run only for buses and cycling not for private cars, in order to avoid inducing new traffic in surrounding boroughs. ○ Develop a London-wide workplace parking levy scheme to reduce car commuting in London. ○ Empower and fund councils and community groups to develop low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs). Access will be maintained to all addresses by emergency services, delivery and trades vehicles and the residents' own cars, but through traffic will cease. This programme will be supported by transferring funds from road schemes, and borrowing against new revenues and devolved funding streams. ○ Lobby the Crown Estate Paving Commission to build the case for traffic removal from all the Royal Parks in London. ○ A central London zone, some residential areas and key town centres across London, to be permanently free of all private car journeys by 2030; and a programme of car free streets, days and weeks will begin immediately to demonstrate the benefits and the best areas for these zones.
<p>Public and active transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring forward the current target for at least 80 per cent of journeys to be made by walking, cycling from 2041 to 2030.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that boroughs receiving funding for walking and cycling measures include controlled parking schemes to protect residents from local commuter car journeys, and ensure there is a programme of reducing on-street parking spaces to allow for parklets and space for bike lanes and bus priority schemes. • Invest in measures to make main roads less hostile to people walking, wheeling, cycling and scooting. • Work with Transport for London and London boroughs to bring in a comprehensive smarter travel choices programme. • Flatten the fare zone structure; freeze bus fares for three years; and expand the Hopper fare to include using the bus after the tube, overground or national rail network in London. • Bring forward the deadline for a zero-emission bus fleet to 2030. • Increase bus services in outer London.
Legal limits for air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address remaining nitrogen dioxide pollution (NO₂) hotspots by the end of 2022. • Put in place policies to achieve stricter World Health Organization (WHO) limits for particulate matter pollution by 2028. • Lobby Parliament for the human right to clean air to be enshrined in a new Clean Air Act.

Sadiq Khan (Labour Party) manifesto

See the full manifesto [here](#)

Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the ULEZ in October 2021 to the North and South Circular Roads. • Work with local authorities, Business Improvement Districts and communities that wish to introduce zero-emission zones. • Monitor all existing road-charging schemes to ensure they continue to bring the maximum benefits of improved air quality and reduced congestion. • Identify where further action is needed to eradicate hotspots for air pollution. • Explore extending vehicle scrappage schemes, currently available to low income Londoners and small businesses, to emergency service workers, and call on the government to commit resources.
Public and active transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to ensure 80% of all journeys by 2041 are walked, cycled or by public transport. • Ask TfL to review their current plans for a zero-emission bus fleet by 2037, making the case for Government funding to enable this to be brought forward to 2030.
Legal limits for air pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for updated legislation that introduces a national target of World Health Organization (WHO) recommended standard for

	particulate matter pollution by 2030 and gives London additional powers to clean up London's air pollution beyond transport
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Luisa Porritt (Liberal Democrats) manifesto

See the full manifesto [here](#).

Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a smart new road user charging scheme to tackle air pollution and congestion. • Scrap Silvertown Tunnel and invest saved funds in clean, green, public transport.
Public and active transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce flexible travel cards so that part-time commuters can opt for a discounted four-day-a-week pass. • Recommit to clean, green public transport projects, including pushing ahead with Crossrail Two, and the extension of the Bakerloo Line. • Pedestrianisation of Oxford Street and the partial pedestrianisation of Parliament Square. • Santander hire bikes free to use on Sundays for a year. Expand the cycle hire scheme into neighbouring boroughs. • Double expenditure on cycle infrastructure by 2024, increase safe cycle parking and encourage take up of the Cycle to Work scheme. • Fund the creation of a Green Walking Network. • Greening the bus fleet so ensure all London buses are hydrogen or electric by 2028. Prioritise those on Red Routes.

Other candidates standing in the London Mayoral Elections

Candidate/Party	Manifesto/website link / social media
Kam Balayev – Renew	https://www.kam4london.co.uk/
Count Binface – Count Binface for Mayor of London	https://www.countbinface.com/london-2021-manifesto
Valerie Brown – The Burning Pink Party	https://burningpink.earth/valerie-for-london/
Piers Corbyn – Let London Live	https://www.corbyn4london.com/
Max Fosh – Independent	https://www.instagram.com/max.fosh/
Laurence Fox – The Reclaim Party	https://laurencefoxforlondon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/LFManifesto_FN.pdf
Peter Gammons – UKIP	https://gammons.london

Richard Hewison – Rejoin EU	https://rejoin.london/mayor/
Vanessa Hudson – Animal Welfare Party	https://www.animalwelfareparty.org/current-elections/2021london/
Steve Kelleher – Social Democratic Party	https://sdp.org.uk/2021/04/07/steve-kelleher-announced-as-sdp-candidate-for-london-mayor/
David Kurten – Heritage Party	https://www.davidkurten.net/
Farah London – Independent	https://votefarah.london/manifesto/
Nims Obunge – Independent	https://www.nimsforlondon.com/
Niko Omilana – Independent	https://twitter.com/nikoomilana
Mandu Reid – Women’s Equality Party	https://www.womensequality.org.uk/gla_2021_election
Brian Rose – London Real Party	https://brianformayor.london/brian-rose-mayor-manifesto-2021.pdf