

# London Councils TEP Circular

<b>To:</b>	London Borough Transport Policy Officers, Officer Advisory Transport Panel	<b>Cc:</b>	Transport and Environment Committee
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## Consultation on the European Commission Green Paper on Urban Mobility

### Summary

The European Commission has published a Green Paper on urban transport. This is the first step towards developing an EU action plan on urban transport, which will be delivered in autumn 2008. The Department for Transport (DfT) has recently launched a consultation to pull together a considered UK position on the EU Green Paper and the potential impact it will have for UK urban transport policy.

London Councils is proposing to respond to both the DfT consultation and directly to the European Commission. In order to meet the deadline for the DfT consultation, our response will need to be agreed at the TEC Executive meeting on 7 February 2008. I would therefore be grateful if you would please let me know your views on the consultation questions by **Monday 14 January 2008**.

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Dear Colleagues

### Introduction

1. The European Commission has published a Green Paper on urban transport called "Towards a new culture for urban mobility". In its 2006 mid-term review of the 2001 Transport Policy White Paper, the European Commission announced its intention to publish this Green Paper and it has since been in the process of consulting on possible action at EU level to support urban transport. The Green Paper is the first step to developing an EU action plan on urban transport, which will be delivered in autumn 2008.
2. The Commission has grouped activity under five key themes, each with a number of possible actions as recommended by stakeholders, these include: congestion, clean transport (green), smarter transport, accessibility, safety and security. There are proposals for exchange of best practice in a number of fields including intelligent transport systems, safety and security standards, and technology. The Green Paper also covers the issue of funding and the financial mechanisms which can be used to enable greater urban mobility.

3. The Green Paper includes 25 questions on which the Commission is seeking the views of Member States and other stakeholders. The European Commission consultation documents can be downloaded here:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/clean/green\\_paper\\_urban\\_transport/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/clean/green_paper_urban_transport/index_en.htm)
4. The DfT has recently launched a consultation to pull together a considered UK position on the EU Green Paper and the potential impact it will have for UK urban transport policy. It is inviting views on the 25 questions set out in the Green Paper. London Councils is proposing to respond to both the DfT consultation and directly to the European Commission. The DfT consultation documents can be downloaded here:  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/consul551greenurbanmobility/>

### **The Consultation Questions**

5. The full list of questions on which the European Commission and the DfT are inviting submissions are as follows:
  1. Should a "labelling" scheme be envisaged to recognise the efforts of pioneering cities to combat congestion and improve living conditions?
  2. What measures could be taken to promote walking and cycling as real alternatives to car?
  3. What could be done to promote a modal shift towards sustainable transport modes in cities?
  4. How could the use of clean and energy efficient technologies in urban transport be further increased?
  5. How could joint green procurement be promoted?
  6. Should criteria or guidance be set out for the definition of Green Zones and their restriction measures? What is the best way to ensure their compatibility with free circulation? Is there an issue of cross border enforcement of local rules governing Green Zones?
  7. How could eco-driving be further promoted?
  8. Should better information services for travellers be developed and promoted?
  9. Are further actions needed to ensure standardisation of interfaces and interoperability of ITS applications in towns and cities? Which applications should take priority when action is taken?
  10. Regarding ITS, how could the exchange of information and best practices between all involved parties be improved?
  11. How can the quality of collective transport in European towns and cities be increased?
  12. Should the development of dedicated lanes for collective transport be encouraged?
  13. Is there a need to introduce a European Charter on rights and obligations for passengers using collective transport?

14. What measures could be undertaken to better integrate passenger and freight transport in research and in urban mobility planning?
15. How can better coordination between urban and interurban transport and land use planning be achieved? What type of organisational structure could be appropriate?
16. What further actions should be undertaken to help cities and towns meet their road safety and personal security challenges in urban transport?
17. How can operators and citizens be better informed on the potential of advanced infrastructure management and vehicle technologies for safety?
18. Should automatic radar devices adapted to the urban environment be developed and should their use be promoted?
19. Is video surveillance a good tool for safety and security in urban transport?
20. Should all stakeholders work together in developing a new mobility culture in Europe? Based on the model of the European Road Safety Observatory, could a European Observatory on Urban Mobility be a useful initiative to support this cooperation?
21. How could existing financial instruments such as structural and cohesion funds be better used in a coherent way to support integrated and sustainable urban transport?
22. How could economic instruments, in particular market-based instruments, support clean and energy efficient urban transport?
23. How could targeted research activities help more in integrating urban constraints and urban traffic development?
24. Should towns and cities be encouraged to use urban charging? Is there a need for a general framework and/or guidance for urban charging? Should the revenues be earmarked to improve collective urban transport? Should external costs be internalised?
25. What added value could, in the longer term, targeted European support for financing clean and energy efficient urban transport, bring?

Appendix 1 provides a pro forma for responses to these questions.

### **Timetable**

6. The deadline for the DfT consultation is 28 January 2008 but London Councils has arranged an extension to this deadline to allow our response to be considered by TEC Executive Committee on 7 February 2008. **I would be grateful if you could please let me have your views on the Green Paper by Monday 14 January 2008..**

Yours sincerely

Ruth Bradshaw  
**Transport and Planning Section Manager**

## TEP Circular 07/55: Appendix 1

### CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

**Commission Document COM (2007) 551  
Green Paper: Towards A new Culture for Urban Mobility**

You can access and submit your response at our online proforma at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/>

**PART 1 - Information about you**

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
email	
Company Name or Organisation (if applicable)	
Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you /your company or organisation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small to Medium Enterprise (up to 50 employees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Union
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:	

If you would like your response or personal details to be treated **confidentially** please explain why:

## PART 2 - Your comments

### Congestion.

<b>1. Should a "labelling" scheme be envisaged to recognise the efforts of pioneering cities to combat congestion and improve living conditions?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:		
<b>2. What measures could be taken to promote walking and cycling as real alternatives to car?</b>		
Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:		
<b>3. What could be done to promote a modal shift towards sustainable transport modes in cities?</b>		
Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:		

## Clean Transport (Green)

### 4. How could the use of clean and energy efficient technologies in urban transport be further increased?

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

### 5. How could joint green procurement be promoted?

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

### 6. Should criteria or guidance be set out for the definition of Green Zones and their restriction measures? What is the best way to ensure their ompatibility with free circulation? Is there an issue of cross border enforcement of local rules governing Green Zones?

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

### 7. How could eco-driving be further promoted?

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

## Smarter Transport

**8. Should better information services for travellers be developed and promoted?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**9. Are further actions needed to ensure standardisation of interfaces and interoperability of ITS applications in towns and cities? Which applications should take priority when action is taken?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**10. Regarding ITS, how could the exchange of information and best practices between all involved parties be improved?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

## Accessibility

**11. How can the quality of collective transport in European towns and cities be increased?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**12. Should the development of dedicated lanes for collective transport be encouraged?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**13. Is there a need to introduce a European Charter on rights and obligations for passengers using collective transport?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**14. What measures could be undertaken to better integrate passenger and freight transport in research and in urban mobility planning?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

## Safety and Security

**15. How can better coordination between urban and interurban transport and land use planning be achieved? What type of organisational structure could be appropriate?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**16. What further actions should be undertaken to help cities and towns meet their road safety and personal security challenges in urban transport?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**17. How can operators and citizens be better informed on the potential of advanced infrastructure management and vehicle technologies for safety?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**18. Should automatic radar devices adapted to the urban environment be developed and should their use be promoted?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**19. Is video surveillance a good tool for safety and security in urban transport?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

## Improving Knowledge and Financial Resources

**20. Should all stakeholders work together in developing a new mobility culture in Europe? Based on the model of the European Road Safety Observatory, could a European Observatory on Urban Mobility be a useful initiative to support this cooperation?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**21. How could existing financial instruments such as structural and cohesion funds be better used in a coherent way to support integrated and sustainable urban transport?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**22. How could economic instruments, in particular market-based instruments, support clean and energy efficient urban transport?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**23. How could targeted research activities help more in integrating urban constraints and urban traffic development?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**24. Should towns and cities be encouraged to use urban charging? Is there a need for a general framework and/or guidance for urban charging? Should the revenues be earmarked to improve collective urban transport? Should external costs be internalised?**

Yes

No

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

**25. What added value could, in the longer term, targeted European support for financing clean and energy efficient urban transport, bring?**

Please explain your reasons or add any additional comments you wish to make:

If you have any other general comment that you would like to make concerning this consultation, please give them here: