



## DO YOU DELIVER TO MANCHESTER?

### DO YOU WANT TO PAY TO DELIVER TO MANCHESTER? NO? THEN OBJECT TO THE CONGESTION CHARGE

The Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (the Authorities) are planning a massive expansion of public transport services in the area, together with a congestion charging scheme that will apply within the area bounded by the M60. The intention is to encourage car users to choose alternative means of travel, or to travel at different times **BUT** if the plans go ahead, **the charge will apply to trucks. We need your help to oppose this plan.**

#### The Congestion Charge Scheme

The charging scheme proposals work as follows:-

- There are two charging “rings”
  - The outer ring is the M60 Manchester orbital motorway
  - The inner ring is around Manchester City Centre
- Charges will apply from Monday to Friday when crossing each ring:
  - In-bound from 07.30 to 09.30 (£2 for the outer ring, £1 for the inner ring)
  - Out-bound from 16.00 to 18.30 (£1 for the inner ring, £1 for the outer ring)
- There will be no charge at other times
- There will be no charge on the M60
- There will be exemptions for buses, taxis, motor cycles and “blue-badge” holders
- Trucks will be expected to pay the same charge as cars
- There will be a £10 “cap” on repeated journeys in one day
- There are plans for special interim arrangements for Trafford Park

#### THE RHA OBJECTION

We have objected because:

- Trucks generally cannot choose a travel time – customers dictate delivery times
- Trucks are being treated in exactly the same way as commuters cars, with no recognition of the fact that they deliver the goods that the city’s economy needs.
- Trucks will be delayed by additional traffic that uses the M60 to avoid paying the charge.

To object to the plans to impose congestion charges on trucks, write to:

GM Future Transport  
C/o GMPTE  
2 Piccadilly Place  
MANCHESTER  
M1 3BG

You may find the draft letter below of help: please copy onto your own stationery and personalise it as much as possible, for example by giving an outline of the nature of any deliveries into the area.

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**Dear Sirs**

**Greater Manchester Congestion Charge**

As a company who delivers into the area inside the M60, we are writing to register our objection to your plans to impose a charge on delivery vehicles at certain times of the day.

We are aware of and support the Road Haulage Association's objection to the proposed charge, and wish to reinforce their comments about the lack of flexibility that goods vehicles have when it comes to delivery times. The demands of our customers are such that their requirements must be met, regardless of whether or not a charge applies. This means that we will not be able to adjust our operations in order to avoid the charge, unlike passengers who can choose to travel by some other means.

Furthermore, it must be pointed out that any reduction in journey times that might result from changes to individual's travel decisions will not result in any real cost savings for our operations.

Should the charge be introduced, it will inevitably be passed on to our customers, and we will have no alternative but to seek to impose this cost on all loads that are destined for Manchester in order to ensure that this cost is covered.

We would be grateful if you could keep us informed of any further developments in respect of your plan to impose this charge on deliveries into the area.

Yours faithfully

***The RHA needs your support to stop this plan to charge trucks***