

## **Churches and Industry Group Birmingham and Solihull**

### **CENTRAL BIRMINGHAM CLEAN AIR ZONE POLICY**

1. From 1 Jun 2021 there has been a Low Emission Zone in central Birmingham 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week: for anywhere inside the Middleway ring road (including the tunnels through the city centre). The Middle ring road itself is not in the Zone.
2. Cars with Diesel Engines (Euro 6 (VI) standard or better), that is most new registrations after 1 September 2015; and cars with Petrol engines (Euro 4 standard or better), that is most new registrations after 1 January 2006 will be exempt from the charge.
3. Most other cars will have to pay a daily charge; the charge will be collected via Vehicle Registration ID technology.
4. CIGB Trustees are supportive of the principle of improved air quality and the use of public transport wherever possible.
5. As a Registered Charity, CIGB Trustees have to be mindful of the wise use of our limited resources. We do not consider that it would generally be appropriate to use our limited funds to reimburse staff, trustees, chaplains or visitors for Clean Air Zone charges.
6. For staff, trustees and volunteers, with non-compliant vehicles, who need to travel around the city on CIGB duties, we recognise that this may mean a longer journey (eg using the Middleway rather than the Tunnels). We will pay the increased mileage incurred by such journeys as long as the shortest reasonable route is taken that is avoiding the Clean Air Zone, according to our usual travel expenses policy. Unfortunately we are not in a position to be able to afford to reimburse much longer diversionary routes via our travel expenses policy.
7. When travel is required to the CIGB office, or CIGB events that take place within the Clean Air Zone, staff, trustees and volunteers, with non-compliant vehicles, are asked to make use of public transport and / or parking outside the Clean Air Zone. If applicable, such public transport expenses and parking will be reimbursed in the usual way. For information National Express buses operate a short-hop bus fare for any journey within the Middleway.
8. The Trustees may have regard to specific situations (eg disability) and specific circumstances, and decide in certain cases to assist staff, trustees and volunteers towards the Clean Air Zone Charge where necessary.