

Interim Update: Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone

As detailed in our previous report of 6 March 2022, the GM CAZ has been in a state of “under review” since 4 February 2022, and the GMCA has until 1 July 2022 to submit its conclusions to the Secretary of State.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of State responded on 1 June 2022 to say that “early thoughts by my department [Defra] are that you should be challenging yourselves to a reduction of the zone by some 95% or more”, adding that Manchester City Centre could be a suitable area for a Category C charging scheme, as opposed to the whole area of Greater Manchester.

The cost of covering up the text for the original start date (30 May 2022) on the 1309 CAZ signs already installed was listed as £186,000 (ref. 3), excluding signs on the Strategic Road Network, e.g. motorways, which are the responsibility of National Highways. The development of the Greater Manchester Clear Air Plan is funded by [JAQU](#) (Joint Air Quality Unit), which is a partnership between Defra and the DfT, established to deliver national plans to improve air quality and meet legal limits.

Further information on a range of related issues is provided in the FAQs in reference 3 below, and key communications are listed in references 1 and 2.

1. Letter dated **01-Jun-2022** from **George Eustace MP** (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) to **Andy Burnham** (Mayor of Greater Manchester) *et al.*
<https://www.jamesdaly.org.uk/sites/www.jamesdaly.org.uk/files/2022-06/Defra%20SoS%20-%20GMCA.pdf>
2. Statement dated 02-Feb-2022 by **Andy Burnham**, referenced in the above letter
<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/i-am-now-proposing-that-the-sos-issues-a-new-direction/>
3. Clean Air Plans: **Frequently Asked Questions** (updated since the start of the review period)
<https://cleanairgm.com/faqs/>

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