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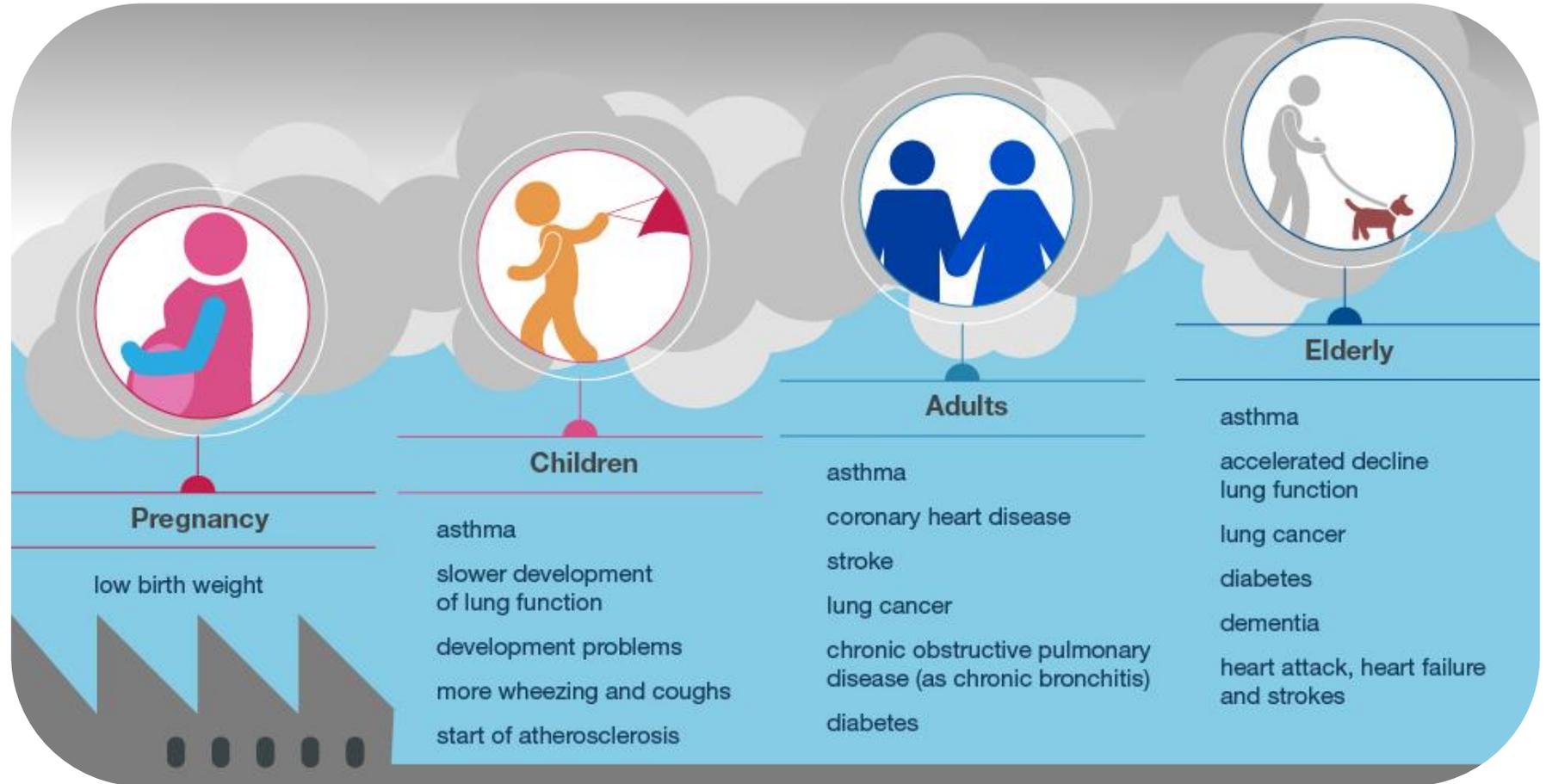
Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan

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Poor air quality contributes to the equivalent of **1,200 deaths a year in Greater Manchester.**

Air pollution affects people throughout their lifetime.



How the GM Clean Air Plan Proposals have been developed

The legal requirements

- The Government has directed more than 60 local authorities to take action to bring NO₂ levels within legal limits in “the shortest possible time”.
- This includes the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities who are required to take quick action to reduce NO₂ emissions, which are mainly produced by older diesel engines.

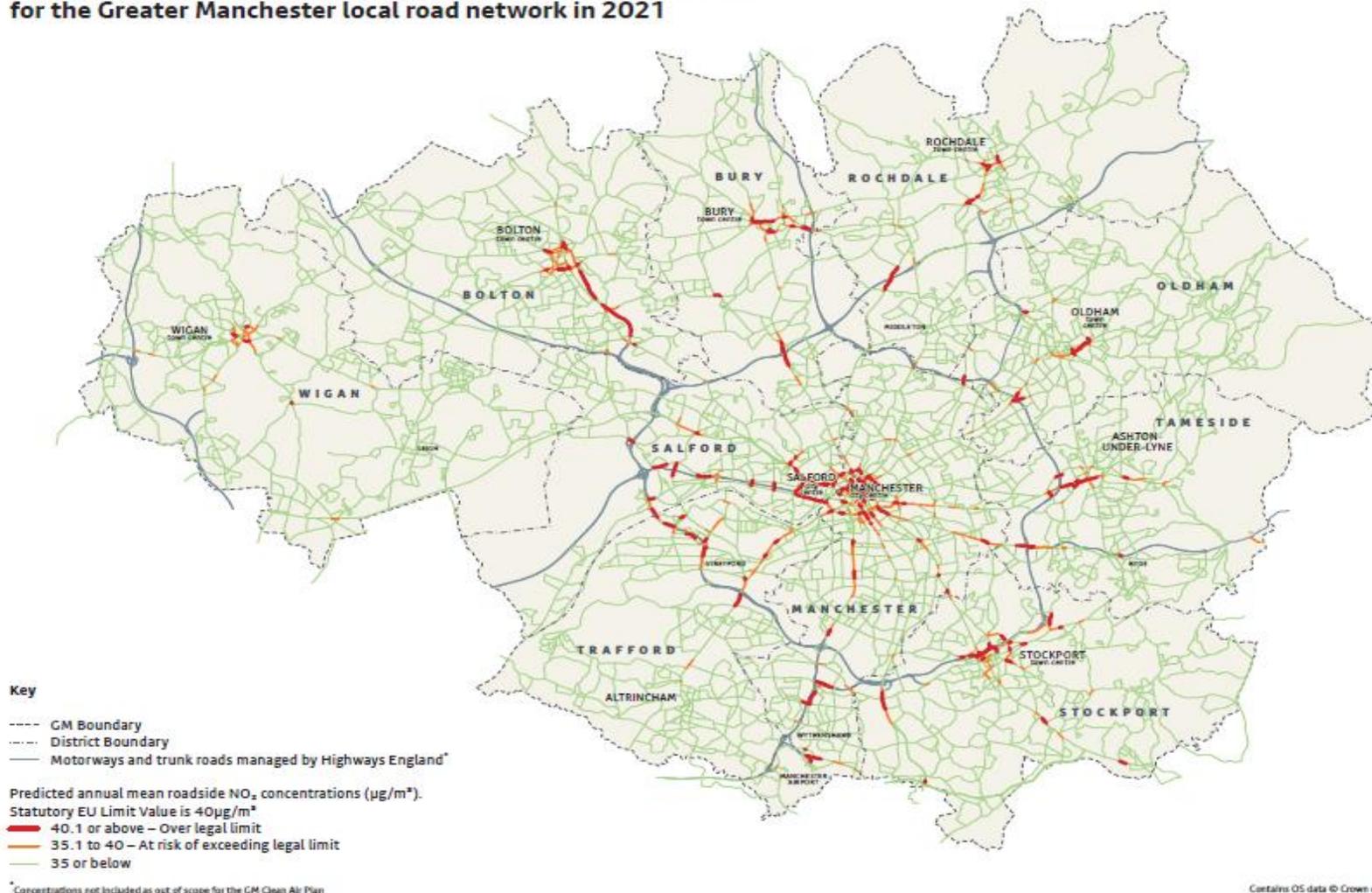
The Greater Manchester approach

- Greater Manchester local authorities are working together to develop a Clean Air Plan to tackle air pollution on local roads.

Modelling shows that illegal levels of NO₂ will span all ten Local Authorities in 2021 if no action is taken

- Over 150 stretches of road across GM will still be in breach of legal limits for harmful concentrations of NO₂ in two years unless action is taken
- The government's previous model had identified just 11 locations
- The red sections are over the legal limit, the orange sections are those that are at risk of breaching the limit

Predicted annual mean nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) concentrations for the Greater Manchester local road network in 2021



The development of the proposals followed a specific process and meet government criteria

The proposed package of measures addresses the legal requirement to remove ALL exceedances of NO₂ concentrations at 40µg/m³ or above in the “shortest possible time” in line with with government guidance and legal rulings.



IMPLEMENT MEASURES

to reduce NO₂ to below legal limits by 2021 at the latest

PRIMARY SUCCESS FACTOR:

Meet the statutory limit values for NO₂ concentrations within the “shortest possible time” (or at least as quickly as a charge-based Clean Air Zone could)



Government stated that local authorities **must** consider implementing a Clean Air Zone unless they can identify alternative measures which are as effective in reducing NO₂ air pollution at least as quickly.

Government has specified four 'classes' of Clean Air Zones

Categories: Government has specified four categories of Clean Air Zones where drivers of non-compliant vehicles would pay a penalty to travel within a designated area.

CLASS A –   

CLASS B –    

CLASS C –     

CLASS D –       

Age of compliant vehicles:

Car/Taxi

Diesel Euro 6 (2015)

Petrol Euro 4 (2005)

Van

Euro 6 (2016)

Bus/HGV

Euro 6 (2013)

Motorcycle/Moped

Euro 3 (2007)

Ultra-low emission vehicles with a significant zero-emission range are exempt.

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To tackle NO₂ exceedances at the roadside in the “shortest possible time”

A Clean Air Zone across the whole of Greater Manchester in two phases from 2021.

Non-compliant buses, coaches, taxis, private hire vehicles, HGVs, vans and minibuses would pay a daily penalty.

Vehicle Type	Assumed CAZ penalty in OBC
Taxi/PHV	£7.50
LGV	£7.50
HGV	£100
Bus/Coach	£100

Failure to pay the daily charge would result in a £120 penalty charge notice (PCN), in addition to the charge



What is a Clean Air Zone?

- This is a designated area within which certain higher-pollution vehicles would pay a charge (referred to as a daily penalty) to drive.
- Vehicles which **do not comply with the required emissions standards** would pay a **daily penalty** for each day on which they drive into, out of, within or through the Clean Air Zone.
- Failure to pay the daily penalty would result in the issue of a penalty charge notice (PCN), requiring an additional payment.
- A Clean Air Zone is not the same as a Congestion Charging Zone, which charges all vehicles that enter the Zone

How would the Clean Air Zone work?

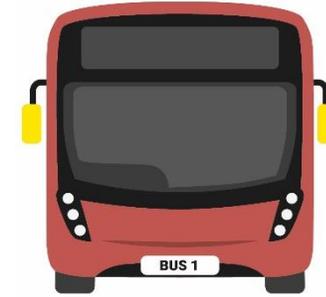
- The Clean Air Zone would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Non-compliant vehicles entering and/or travelling within or through Greater Manchester would be subject to a daily penalty, except for journeys made only on the Strategic Road Network.
- The details of how the Clean Air Zone would work are still being developed, our current expectations are that:
 - A central payment portal will be in place.
 - Signage will be the same across the UK – designed by Government.
 - ANPR cameras would be deployed across the region
 - More detail on the workings of the Clean Air Zone will be included for feedback in the statutory public consultation.

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In addition to the Clean Air Zone:

- **A multi-million pound funding package** to support local business to upgrade to cleaner vehicles.
- **A GM Clean Air Loan Scheme**
- **Treble the number of electric vehicle public charging points in GM.**
- **Helping Greater Manchester switch to greener transport.**



Funding to clean up GM's non-compliant vehicles

 HGVs, coaches, vans, minibuses, motorhomes and motorised horseboxes	Clean Freight Fund	£59m*
 Buses and coaches	Clean Bus Fund	£29m*
 Taxis and private hire vehicles	Clean Taxi Fund	£28m*

Under our current proposals, the funds will support:

- Taxis and private hire vehicles licensed in Greater Manchester.
- HGVs and vans, minibuses and coaches (not used as a registered bus service) and other commercial vehicles may be eligible, which are registered in Greater Manchester.
- Buses/coaches operating as registered services within Greater Manchester.

* The indicative funding amounts above are subject to Government approval and further refinement.

Seeking views on the outline proposals

- Between 13 May and 30 June we held a Conversation to get the views on the proposals from residents and businesses across GM and beyond.
- We are currently analysing the 3,300 responses we received.
- Around 15% of responses were from businesses within Greater Manchester. With GM representative groups – like FSB and GM Chamber also responding.
- The GM Clean Air Plan proposals will be developed in more detail over the coming months, informed by the responses from the conversation.



Clean Air Greater Manchester is a collaboration between the ten Greater Manchester local authorities, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Transport for Greater Manchester.

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Feedback from Government

- On 10 July Council leaders in GM received a response to the Outline Business Case of the GM Clean Air Plan from Defra Minister, Thérèse Coffey.
- The letter included a Ministerial Direction requiring a Class C Clean Air Zone without any exemption for Light Goods Vehicles (LGVs), to be implemented across Greater Manchester in 2021.
- It also included £36 million to aid in setting up Clean Air Zone infrastructure.
- The letter did not reference any grant funding to support affected groups in upgrading or replacing their vehicles to become compliant.

- Continuing to work with businesses across Greater Manchester to understand the impact that the proposals will have on them.
- Detailed proposals will be published.
- A statutory consultation will follow, where you can have your say on our detailed proposals.

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