

Appendix 2 - Summary of Responses from Rotherham Clean Air Zone consultation

Residents

- 642 respondents, of which 540 (84%) are from Rotherham
- Opinions were split on the proposal to introduce a 50-mph speed limit on the A630 Sheffield Parkway – 52% agree or strongly agree with the proposal, whilst 43% disagree (of which 29% strongly disagree)
- Just less than half (47.4%) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed bus rerouting and road improvements to Rawmarsh Hill. 22.3% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the proposal being able to reduce air pollution, with 13.4% strongly disagreeing with the intervention. A large proportion (30%) did not know
- Support for electric charging points was the most popular additional measure that respondents thought RMBC should implement, with 76% agreeing or strongly agreeing that the council should make this investment

Businesses

- Only 25 respondents, of which all but one were from Rotherham
- Nearly 50% of respondents currently use a low emission vehicle to reduce pollution (11), and 25% said they would be prepared to use low emission vehicles in the future
- Respondents are most likely to agree with the proposals to upgrade buses operating on Rawmarsh Hill.
- Respondents are less supportive of the proposals to reroute buses from Rawmarsh Hill and bring in a reduced speed limit on the Sheffield Parkway. The Parkway proposal was the only measure where more respondents were opposed than supportive (48% disagreed and 40% agreed). Again, like residents, a high number of business respondents did not know (36%) whether or not to support the Rawmarsh hill rerouting, with 52% agreeing with the measure
- Support for electric vehicle charging points is paramount, with 80% of respondents agreeing that RMBC should be providing more charging infrastructure and none disagreeing (20% do not know)

A full breakdown of the support for the Rotherham Schemes below:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Ensure that all buses, are upgraded or retrofitted	50.9%	37.7%	2.6%	3.4%	4.5%
Support for buses on Fitzwilliam Road	50.8%	33.5%	4.7%	5.1%	5.8%
Support to upgrade all buses on Rawmarsh Hill	51.7%	32.1%	4.2%	5.3%	6.2%
Improve traffic flow on the A630 Fitzwilliam Road	29.9%	42.8%	7.0%	6.4%	13.7%
Financial packages for SME's and LGVs	34.1%	36.6%	9.5%	8.7%	10.6%
Northbound HGV ban on the A629 Wortley Road	37.7%	27.4%	10.1%	11.7%	12.8%
Support for taxi drivers in Rotherham	26.8%	30.2%	16.7%	16.5%	9.0%
50mph on Sheffield Parkway and Sheffield City Centre	24.1%	27.6%	13.9%	29.3%	5.1%
Reroute buses from Rawmarsh Hill to Barbers Avenue	22.7%	24.6%	8.9%	13.4%	29.8%

Rotherham Taxi driver responses from Sheffield Consultation

These are the two most relevant taxi driver responses from the Sheffield Taxi responses. Exactly 100 Rotherham-licensed drivers responded to Sheffield's consultation. About 70% of Rotherham licensed drivers enter the CAZ 4 or more days a week. Responding to the CAZ Rotherham drivers are *less likely* to upgrade their vehicles based off the charge, more likely to divert journeys around the CAZ and more likely to leave the trade.

This is how they would respond to the support packages:

- They are comparatively *more likely to be encouraged* to upgrade based on grant funding, interest free loans and maintenance/license incentives
- The preferred packages on offer in the CAZ plans are also much *more favourable* with Rotherham taxis than their equivalent in Sheffield – however it should be said that there is still a minority of the total who are in favour of these measures.

Data tables from the reports below.

Q22. "If the proposed charges are introduced, how are you likely to respond?" (Most Likely)

	Pay the Charge	Replace my Vehicle	Work More Hours	Divert Journeys	Work Elsewhere	Change License Type	Leave the Taxi Trade
Licence issued by							
Sheffield	24.1%	27.4%	31.6%	54.1%	35.4%	33.9%	34.4%
Rotherham	28.3%	15.8%	36.5%	61.5%	34.6%	33.3%	60.6%

Q27. "If you currently drive a taxi/private hire vehicle that would be charged to drive in the Clean Air Zone, what would most encourage you to change or upgrade to a compliant vehicle? (Would Encourage Me)"

	Charge for Entering the City Centre	Grant Funding for Replacement Vehicle	Interest Free Loan for Replacement Vehicle	Maintenance and License Incentives	Fuel Vouchers	Priority for Taxis, Buses and Cycles	Customers Wanted Non-Polluting Taxis	Greater Understanding of Health Impacts	Taxi Rank Restrictions
Licence issued by									
Sheffield	3.4%	38.9%	12.2%	35.8%	34.0%	10.1%	6.2%	5.8%	18.5%
Rotherham	14.1%	62.8%	50.0%	58.2%	44.0%	45.1%	27.5%	22.0%	16.5%

Q28. "To what extent would the proposed support packages help you to upgrade to a cleaner vehicle that would not be subject to the charge? (To A Great and Moderate Extent)"

	Grant Funding for Retrofitting Technology	Interest Free Loan for Upgraded Vehicle	A Period of Free Service / MOT	Vouchers for Free Electric Charging
Licence issued by				
Sheffield	7.7%	8.8%	7.5%	6.5%
Rotherham	29.7%	34.4%	33.3%	28.4%