

Appendix 1: The Clean Air Plan Proposed Exemptions (DRAFT)**1.1 What are exemptions?**

Some drivers and owners of specific types of vehicles will not need to pay a daily charge to drive in the Sheffield Clean Air Zone. There are some national and local exemptions from the daily charge.

The government's Clean Air Zone Framework sets permanent national exemptions for historic vehicles, military vehicles, disabled passenger vehicles, and specialist emergency service vehicles. They will apply equally to ALL Clean Air Zones operating within England and Wales and will be managed centrally by Government. Please refer to the Government's clean air zone framework for further details (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/driving-in-a-clean-air-zone>).

You can check whether your vehicle is nationally exempt on the GOV.UK website (https://vehiclecheck.drive-clean-air-zone.service.gov.uk/vehicle_checkers/enter_details).

If your vehicle is eligible for a national exemption, you do not need to apply for the exemption and you can drive in any clean air zone in England without paying a daily charge.

Sheffield City Council is also proposing local temporary and permanent exemptions for the Sheffield Clean Air Zone. Owners or registered keepers of eligible non-compliant vehicles will be able to apply for a temporary exemption. The dates when applications for exemptions will open is still to be determined.

1.2 Categories of local exemptions

Local exemptions can be placed into the following categories: -

Category	Description
Exemptions for hard to replace vehicles	These are vehicles which are engaged in a unique or novel purpose and can't be, or are hard to be, replaced with a like for like alternative or the vehicle cannot be retrofitted to achieve compliant vehicle emission standards
Exemptions to support vehicle upgrades	These are vehicles that can be replaced or retrofitted, but either a replacement or retrofitted compliant vehicle is on order; or the current non-compliant commercial vehicle is subject to a finance agreement
Exemptions to support vulnerable groups in the community	Additional support for not for profit and community interest groups
Exemptions to support health and emergency services	Additional support for police, fire and ambulances
Exemptions to support unavoidable diversions into the Clean Air Zone	Exemptions for non-compliant vehicles that have been diverted into the Clean Air Zone

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Each exemption will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be renewed each calendar year. They will remain in place for all years the Clean Air Zone is in operation.

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Agricultural and similar vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to higher emission non-road-going vehicles, such as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tractors gritters snow ploughs mowing machines, and steam powered vehicles 	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year (tbc)</p>
Specialist vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to vehicles that are either authorised to be on a road via a Vehicle Special Order granted by the Vehicle Certification Agency, or a vehicle which is at least 3,500kg and one of the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a digging machine road roller mobile crane mobile pumping vehicle, or works truck designed for use in private premises. 	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year (tbc)</p>
Specialist HGVs	<p>This exemption applies to vehicles that: -</p> <p>transport goods;</p> <p>weigh more 12 tonnes; carry a load that cannot be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of being carried on a road; and:</p> <p>cannot themselves be carried on another vehicle</p>	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year (tbc)</p>
Recovery vehicles	<p>This exemption applies to vehicle recovery vehicles that are used solely for the purpose of vehicle recovery</p>	All Years	<p>Local exemption.</p> <p>Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year (tbc)</p>
Showman's Vehicles	<p>Exemptions for vehicles that are: -</p>	All Years	<p>Reviewed on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Must be renewed each year (tbc)</p>

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	<p>registered to a person following the business of a travelling showman; have been modified or specially constructed.</p> <p>For a vehicle to be eligible for the exemption, modifications or special constructions for the purpose of the show must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be used during the performance; or • Be used for the purpose of providing the performance; or • Be used for carrying performance equipment; and • Be below the chassis level, such that it isn't possible to fit emission abatement equipment. 		<p>Trailers and semi-trailers which have been modified or specially constructed are not eligible for the 100% discount.</p>
<p>Non-commercial vintage buses</p>	<p>Non-commercial coaches and buses between 20 and 39 years of age on the eligible non-charging day concerned.</p>	<p>10 set days per calendar year</p>	<p>Vintage bus means a Class M2 or M3 vehicle that at any time during a given financial year was constructed more than 20 years and less than 40 years before 1 January in that financial year and is not used on a designated road for hire or reward of for on connection with a trade or business.</p> <p>Eligible non-charging day means each of the first 10 charging days in any financial year.</p>

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1.4 Exemptions to support vehicle upgrades

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Compliant vehicle on order	An exemption for a non-compliant vehicle whilst a replacement or retrofit is on order to replace that non-compliant vehicle.	Until taking delivery of new compliant vehicle, or for up to one year from the launch of the zone (whichever is sooner)	Reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Temporary exemption. Exemption for replacing or retrofitting current non-compliant vehicle until the expected delivery date of a compliant vehicle.
Non-compliant commercial vehicles with existing finance agreement	An exemption for non-compliant commercial vehicles subject to an existing finance agreement beyond commencement of the Clean Air Zone.	Until the expiration date of the finance agreement, or for up to one year from the launch of the zone (whichever is sooner)	Commercial vehicles only. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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1.5 Exemptions to support vulnerable groups in the community

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Community Transport Vehicle	An exemption for passenger vehicles with >8 passenger seats; maximum weight of 5000kg; and who hold a 'community minibus permit' (s19 or s22 transport act permit)	1 year	The exempted vehicle must be being used pursuant to a community transport permit, which means a permit granted under section 19(3), 19(4), 19(5) or 22(2) of the Transport Act 1985; and -must be registered as Section 19 or 22 for operation in Sheffield and not registered as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle.

1.6 Exemptions to support health and emergency services

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Emergency Service Vehicles	An exemption for police, fire, ambulance, mine rescue and lifeboat vehicles that are exempt from road tax.	All Years	It is an exempt vehicle by virtue of it falling within any of the following definitions of exempt vehicles within Schedule 2, Vehicle Excise & Registration Act 1994: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Police vehicles -Fire engines -ambulances and health service vehicles -mine rescue vehicles -lifeboat vehicles

1.7 Exemptions to support unavoidable diversions into the Clean Air Zone

Exemption	Description	Period	Important Detail
Diverted Vehicles	Exemption for vehicles used on one or more designated roads solely because of a traffic diversion	All Years	<p>Local exemption managed on a case by case basis by Sheffield City Council.</p> <p>No action is required from the driver.</p> <p>The traffic diversion route must be approved or designated by the Council (including diversions caused by or related to road works and emergencies).</p>

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