

# TfL congestion charge changes 'still prohibitive for private hire drivers'



**GMB Union will seek a removal of this charge for low paid workers and private hire drivers in London**

GMB, the union for private hire drivers, has responded to TfL's consultation on the congestion charge.

**Steve Garelick, GMB Organiser, said:**



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"The cost of the congestion charge will still be prohibitive for private hire drivers.

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"Meanwhile private hire drivers – already ravaged by the pandemic, can ill-afford the change to full electric, given the paucity of low-cost vehicles and the infancy of the second-hand market.

"The one silver lining is for the night-time sector, which can hopefully start to bloom after a disastrous period during the pandemic that has seen job losses and closures.

"GMB will seek a removal of this charge for low paid workers and private hire drivers in London."

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