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Dear Sadiq,

Thank you for your letter of 17 January. I agree Londoners should be able to donate suitable vehicles to Ukraine through your ULEZ scrappage scheme and encourage you to make the changes to the scheme to make this possible.

We do not consider there to be any legal barrier to allowing vehicles to be donated to Ukraine. You have identified legal obstacles that relate to the processes and design of your scheme and DfT and DLUHC officials have been working with TfL to identify routes to overcome these. You say you need robust assurance that cars donated to Ukraine will not find their way back to London's roads. The Ukrainian Embassy has helpfully confirmed to my officials that Ukrainian law prevents the sale of property of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and that, by decree, right-hand drive vehicles can only be driven in Ukraine by members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. I am sure that you will also consider this reasonable certainty that vehicles donated to Ukraine through your scheme are highly unlikely to leave the hands of the Ukrainian Army and to return to the UK. I understand that the Ukrainian Embassy is happy to set this out to you directly and have no doubt that you will welcome their assurances as sufficiently robust. My officials will be pleased to support you in liaising with the Ukrainian Embassy and are already working to answer your question around the specific types of vehicles required.

In addition, I have asked my officials at the DVLA to put in place a bespoke process to note on the vehicle record when the DVLA is notified that a vehicle has been exported to Ukraine as part of your scheme. The DVLA can provide the vehicle keeper with a letter of confirmation which the vehicle keeper can then show TfL to support your scheme processes. This allows you to prevent multiple scrappage payments being paid for the same vehicle and mitigates the risk of fraud by that route. My officials are happy to continue to work with yours on the detail of this with a view to putting this measure in place as quickly


as possible after you confirm your intention to facilitate the donation of cars to Ukraine through your scheme.

Scrappage schemes across the country are not identical and do not operate on the same legal basis. However, DLUHC officials have begun discussions with relevant local authorities to test if they would be keen to rely on the same assurances to provide a donation route through their scrappage schemes.

I also refer you to the offer made by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to use his powers under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to issue guidance on your powers under the Act if helpful in enabling you to support the donation of cars to Ukraine.

I am sure you will join me in applauding the work of charities and volunteer bodies in this space who are already working to support the donation of vehicles.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT