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What is a Clean Air Zone?

A Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is a defined area where targeted action is taken to improve air quality. Through the use of a daily charge for entering the zone, the Council will encourage affected vehicle owners to consider upgrading their vehicles to compliant standards.

There are various classes of Clean Air Zone (which range from Class A to D) which set the level of restrictions which apply to vehicles. Restrictions for the lowest class (A) of Clean Air Zone set emission standards for buses, coaches and taxis through to the highest class (D) which includes all vehicles including cars, vans and heavy goods vehicles.

What class of zone will Bradford have?

Bradford will be based on a Class C Clean Air Zone which means there could be charges for all non-compliant vehicle types with the exception of privately owned passenger cars (not including private hire cars which will be subject to the daily charge if not compliant).

Where will the Bradford Clean Air Zone be?

The Bradford zone will cover the area inside, and including, the Bradford outer ring road and will also extend out along the Aire valley corridor, (Manningham Lane/Bradford Road and Canal Road area) to include Shipley and Saltaire. The zone will be clearly signposted from outside the area.



Why are we getting a clean air zone?

Bradford is one of several local authorities who have been directed by the government to improve air quality in the shortest possible time. Nitrogen Dioxide levels have been monitored in the District and levels exceed legal limits.

Air quality monitoring, evaluation and modelling studies have identified a Clean Air Zone as the most effective method of reducing nitrogen dioxide and improving air quality, as quickly as possible.

The main objective of the Clean Air Zone is to discourage the use of older, more polluting vehicles from entering the zone by setting a charge for entering.

Every ward in Bradford will benefit from cleaner air. There will be more electric taxis and the number of non-compliant vans, lorries, taxis and buses will fall. As a result, air quality will improve across the district, both inside and outside the Clean Air Zone boundary.

Health research in Bradford has indicated that the largest health benefits will be felt by the most deprived communities in the City. The Clean Air Plan will bring levels of nitrogen dioxide within legal limits five years more quickly than without intervention.

When will this start?

The Bradford Clean Air Zone is due to go live in January 2022.

How does this affect me?

Passenger car owners (not including private hire cars) will not be charged for entering the zone.

HGV, Coaches, buses, LGV, minibuses, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles are liable for the charge if they are not compliant with the Clean Air Zone vehicle standard.

The Clean Air Zone vehicle compliance standards will be:

Vehicle Type	Category	Euro Standard
Bus	M3 (GVW over 5000 kg and more than 8 seats in addition to the driver)	Euro 6
Coach		
HGV	N2 (GVW over 3500 kg) N3 (GVW over 5000kg)	Euro 6
Van	N1 (GVW not exceeding 3500 kg)	Euro 6 (diesel) Euro 4 (petrol)
Minibus	M2 (GVW not exceeding 5000 kg, and more than 8 seats in addition to the driver)	Euro 6 (diesel) Euro 4 (petrol)
Taxi and Private Hire	Minibus - M2 (GVW not exceeding 5000 kg, and more than 8 seats in addition to the driver) / wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV) whether Hackney Carriage or private hire vehicle (PHV)	Euro 6 (diesel) Euro 4 (petrol) Electric upgrade option
	Passenger vehicle with up to 8 seats in addition to the driver	Euro 5 (petrol hybrid) for PHV Electric upgrade option
<i>Ultra-low emission vehicles with significant zero emission range will never be charged for entering or moving through the Clean Air Zone</i>		

The charges for entering the zone will be:

HGV/Coach/Bus £50

Minibus/LGV £9

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle £12.50

Is there any help available?

The council is providing funding for a range of grants and exemption schemes to provide financial support to affected local businesses. To sign up to receive updates on these schemes, please see below.

Where can I find out more?

For more information on the Clean Air Zone and the support schemes please register for the Council's Clean Air newsletter at www.bradford.gov.uk/breathebetterbradford

Further updates on the Clean Air Zone and support schemes will also be published on these webpages.