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Location of New Average Speed Cameras Confirmed

Transport for London (TfL) have now confirmed where it is proposed to install new average speed cameras in London. The Alliance of British Drivers (ABD) objects very strongly to the installation of more speed cameras in London, particularly average speed ones. The proposed locations are:

- 1 A406 North Circular Road between Hanger Lane and Finchley Road
- 2 A40 between Swakeleys roundabout and Paddington Green slip road
- 3 A2 between Black Prince Interchange and the Blackwall Tunnel
- 4 A316 between Hospital Bridge Roundabout and Hogarth Roundabout

TfL has gone out to tender for the installation and operation of these cameras on London's road network, and they plan to spend up to £15m on such devices. These cameras would replace some existing fixed "spot" cameras and allegedly might tackle significant numbers of accidents on these roads but average speed cameras are very expensive and are simply not cost effective devices to improve road safety. There are already 780 speed cameras in use in London, but the evidence for their effectiveness is very weak.

As we pointed out in a previous press release, this expenditure has also been concealed in TfL budgets and not properly disclosed to the public. No scrutiny has therefore taken place on this expenditure.

The ABD suggests that the 'war on the motorist' still seems to be alive and well in the heart of TfL. More fines will no doubt be imposed on motorists as a result when they may have been driving at a safe speed for the road conditions.

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More Information

An analysis by the ABD of the claims for the effectiveness of speed cameras in general is contained in this document:

www.freedomfordrivers.org/Effectiveness%20of%20Speed%20Cameras%20Review.pdf

The Mayor's Budget Proposals for 2013-2014 were published this week and are available here: www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/greater-london-authority/budget-2013-14 . There is of course no mention of the proposed expenditure on speed cameras even though it is quite a significant amount.

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About The Alliance of British Drivers (ABD)

The Alliance of British Drivers was formed from a merger between the Association of British Drivers and the Drivers Alliance. The ABD is the leading independent organisation which represents the interests of private motorists in the United Kingdom. We campaign to protect the rights of individual road users and believe that road transport is a beneficial and essential element in the UK transport infrastructure. We oppose excessive taxation of motorists and are against tolls and road usage charging. We also campaign for more enlightened road safety policies. The Alliance is a "not for profit" voluntary organisation which is financially supported primarily by its individual members. More information on the ABD is available from our web sites at www.freedomfordrivers.org and www.abd.org.uk