



www.stopcc.com

# Abolish the Congestion Charge

Chris Prior for the London Assembly

*"Use your vote, have your say"*

## 3 DAYS UNTIL LONDON DECIDES

**28 April 2008**

**Immediate Release**

"Thursday's election in London will determine the future of congestion charging in the UK," says Chris Prior, the Abolish the Congestion Charge candidate in the London wide Assembly elections, "but it is also a ballot on the much bigger issue of good government.

A large vote to abolish the congestion charge will kill plans to introduce it elsewhere. If Boris is elected Mayor, it could prompt him to scrap the charge all together. Even if Ken scrapes home, it could make him look again at this failed scheme. On the other hand, a poor result will encourage its spread in London and other cities.

Democracy is very powerful; it is listened to in ways that consultation exercises and opinion polls are not.

With all the established parties now supporting the congestion charge in some form, it is vital that the millions who oppose this glaring example of bad government turn out and use their vote.

A vote to abolish the charge is not a vote in favour of congestion or global warming, quite the reverse. It is a demand for real solutions to these real problems, rather than half baked schemes that just make matters worse.

The more bad government is tolerated, the more of it we will get. I believe passionately in good government, people deserve better and they can have better if they are prepared to take a stand.

If politicians cannot distinguish the bad from the good, what doesn't work from what works, then it is vital that voters to tell them via the ballot box."

ENDS

### Notes to Editors

1. The congestion charge is an unfair tax, it costs over £5.50 of every £8 to administer and it simply doesn't work.
2. According to Transport for London's own reports, traffic speeds inside the Zone are slower than before the congestion charge was introduced, congestion has actually increased by nearly 25% on the edges of the Zone and there has been no measurable improvement in air quality.

### Media contacts:

Chris Prior 020 7993 8661

[chrisprior@stopcc.com](mailto:chrisprior@stopcc.com)

For full policy details please visit our web site at [www.stopcc.com](http://www.stopcc.com)