

# YOU'RE IN THE CLEAN AIR ZONE CHECK IF YOU NEED TO PAY

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**Clean Air Zones, and other similar schemes, are being introduced to cities across the UK so everyone can enjoy healthier, cleaner air. Birmingham's Clean Air Zone was introduced in June 2021 to help reduce air pollution caused by road transport and the increased use of diesel vehicles.**

## How does it work?

Birmingham's Clean Air Zone is an area in the city centre where a daily fee is applied to vehicles that do not meet its emission standards. The zone operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is important to remember that a single charging day is from midnight to midnight.

## Why is it needed?

Public Health England has described poor air quality as the single biggest environmental risk to public health and is believed to contribute to around 28,000 – 36,000 early deaths every year in the UK. Poor air quality also restricts lung development in children and worsens certain conditions such as asthma and other respiratory diseases like bronchitis and emphysema. It can also cause heart disease and strokes by damaging blood vessels and increasing blood pressure over time.

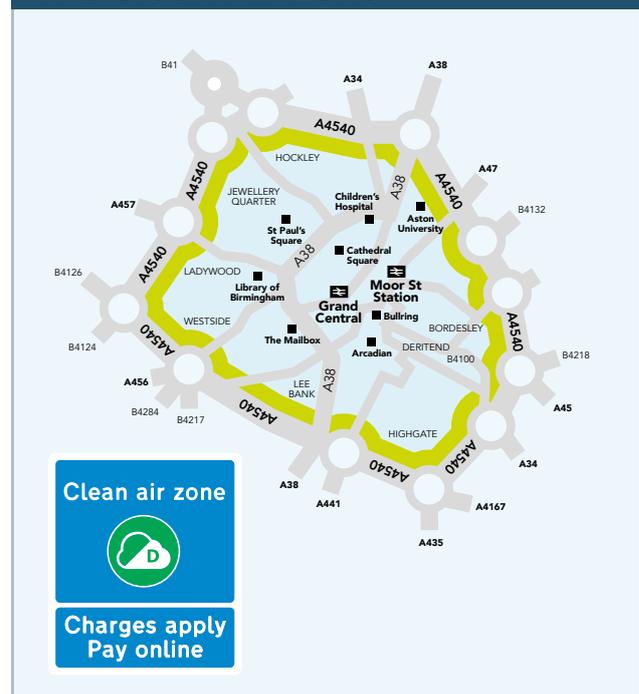
## Where is the zone?

The zone covers all roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road (but not the Middleway itself). This includes most of the city centre including Victoria Square, New Street Station, Broad Street (and its surrounding streets) and Corporation Street.

The Clean Air Zone operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The area covered by the Clean Air Zone is clearly signposted with over 300 signs in place to alert drivers that they are approaching the Clean Air Zone, when they enter the zone and when they leave it.

## The Clean Air Zone



## Do I need to pay the daily fee?

The Clean Air Zone daily fee applies to all vehicles (except for motorcycles/mopeds) that do not meet the emission standards for the zone and do not have a valid exemption in place.

If your vehicle meets the following criteria, you should not need to pay the daily fee:

**Diesel** – Euro 6 (VI) standard or better

**Petrol** - Euro 4 standard or better

**Gas** – Euro 6 (VI) standard or better

**Hybrid electric** – the diesel/petrol engine must meet the relevant criteria above

Find out if you need to pay the daily fee by using the online vehicle checker:

[www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones](http://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones)

## How much is the daily fee?

The daily fee for vehicles that do not meet the emission standard is:

£8 per day for cars, taxis and vans (LGVs), or

£50 per day for coaches, buses and HGVs

A chargeable day is from midnight to midnight, and you only need to pay once for each day you drive in the zone.

If you enter the zone before midnight and then leave after midnight you will need to pay for two days of travel.

## When do I pay?

If you need to pay the daily fee you can do this six days before the day of travel, the actual day of travel and up to six days after the day of travel. This provides a payment 'window' of up to 13 days.

Charges are payable online. For more information on the Clean Air Zone, to find out if your vehicle is exempt or not, or to pay online visit [www.brumbreathes.co.uk](http://www.brumbreathes.co.uk)

If you do not pay the correct daily fee within the payment 'window' you may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

If you do receive a PCN you can choose to:

### 1. Pay the PCN

- The penalty charge is £120. You have up to 28 days (beginning with the date of service of the PCN) to pay the charge.
- Alternatively, you can pay the discounted rate of £60 if you pay within 14 days (beginning with the date of service).

### 2. Challenge the PCN

- If you believe the PCN has been issued incorrectly you have up to 28 days (beginning with the date of service of the PCN) to submit a representation to the council.
- The grounds for submitting a representation to the council are set out on the PCN and you can do this online or in writing.

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