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## **EUROPCAR KEEPS BUSINESSES COMPLIANT AS SHEFFIELD CAZ LAUNCHES**

### **Europcar Sheffield Vans & Trucks Supersite helps businesses to operate smoothly and avoid fines for non-compliant vehicles**

With a new [Clean Air Zone](#) (CAZ) coming into effect in Sheffield from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February the Europcar Sheffield Vans & Trucks Supersite is helping businesses avoid the risk of fines for non-compliance.

Sheffield's new CAZ will apply to the most polluting heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), light goods vehicles (LGVs), vans, buses, coaches and taxis travelling within the inner ring road and city centre. Businesses running non-compliant vehicles will face fines of up to £50 per vehicle per day, something which many can ill-afford in the current economic pressures. The alternative of replacing non-compliant vehicles is also likely to be untenable for many organisations. In response, Europcar Vans & Trucks is offering a range of flexible solutions for compliant light commercial vehicle hire, with its vans specialists at the Sheffield Supersite providing advice and support to businesses considering their options.

"Businesses have an increasing focus on reducing their environmental impact, even without the introduction of the Clean Air Zones," commented Keith Shorter, Europcar Vans & Trucks Director. "However, the reality is that not all organisations can upgrade their commercial fleets to be compliant, which is where Europcar can play a supporting role.

"All vans on the Europcar fleet are Euro 6 Diesel or Euro 4 Petrol. Therefore employers can be confident that their drivers can go in and out of a CAZ without risk of fines, with a range of rental periods available to cover most business needs. Our Vans specialists at the Sheffield Supersite have a good knowledge of the wide range of vehicles in our fleet, enabling them to help businesses identify the best van for the job."

The 10,000 commercial vehicles currently in the Europcar fleet range from small panel vans to crew vans, tippers and traffic management drop sides and other specialist vehicles, with rental available from a few days to several months or years, providing a very flexible solution to filling fleet gaps without having to make long-term financial commitments. The fleet also includes a growing number of electric and hybrid commercial vehicles giving businesses the option to 'try before they buy' on new low and zero emissions motoring technology.

The Europcar [Vans & Trucks Guide](#) can be used to identify the latest models available at a glance, including videos and interactive features to help businesses find the best van or truck solution for their needs. Plus it includes details on the wide range of customisation options available from Europcar's long-term rental services, including bespoke livery – from Chapter 8 to fully branded wrapping – as well as tow bars, racking and additional equipment options.

“A lot of businesses want to run greener and more efficient fleets”, continued Keith Shorter. “But the current vehicle supply challenges, as well as economic pressures, mean it’s not always feasible to upgrade fleet for the growing network of Clean Air Zones across the UK. We are, therefore, working closely with employers to identify the right vehicles for them and their drivers.”

Clean Air Zone charges in Sheffield will apply to the following vehicle types from 27<sup>th</sup> February:

- Taxis, including both Hackney Carriages and private hire vehicles, which are below Euro 6 Diesel or Euro 4 Petrol
- Light goods vehicles (LGVs) such as vans, campervans and pickup trucks and minibuses which are below Euro 6 Diesel or Euro 4 Petrol
- Buses and coaches which are below Euro 6 Diesel
- Heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) which are below Euro 6 Diesel

Charges for non-compliant vehicles are:

- £10 per day for vans/LGVs and Taxis
- £50 per day for coaches, buses and lorries/HGVs

Businesses based in Sheffield or Rotherham that run LGVs could be eligible to apply for a temporary exemption until 5 June 2023, to give them more time to switch the greener vehicles.



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Europcar Mobility Group is a major player in mobility markets. Relying on its long-term purpose - to offer attractive alternatives to vehicle ownership, in a responsible and sustainable manner, its ambition is to become a leader in sustainable mobility driven by technology, data and people in the years to come.

With this in mind, the Group offers a wide range of car and van rental services – be it for a few hours, a few days, a week, a month or more – with a fleet equipped with the latest engines, and which will be increasingly "green" by the end of 2024 and onwards.

Customers' satisfaction is at the heart of the Group's ambition and that of its employees. It also fuels the ongoing development of new offerings in the Group's three business lines - Professional, Leisure and Proximity - which respond to the specific needs and use cases of both businesses and individuals.

The Group's 4 major brands are: Europcar® - the European leader of car rental and light commercial vehicle rental, Goldcar® - the lowcost car rental Leader in Europe, InterRent® – 'mid-tier' car rental and Ubeeqo® – one of the European leaders of roundtrip car-sharing (BtoB, BtoC).

Europcar Mobility Group delivers its mobility solutions worldwide through an extensive network in over 140 countries (including wholly owned subsidiaries – 18 in Europe, 1 in the USA, 2 in Australia and New Zealand – completed by franchises and partners).

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