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## **EUROPCAR KEEPS BUSINESSES COMPLIANT AS NEWCASTLE CLEAN AIR ZONE EXTENDS TO VANS**

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

The [Newcastle Clean Air Zone](#) (CAZ) came into force for taxis, buses, coaches and HGVs in January 2023. A new daily charge for non-compliant vans began on 17<sup>th</sup> July and could prove a challenge for some businesses.

Covering most of [Newcastle city centre](#), including routes over the Tyne, Swing, High Level and Redheugh bridges, this means non-compliant vans will be subject to a daily charge of £12.50. However, for many businesses the cost of replacing vehicles to avoid the risk of unwanted fines could be difficult in the current challenging climate.

In response, leading commercial vehicle rental provider, Europcar, is helping local organisations with its extensive fleet of CAZ-compliant vans all accessible from the Gateshead Vans & Trucks Supersite. Plus a team of commercial vehicle experts are available at the Supersite to help businesses identify the right solution for each job.

The Europcar fleet includes 10,000+ commercial vehicles, ranging from small panel vans to crew vans, tippers and traffic management drop sides as well as other specialist vehicles, and all are CAZ compliant - Euro 6 Diesel or Euro 4 Petrol. Vehicles can be customised with livery, tow bars, internal racking and more, to suit individual customer requirements.

“While businesses are moving towards greener fleets, they are currently facing multiple market challenges which leave them facing the real prospect of having to pay CAZ daily charges for multiple vehicles,” commented Keith Shorter, Europcar Vans & Trucks Director. “Interest rates are high and vehicle supply problems persist, making it difficult for organisations to upgrade their commercial fleets. Europcar is perfectly placed to help companies manage the transition, helping give employers confidence that their drivers can go in and out of a CAZ without risk of fines.

“Europcar is helping businesses to fill fleet gaps without the usual long-term financial commitment of a lease or purchase. We are working closely with employers in the Newcastle area to identify the right vehicles and rental options for them and their drivers, to help keep businesses moving despite the new restrictions and charges.”

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.

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### About Europcar Mobility Group

Europcar Mobility Group is the European N°1 in vehicle rental, with the ambition to become a leader in dedicated, sustainable mobility services in the years to come. 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, on-demand or on subscription, for businesses and individuals, relying on a fleet equipped with the latest engines including more and more "green" vehicles (EVs, PHEVs). It operates distinctive brands, responding to differentiated needs, use cases and expectations in terms of level of service: Europcar® - the European leader of car rental and light commercial vehicle rental, Goldcar® - the lowcost leader in Europe, and Ubeeqo® – one of the European leaders of roundtrip car-sharing (BtoB, BtoC). Customers' satisfaction is at the heart of the Group's ambition and that of its more than 8,000 employees, everywhere Europcar Mobility Group delivers its mobility solutions, thanks to a strong network in 140 countries (including 16 wholly owned subsidiaries completed by franchisees and alliance partners).