

## Summary of bus operator responses to informal consultation and officer responses

Comment	Response
<p>Concern that with London and other authorities introducing low emission zones, there could be insufficient capacity for retrofit providers to meet demand in time for the December 2020 deadline</p>	<p>We are not aware of any retrofit capacity issues currently. It is not deemed necessary to write a provision for any such issues into the TRC.</p> <p>Should retrofits be delayed due to circumstances beyond operators' control, the county council would write to the Traffic Commissioner to explain the situation and ensure this is taken into account before an enforcement action is taken against affected operators.</p> <p>Operators will be expected to take all reasonable steps to comply in the shortest possible time.</p>
<p>Retrofits not currently available for certain bus models; if this issue affects routes where buying new vehicles is not economical, routes may have to be withdrawn or cut back if no allowance is made for this.</p>	<p>Again, it is not deemed necessary to make provision for this in the TRC, but should the situation arise where no retrofits are available for certain vehicles and the viability of the services affected is in question the county council will consider this nearer the time and come to a view as to the best way to proceed in consultation with the Traffic Commissioner.</p> <p>In the meantime, the councils will work with operators and retrofit manufacturers to try to ensure suitable retrofits are available, and will continue to seek opportunities to secure government funding to provide financial support for the transition to Euro VI and zero emission buses.</p>
<p>There is a risk that changes may be required to the network to mitigate the costs of compliance – e.g. increased fares or reduced service levels – which could lead to increased car use.</p>	<p>The city and county councils are aware that complying with the latest emissions requirements places means making significant investments, and we acknowledge the investments already made or planned by operators to help ensure Oxfordshire's air is as clean as possible.</p> <p>Oxford City Council has secured a total of £2.3 million from the government's Clean Bus Technology Fund to allow operators to retrofit buses to meet the new standard, and we will continue to look for ways to support financially the transition to Euro VI and zero emission buses.</p>