



# ABD MOTORISTS' MANIFESTO

**1**

**Scrap the ICE ban entirely and let the market decide when electric vehicles are ready (technology and price) for uptake**

In the intervening period HMG should invest in developing synthetic fuels that can use existing fuel distribution infrastructure. This would save countless billions by preventing the needless dismantling of efficient systems. There is the added benefit that synth-fuels are CO2 neutral and can be market-ready within a very realistic timeframe, saving HMG and the electorate from the wholly unnecessary expenditure of replacing perfectly serviceable and affordable fuel supplies that have proven to be safe and effective over decades of uninterrupted provision.

What the electorate do not need is vain attempts at social engineering for ideological and dogmatic reasons that are disconnected from the reality of daily living.

**2**

**Stop reducing speed limits and reinstate universally used 85th percentile system for setting them**

Existing speed restrictions are the result of years of research and experience and are not hide-bound by ideological dogma that has brought local government and democracy into disrepute by undermining rational policy making. Decades of such experience ably demonstrate that safe speed limits are those that 85% of road users consider to be a safe and expeditious way of maintaining our highways.

**3**

**Allow local residents to overturn Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and so-called clean air zones retrospectively**

Roads are the lifeblood of our communities and should not be taken as the property of local authority officials to interfere with at will. The electorate are responsible people, invested in their communities, who must be trusted to work, live and safeguard their localities with such things as determining conscientious traffic activity.

They do not need petty officialdom controlling their every activity for political or ideological reasons that are disconnected from the reality of daily life.

**4**

**Treat mobile phones when in a cradle the same as manufacturer screens**

Do not allow the ban on mobile phones. Many drivers use them for sat nav. This would penalise poorer drivers and allow manufacturers to overcharge for built in sat nav systems or interfaces such as Apple's CarPlay.

Mobile phones are an essential component of family life, business and social connectivity, they are invaluable tools in the daily lives of millions of people who use them judiciously and proportionately. Digital technology is ubiquitous and cannot be arbitrarily divorced from every aspect of life and living.

Targeting mobile phones as an instrument of danger and carelessness betrays a fundamental misunderstanding of how the vast majority of the electorate use these tools of everyday activity. Society does not need ever more arbitrary interference in the smooth running of business, commerce, trade, transport and daily activities of living for negligible results.

**5**

**Taxes collected for using roads should be spent on increasing road infrastructure and improving roads and fixing potholes**

Safe conduct of our roads is wholly dependent on responsible behaviour by all, including local authorities who have a responsibility for securing danger-free thoroughfares in all situations. Endangering all road users by failing to maintain road surfaces is an abrogation of their duty-of-care.

A significant element of sustaining safe roads is that all users should make a financial contribution to their upkeep, equalising the statutory requirements for vehicle registration, comprehensive insurance and tax payments that should be hypothecated for the maintenance of safe roads regardless of what type of vehicle is used.

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