

The next government's first 100 days in office

REA Strategic Pillar: Transport

REA Objective: 50% of UK transport energy demand to be decarbonised by 2035.

These are the immediate steps the next Government will need to take to achieve this:

1. Reinstate the 2030 phase-out date for sales of new petrol & diesel cars.

The next Government should immediately reinstate the initial 2030 phase-out date for sales of new petrol and diesel cars.

2. Announce a national car scrappage scheme for the most polluting cars.

The next Government should introduce a national scrappage scheme by the end of the year. This would financially compensate owners of the most polluting cars and support them with interest-free credit to buy an electric vehicle.

3. Incentivise investment into rural EV infrastructure.

The next Government should provide financial incentives for investment into EV infrastructure in rural areas. This should include, for instance, a bespoke rural charging grant or fund. This could be done as part of an 'EV Infrastructure Bill' to ensure accessible, fair charging for all EV users.

4. Ramp up the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation targets.

The next Government should introduce more ambitious Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation targets to ensure existing vehicles on UK roads are the least polluting they can be. The new targets should extend the Obligation beyond 2032 with a clear trajectory out to 2050. The targets should be reinforced by lower taxes for renewable fuels at the fuel pump. Additional measures may be



needed to support higher blends of liquid and renewable fuels in harder to electrify sectors, such as HGVs.

5. Introduce an EV infrastructure package to ensure a good charging experience for all.

The next Government should adopt a EV Infrastructure Bill, to roll out even charging infrastructure across the country, ensuring accessible charging for all which will address charging barriers for van drivers and disabled users.

6. Ensure Green Skills are in place by developing an EV infrastructure apprenticeship scheme with industry.

The next Government should adopt a match-funded industry deal to develop an EV and wider zero carbon infrastructure skills scheme led by charge point operators and delivered in conjunction with district network operators, chargepoint manufacturers, energy suppliers and motor manufactures to create a pipeline of skilled workers.

7. Deliver the Sustainable Aviation Fuel mandate by 1st January 2025.

The next Government should ensure the regulations to start the mandate are laid before Parliament within the first 100 days. The policy decision has already been made and is awaiting the necessary legislation. The next Government should also act quickly on the revenue certainty mechanism once the consultation concludes.

8. Develop a Sustainable Marine Fuel mandate to decarbonise the shipping industry.

The next Government should develop a policy for sustainable marine fuels by 2030, following the introduction of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel mandate which will begin in 2025. This should include all forms of sustainable marine transport options.

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About the REA

The REA is working towards a future built on renewable energy and clean technology. We represent over 500 member companies from across the renewable energy, recycling, energy storage and electric vehicle sectors. We influence and inform whilst we champion and empower our members; so they are profitable, sustainable commercial businesses. Together we are decarbonising the economy.

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