

TRANSPORT IN LONDON

A Mayor Issue

BORIS JOHNSON WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF LONDON ON 1ST MAY. HE PUT TRANSPORT AT THE HEART OF HIS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN AND DETAILED SOME OF HIS PROPOSITIONS AS HE ADDRESSED THE FRENCH COMMUNITY ON 16TH APRIL - AN EVENT ORGANISED FOR GRANDES ECOLES CITY CIRCLE BY FORMER ESCP-EAP ALUMNI LAURENT FENIOU, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ELIZABETH DELAHAYE, MANAGING DIRECTOR, DELAHAYE MOVING LTD.

On the tube

'Life in London could be made better if we had a tube service that ran on time. I want to make a no strike agreement with tube workers. I will change the rule of carriages so that people can no longer drink alcohol on the tube.'

On Co2 emissions and the congestion charge

'The benefits to the environment resulting from the congestion charge are trivial; what it is saving in Co2 in a year, Heathrow airport is producing every two hours. The way to reduce Co2 emissions is to promote the use of electric vehicles and to have a council tax rebate for properly insulating one's home. I want to make the congestion charge more bearable, giving people the possibility to pay at the end of the month. I also think that decisions regarding the congestion charge should be made democratically and, in the event of the people of the Western extension not wanting it, I'll remove it.'



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On heathrow airport

'I don't believe we'll build a third runway at Heathrow. It's time that Heathrow sorts out its problems in the first place. We've got to look for a new site for an international airport.'

On cycling in London

'I'm an admirer of Paris' Velib. We're in negotiation with JC Decaux regarding the possibility of installing it in London.'

On crime and buses

'On the buses, there's a surge of teenagers abusing

their privilege of free travel. I'll make sure that this privilege can be taken away from them, but also give them the right to win it back. I'll increase the number of transport police and adopt a zero tolerance policy on what is called minor crime. You've got to look at what happened in New York. It is a scandal that in London in 2007 you're more likely to be mugged than in New York. I don't pretend there's a messianic opportunity to change the problem of society but you can't just throw your hands in the air saying that nothing can be done, that's why I'll make sure there's more police in transport and on the street.'

On free travel for the elderly

'There's one economy I won't be making: I'll be protective of the freedom pass and maintain the right of people aged 60 and over to travel for free.' ■ **D.DW**