

LOWCVP NEWS

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PM announces that UK will set Net Zero emissions target in law -LowCVP response

In response to the Prime Minister's <u>announcement</u> that the UK will set a Net Zero greenhouse gas emissions target into law, LowCVP's Managing Director Andy Eastlake said:

"This is an important moment in terms of our national efforts to tackle climate change and one with international significance. The Climate Change Act has been the foundation of moves to decarbonise the UK economy and this shows that the Government is reaffirming its commitment and further strengthening reduction targets.

"But it's vital that targets are backed by robust, practical and fair policies that can deliver the objectives. Climate change cannot be an optional extra, it must be front and centre when we're developing policies in transport, as well as other key areas of the economy.

"Transport is one of the most challenging areas for decarbonisation (as the SMMT's latest <u>summary</u>, published today shows) and has, so far, proved one of the most intractable. There are real signs of progress - in road transport at least - but much more must be done by Government and all other key stakeholders to ramp up progress and help ensure that the UK is, at least, amongst countries leading the world into a new green, clean industrial revolution.

"Delivering this ambitious new target for a new generation of mobility systems presents big challenges to every player in the transport arena; automotive, energy, government, fleets and, of course, consumers...but together we can - and must - develop, communicate and deliver the plan to get us to Net Zero".

Diary note: July 8, London. Don't miss the LowCVP's <u>Annual Conference</u>: '*Future Fuels on the Road to Zero*'.

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