



STATEMENT
TYRED CAMPAIGN
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We welcomed a last-minute invitation to speak this morning with Roads Minister Baroness Vere and Government Official for the Department of Transport, Bernie Frost, who shared with us plans to finally progress new legislation to ban old tyres.

The ban comes following research conducted by the Department of Transport, which indicated ageing tyres suffer corrosion which could cause them to fail.

Firstly, we would like to state that the latest Government announcement is a positive step forward for the Tyred campaign and road safety. It is a significant milestone in our seven year campaign, which is largely due to the overwhelming public support we have received.

However, we were informed today that old tyres in twin configuration on vehicles will not be included in this ban. This has come as a surprise and a disappointment as a total ban makes much more sense given the significant risks that old tyres present on our roads.

The new date for legislation to be passed has been confirmed as January 2021. As a campaign team we will continue to closely monitor the progress Government makes to pass legislation, in accordance with the revised timescale for this legislation, as this will already be more than a year later than the original date of December 2019.

Our concern remains that not implementing a total ban on old tyres still leaves a 'loophole' for operators who do not have safety as their number one priority. We are also clear that not having a complete ban on old tyres still presents a significant safety risk on our roads.

Without the continued efforts of all Tyred supporters, we could not have made this significant progress and we want to take this opportunity to thank all who have backed the campaign. We welcome your ongoing support, commitment and love.

Our campaign is focused on banning tyres 10 years or older from our roads. This announcement is a significant achievement, *however we still believe a total ban is still the best course of action to ensure no further lives are lost.*

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