# ROAD TRANSPORT: THE CARBON CHALLENGE

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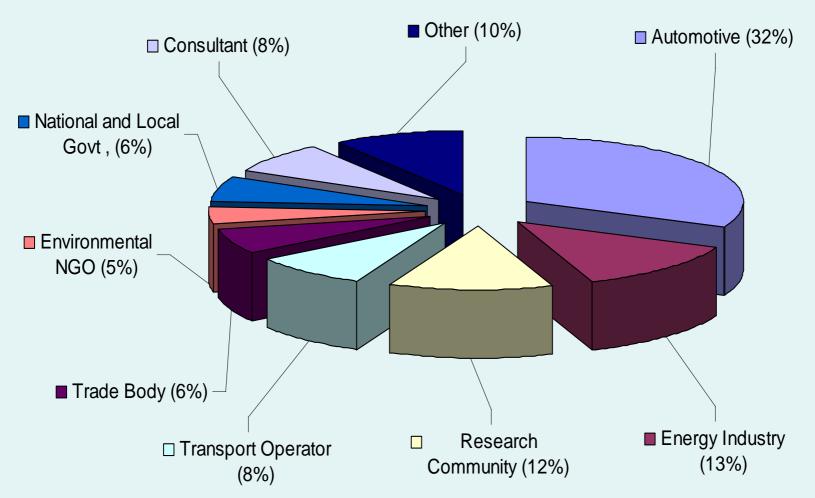
Accelerating the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses



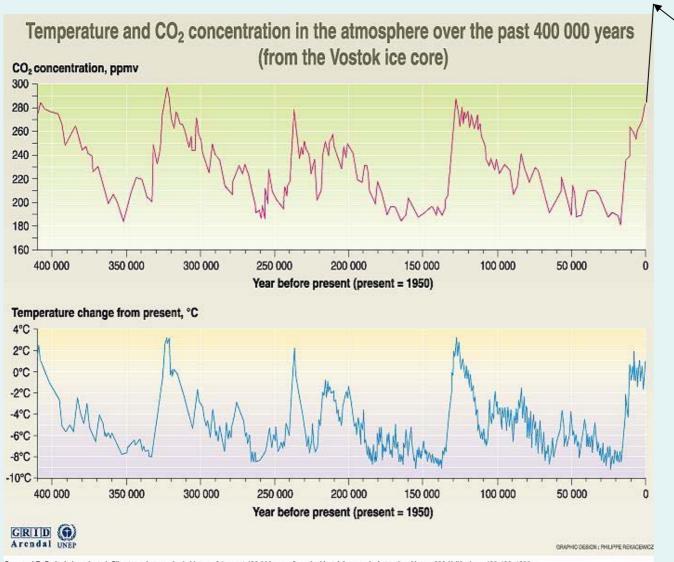


# The LowCVP: 190 Members ... and growing



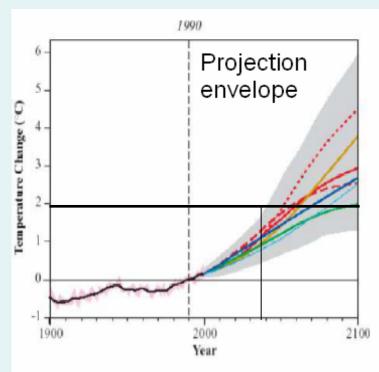


# Geological time series show global temperature and CO2 levels are highly correlated - current CO2 concentrations are at unprecedented levels



380ppm 2005

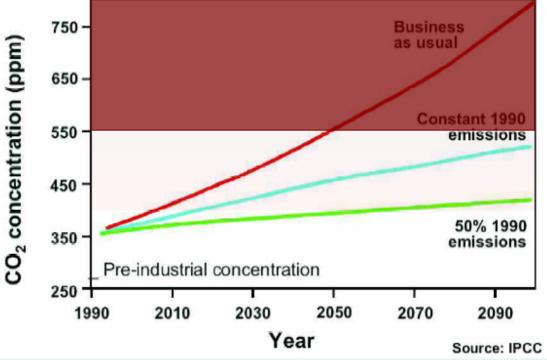
## 2°C is increasingly being accepted as "safe" level of global warming



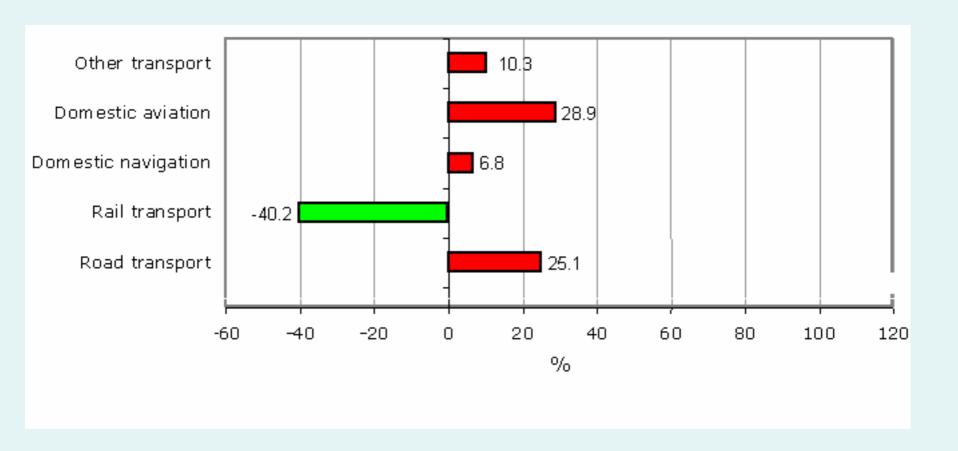
The risk of "dangerous climate change" increases as CO2 concentrations stabilise above 400ppm. At 550ppm there is considerable risk of significant harm

Schneider, 2005, Avoiding dangerous climate change





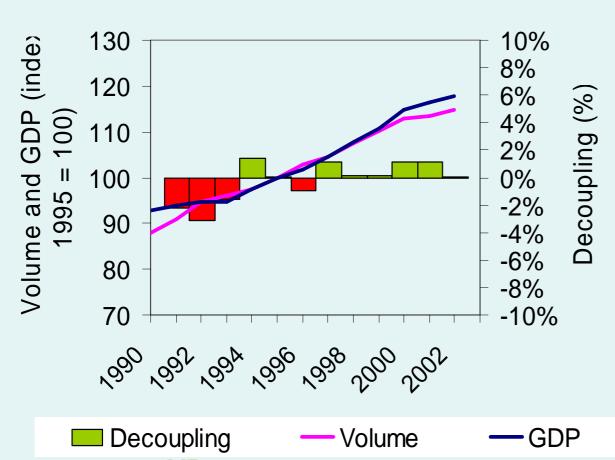
### The scale of the challenge Change in EU15 GHG transport emissions 1990 - 2003





Source: EEA 2005

#### Passenger transport and GDP growth in the EU25



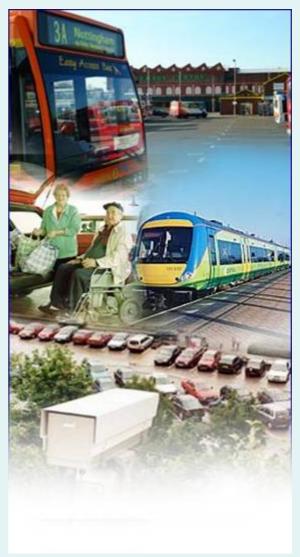
Decoupling is the annual difference in growth rates between GDP and transport volumes



Source: EEA 2006 derived from ESTAT 2004

Reducing road transport emissions will require a combination of measures

- Improved vehicle efficiency
- Low carbon / alternative fuels
- Improved driver behaviour
- Reduced vehicle use
- Better freight distribution
- Modal shift
- Land-use planning

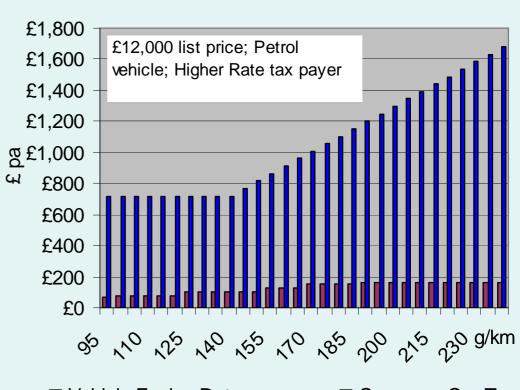


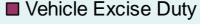


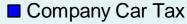
#### UK vehicle taxes are linked to CO2

- □Company Car Tax strongly linked to tail-pipe CO<sub>2</sub>
- ■Vehicle Excise Duty graduated in CO₂ bands
- ☐ Fuel Duty reduced for alternative fuels
- Purchase Grants for low carbon vehicles awaiting EU approval

#### **Annual UK Vehicle Taxes**

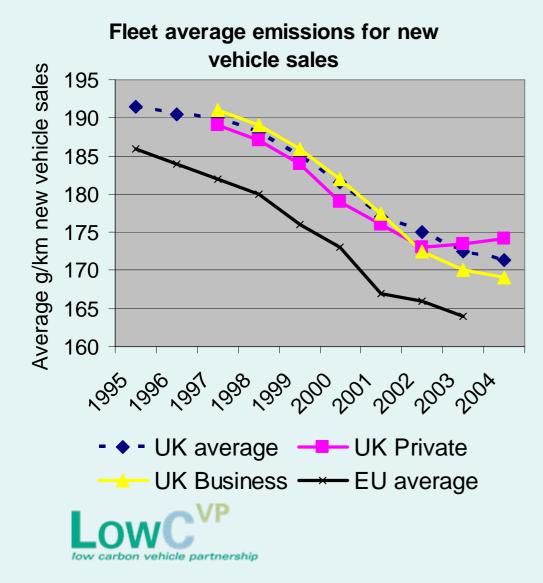






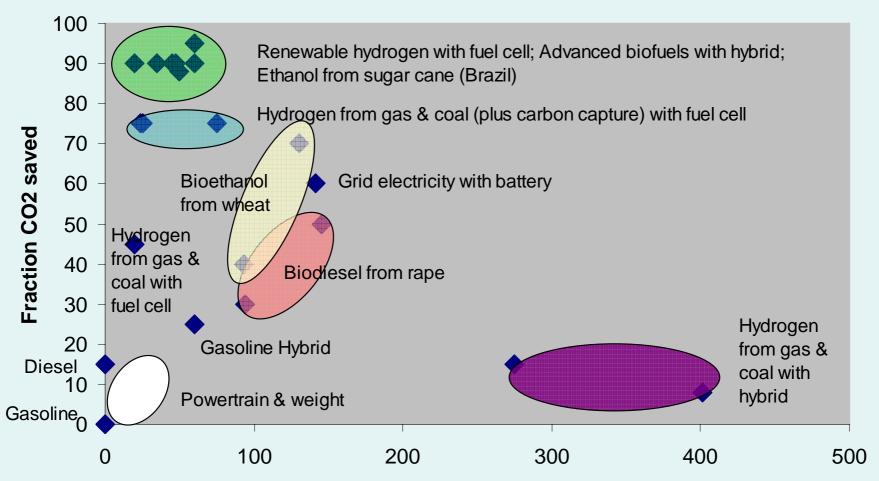


#### New cars are more efficient



- UK new car CO₂ improved by 11% in 10 years
  - Fleet and business car efficiency is continuing to improve
  - Private consumers have started to purchase less efficient vehicles
  - Achieving EU targets is challenging

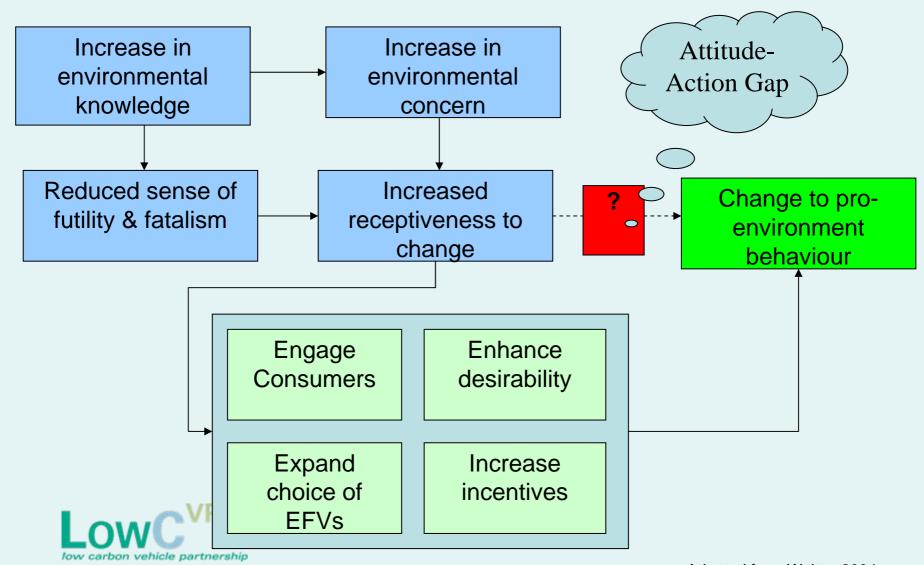
### Wide range of CO2 savings & cost-effectiveness for alternative fuels and vehicle technology



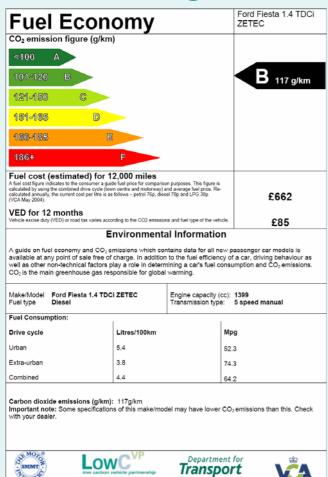




## Increased demand for EFVs requires bridging the attitude-action gap



#### Enhancing Consumer Information



- ■Voluntary car industry initiative
  - brokered by LowCVP
- ■Combination of simple and statutory information:
  - Label shows CO2 emissions, estimated fuel costs and test cycle data
- ■Bands linked to UK Vehicle Excise Duty
- **□**Labels presently in 75% of showrooms



### Congestion Charge discounts stimulated the market for cleaner vehicles

- □London Congestion Charge achieved a 20% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction
- Registrations of alternative fuel vehicles with C-Charge discounts in London doubled hybrids & LPG
- □ Proposed national road pricing may also influence CO₂
  - +5% to -8%

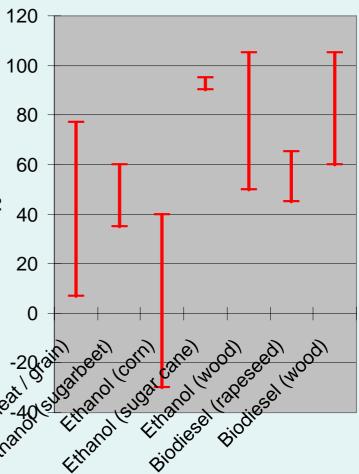




### Carbon certification and sustainability assurance are essential elements of the RTFO

- □Costs, GHG savings and sustainability issues vary widely for different biofuels
- □ Complex markets require complex policy instruments to manage unintended consequences
- □ Commitment to a future system based upon % actual GHG savings needed
- Robust sustainability reporting & assurance systems needed to minimise adverse impacts

### % WTW GHG savings compared to petrol or diesel





### Cenex - Centre of Excellence for Low Carbon and Fuel Cell Technologies



- ■Established April 2005, by 10 leading companies
- ■£6.5M Government funding matched by industry
- ■Show-case UK expertise and encourage inward investment
- ■Knowledge Transfer Network
- Leverage public procurement to create new markets



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#### **Summary**

- Technology offers the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from road transport – but responsible vehicle use and other behaviour changes also have important roles
- A wide range range of fuel and vehicle technology options
- Low carbon technologies are more expensive and need additional incentives are needed to change the attitudes and purchasing behaviours of most consumers
- Biofuels can make a useful contribution but assurance/accreditation needed to ensure potential carbon benefits are realised
- Partnership between all levels of Government, Industry and Civil Society is needed to effectively tackle road transport greenhouse gas emissions and:
  - Identify and deliver effective policies and incentives
  - Educate and inform consumers
  - Create markets for new technology through public procurement



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