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LowCVP response to the Government's 'ultra-low carbon' road transport vision

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) welcomes the announcement today by the Transport and Business Secretaries of the Government's vision for 'ultra-low carbon' transport. The announcement is a major signal of intent on the part of the Government and indicates that cutting emissions from the road transport sector is now an important priority.

The LowCVP looks forward to working with the Government in defining details of the support packages.

The LowCVP Director, Greg Archer, commented: "The commitment to deliver UK-made, ultra-low carbon vehicles on Britain's roads is tremendous. Electric vehicles have great potential for cutting carbon from transport and the announcement provides a real boost to innovative UK companies, such as Modec and Smith Electric Vehicles.

"Electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles are, however, not a 'silver bullet' and the Government should not lose sight of the fact that there is also enormous potential to improve the efficiency of conventional vehicles and deliver lower emissions though the use of sustainable biofuels and biomethane."

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Notes to Editors

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership was established in January 2003 with support from the DfT and the (then) DTI with a mandate to accelerate the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels. The Partnership's 300-strong membership comprises representative organisations from government, the motor and fuels industries, vehicle users, environmental groups, consumer representatives and others. The Partnership is coordinated by a secretariat based in central London.

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