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RICHARDS PROVIDES COMMENTS TO 'AIR QUALITY NEWS' ON UK INTRODUCTION OF GREEN NUMBER PLATES

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London Partner and Co-Leader of the Energy, Environment & Infrastructure Team Mark Richards was quoted June 16 by *Air Quality News* after the announcement by Transport Secretary Grant Shapps that green number plates for electric vehicles will be introduced across the UK beginning later this year. Richards commented: "Whilst the green flash number plates are not intended to be the only measure to encourage drivers to switch to zero-emission vehicles, when viewed across a range of financial incentives and benefits – the measure could be a very valuable and visible way to showcase the benefits of zero-emission vehicles. However, as we have witnessed in countries such as Norway and the Netherlands to massively accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles the full eco-system needs to be developed providing plentiful charging options for drivers, real financial incentives to switch and education on the benefits of zero-emission motoring such as air quality improvements, lower total cost of ownership and potential safety benefits."

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