

Energy Minister urged to rethink 4x4 tax plans.

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A leading UK environment organisation has urged Malcolm Wicks, to rethink his proposed plans to increase the tax burden for 4x4 vehicles to £200.

In an open letter to the Energy Minister, Carbon-info steering committee argues that the increase to £200, a difference of only £35 compared with the next tax band, will be insufficient to change peoples choice of domestic car.

“The Government is missing an important opportunity to send a clear signal that links global warming and individual choice”, said Carbon-info’s chairman Flemming Bermann.

Research carried out by Malcolm Wick’s own department shows that tax bands had to vary by £300 before this would significantly affect individuals buying decision. The proposal being considered by the Energy Minister is therefore unlikely to be effective.

Notes to Editor

Carbon-info.org was formed in December 2004 in an attempt to raise public awareness about global warming and climate change, and promote the many preventative options available to help combat Global Warming. Carbon-info.org is also actively campaigning and lobbying industry and governments to take action and influence environmental policy decisions.

carbon-info.org is a web-based, non-government, non-profit environment organisation, located in Hampshire in the UK. We are the only UK environment organisation that is 100% committed to fighting Global Warming, as it is the organisation’s sole purpose.

Our environmental ‘market’ and area of expertise is the many causes of global warming, the impact of global warming and climate change on the planet, and the preventative measures available to individuals, industry, governments and international community to prevent further Global Warming.

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