

London Congestion Charges

On the 17th February, the London Congestion Charge was introduced - a fee of £5.00 a day for all vehicles entering an area of Central London.

What is less obvious is the wider impact, particularly in relation to DHL Express, and the operation of their Vauxhall Branch.

- Most staff traveling to work will incur the charge, so salaries (the biggest single cost to a carrier) have to rise.
- Almost all delivery and collection vehicles have to pass through the Congestion Charge area each day – even when the parcels carried are not for delivery within that area.
- Areas adjacent to the Congestion Charge boundaries are likely to be busier.

In short the cost of providing a carriage service to London will rise.

It is estimated that approximately 5% of volume goes through Vauxhall.

With the impact of the charge effecting many costs of their Vauxhall Branch, DHL Express decided to levy a Congestion Charge of 50 pence for every parcel that is delivered by Vauxhall. This compares favourably with charges levied by other carriers, some as much as £5.00 a carton!

Booksellers Carriage have negotiated a reduction to 10 pence a parcel – a major concession which will be passed onto our customers in full.

List of postcodes covered by Vauxhall Branch.

E1 E14 E1W E98
EC1A EC1M EC1N EC1P EC1R EC1V EC1Y EC2A EC2M EC2N EC2P EC2R EC2V EC2Y
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