

A NEED TO INVEST IN CLEAN BUSES

Alexander Dennis urges the British Government to acquire new buses with low or zero emissions. It proposes to purchase up to 10,000 vehicles within the next four years

The coronavirus pandemic had just a single benefit: the reduction of environmental pollution levels due to the lockdown of most of the countries affected by the health emergency. We have breathed cleaner air and rediscovered the livability of cities less besieged by traffic and smog.

To maintain these benefits, the British manufacturer Alexander Dennis (ADL) proposes to purchase up to 10,000 low or zero emission buses within the next four years.

«We urge the UK Government and devolved administrations to speed up the transition to cleaner transport by accelerating the funding provided for zero-emission buses and assuring health benefits from an immediate positive impact on air quality delivered by low and ultra low emission buses that could be in service by the end of this year» said Colin Robertson, CEO of

Alexander Dennis.

The new vehicles would replace older and more polluting diesel vehicles or increase capacity to facilitate social distancing on board the vehicle. With clean, spacious and well-equipped buses, passengers would also be

reassured about the safety of travelling on public transport. The acquisition of the new buses would also contribute to the economic recovery of the nation.

«10,000 buses within the next four years would represent a return to healthy investment levels in a modern bus fleet before cuts by previous governments» underlined the manufacturer.

«British bus manufacturers, including ADL, have the production capacity to meet this demand. Further investments to speed up the decarbonisation of transport could create additional highly skilled jobs in a global sector».



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