Commissioner Coffee - the foundation Commissioner of the then SPCC, now the EPA said that a basic principle to minimise pollution is to steadfastly apply: The user (or polluter) must pay.

Presently, this does not apply in the case of motor transport. Clean Air can only be guaranteed if motorists and other transport users using petrol, diesel oil or gas are made to pay in relation to their carbon emissions. This money if perhaps partly, or totally applied to providing walking and cycling infrastructure, would significantly add to the health benefits gained through cleaning up our air, while also reducing our adverse impacts on climate change. That's where the focus should be under legislation.

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