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EU transport policy a threat to growth, says MEP

West Midlands Conservative MEP, Philip Bradbourn OBE has spoken out against a report being presented today in the European Parliament which could stifle growth and force motorists off the road. He called the report “flawed” because it imposes more intervention and regulation upon beleaguered motorists and businesses.

The report includes calls for increased taxation and an increase to road charging. It also envisages banishing vehicles with traditional combustion engines from city centres. Mr Bradbourn believes the measures are not only unachievable but they are undesirable too and could harm confidence in Europe’s prospects for recovery and economic growth. The cost of implementing such measures could be as high as €2.5 trillion when the continent is gripped by a sovereign debt crisis.

Speaking in the debate today he said: ***“This report is totally flawed because it is interventionist to the core and holds no regard for the principle of subsidiarity. It calls for increased taxation and the banning of traditional combustion engines from European city centres which is as unachievable as it is undesirable”.***

He added: ***“We had an opportunity to send a message to business that we would boost the internal market and support growth at a critical time. Instead we have a further assault on Europe’s beleaguered motorists and businesses which seek to impose additional costs and burdens upon them”.***

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