



Reverse gear: The reality and implications of national transport emission reduction policies May 2023 Greg Marsden

# **Reverse Gear**



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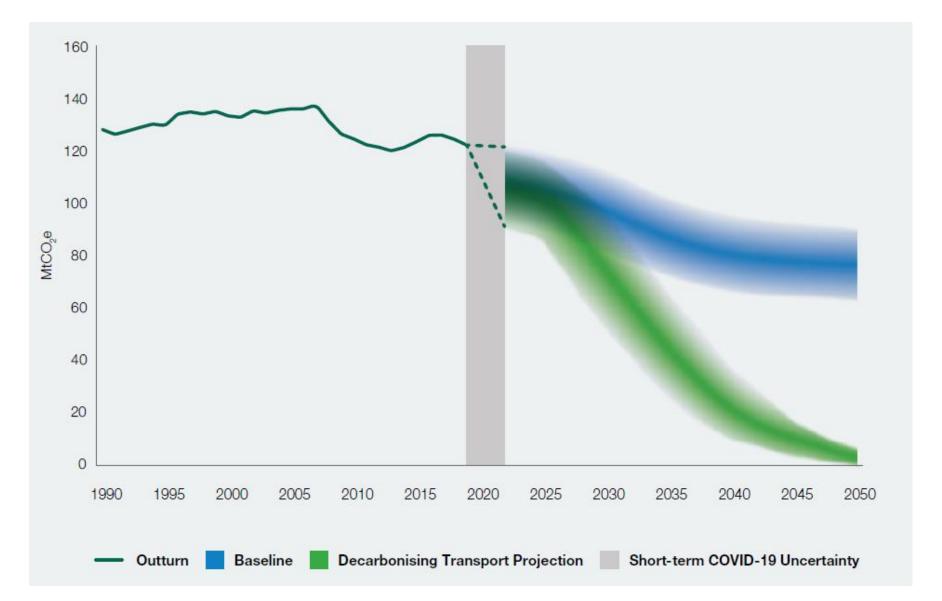
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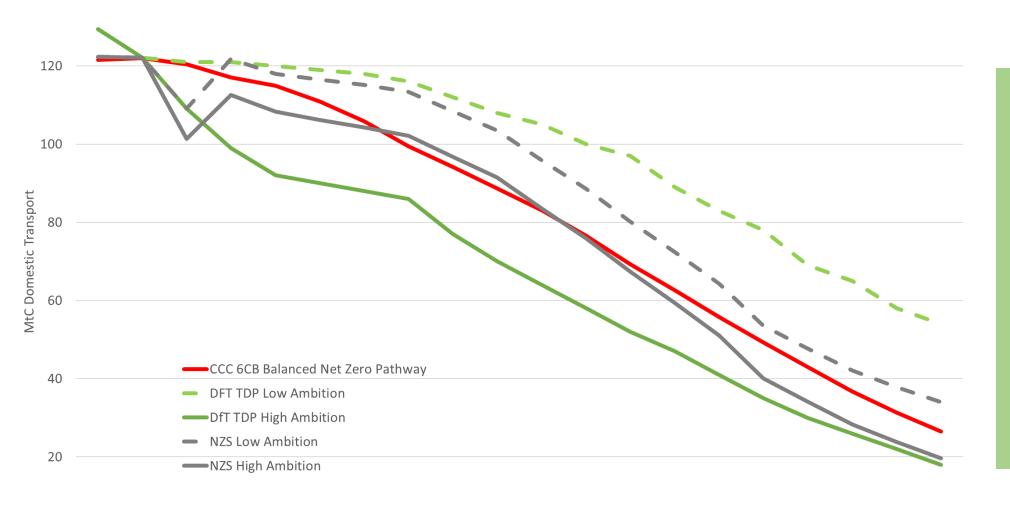
#### Transport Decarbonisation Plan



Domestic Transport

(not just surface)





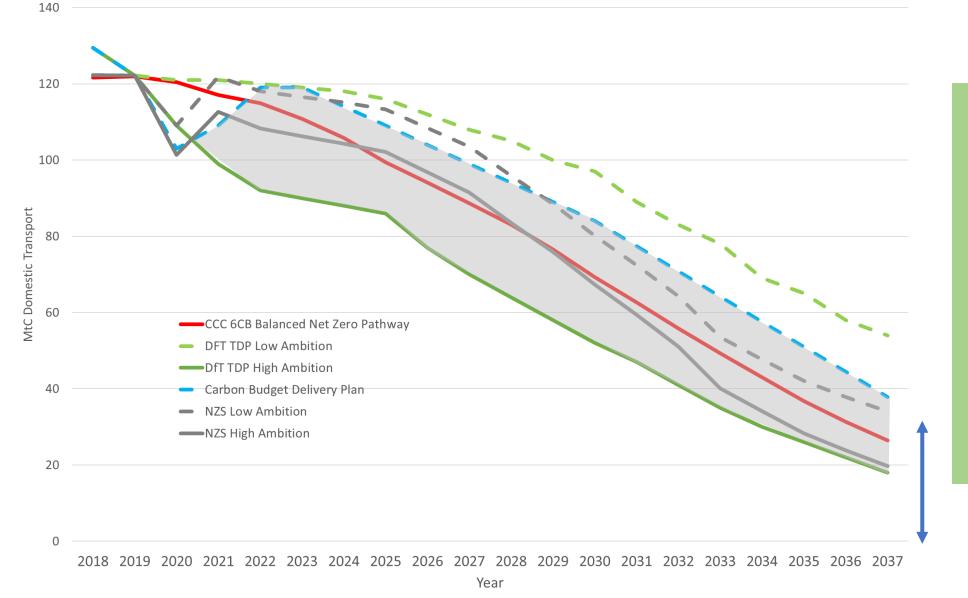
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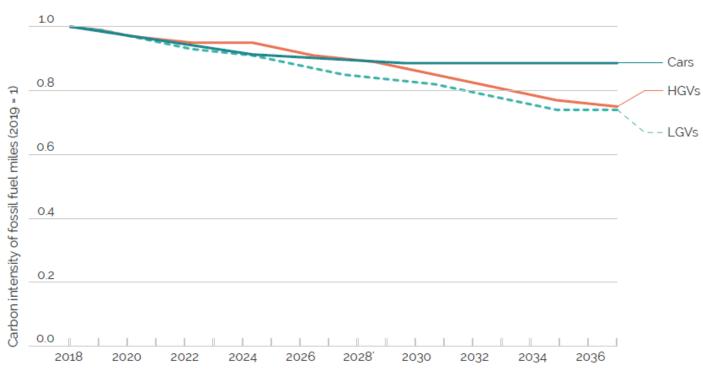
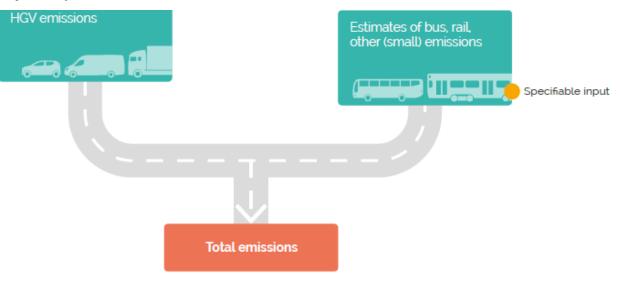


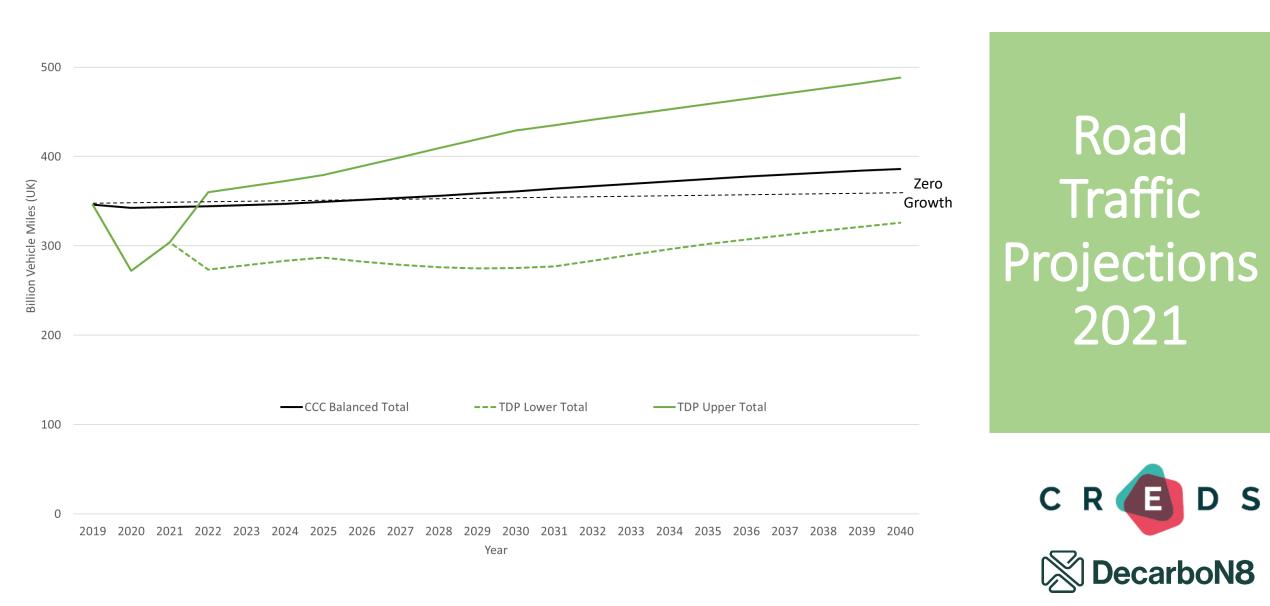
Table 2: CaSE calibration			
Result	2025	2030	2035
CaSE (MtC)	84.7	715	58.2
NRTP (MtC)	84.9	71.6	58.6
Difference (MtC)	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4
% Difference	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.6%

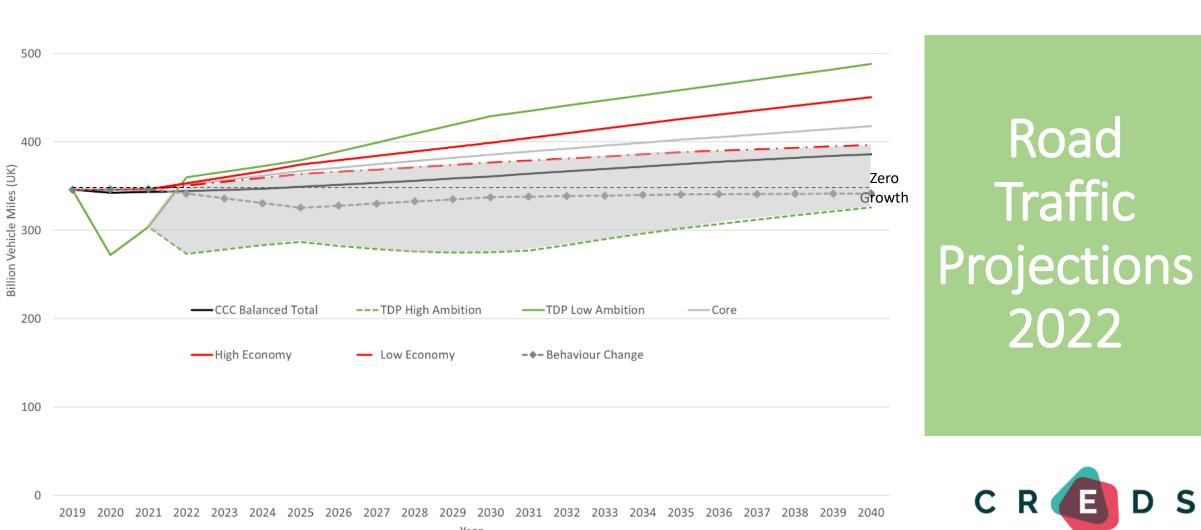
#### Figure 5: Average vehicle efficiency assumptions for non EV fleet (Source: Author's work)



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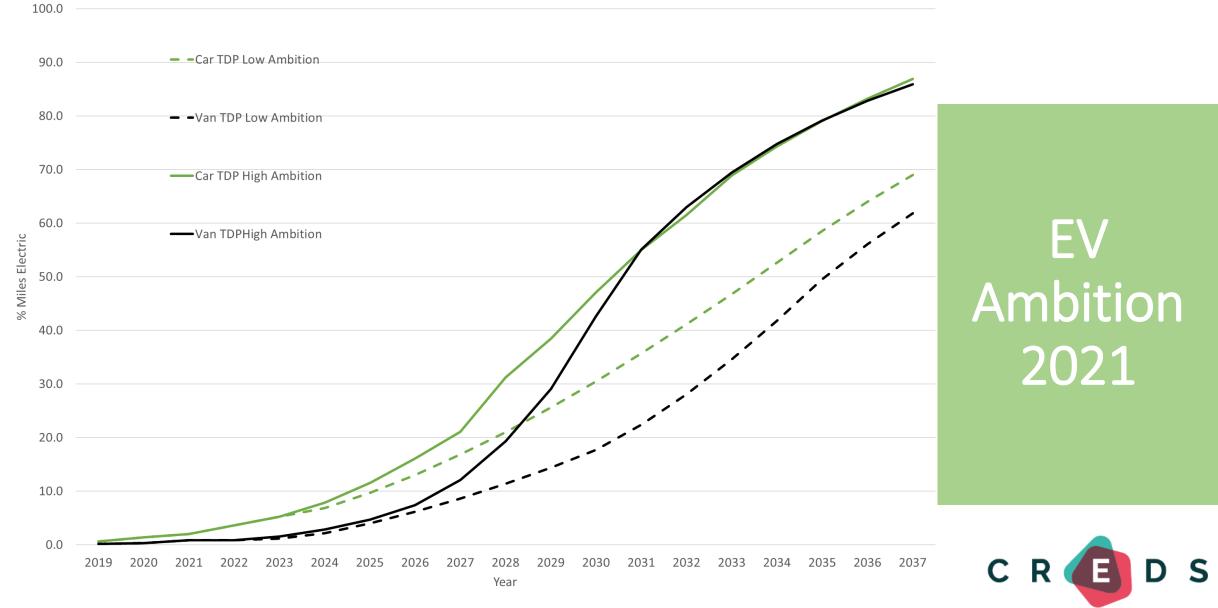




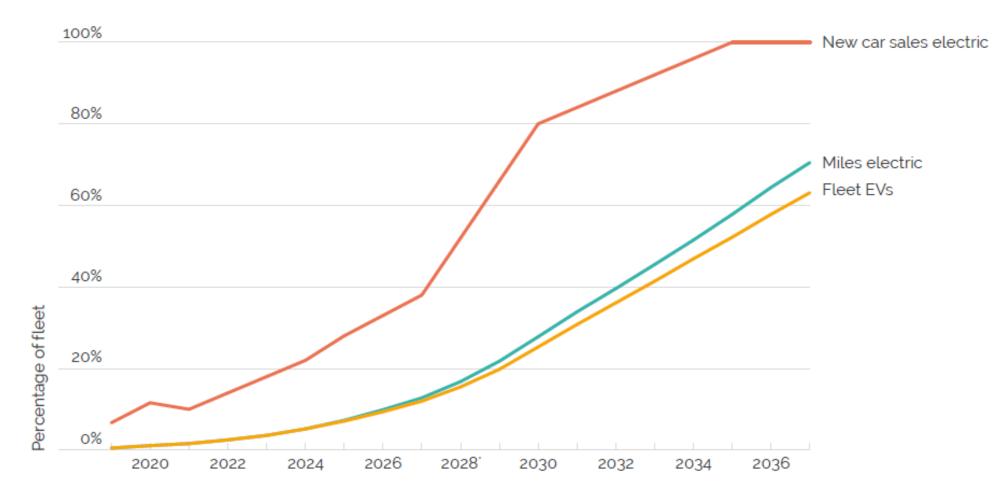


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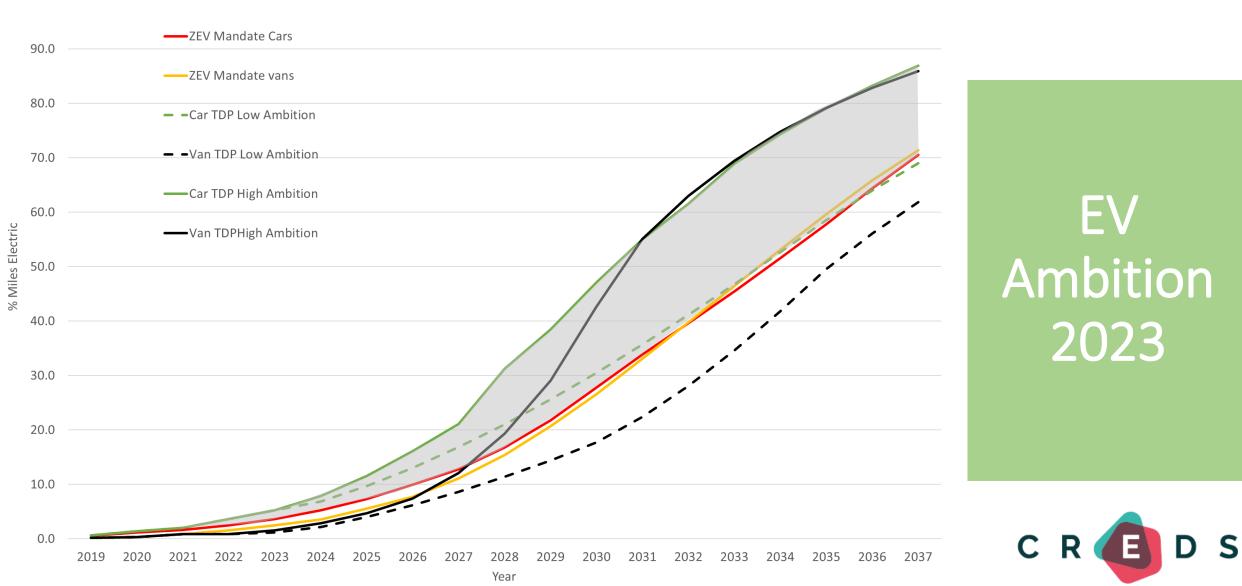


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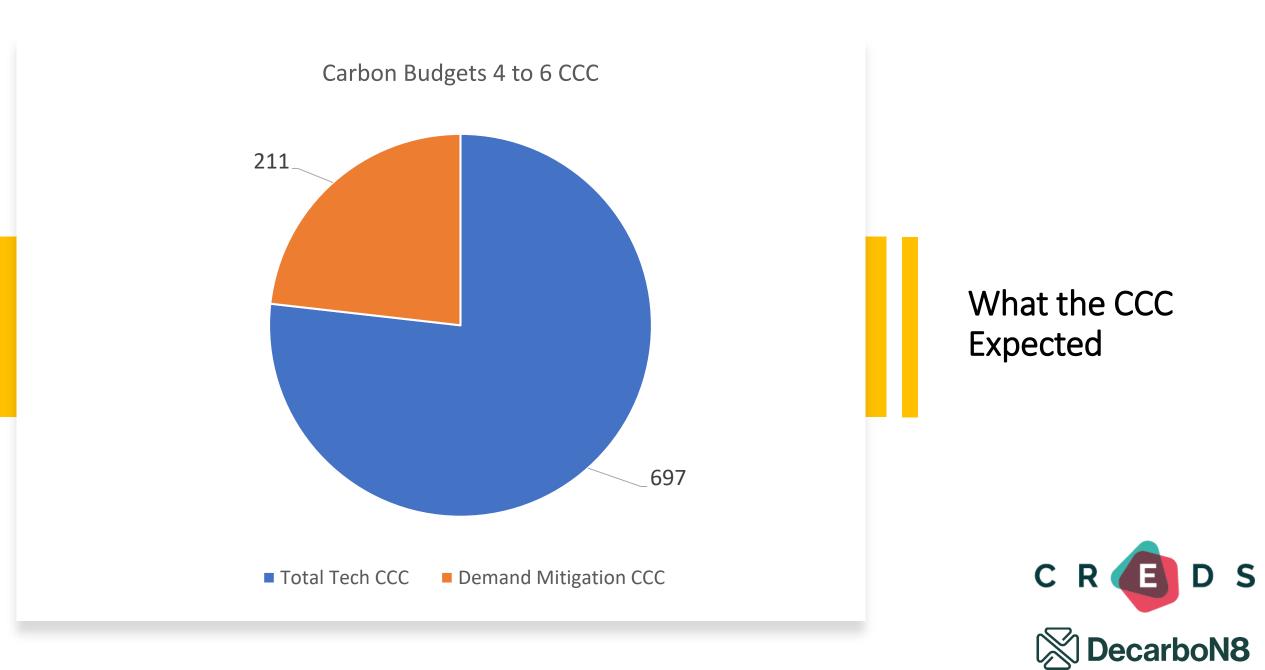
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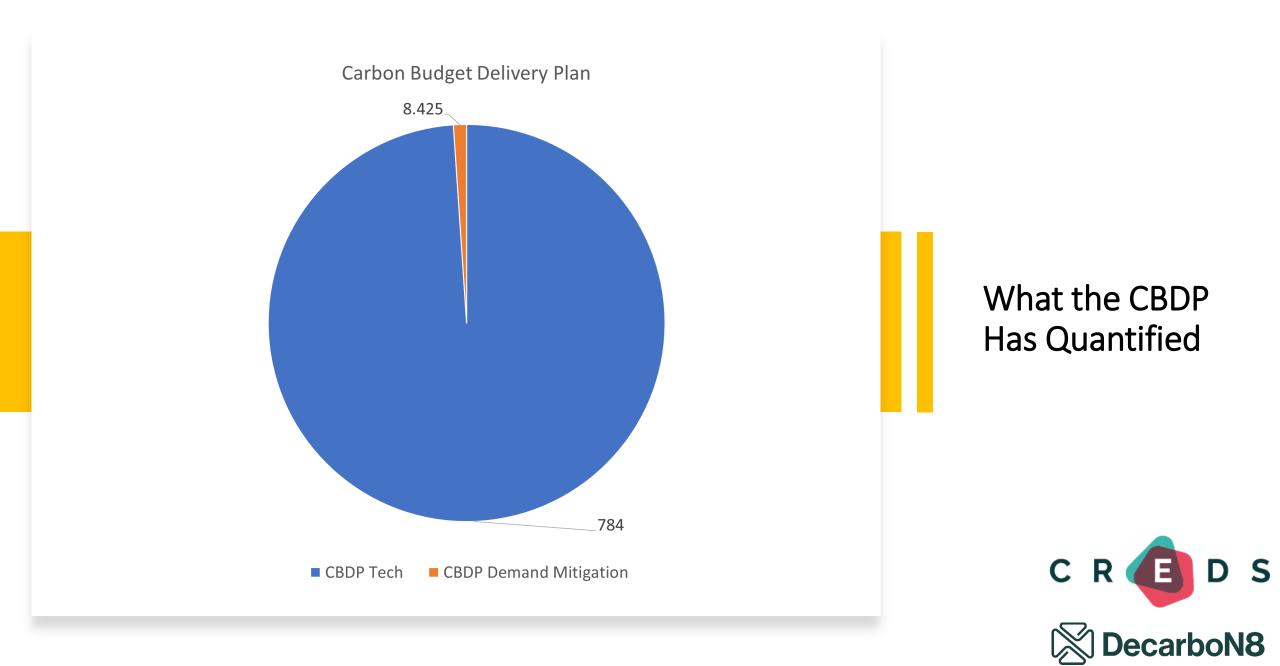


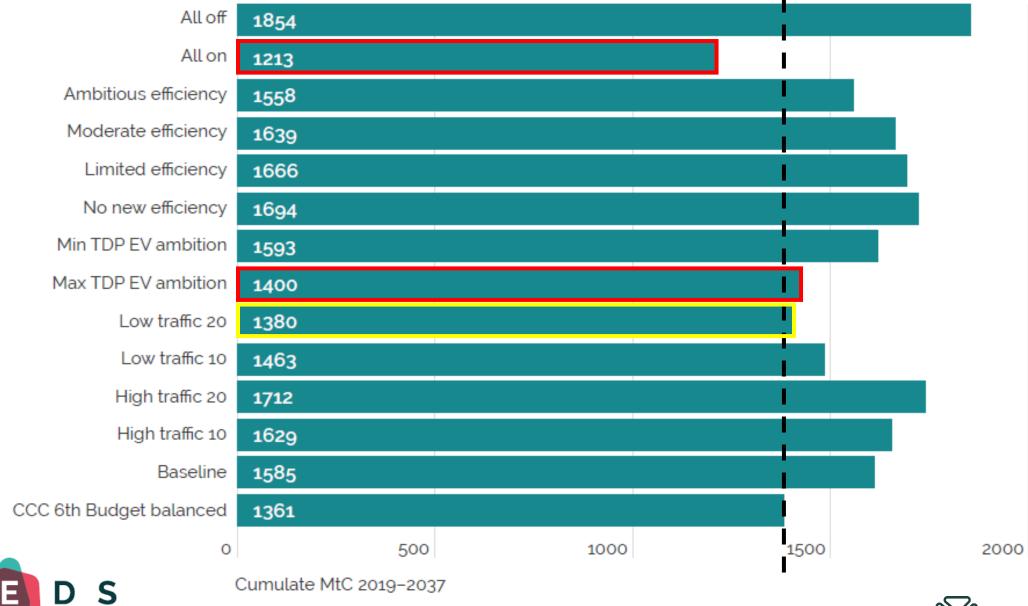




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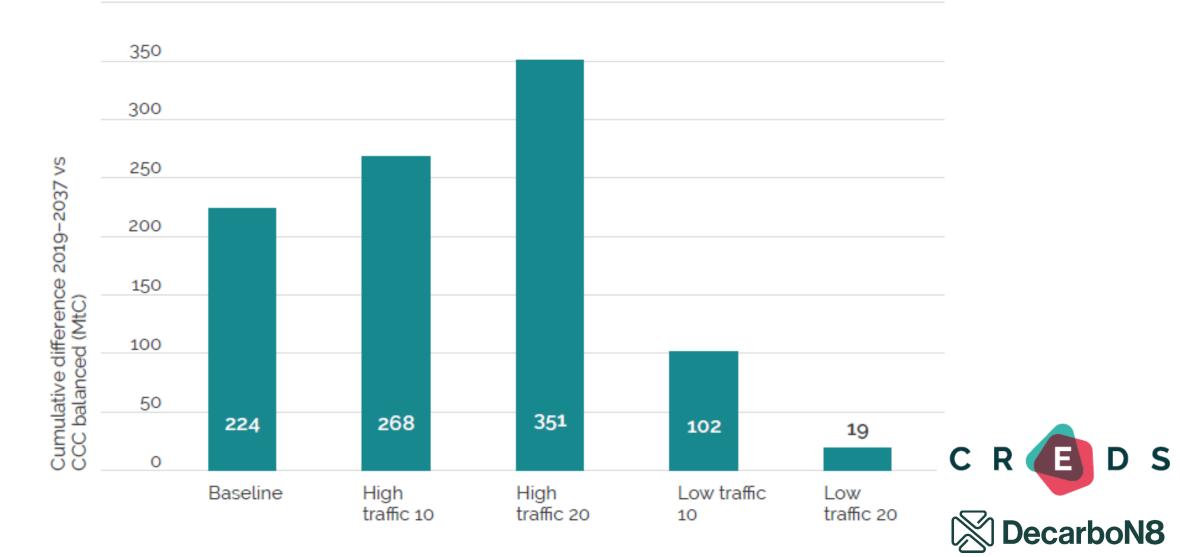
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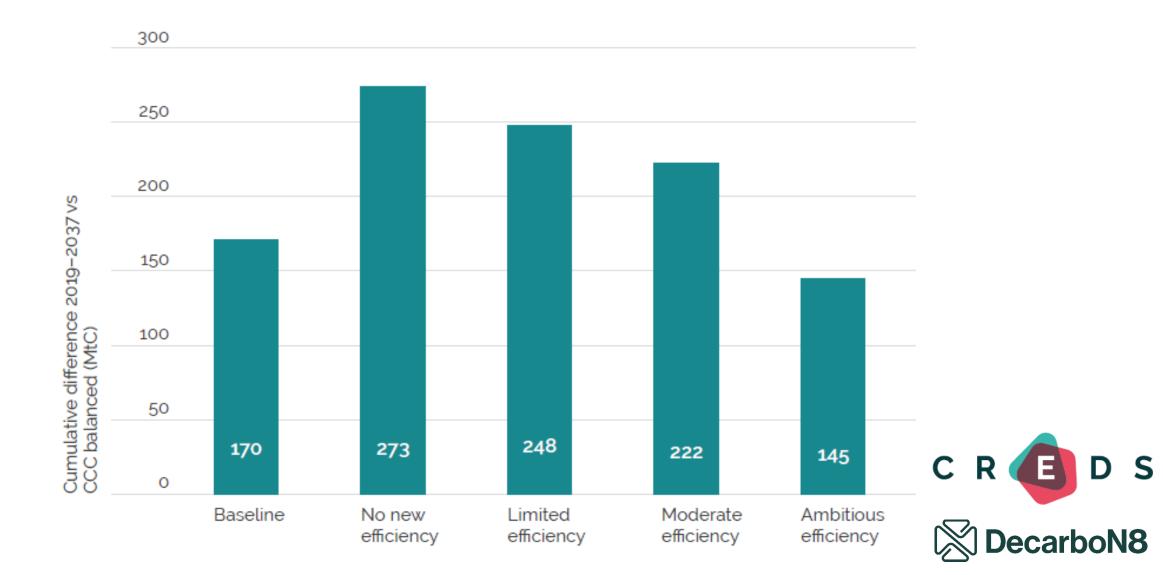


## Traffic

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#### Efficiency



## Implications

- Transport ambition is being pushed elsewhere in the economy
- EV pathway is becoming more fixed
- Significant uncertainty over efficiency gains
- If you are following CCC 6<sup>th</sup> CB ambition then 20% traffic reduction (all traffic) required by 2030 vs NRTP Core
  - More if just car traffic reduction
- No indication of step change in local funding over and above baseline assumptions
- Strategy bakes in lower motoring costs (for some), undermining public transport and creating injustice on per mile costs
- There is a growing gap between local/regional/sub-national ambition for transport and national policy





## Thank You

- You can download the report from here:
- Thanks to Stephanie Ferguson and Hannah Harris for their work on production of the report.
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