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Beat fuel duty and vat rises for the next five years

With the 1st September fuel duty changes nearly upon us, and following renewed commitment for LPG autogas in the last budget, LPG autogas is increasingly becoming not just an environmentally beneficial alternative but the choice for cost effective motoring.

Based on the latest prices LPG autogas will save you 50 pence per litre at the pump, this is good news for the consumer as petrol prices are set to rise again according to the AA. Following an increase of 1.5p in the last month, AA Public Affairs head Paul Watters recently said: "At the start of next month, a new fuel duty increase will add another £1 to the cost of filling a typical petrol or diesel tank."

Based on the latest prices the cost of filling up an average tank (55 litres) today* is only £21.20 in comparison to its petrol equivalent at £41.60. With the budget commitment for LPG already set for the next 5 years you can continue to enjoy 50 pence per litre saving following September 1st and for the foreseeable future.

"The budget commitment provides a great financial motivation for people to convert to LPG, and in an uncertain climate knowing that you can continue to save money on your fuel bills is very important, especially knowing that you are also doing your bit to help the environment," said Mike Chapman, Autogas Manager of UKLPG.

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Notes to journalists

- 1 UKLPG is the trade association for the LPG industry in the UK, and represents up to 99% of the total LPG sales in the UK, around 80% of autogas equipment sales and the participants in the LPG Approved installer Scheme account for approximately 70% of vehicle conversions.
- 2 Filling up could not be easier as the UK has a comprehensive refuelling infrastructure with over 1400 public access sites, most of which are on petrol forecourts in key motorway locations, making it the most widely available alternative fuel.
- 3 Almost all petrol-engine vehicles can be converted to run on LPG autogas. Most LPG installations are completely integrated with the existing fuel and engine management systems of modern vehicles, resulting in a reliable and efficient system with no loss of performance.
- 4 The prices used have been sourced from petrolprices.com on the date of the press release publication. Average unleaded price was 104.6pence per litre and LPG average price 53.0 pence per litre. The 55 litres is based on average family car, in the case a Ford Focus.
- 5 If you would like to test drive an LPG autogas-fuelled car for yourself then please let us know and we will be delighted to arrange a drive at a time and location that is convenient for you. We will also be pleased to arrange a one-to-one interview with our Chief Executive Rob Shuttleworth or our Autogas Manager Mike Chapman if you wish.
- 6 The cost of a conversion averages across the systems available from an LPGA Approved Installer at £1600 for an average car (1.8 engine). This cost will vary dependant on the size of engine and system fitted. Costs range from as little as £800 up to £2,500.