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	Sex			Age									Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	1002	435	567	80	205	239	165	160	153	285	404	313	285	226	190	301	264	264	243	142	89
Weighted base	1002	481	521	110	170	200	170	150	200	280	371	351	251	291	211	250	267	261	246	140	88
<u>Paying charges based on when, where and how far you drive is a good idea</u>																					
Agree	365 36%	182 38%	183 35%	26 24%	51 30%	84 42%	72 42%	61 41%	71 35%	77 28%	156 42%	132 38%	115 46%	101 35%	68 32%	82 33%	95 36%	97 37%	79 32%	65 47%	29 33%
Disagree	615 61%	292 61%	323 62%	83 76%	113 66%	111 56%	98 57%	88 58%	121 60%	196 70%	209 56%	209 60%	134 53%	185 64%	140 67%	156 62%	168 63%	161 62%	157 64%	74 53%	56 63%
Refused	2 *	2 *	1 *	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	* *	1 *	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	1 *	1 1%	* *	- -
Don't know	20 2%	5 1%	15 3%	1 1%	6 3%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%	8 4%	7 2%	4 1%	9 3%	2 1%	4 1%	3 1%	12 5%	4 2%	3 1%	9 4%	1 *	3 4%
<u>I would use my car less if driving was made more expensive</u>																					
Agree	510 51%	247 51%	263 50%	79 71%	91 53%	93 46%	66 39%	86 57%	95 48%	169 60%	159 43%	181 52%	133 53%	158 54%	103 49%	116 46%	134 50%	127 48%	137 56%	73 52%	39 44%
Disagree	445 44%	225 47%	220 42%	31 29%	73 43%	104 52%	97 57%	58 38%	82 41%	104 37%	201 54%	140 40%	114 46%	121 41%	102 48%	108 43%	124 46%	121 46%	96 39%	62 44%	43 48%
Refused	3 *	2 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	2 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	2 *	1 *	1 *	- -	2 1%	- -	1 *	1 *	- -	1 *	- -
Don't know	44 4%	7 1%	37 7%	- -	7 4%	3 1%	6 3%	6 4%	23 11%	7 2%	9 2%	29 8%	2 1%	12 4%	4 2%	26 10%	8 3%	13 5%	13 5%	4 3%	7 8%
<u>I have no alternative to using a car in my daily life - public transport alternatives just don't exist or aren't convenient</u>																					
Agree	588 59%	294 61%	294 56%	50 45%	102 60%	127 63%	108 63%	90 60%	111 56%	151 54%	235 63%	202 57%	156 62%	177 61%	132 63%	123 49%	144 54%	164 63%	147 60%	88 63%	44 51%
Disagree	389 39%	180 37%	210 40%	61 55%	65 38%	69 34%	58 34%	57 38%	80 40%	125 45%	127 34%	137 39%	91 36%	109 38%	76 36%	113 45%	116 44%	94 36%	91 37%	47 34%	40 46%
Refused	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -
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<u>Rather than charging motorists more to get around, the government should use some of the taxes already collected from motorists in car tax and petrol duty to widen existing roads and build new ones</u>																					
Agree	745 74%	352 73%	393 75%	91 83%	133 78%	131 65%	126 74%	112 75%	151 75%	224 80%	257 69%	263 75%	175 70%	215 74%	165 78%	190 76%	195 73%	192 73%	197 80%	91 65%	70 80%
Disagree	227 23%	120 25%	107 21%	19 17%	35 21%	64 32%	41 24%	31 21%	37 19%	54 19%	105 28%	68 19%	71 28%	68 23%	38 18%	51 20%	66 25%	66 25%	41 17%	42 30%	13 14%
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