In this part of the exam, you are going to take part in a conversation with the other candidate. The conversation will last about 7 minutes.

**TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

You live in Manchester, the second biggest city in the UK. There is a plan to introduce congestion charging to tackle traffic and pollution problems.

You are a politician and you are in favour of implementing the plan because you firmly believe that the congestion charge would bring investment in public transport. The Manchester plan is to target drivers on the busiest routes at peak times during weekdays although certain exemptions and discounts are being considered.

Think how the congestion charge will affect:

- current traffic problems
- public health
- public transport
- people who live in the centre
- unemployment
- climate change
- other areas that the money raised could be spent on
Task 2.2
Interaction

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Traffic Congestion

You live in Manchester, the second biggest city in the UK. There is a plan to introduce congestion charging to tackle traffic and pollution problems.

You are a health worker and part of your job is paying home visits. With the new plan you would be driving back and forth through the circles on a daily basis and cannot afford to pay this charge. Something needs to be done, but charging low-paid working people isn’t the answer.

Think how the congestion charge will affect:

- current traffic problems
- employment
- working class people
- public health
- climate change
- people who live on the outskirts but work in the centre
- public transport
- taxes

Dialogue – 2B