

PRESS RELEASE

## **E-commerce boom driving innovation in last-mile delivery vans, says latest LeasePlan research**

**Amsterdam, 19 April 2021** – The online shopping boom is driving rapid innovation in the light commercial vehicle (LCV) segment, with a next generation of smarter, cleaner and greener delivery vehicles about to enter the market. This is one of the key findings of LeasePlan's new 'What's Next in LCVs' report, published today.

**Commenting on the report, Tex Gunning, CEO of LeasePlan said:**

"Looking ahead, smarter, cleaner and greener vans will become the new normal, and there will no excuse not to swap a white van for a green van. Covid means people are utterly dependent on online shopping, and this is leading to a huge increase in delivery traffic in urban centres. The challenge now for responsible corporates and SMEs is how to manage this growth in a sustainable way, without sacrificing air quality in our towns and cities. The good news is that an entire range of sustainable delivery vans are about to come onto the market, which have the potential to fundamentally reshape last-mile logistics and enable fully net-zero operations."

LeasePlan's latest report includes an overview of the latest trends in LCV and last-mile delivery, including the emergence of 'city logistics hubs' and the role big data and connectivity plays in making last-mile logistics smarter and more efficient than ever. It also provides an overview of the next generation of eLCVs models that are coming to the market, and takes a special look at two of the most exciting newcomers to the industry: Arrival and Rivian.

### **What's Next in LCVs event**

On Friday, May 7 LeasePlan will host a '*What's Next in LCVs*' online event. The event, which will take place from 12:30-13:30 CET, is free to attend and will feature appearances by:

- Avinash Rugoobur (President, Arrival)
- Patrick Bion (Chief of Product, Arrival)
- Anja Huber (Senior Engagement Manager, McKinsey & Company)

The session will be moderated by Mark Lovett, Head of Commercial Vehicles at LeasePlan. While everyone interested in LCVs is welcome to attend, the event will be especially insightful for fleet managers and sustainability experts, as well as anyone interested in the latest zero-emission delivery technology. You can save your (virtual) seat today by registering [on our LeasePlan Community](#).

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### **Notes to editors**

- Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs) comprise 23% of LeasePlan's global fleet ([LeasePlan Annual Report 2020](#))

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