



# TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



## News update

### DBS Update Service

It is a **mandatory** licensing requirement that anyone now applying for a taxi or PHV driver licence (both new and renewal) is required to provide evidence of registration with the [DBS Update Service](#).

There are two opportunities to register with the DBS Update Service:

- 28 days from when you apply for your enhanced DBS check
- 30 days from the date when your DBS certificate was issued

If you miss the windows to register, then you will need to apply and pay for a new enhanced DBS check.

See our [video](#) explaining these changes, two guidance documents [here](#) and [here](#), and [TPH Notice 07/23](#) for further information.

### OnRoute magazine

The spring issue of our dedicated magazine for London's taxi and private hire industries is now [available](#).

This issue includes information for private hire drivers wanting to take the Knowledge of London, plans for new rapid electric charging hubs across the capital and important changes to the DBS licensing requirement.

### Keep yourself informed

Updated guidance and information in the form of TPH Notices are available on our [notices and consultations page](#). Our latest [Notice](#) sets out changes to London taxi fares and tariffs that come into effect on **Saturday 20 April 2024**.

Additionally, you can find information on the DBS Update Service and the outcome of our Improving Safety for Taxi and PHV Passengers consultation.

## Events

### Feeder

Thursday 28 March, Roundhouse

### Protoje

Friday 29 March, O2 Forum Kentish Town

### The Jesus and Mary Chain

Friday 29 March, Roundhouse

### Pendulum

Friday 29 March, The O2, Peninsula Square

### **Drumsheds Festival**

Friday 29, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March, Tottenham Hale

There will be a marshalled taxi rank and pre-booked only PHV area at 6 Glover Drive, N18 3HF. The main egress times will be from 21:30 until midnight. For this event, Sector 1, 2 and 9 taxi drivers can serve the event rank only.

### **Die Antwoord**

Sunday 31 March, Electric Brixton

### **Zucchero**

Sunday 31 March, Royal Albert Hall

### **Boxing - Wardley v Clarke**

Sunday 31 March, The O2, Peninsula Square

Because of these events, there may be increased demand for taxi and private hire services in these areas.

## **Road updates**

### **Billinton Hill, East Croydon station**

From Friday 29 March until Thursday 25 April, Billinton Hill will be closed for engineering works. Taxis should use the taxi rank on Lansdowne Road where space will also be provided for PHV drop-offs and pick-ups. Travel Ambassadors will be at the station to help direct passengers to Lansdowne Road and will provide assistance to passengers with accessibility needs.

### **A4 West Cromwell Road**

From 22:00 on Friday 29 March until 05:00 on Monday 1 April, the A4 West Cromwell Road will be closed eastbound, from the junction of North End Road to Warwick Road due to a crane operation. Westbound traffic will be affected by a lane closure.

If you need to travel through the area, significant delays to your journey are expected. Diversions will be in place, but they are expected to be busy. Plan ahead, use alternative routes where possible, allow more time for your journey and [check before you travel](#).

### **M25 closure**

From 22:00 on Tuesday 2 April until 05:30 the following morning, the A3 from the B2215 (Ripley) to the M25 at the Ockham Park Entry Slip Road will be closed northbound, along with Wisely Lane access to the A3. Diversions will be in place.

### **Ealing Road**

Temporary traffic lights are currently in place between Ealing Road and its junction with Brentford High Street to support construction works. These works are expected to be in place until the end of July. Increased traffic is expected.

### **Westminster area**

Until spring 2025, various local traffic lane restrictions, closures and diversions will affect the junctions at Wimpole Street, Harley Street and Chandos Street. This is due to infrastructure works as part of the Oxford Street Programme.

## **Rank suspensions**

The following ranks will be out of service:

- 6096 Billinton Hill (East Croydon station), from 00:01 on Friday 29 March until 23:59 on Thursday 25 April. Whole rank to be suspended for engineering works. There is a road closure in place. Drivers are to use Lansdowne Road

- 5152 Cadogan Place (Jumeirah Charlton Towers), from 07:00 on Monday 1 until 16:00 on Tuesday 2 April. 10 metres only to be suspended for a crane operation for cleaning the hotel facade
- 5495 Lupus Street/St Georges Square, from 07:00 on Tuesday 2 until 18:00 on Friday 5 April. First portion and second portion to be suspended for a new pedestrian crossing on Lupus Street which will have a road closure. The second portion will be suspended for a temporary bus stop. A temporary rank will be available in bus stop F
- 5056 Wrythe Lane (St. Helier Hospital), Carshalton, from 07:00 on Tuesday 2 until 18:30 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works and traffic management
- 5661 Union Street, Kingston, until 17:00 on Wednesday 10 April. Whole rank is suspended for traffic management during utility works
- 6102 Ballards Lane (Tally Ho PH), until 16:00 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for footway and drainage works
- 5868 Berkeley Square (40 Berkeley Square), until 18:00 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank is suspended for major carriageway utility works. There are lane closures and partial road closures taking place in phases during these works
- 5948 Guildable Manor, until 05:00 on Friday 26 April. Second portion only is suspended to facilitate works compound for bridge works
- 5788 Eccleston Place, until Monday 12 August. Second portion only is suspended from 08:00 until 13:00, Monday to Friday only for loading and unloading for works to the library roof

## Consultations

### **Newham sustainable transport strategy**

Newham Council is consulting on its [sustainable transport strategy](#). You have until Sunday 31 March to respond to the consultation.

### **West Ealing**

Ealing Council is consulting on [proposed changes in West Ealing](#). You have until Sunday 31 March to comment on the proposed changes.

### **Holborn Vision**

Camden Council is consulting on its [Holborn Vision document](#). You have until Monday 1 April to respond to the consultation.

### **Harrow local plan**

Harrow Council is consulting on a [new local plan](#). You have until Thursday 25 April to comment on the plan.

For the latest updates please follow us on Twitter [@TfLTPH](#)

Yours sincerely,

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