



# TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



## News update

### Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards

In response to the Department for Transport's Statutory Standards to enhance passenger safety, in November last year we set out changes to taxi and private hire licensing requirements - in [TPH Notice 07/23](#) - that will be coming into force from 1 July.

We will be writing to licensed taxi drivers, PHV drivers and operators to set out in detail the new requirements that will apply, the next steps you need to take and our proposed approach to implementation and ensuring compliance.

More updates will be issued over the coming weeks, along with guidance documents to help you meet the new requirements. See [TPH Notice 07/23](#) for further information.

### Ford RideLondon 2024

The annual cycling event is back in London and Essex on Sunday 26 May.

On Sunday 26 May, there will be extensive road closures in central London, east London and Essex, including some river crossings, until approximately 21:00. Delays are expected around the event, particularly on the A12 around the Blackwall Tunnel, A13 and A406.

Visit the website for [full information on road closures](#).

### 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.

## Events

### Premier League Darts

Thursday 23 May, O2 Arena

### Romesh Ranganathan

Friday 24 and Saturday 25 May, O2 Arena

**Shxtngigs**

Sunday 26 May, O2 Arena

**Whitehall**

Until 18:00 on Thursday 23 May, Whitehall will be closed in both directions for a wreath laying event.

**Tottenham Hotspur Stadium**

From 17:00 until 23:00 on Friday 24 May, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium will host the Rugby Challenge Cup Final, with kick off at 20:00. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

From 12:00 until 19:00 on Saturday 25 May, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium will host the Champions Cup Final rugby match, with kick off at 14:45. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

**Trafalgar Square**

From 10:00 until 20:00 each day from Friday 24 until Sunday 26 May, a fan zone will be located in Trafalgar Square for the RideLondon event. Large crowds are expected.

**Central London**

From 15:00 on Saturday 25 May until 03:00 the following morning, an event will take place at The Troxy on Commercial Road. Large crowds are expected.

**Wembley Stadium**

From 12:00 until 19:00 on Saturday 25 May, Wembley Stadium will host the FA Cup Final football match between Manchester City and Manchester United, with kick off at 15:00. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

From 11:00 until 19:00 on Sunday 26 May, Wembley Stadium will be hosting the Championship Play Off Final football match, with kick off at 15:00. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

**Syon Park**

From 11:00 until 21:00 on Saturday 25 May, a food festival will take place at Syon Park. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected. Delays are expected.

**Clapham Common**

From 11:00 until 21:00 on Saturday 25 May, the Race for Life 10k Run charity race will take place within Clapham Common. Large crowds are expected.

**High Lights Festival**

On Friday 31 May, Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 June, High Lights Festival is taking place. There will be a marshalled taxi rank and an area for pre-booked PHVs in Barking Park. Main egress times are from approximately 21:00 until 23:30 on Friday and Saturday, and from 21:00 until 22:30 on Sunday.

We are permitting taxi drivers licensed in Sectors 1, 2 and 3 only to use the event rank.

**Demonstrations****Central London**

From 11:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 25 May, a march will take place from Mornington Crescent to Barclays Bank in Regent Street. Large crowds are expected. Delays are expected.

## Road updates

### Millennium Way

From 06:00 on Wednesday 29 until 20:00 on Friday 31 May, Millennium Way will be closed southbound between Edmund Halley Way and the O2 car park 1 access. This is to allow the removal of bridge structures.

### Farringdon Street

From Monday 27 May until 1 September 2024, Farringdon Street will be closed northbound between Ludgate Circus and Charterhouse Street. Traffic will be diverted via Fleet Street, Fetter Lane, New Fetter Lane, Holborn Circus and Charterhouse Street.

## Rank suspensions

The following ranks will be out of service:

- **5687 Piccadilly (Dilly Hotel)**, until Friday 13 September. Whole rank to be suspended for a temporary bus stop. A temporary rank will be available in bus stop B, outside the Dilly Hotel
- **5711 Bishops Bridge Road (Paddington station feeder rank)**, between 22:00 and 05:00 each night until Friday 24 May. This is to replace bridge expansion joints
- **5151 Park Street (Grosvenor House Hotel)**, until 16:00 on Thursday 23 May. Front 15 metres only to be suspended for VIP drop offs for the annual Ivor's with Amazon Music red carpet event. The rest of the rank will be available at all times
- **3528 Carey Street (Chancery Lane)**, from 07:00 until 14:00 on Friday 24 May. Whole rank to be suspended for filming
- **5512 Sloane Square**, from 17:00 until 21:00 on Sunday 26 May. Rear 15 metres of the rank only to be suspended for loading/unloading for Chelsea in Bloom
- **6194 Greenwich Church Street (Cutty Sark)**, from 05:00 until 23:00 on Tuesday 28 May. Whole rank to be suspended for cruise ship traffic management. A temporary rank will be available outside M & S
- **5619 Wimbledon Park Road (Southfields station)**, from 07:00 on Tuesday 28 until 18:00 on Wednesday 29 May. Whole rank to be suspended for installation of street furniture
- **5512 Sloane Square**, from 07:00 on Tuesday 28 May until 17:00 on Saturday 1 June. First portion to be suspended for carriageway utility works and traffic management. The bus stop is also suspended
- **5850 Eastern Road (Romford station)**, between 10:00 and 16:00 each day from Tuesday 28 until Thursday 30 May. Rear 10 metres of the first portion is suspended for utility works
- **5479 Cadogan Place/Pont Street**, from 21:00 on Wednesday 29 May until 05:00 the following morning. First portion to be suspended for carriageway utility works and traffic management

## Consultations

### City Plan 2040

The City of London Corporation is consulting on its [new City Plan](#). You have until Friday 31 May to respond to the consultation.

### Motorcycles in bus lanes

The government is consulting on [potential changes to bus lanes](#), allowing motorcycles to use bus lanes by default. You have until Sunday 9 June to respond to this consultation.

### Evening economy in Kensington and Chelsea

Kensington and Chelsea Council is carrying out a [survey on the evening economy](#). You have until Monday 1 July to complete the survey.

**VAT Treatment of private hire vehicles**

The government is consulting on a [VAT treatment of private hire vehicles](#). You have until Thursday 8 August to respond to the consultation.

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

Yours sincerely,

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**MAYOR OF LONDON**

