



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.

Compliance update

To help us in tasking and deploying operations officers, and investigating allegations of non-compliance and illegal activity, we depend on information and intelligence from taxi and private hire drivers. We are grateful for all information received.

London Bridge bus station

- Taxi and PHV drivers must adhere to the speed limit of 10mph at all times
- Taxis must not be left unattended on the taxi rank in the station or on the feeder rank on Guildable Manor Street at any time

North Greenwich station

- Taxis must not be left unattended on the taxi rank or anywhere else within the bus station at any time
- Taxis are not permitted to enter the bus only section of the station unless directed to do so by a member of station staff

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

James Acaster

Friday 31 May, Royal Festival Hall

St. Vincent

Saturday 1 June, Royal Albert Hall

Barry Manilow

Friday 31 May until Sunday 2 June, The London Palladium

Peter Kay Live

Saturday 1 June, O2 Arena

UEFA Champions League Final

On Saturday 1 June, Wembley Stadium will be hosting the UEFA Champions League final. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected around the stadium throughout the day.

The UEFA Champions Festival will take place in Trafalgar Square, Somerset House and Potters Field Park from Thursday 30 May until Sunday 2 June.

It will also take place on Regent Street on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 May, and the South Bank on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 June.

From Wednesday 29 May until Sunday 2 June, some roads will be closed in central London.

If your destination is not in central London, you may have a more comfortable journey if you are able to choose a route that avoids central London.

[Plan ahead](#) and [check before you travel](#). Visit [our travel advice page](#) for more information.

The Oval

On Thursday 30 May, The Oval cricket ground will be hosting the England vs Pakistan cricket match with play starting at 14:30. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

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.

Brockwell Park

On Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 June, Brockwell Park will be hosting the Mighty Hoopla festival event. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected during the event.

Road updates

Millennium Way

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.

Until 20:00 on Friday 5 July, Millennium Way will be closed northbound between Edmund Halley Way and the O2 car park 1 access. This is to allow the removal of bridge structures.

Farringdon Street

Until September 2024, Farringdon Street will be closed due to major gas main replacement works.

Cadent Gas are carrying out these essential works as part of their wider programme to improve the gas network across London. Visit [Cadent Gas](#) for more details about their works.

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.

If you need to travel through the area, be aware that long queues and significant delays to your journey are expected, especially on the diversion route. There will also be some bus routes impacted by these works.

HS2 A40 works

From 22:00 on Monday 27 May until late October, the A40 Western Avenue will be reduced to two lanes in each direction between Hanger Lane and Alperton Lane. Additional overnight lane restrictions and some directional closures will also be needed.

Plan ahead, use alternative routes and [check before you travel](#). This is while HS2 continue work to build a new High Speed rail line between London and Birmingham.

Blackwall Tunnel

From 00:01 on Saturday 1 until 05:00 on Monday 3 June, Blackwall Tunnel will be closed southbound. This is while works continue to complete the new road layout, as part of the Silvertown Tunnel construction.

The tunnel will remain open to northbound traffic during these times.

We expect roads and alternative river crossings in east and central London to be extremely busy with long delays to your journey. Queues along the A13 westbound between Canning Town and Whitechapel and on the approaches to Rotherhithe Tunnel are expected throughout the weekend.

Rank suspensions

The following ranks will be out of service:

- **5590 Devonshire Place**, until 18:00 on Thursday 30 May. Whole rank to be suspended for a temporary pedestrian footway during footway repairs
- **6194 Greenwich Church Street (Cutty Sark)**, until 23:00 on Thursday 30 May. Whole rank to be suspended for cruise ship traffic management. A temporary rank will be available outside M & S
- **5868 Berkeley Square (40 Berkeley Square)**, until 17:00 on Tuesday 4 June. Rear 10 metres only to be suspended for utility works
- **4977 Portman Square (Churchill Hyatt Regency London Hotel)**, from 18:00 until 20:00 on Friday 31 May, and from 15:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 1 June. Whole rank to be suspended for UEFA Champions League final transport operations
- **5151 Park Street (Grosvenor House Hotel)**, from 17:30 until 20:00 on Friday 31 May, and from 15:00 until 19:00 on Saturday 1 June. Whole rank to be suspended for UEFA Champions League final transport operations

- **6102 Ballards Lane (Tally Ho PH)**, from 09:30 until 16:00 on Saturday 1 June. Whole rank to be suspended for the North Finchley cultural event
- **4479 Westbourne Street (Royal Lancaster Hotel)**, from 15:00 until 17:00 on Saturday 1 June. Whole rank to be suspended for UEFA Champions League final transport operations
- **5814 Upper Ground**, from 09:00 until 16:00 on Saturday 1 June. Whole rank to be suspended for UEFA Champions League final transport operations
- **6056 Victoria Station (2nd portion, Wilton Road)**, from 07:00 on Monday 3 until 15:45 on Friday 21 June. 20 metres only to be suspended for installation of scaffolding and works at the Apollo Theatre
- **6158 Kew Green (Elizabeth Gate)**, from 08:00 on Monday 3 until 17:00 on Thursday 6 June. Rear 10 metres to be suspended for traffic management of utility works
- **5580 Wardour Street (Simmons)**, from 19:00 on Tuesday 4 June until 05:00 the following morning. Whole rank to be suspended for traffic management of utility works
- **4699 Wellington Place**, from 07:00 until 18:00 on Wednesday 5 June. Five metres only to be suspended for carriageway repair works
- **4693 Station Road (Harold Wood station)**, from 22:00 until 06:00 each night between Wednesday 5 and Sunday 9 June. Whole rank to be suspended for traffic management of utility works

Consultations

Fitzrovia and Bayley Street

Camden Council is consulting on Healthy Streets schemes in [Fitzrovia](#) and [Bayley Street](#). You have until Monday 10 June to respond to the consultations.

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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