



Consultation on the Licensing of Motorcycles as Private Hire Vehicles

The Public Carriage Office (PCO) is consulting on the licensing of motorcycles as Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs) in London. In order to form a considered and up-to-date judgement, the consultation seeks views on whether paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the London PHV Licences Regulations should be amended to extend the range of vehicle types that can be licensed as London PHVs. In particular, TfL seeks views on:

- whether motorcycles should be allowed to be licensed as PHVs;
- the issues and evidence to be taken into account in reaching this decision, and
- if they are to be licensed, the conditions that should govern their operation.

The focus of this consultation is on two-wheeled motorcycles as there are currently no three-wheeled motorcycles or quadricycles (i.e. four-wheeled vehicles that do not meet the category M1 criteria) operating as PHVs in London. However, respondents are also invited to comment on the possibility of licensing these types of vehicles.

Licensing as PHVs would mean that these vehicles could only accept bookings through licensed PHV Operators. They would not be permitted to ply for hire in the way that London licensed taxis can do.

The consultation document can be found on the Transport for London website at www.tfl.gov.uk/pco or copies can be collected from the ground floor reception at the PCO. We would welcome responses from anyone who may be affected by the proposals and the deadline for submitting responses is 24 July 2009.

Responses can be submitted in the following ways:

- email PCO.Consultation@tfl.gov.uk
- fax: 020 7126 1897
- writing: PHV Motorcycle Consultation, Public Carriage Office, 15 Penton Street, London N1 9PU

TfL will take all responses to this consultation into account in taking decisions with regard to the licensing of motorcycles as PHVs.

Enquiries about the contents of this consultation document may be made by email to colin.wren@tfl.gov.uk, telephone 020 7126 1406

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