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Remember to keep your bus registrations up to date - check yours on <https://www.gov.uk/manage-commercial-vehicle-operator-licence-online>

PLEASE NOTE:

The new enquiry telephone number: 020 4551 8711 and will be open Monday to Thursday - 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Most correspondence from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner will now be sent to operators digitally through the Vehicle Operator Licensing (VOL) Service or by email.

The best and most efficient way to reach us is digitally. Please upload documents through your VOL user account or send a direct message through VOL. There may be delays if you send correspondence to us by post.

If you wish to make an objection to a public service vehicle application it is recommended you send the details to PSVOperatorLicensing@otc.gov.uk clearly stating 'Objection' in the subject line.

If you are an existing operator without a VOL user account, and you would like one, please email Notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible to arrange this. You will need to answer some security questions.

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Important Information

All correspondence relating to public inquiries should be sent to:

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General Notes

Layout and presentation – Entries in each section (other than in section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence or enquiries.

Further notes precede sections where appropriate.

Accuracy of publication – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

Our website includes details of all applications listed in this booklet. The website address is: www.gov.uk/traffic-commissioners

Carriage of passengers to designated association football matches.

Legal Requirements

PSV operators are reminded of the terms of section 1(1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV that is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers for the whole or part of a journey to or from a designated sporting event.

PSV operators are also reminded of the terms of section 2A of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the possession of a firework or an article or substance, whose main purpose is the emission of a flare, smoke or a visible gas, at any time during the period of, while entering or trying to enter a designated sporting event.

A ‘designated sporting event’ generally means certain association football matches,

whether national or international, as defined in Schedule 2 of the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) Order 2005 (as amended). It is an offence for an operator of a PSV (or his servant or agent) to knowingly cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

Voluntary Guidelines on the carriage of passengers to association football matches - England and Wales

For many years the PSV industry has complied with a voluntary code of practice whereby operators taking passengers to a designated sporting event meet certain guidelines set by the police. This has worked very well, and it has seldom been necessary for a traffic commissioner to take any further action against an operator who has contravened the guidelines. Nevertheless the police in England and Wales are concerned that incidents of football related violence and disorder do still occur.

The guidelines were drafted in conjunction with the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT), the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the Coach Operators Federation (COF) and the Association of Transport Coordinating Officers (ATCO) and are set out below:

- a. PSV operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the relevant Dedicated Football Officer (DFO), at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel, the number of vehicles booked, the name and the contact number for the person who made the booking. Once available the operator must also notify the VRM and driver's name to the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

For the purpose of these guidelines, the relevant Dedicated Football Officer means the DFO for the club that the fans are travelling to support. For example, West Ham are playing a premier league game away to Leeds United. Operator A has been contracted to transport West Ham fans from Romford and the relevant DFO is the DFO for West Ham. Operator B has been contracted to carry Leeds United fans to the game from Barrow in Furness. In this case the relevant DFO is the DFO for Leeds.

- b. Vehicles are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either enroute to, or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.
- c. Unless directed by a police officer, PSVs may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator's relevant Dedicated Football Officer.
- d. PSVs are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.
- e. PSVs are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.
- f. PSVs must leave the venue within 30 minutes of the finish of the event, unless directed otherwise by a police officer or ground safety officer.
- g. PSV operators are to follow all reasonable instruction given by police or enforcement officers at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, routing and stopping arrangements.

- h. Intoxicating liquor, flares and similar pyrotechnics, must not be carried on PSVs travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers' attention to the requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol, flares and similar pyrotechnics. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance. Operators may add a condition of entry to the PSV that a voluntary search may be undertaken.

- i. PSV operators are to notify the Dedicated Football Officer at the destination upon arrival at an away football ground, of any chanting demonstrating hostility based on race, ethnicity religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, and transgender identity or chanting of an otherwise grossly offensive or inflammatory nature which had taken place during the journey to the ground.

- j. PSV operators are to have established safeguarding policies when carrying persons under the age of 18 years old. This is to include arrangements for the nomination of at least one responsible adult for the minors carried.

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Section 1 – Special Notices

On 5th March 2023 the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) became the Bus Service Registration Authority for local bus services within the West Midlands, using powers granted by the Transport Act 1985. The Authority is now responsible for processing applications to register, vary or cancel local bus services that operate wholly within the West Midlands Combined Authority area. These services will not appear in the Notices and Proceedings and can be viewed at <https://www.tfwm.org.uk/who-we-are/what-we-do/bus-services/bus-service-registrations-within-the-west-midlands/>. For other services which operate cross-border, the Traffic Commissioner remains the registration authority.

Services that have been transferred to WMCA will show as ‘Admin Cancelled’ on the gov.uk website.



Section 2 – PSV Operator Licensing

A **statutory objector** may inspect a public service vehicle operator’s licence or application under Regulation 4 of The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by setting out their authority and requesting arrangements are made for inspecting the record by emailing – enquiries@otc.gov.uk

Objections against applications for licences must be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or by a local authority within 21 days of the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Sections 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

Classification of Operator Licences – There are four classes of licence:

- A **Standard International (SI)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both national and international operations;
- A **Standard National (SN)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on national operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of:
 - a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers; and
 - b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR)** licence, issued under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, authorises the holder of a taxi or private hire vehicle licence to operate local services.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner’s (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner’s) decision.

Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

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Section 2.1 – New Applications Received

PD2079665 SI **COTTON COACHES LTD**
Director(s): Dean John Cotton, Lianne Cotton
Cotton Coaches Ltd, 3 Oaston Road, Nuneaton, CV11 6JX
Operating Centre: Cotton Coaches Ltd, 3 Oaston Road, Nuneaton, CV11 6JX
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Cheryl Godfrey

Section 2.2 – New Applications Granted

PD2076952 SI **RHC TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): Rakhi Kwatra, Mohammad Hafeez
262a High Street, West Bromwich, B70 8AQ
Operating Centre: Yard B, Land at Roway Lane, Oldbury, B69 3AP
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): SOHAIL IQBAL
New Undertaking: Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated under the licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner who may require you to agree to certain undertakings Attached to Licence.
New Undertaking: Limousines and novelty type vehicles are not to be operated under this operator's licence Attached to Licence.
New Condition: The operator will provide original or copies (verified by the issuing bank or building society) of financial evidence in the name of [RHC Travel Ltd covering the period 01/05/2025 to 31/07/2025 to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner (Licensing) in Leeds by no later than 30/08/2025. This must show that the operator has continued to meet the required level of available finance throughout the period by reference to an average balance, dependent on the rates applicable at that time. Rates to be found in the Senior Traffic Commissioner's Statutory Document No. 2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/traffic-commissioners-finance-march-2019> Where originals are not available each statement must be stamped and authenticated by the bank/building society. Attached to Licence.
New Undertaking: Upon grant of the licence, the only people that will have an 'Admin User' account are the licence holders or an authorised employee of the business. Attached to Licence.

PD2079689 SI **ARDEN COACHES LIMITED**
Director(s): Arslan Hussain
Suite B Fairgate House, 205 Kings Road, BIRMINGHAM, B11 2AA
Operating Centre: STOCKFIELD ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM,
B27 6BB
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Arslan Hussain
New Undertaking: Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated
under the licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner
who may require you to agree to certain undertakings. Attached to Licence.
New Undertaking: Limousines and novelty type vehicles are not to be operated
under this operator's licence. Attached to Licence.

Section 2.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 2.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PD2022823 SN **SWAN TRAVEL LIMITED**
Director(s): Jasminder Ali
1635 COVENTRY ROAD, YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B26 1DD
New operating centre: Old Vosa Test Centre, Granby Avenue, Garretts Green,
Birmingham, B330SS
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicle(s)

Section 2.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

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No entries

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No entries

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No entries

Section 2.9 – Conditions Imposed Under Section 16.3 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)



Section 3 – Registration of Local Bus Services

When an application is sent to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the county councils and unitary authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of that application.

Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

Copies of local bus service registrations can be made available for inspection under section 56 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 by emailing – copyregistrations@otc.gov.uk

Our website contains details of all applications listed in this section. The address is: www.gov.uk

Section 3.1 – Registration of New Services

No entries

Section 3.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PD0000479/418 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
From: Solihull
To: Coventry
Via:
Name or No.: 188
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 22 February 2025
Other details: Monday to Saturday hourly service
- PD0000479/417 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
From: Coventry
To: Solihull
Via:
Name or No.: 87
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 22 February 2025
Other details: Mon-Sat 60 minute frequency
- PD0001374/594 **DIAMOND BUS LTD, HALLBRIDGE WAY, TIPTON ROAD, TIVIDALE, WARLEY, B69 3HW**
From: Evesham Bus Station, High Street, Evesham
To: Long Lartin Prison, Little Road, Evesham
Via: Offenham, Blackminister Sch, South Littleton
Name or No.: 552
Service type: Normal Stopping / Hail & Ride
Effective date: 01 March 2025
Other details: Monday to Saturday, excluding bank holidays.

Section 3.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

No entries

Section 3.4 – Applications to Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PD0000479/15 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
Operating between Coventry and Warwick given service number X17 effective from 22 February 2025. To amend Timetable.
- PD1050801/73 **DIAMOND BUS (EAST MIDLANDS) LTD, WETMORE ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE14 1QL**
Operating between Burton, New Street and Uttoxeter Bus Station given service number 403 effective from 05 January 2025. To amend Timetable.
- PD1050801/19 **DIAMOND BUS (EAST MIDLANDS) LTD, WETMORE ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE14 1QL**
Operating between Swadlicote, Bus Park and Burton Upon Trent, New Street given service number 22 / 822 effective from 03 February 2025. To amend Timetable.

Section 3.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

No entries

Section 3.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PH1084449/3 **HENSHAW'S EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LTD, HENSHAW'S EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LTD, THE COACH YARD, TROOPERS LODGE GARAGE, BOURTON ON THE HILL, GL569TE**
Operating between Honeybourne and Evesham given service number 552 / 553 effective from 28 February 2025.



Section 4 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

Section 4.1 – Requests

Section 4.2 – Determinations



Section 5 – Public Inquiries

Anyone wishing to observe a physical or virtual public inquiry must request to do so from the relevant Office of the Traffic Commissioner in advance of the hearing. Due to space or technology restrictions we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Please contact Westmidlandshc@otc.gov.uk for further information.

There is no obligation on the traffic commissioner to provide a transcript of proceedings. Any decision to release will refer to the reasons for the request and there may be restrictions placed on its use. That request should be made via the relevant Office of The Traffic Commissioner and the applicant must understand that they will be liable for the cost of producing the transcript. This will vary according to demand and size of content.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner’s (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner’s) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

Section 5.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

No entries

Section 5.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

No entries

Section 5.3 – Notice of Transport Manager Public Inquiries to be Held

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 468999, Public Inquiry ID: 103560) for George Iordache to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on 27 March 2025 commencing at 10:30

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469562, Public Inquiry ID: 103704) for JASON FRANCIS HAMBLETT to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington, on 3 April 2025 commencing at 10:00

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469672, Public Inquiry ID: 103739) for WENDY MAY ROBSON to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington, on 8 April 2025 commencing at 14:00

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469362, Public Inquiry ID: 103654) for Mr MICHAEL JOHN CLARK to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds, on 1 April 2025 commencing at 10:00

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009

Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469363, Public Inquiry ID: 103655) for MARK GUNNING to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds, on 1 April 2025 commencing at 10:00
Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009
Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469361, Public Inquiry ID: 103653) for JOE WHITE to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds, on 1 April 2025 commencing at 10:00
Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009
Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 469228, Public Inquiry ID: 103605) for DINESH KUMAR to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on 2 April 2025 commencing at 13:30
Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009

Section 5.4 – Decisions Taken at Transport Manager Public Inquiries

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 468173, Public Inquiry ID: 103342) for Mr ROBERT GRAHAM WALKER to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, on 12 February 2025 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2692))
Sch.3 - Robert Walker warned and repute tarnished.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 468835, Public Inquiry ID: 103527) for Nicholas David Best to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, on 13 February 2025 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2692))
Sch.3 - Nicholas Best found not to be of good repute.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 467871, Public Inquiry ID: 103277) for AMY LUCINDA ROSE MILLETT-KIRKHAM SHAW to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on 19 February 2025 commencing at 11:00
Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 Formal warning



Section 6 – Corrections

