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The telephone number for enquires is: 020 4551 8711 and will be open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm and 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.

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

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Section 1 – 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 vehicles on both national and international operations;
- A **Standard National (SN)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicles 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

Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

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Section 1.1 – New Applications Received

PF2093215 SN	ZOVA TRANSPORT LTD Director(s): MOBIN MIRZAIE FUEL STUDIOS, KILN HOUSE, POTTERGATE, NORWICH, NR2 1DX Operating Centre: HERBERT SMITH HOUSE, DEREHAM ROAD, HONINGHAM, NORWICH, NR9 5AP Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s) Transport Manager(s): Russell Thomas Jordan
PF2093075 SN	A&J COACHES LTD Director(s): ALAN COLE, Jennifer COLE 40 DEBDEN GREEN, 3B Lancaster Way, ELY, ELY, CB6 3BS Operating Centre: 104 ELY ROAD, LITTLEPORT, ELY, CB6 1RT Authorisation: 3 vehicle(s) Operating Centre: ALANS TAXIS, UNIT 3B, LANCASTER WAY BUSINESS PARK, ELY, CB6 3NW Authorisation: 3 vehicle(s) Transport Manager(s): ALAN COLE

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

No entries

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PF0000454 SN	STEPHENSONS OF ESSEX LTD Director(s): WILLIAM HIRON, GARY JOHN RAVEN, DEAN ROBBIE, MARK SAYER RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SOUTH STREET, ROCHFORD, SS4 1BS Removed operating centre: BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB, WOODSIDE, DUNMOW ROAD, BIRCHANGER, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, CM23 5RG Removed operating centre: 41 COMMON ROAD, WITCHFORD, ELY, CB6 2HY New operating centre: OVENDEN PAPERS LTD, UNIT C, RIVER WAY, HARLOW, CM20 2DP New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 8 vehicle(s)
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Section 1.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.6 – Licences Surrendered

No entries

Section 1.7– Applications Withdrawn Prior to Determination

No entries

Section 1.8 – Licences Revoked Without a Public Inquiry

PF2083373 SN **MARTIN'S MINIBUS HIRE LTD**
Director(s): Derek Taylor
2 THE ORCHARD, POTTERS PURY, TOWCESTER, NN12 7UZ
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

Section 1.9 – Conditions Imposed Under Section 16.3 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)

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Section 2 – 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 the 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

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Multi operator travelcards and BODS

Operators with registered local bus services in England will be aware of obligations to provide information on routes and timetables, fares, and vehicle location data to the Bus Open Data Service. A recent Bus Open Data (BODS) development is the ability to accept fares details for multi operator travelcards, thus it is now a mandatory requirement for this information to be provided to BODS. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action by the Traffic Commissioners. Equally importantly, details of these products will not be available on BODS and therefore journey planners and apps may not contain these products.

To prevent multiple recording of such tickets (and prevent inadvertent recording of conflicting information), BODS has been set up to receive a “master” notification for each multi operator travelcard product from one “lead” operator, with all other participating operators then able to provide only the details of the routes/services included in the scheme product. The nominated lead operator need not be the operator administering or controlling the scheme, and indeed many such schemes are led by the local transport authority or an

independent third party. As such, it will be necessary to agree within the scheme who the “lead” operator is to be.

The “lead” operator must supply to BODS details of the geographic scope of the multi operator travelcard, the products that are available (child day, adult week, adult month etc) and the prices of these, how these products can be paid for, and the National Operator Codes (NOCs) of the other participating operators. They also need to advise which of their own services are included. Once these data have been uploaded to BODS, all the other participating operators will be notified and will then be able to upload details of their services that are included in the scheme.

It is imperative that operators act quickly to agree the “lead” operator and commence the process of uploading data to BODS. In case of any queries, please refer these to the [BODS helpdesk](#).

Section 2.1 – Registration of New Services

- PF2006130/98 **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRE, 5 OAKWOOD DRIVE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3QF**
From: Quaker Lane, Waltham Abbey
To: Waltham Cross Bus Station
Via:
Name or No.: A1
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 26 July 2026
Other details: Weekday service.
- PF2006130/99 **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRE, 5 OAKWOOD DRIVE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3QF**
From: Bishops Stortford Interchange
To: Hoddesdon Sainsburys, Brewery Road
Via:
Name or No.: 33 / 33A
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 26 July 2026
Other details: Weekday service.
- PF2006130/97 **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRE, 5 OAKWOOD DRIVE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3QF**
From: Quaker Lane, Waltham Abbey
To: Lea Valley Campsite
Via:
Name or No.: A3
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 26 July 2026
Other details: Weekday service.
- PF2006130/101 **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRE, 5 OAKWOOD DRIVE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3QF**
From: Diss Bus Station, Park Road, Diss
To: Eye Town Hall, Lambseth St, Eye
Via:
Name or No.: 75A
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 19 July 2026
Other details: Monday to Friday service.

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

No entries

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

- PB0001484/537 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Newark and Tuxford Academy given service number 609B effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PB0001484/520 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Market Rasen and Grimsby given service number RC2 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000478/453 **ARRIVA MIDLANDS NORTH LTD, 4 WESTMORELAND AVENUE, THURMASTON, LEICESTER, LE4 8PH**
Operating between Tamworth and Nuneaton given service number 6 effective from 29 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000479/339 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
Operating between Rugby Merlin Close and Rugby Gateway given service number 2 / 1 effective from 29 August 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PB0001484/80 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Scunthorpe and Gainsborough given service number 101 / 601 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PB0001484/65 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Scunthorpe Bus Station and Kirton in Lindsey given service number 103 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PB0001484/21 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Gainsborough and Retford given service number 97 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PB0001484/173 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Gainsborough and Retford given service number 95 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PB0001484/201 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Oaks High School and Misson given service number 27 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PB0001484/261 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Barton Interchange and Grimsby Town Centre given service number 250 effective from 06 September 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PB0001484/5 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Kirton in Lindsey and Lincoln Bus Station given service number 103 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.

- PB0001484/272 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Grimsby and Market Rasen given service number 53 / 53A effective from 06 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PF1116442/14 **ARRIVA KENT THAMESIDE LTD, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD, MAIDSTONE, ME15 6TX**
Operating between Harlow Bus Station, Essex and Stansted Airport, Essex given service number 509 / 509A / 510 / 510A effective from 26 July 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PF2006130/52 **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTRE, 5 OAKWOOD DRIVE, LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 3QF**
Operating between Wicken Bonhunt, Coach & Horses, B1038, Wicken Bonhunt and Bishop's Stortford Interchange, Dane Street, Bishop's Stortford given service number 306 effective from 26 July 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PF1116442/101 **ARRIVA KENT THAMESIDE LTD, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD, MAIDSTONE, ME15 6TX**
Operating between Smiths Lane, Hammond Street / Hammond Street / Waltham Cross and Loughton given service number 66 effective from 26 July 2026. To amend Route, Start & Finish Point, Stopping Places and Timetable.

Section 2.4 – Applications to Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PF0007038/375 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR COMPANY LIMITED, WARNEFORD HOUSE, RUNCORN ROAD, LINCOLN, LN6 3QP**
Operating between Spalding Bus Station and Spalding Bus Station given service number IT1 effective from 20 July 2026. To amend Route and Stopping Places.
- PF0000108/175 **WHIPPET COACHES LIMITED, UNIT 1, 2 ROWLES WAY, BUCKINGWAY BUSINESS PARK, SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGE, CB24 4UG**
Operating between Zone around west Cambridgeshire and Zone around west Cambridgeshire given service number Tiger on Demand / T10/T11 effective from 13 July 2026. To amend Route.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

- CB002467/B1964 **FLITTABUS COMMUNITY TRANSPORT LIMITED, 1 JUNIPER CLOSE, BEDFORD, BEDFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE, MK45 4EG**
Service Number FL1, operating between The George, High St, Silsoe and Tesco, Coniston Rd, Flitwick. Effective date Saturday 01 August 2026
- PD0000479/334 **MIDLAND RED (SOUTH) LIMITED, UNIT 7-8, MINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, FAR COTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 8ES**
Operating between Daventry and Leamington given service number 665 / 664 effective from 29 August 2026.

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

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Section 3.2 – Determinations

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Section 4 – 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 Easternhc@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 4.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

Public Inquiry (94147) to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, on 2 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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ELMC LTD

Director(s): CARL TURNER, TRACEY JANE TURNER

3 GREEN ACRES COTTAGES, HYDE WOOD LANE, CANEWDON, ROCHFORD, SS4 3RR

S17 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 17 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)

S28 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 28 (The Transport Act 1985)

Public Inquiry (93851) to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, on 22 September 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2743)) Previous hearing on 09 July 2026 was adjourned.

PF1133472 SN

WMS RECRUITMENT LIMITED

Director(s): WAYNE COTTRILL

FRIDAYBRIDGE FARM CAMP, 173 MARCH ROAD, FRIDAY BRIDGE, WISBECH, PE14 0LR

S17 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 17 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)

S28 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 28 (The Transport Act 1985)

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)

Section 4.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

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Section 4.3 – Notice of Transport Manager Public Inquiries to be Held

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481642, Public Inquiry ID: 107226) for GEORGE THOMAS to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 2 September 2026 commencing at 02:00

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482055, Public Inquiry ID: 107367) for HENRY BRADLEY MOFFETT to be held at Killymeal House, 2 Cromac Quay, Belfast, BT7 2JD,
on 21 August 2026 commencing at 10:00

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481393, Public Inquiry ID: 107322) for Mr CHRISTOPHER DARBYSHIRE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 22 September 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2749))

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480349, Public Inquiry ID: 107339) for MARIUS BOGDAN FIRETEANU to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,

on 29 September 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2745))

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480074, Public Inquiry ID: 107342) for CRAIG MCGILL to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,

on 22 September 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2743))

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

Section 4.4 – Decisions Taken at Transport Manager Public Inquiries

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480670, Public Inquiry ID: 106955) for Mr STEPHEN PAUL HILL to be held at Level 6 (Edinburgh), EH1 3EG, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, on 21 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2746))

Application for licence withdrawn at PI by applicant director.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480840, Public Inquiry ID: 107018) for MORAG MITCHELL to be held at Level 6 (Edinburgh), EH1 3EG, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh, on 23 July 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2746))

No further action.

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Section 5 – Corrections

Section 6 – Special Notices

On 1st August 2021 Hertfordshire County Council became the Bus Service Registration Authority for local bus services within Hertfordshire, 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 county of Hertfordshire. These services will not appear in the Notices and Proceedings and can be viewed at <https://www.intalink.org.uk/registrations>. For other services which operate cross-border (except those into London), the Traffic Commissioner remains the registration authority.

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

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Franchising Scheme

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) have published their intention to introduce a bus franchising scheme. A Transition Notice has been published and is available here: <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/CPCA-Bus-Franchising-Transitional-Notice-FINAL.pdf>.

Any application to vary or cancel a registration for services wholly within the franchising area are subject to an extended notice period of up to 112 days. New registrations will continue under the usual timeframes.

On commencement of the scheme the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) will take responsibility for registering services wholly within the franchising area. These services will no longer appear in Notices & Proceedings, and Traffic Commissioner records will be marked as “Admin Cancelled” on GOV.UK.

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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