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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.

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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.

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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 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

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

PC2091289 R	OMEGA LIFE TRANSPORT LTD Director(s): lee moran, alekos aresti 172 WARRINGTON ROAD, WHISTON, PRESCOT, L35 2UA Operating Centre: AINTREE MOTORS, UNIT 3, WAKEFIELD ROAD, BOOTLE, L30 6TZ Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
PC2093586 SI	HORIZONTRAVELGROUP LTD Director(s): BEN DOUGHTY 3 CENTRAL AVENUE, ibstock, IBSTOCK, LE67 6NE Operating Centre: SPRINGWOOD FARM, MELBOURNE, DERBY, DE73 8BJ Authorisation: 4 vehicle(s) Transport Manager(s): Przemyslaw WLIZLO
PC2092999 R	ACE RINGWAY CONTRACT HIRE LIMITED Director(s): Ayyub Nakhuda ACE RINGWAY CONTRACT HIRE LTD, GUILD ROW, OFF CHURCH ST, PRESTON, PR1 1DJ Operating Centre: masjid-e-noor, gujerati sunni muslim society ltd, noor st, preston, PR1 1QS Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
PC2093240 R	KEITH AUSTIN BROWNE 4 FILBERT CLOSE, LIVERPOOL, L33 4DT Operating Centre: 1 - 3 THE COTTAGES, CHAPEL LANE, NETHERTON, L30 7PD Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s) 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 Undertaking: The operator shall, during the life of the restricted licence, keep separate records of time spent and income earned from all occupations to enable the primary occupation to be determined. Records shall be supported by primary evidence such as payslips, P60 documents, invoices and tachograph records. Copies of the record shall be made available to the DVSA or OTC officers on request. Attached to Licence. New Undertaking: Should income from, or time spent on, the minibus operation exceed that from all other sources for two consecutive months, the operator will apply for a standard national licence. Attached to Licence.

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

PC2092505 SI	NW PRO CARS LIMITED Director(s): MOSINA MUZAFFAR AHMED KOTHIWALA 10 MANOR AVENUE, FULWOOD, PRESTON, PR2 8DN Operating Centre: FISHWICK RANGERS Y&CDS, UNIT 2, PARKER STREET, ASHTON-ON-RIBBLE, PRESTON, PR2 2AH Authorisation: 4 vehicle(s) Transport Manager(s): LATIF AHMED BIBI 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.
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No entries

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PC2023808 R **THE BEATS TOURS LTD**
Director(s): ROBERT BARRY GILBERT-SMITH
9 GLEGG STREET, LIVERPOOL, L3 7DX
New operating centre: CITY TOURS LTD, 9 GLEGG STREET, LIVERPOOL, L3 7DX
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 1 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: WEAVER CAR STORAGE, WEAVER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BLACKBURNE STREET, LIVERPOOL, L19 8JA

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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

No entries

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No entries

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- PD1128125/168 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Newcastle under Lyme bus station and Fairground bus station, Congleton given service number 94 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PD1050801/5 **DIAMOND BUS (EAST MIDLANDS) LTD, WETMORE ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE14 1QL**
Operating between Branston and Ashby Market Street given service number 9 / 19A / 19C / 801 effective from 20 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PD1050801/22 **DIAMOND BUS (EAST MIDLANDS) LTD, WETMORE ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE14 1QL**
Operating between Market Street, Ashby De La Zouch and Swadlincote given service number 4 effective from 20 August 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PC0001135/31 **TRENT MOTOR TRACTION COMPANY LIMITED(THE), 88A MANSFIELD ROAD, HEANOR, DE75 7BG**
Operating between Derby, Gower Street and Derby, Gower Street given service number Harlequin effective from 30 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/98 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Preston Bus Station and Preston Bus Station given service number 8 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/12 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Preston Bus Station and Tanterton given service number 35 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/16 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Hob Inn Turning Circle, Church Lane, Bamber Bridge and Sherwood Asda Store given service number 23 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/26 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Royal Preston Hospital Grounds and Preston Bus Station given service number 19 / 19S effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/203 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Preston Bus Station, Tithebarn St, Preston and Farrington Park, Tudor Avenue, Preston given service number 16 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001777/145 **PRESTON BUS LIMITED, PRESTON BUS, 13 SILVERWELL STREET, BOLTON, BL1 1PP**
Operating between Penwortham, Kingsfold Shops, Pope Lane, Penwortham and Longridge Post Office, Berry Lane, Longridge given service number 6 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Route, Start & Finish Point and Timetable.
- PF0007085/173 **ARRIVA MIDLANDS LTD, 4 WESTMORELAND AVENUE, THURMASTON, LEICESTER, LE4 8PH**
Operating between St. Margarets Bus Station, Leicester and Swadlincote Bus Station given service number 29S / X29 / 29 / 29A effective from 22 August 2026. To amend Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PG0007245/154 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Chester and Mold given service number X4 effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PG0007245/334 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Chester Bus Station and Chester Bus Station given service number 14 / 14A effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Route.

- PG0007245/494 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between CHESTER and Deeside given service number 11A effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PG0007245/256 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Chester and Connahs Quay given service number 10 / 10A effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PG0007245/254 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Chester and Mold given service number 4S / 4B / 4 effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PG0007245/338 **ARRIVA CYMRU LTD, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, AINTREE, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Chester Bus Station and Saughall given service number 15 / 15A effective from 20 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001141/419 **ARRIVA MERSEYSIDE LIMITED, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between Bootle New Strand and Aigburth Vale given service number 61 / 61B / 61A effective from 30 August 2026. To amend Timetable.

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

- PC1033334/198 **RIBBLE MOTOR SERVICES LTD, GILMOSS DEPOT, EAST LANCASHIRE ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L11 0BB**
Operating between Chester and Wrexham given service number 5 / 5E effective from 03 August 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PC1033334/430 **RIBBLE MOTOR SERVICES LTD, GILMOSS DEPOT, EAST LANCASHIRE ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L11 0BB**
Operating between Chester and Higher Kinnerton given service number 62 / 61 effective from 31 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC0001061/22 **BLACKPOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES LTD, RIGBY ROAD, BLACKPOOL, FY1 5DD**
Operating between Mereside Tesco and Cleveleys given service number 3 effective from 30 August 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

- PD1128125/150 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Macclesfield Bus Station and Parkhouse Drive, Prestbury, Macclesfield given service number 19 / 19A effective from 01 September 2026.

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

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Section 3 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

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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 Northwesthc@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

No entries

Section 4.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

Public Inquiry (93970) held at The IBIS Styles Hotel Haydock, 4 Galway Crescent, Piele Road, Haydock St Helens WA11 0GR, on 23 July 2026 commenced at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3235))
PC2028576 SI

CHORLEY TRAVEL LTD

Director(s): SHAMAIL IYAZ AHMED

UNIT K, GROVE PARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE GREEN, ECCLESTON, PR7 5TZ

S17 - Licence revoked with effect from 17:00 on Friday 31 July 2026

S28 - Chorley Travel Ltd, and director Mr. Shamail Iyal Ahmed are each disqualified indefinitely with immediate effect

Sch.3 - I make a finding that Mr. Shamail Iyal Ahmed has lost his good repute as transport manager. Mr. Ahmed is disqualified from acting in such capacity for any road transport undertaking for an indefinite period.

Public Inquiry (94009) held at The IBIS Styles Hotel Haydock, 4 Galway Crescent, Piele Road, Haydock St Helens WA11 0GR, on 23 July 2026 commenced at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3239)) PC2089411 SN

AZA MINIBUSES LTD

Director(s): YASIF KHAN, AISHA KHATOON YASIF KHAN
17 LANGSIDE DRIVE, BOLTON, BL3 4US

S16 - Application granted under provision of Section 14(3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 ("the Act"), subject to conditions applied under provision of Section 16(3) of the Act; namely (i) vehicles with over 16 passenger seats are not permitted to be kept at the operating centre recorded as Egerton Mill, Cawdor Street, Farnworth Bolton, BL4 7LX; and (ii) Vehicles authorised under this operator's licence are not to be parked overnight, at any time, at the establishment address, 17 Langside Drive, Bolton, BL3 4US

17. The following undertakings are offered and accepted. These will be added to the operator's licence and are to be complied with:

a. Mr. Khan shall attend training courses relating to (i) Effective Management of Vehicle Maintenance, and (ii) Brake Testing and submit certificates of attendance (or independent confirmation of completion) not later than 23 October 2026.

**b. The operator will provide original or copies (verified by the issuing bank or building society) of financial evidence in the name of AZA Minibuses Ltd covering the period 01 October 2026 to 31 December 2026 to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner at NorthWestHC@otc.gov.uk by no later than 31 January 2027. 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.

c. Vehicle EJ69 AWF will be used for school transport services only and will not be used for any other commercial purposes.

d. Any vehicle used under authorisation of this licence, which has a tachograph installed, shall only operate with a drivers' card inserted regardless of the type of work. No journeys shall be subject to manual recording, save where legally unavoidable.

e. The operator shall download vehicle unit data every 28 days and have all occurrences of "missing mileage" investigated and recorded with an explanation. These records are to be retained for not less than twelve months.

**f. The operator undertakes to identify an independent body to carry out an audit of transport safety and compliance systems during January 2027. The audit will assess the systems for complying with maintenance and drivers' hours requirements, and the effectiveness with which those systems are implemented. The audit should cover at least the applicable elements detailed in the guidance on Operator Compliance Audits available at:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/operator-compliance-audits.**

A copy of the report together with the operator's detailed proposals for implementing the report's recommendations is to be uploaded to the licence record via the Vehicle Operator Licensing self-service account, or, if the operator does not have a self-service account, emailed to notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk not later than 17 February 2027.

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481906, Public Inquiry ID: 107301) for GRZEGORZ SERAFIN to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,

on 9 September 2026 commencing at 14:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481907, Public Inquiry ID: 107303) for ADRIAN MARK PAYNE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,

on 10 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481894, Public Inquiry ID: 107293) for BRIAN JOHNSON to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,

on 8 September 2026 commencing at 10:30

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481896, Public Inquiry ID: 107294) for BRIAN DEREK TAYLOR to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,

on 8 September 2026 commencing at 10:30

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480644, Public Inquiry ID: 107282) for ANDREW PETER HARRIS to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,

on 15 September 2026 commencing at 14:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481345, Public Inquiry ID: 107289) for TRACY JANE QUINN to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,

on 8 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481346, Public Inquiry ID: 107291) for Ms LAUREN LOCKHART to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,

on 8 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481344, Public Inquiry ID: 107287) for Mr JOHN THOMAS FOSTER to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,

on 8 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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: 480816, Public Inquiry ID: 107009) for MALCOLM BENTHAM to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 20 July 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3233))

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

Transport Manager, Malcolm Bentham, receives a strong formal warning. He has given a personal undertaking not to be a TM again in the future and will step back from the operation within 12 weeks

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480625, Public Inquiry ID: 106938) for MARIA UHANSKA to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,

on 28 July 2026 commencing at 14:00

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3, repute lost for a period of 12 months

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480635, Public Inquiry ID: 106940) for DEREK STUART TAYLOR to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,

on 29 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3235))

The good repute of Transport manager Derek Stuart Taylor is retained but severely tarnished.

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Section 5 – Corrections

Section 6 – Special Notices

On 24th September 2023 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Franchising Scheme for buses came into force using powers granted by the Transport Act 2000. The initial area for the scheme (Tranche 1) covers Bolton, Wigan, parts of Bury, Salford, Manchester. The Combined Authority, through Transport for Greater Manchester, are now responsible for the registration of the majority of the local bus services that operate within the franchise area and they will not appear in the Notices and Proceedings. Services that have been transferred to GMCA will show as ‘Admin Cancelled’ on the gov.uk website.

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Franchising Scheme

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) have published their intention to introduce a bus franchising scheme. A Transition Notice has been published and is available here: <https://liverpoolcityregion-ca.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s69577/Appendix%203%20-%20Draft%20Transitional%20Notice.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 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) 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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