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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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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

No entries

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

TRANSPORT FOR WARWICKSHIRE LIMITED**Director(s): LEANDER EDWARDS-DRAGE**

138 OXFORD STREET, TRANSPORT OFFICE, RUGBY, CV21 3LZ

Operating Centre: THE WHITE HOUSE, OXFORD ROAD, PRINCETHORPE, RUGBY, CV23 9QD

Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s)

Transport Manager(s): LEANDER EDWARDS-DRAGE

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 TRANSPORT FOR WARWICKSHIRE LIMITED covering the period 01/11/2026 to 31/01/2027 to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner (Licensing) in Leeds by no later than 28/02/2027. 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. Attached to Licence.

New Undertaking: By 07/11/2026, LEANDER EDWARDS-DRAGE will either:

1. attend in person an operator licence management training course; or
2. participate in a virtual online operator licence management course.

Courses must be run by one of the following bodies:

1. a trade association (e.g. Logistics UK/ RHA/ BAR/ CPT);
 2. a professional body (e.g. IoTA/ CILT/ SOE/ IRTE);
 3. an approved examination centre offering the relevant transport manager CPC qualification for the type of licence held; or
 4. a firm of solicitors (or their associated training organisation) with significant experience with road transport regulatory and compliance issues (defined as having represented road transport operators and/or transport managers in at least 20 public inquiries over the past two years).
- the instructor and all course participants must be visible to each other and audible throughout the training;

Virtual online courses must satisfy the criteria for such courses established by the traffic commissioners. Whether attending in person or participating in an online course, proof of attendance must be uploaded to the licence record via the Vehicle Operator Licensing self-service account within seven days of the course taking place. Attached to Licence.

New Undertaking: The operator undertakes to identify an independent body to carry out an audit of transport safety and compliance systems. The audit will assess the systems for complying with maintenance and/or 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 by 28/02/2027 Attached to Licence.

PD2091365 SN **ALLINSON TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): Joanna Allinson
 273 WESTON ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 6HA
 Operating Centre: NEWMAN MOTORS LTD, RECREATION ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5LN
 Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s)
 Transport Manager(s): JOANNA ALLINSON
 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: Vehicles with more than 16 passenger seats will not be operated from Newman Motors Ltd, Recreation Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 5LN Attached to Operating Centre: NEWMAN MOTORS LTD, RECREATION ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5LN
 New Undertaking: The operator undertakes to identify an independent body to carry out an audit of transport safety and compliance systems. The audit will assess the systems for complying with maintenance and/or 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 by 07/10/2026. Attached to Licence.

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PD2083414 SN **MIDLANDS AIRPORT TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): PARMINDERJEET SINGH
 UNIT 2A, 1 STRAIGHT ROAD, ALVAR BUSINESS PARK, WILLENHALL, WV12 5QY
 New operating centre: 1 STRAIGHT ROAD, WILLENHALL, WV12 5QY
 New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 3 vehicle(s)
 New licence authorisation will be 3 vehicle(s)

Section 1.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.6 – Licences Surrendered

PD2082431 SI **Licence surrendered WEF 11 August 2026**
EJ COACHES LTD
Director(s): SARVJEET KAUR
 286 WARSTONES ROAD, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV4 4LB

Section 1.7 – Application Withdrawn Prior to Determination

No entries

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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 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

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

PC2030765/13 **EVOLVE BUS & COACH LTD., WOODSIDE FARM, WOODYARD LANE, FOSTON, DERBY, DE65 5PY**
From: Lichfield Bus Station
To: Lichfield Bus Station
Via:
Name or No.: Lichfield City Circular 31 / Lichfield City Circular 32
Service type: Normal Stopping / Hail & Ride
Effective date: 10 August 2026
Other details: Mondays to Fridays. No service on Bank and Public Holidays

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

PG0000397/197 **NEWPORT TRANSPORT LIMITED, 160 CORPORATION ROAD, NEWPORT, NP19 0WF**
From: B4352 adj Shelter
To: Hereford Railway Station
Via: Tyberton, Preston on Wye, Eaton Bishop, Belmont
Name or No.: 448
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 30 August 2026
End date: 31 August 2029
Other details: Tuesday and Thursday

PG0000397/198 **NEWPORT TRANSPORT LIMITED, 160 CORPORATION ROAD, NEWPORT, NP19 0WF**
From: Swainshill, Stretton Sugwas Turn
To: Hereford Railway Station
Via: Breinton Common, Upper Breinton, Green Lane Park Home Estate
Name or No.: 436
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 30 August 2026
End date: 31 August 2029
Other details: Wednesday

- PC2030765/11 **EVOLVE BUS & COACH LTD., WOODSIDE FARM, WOODYARD LANE, FOSTON, DERBY, DE65 5PY**
 From: The Acorn Inn, Burton-on-Trent
 To: Burton High Street
 Via: Henhurst Ridge & Shobnall
 Name or No.: Little Acorn
 Service type: Normal Stopping
 Effective date: 05 January 2026
 Other details: Mondays to Saturdays only. No service on Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays and 25 Dec to 1 Jan
- PC2030765/12 **EVOLVE BUS & COACH LTD., WOODSIDE FARM, WOODYARD LANE, FOSTON, DERBY, DE65 5PY**
 From: Uttoxeter Bus Station
 To: Uttoxeter Bus Station
 Via:
 Name or No.: Uttoxeter Circle
 Service type: Normal Stopping / Hail & Ride / Circular
 Effective date: 02 January 2026
 Other details: Mondays to Saturdays only. No service on Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays and 25 Dec to 1 Jan

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

- PF0007085/221 **ARRIVA MIDLANDS LTD, 4 WESTMORELAND AVENUE, THURMASTON, LEICESTER, LE4 8PH**
 Operating between St. Margarets Bus Station, Leicester and Pool Meadow Bus Station, Coventry given service number X6 effective from 22 August 2026. To amend Route, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PF0007085/218 **ARRIVA MIDLANDS LTD, 4 WESTMORELAND AVENUE, THURMASTON, LEICESTER, LE4 8PH**
 Operating between St. Margarets Bus Station, Leicester and Clifton Road, Rugby given service number X84 effective from 22 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PD2049888/27 **CHASERIDER BUSES LTD, D&G BUS LTD, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
 Operating between Wolverhampton Bus Station and Bakers Way, Codsall, Staffordshire given service number 5 effective from 01 September 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC2030765/12 **EVOLVE BUS & COACH LTD., WOODSIDE FARM, WOODYARD LANE, FOSTON, DERBY, DE65 5PY**
 Operating between Uttoxeter Bus Station and Uttoxeter Bus Station given service number 406 Uttoxeter Circle effective from 10 April 2026. To amend Route and Timetable.

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

- PG0000397/184 **NEWPORT TRANSPORT LIMITED, 160 CORPORATION ROAD, NEWPORT, NP19 0WF**
 Operating between Ridge Way Wyesham Road, Monmouthshire and Old School Lane Wyesham Road, Monmouthshire given service number 66 effective from 30 August 2026. To amend Timetable.

- PD0000423/84 **YEOMANS CANYON TRAVEL LIMITED, YEOMANS TRAVEL, THE TRAVEL CENTRE, OLD SCHOOL LANE, HEREFORD, HR1 1EX**
Operating between Leominster Bus Station and Ludlow Railway Station given service number 490 effective from 20 July 2026. To amend Route, Start & Finish Point, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PD0000423/74 **YEOMANS CANYON TRAVEL LIMITED, YEOMANS TRAVEL, THE TRAVEL CENTRE, OLD SCHOOL LANE, HEREFORD, HR1 1EX**
Operating between Bus Station, Dishley Street, Leominster and Bus Station, Dishley Street, Leominster given service number 401 / 402 / 403 / 404 effective from 20 July 2026. To amend Route, Start & Finish Point, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PC2065754/1 **BUS LINK LTD, UNIT 5, 290 STANTON ROAD, BURTON UPON TRENT, DE15 9SQ**
Operating between Lichfield Bus Station and Lichfield Bus Station given service number 31 / 32 effective from 10 August 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PC2030765/12 **EVOLVE BUS & COACH LTD., WOODSIDE FARM, WOODYARD LANE, FOSTON, DERBY, DE65 5PY**
Operating between Uttoxeter Bus Station and Uttoxeter Bus Station given service number Uttoxeter Circle effective from 01 June 2026. To amend Timetable.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

- PD1128125/175 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, ADDERLEY GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between CHRISTCHURCH WAY, STONE and CHRISTCHURCH WAY, STONE given service number A effective from 01 September 2026.

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PD0001374/521 **DIAMOND BUS LTD, HALLBRIDGE WAY, TIPTON ROAD, TIVIDALE, WARLEY, B69 3HW**
Operating between Tamworth and Sutton Coldfield given service number 76 / 76B / 76A / 76C / 76S effective from 01 July 2026.

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Section 3 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

Section 3.1 – Requests

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 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 4.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

No entries

Section 4.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

No entries

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482015, Public Inquiry ID: 107360) for VASILE GHEORGHESCU to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 9 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482300, Public Inquiry ID: 107442) for ALEX CRAWFORD to be held at Level 6 (Edinburgh), EH1 3EG, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh,
on 17 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481999, Public Inquiry ID: 107348) for Mr ANTONY WILLIAM WATKINS-BURTON to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 24 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481694, Public Inquiry ID: 107245) for Mr IULIAN GAL to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,
on 10 September 2026 commencing at 10:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480786, Public Inquiry ID: 107455) for MIROSLAW PIOTR HAUSZ to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 21 September 2026 commencing at 02:00

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481570, Public Inquiry ID: 107453) for IMRAN KHAN to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 21 September 2026 commencing at 10:30

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482359, Public Inquiry ID: 107450) for Mr JOSEPH MALONE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 6 October 2026 commencing at 10:30

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

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 477163, Public Inquiry ID: 107471) for AMANDA JANE ADAMSON to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 17 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: 480797, Public Inquiry ID: 106997) for CHRISTINA ROSEY ANN STREET to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 29 July 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2765))

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 - Christina Rosey Ann Street is disqualified from acting as a transport manager on any operator's licence with effect from 28 August 2026 until further order.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480798, Public Inquiry ID: 106999) for RACHAEL JACKSON to be held at The IBIS Styles Hotel Haydock, 4 Galway Crescent, Piele Road, Haydock St Helens WA11 0GR,
on 30 July 2026 commencing at 10:30

Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 - Ms Jackson's repute as a transport manager is tarnished but not lost. She is, however, warned and reminded that if levels of compliance by any operator for which she has responsibility as a transport manager fall below acceptable standards, as has happened here, then this is very likely to directly impact upon her own personal repute as a transport manager.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480698, Public Inquiry ID: 106967) for Mr NATHAN ALDOUS to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 30 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2767))

Formal warning issued.



Section 5 – Corrections



Section 6 – 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.

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Franchising Scheme

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) have published their intention to introduce a bus franchising scheme. A Transition Notice has been published and is available here:
<https://governance.wmca.org.uk/documents/s25457/WMCA%20Bus%20Franchising%20Transitional%20Notice%2015May25%20Version%20for%20Publication.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 West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) 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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