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Notices and Proceedings

Important Information

All correspondence relating to public inquiries should be sent to:

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The public counter at the Golborne office is open for the receipt of documents between 10am and 3pm Monday Friday. Access to offices can only be guaranteed with a minimum of 24 hours prior notice. There is no facility to make payments of any sort at the counter.

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.

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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

PC2095403 SN **AMAANS TRAVEL NW LTD**
Director(s): Subhan Shabir
83 MONK STREET, ACCRINGTON, BB5 1SS
Operating Centre: CRANBERRY COACHWAYS, GATE 2, CLAYTON LE MOORS, ATLAS STREET, ACCRINGTON, BB5 5LL
Authorisation: 3 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Sabah Farhat Abbas

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

No entries

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PC2090516 SN **TAP COACHES LTD**
Director(s): THOMAS ADAM PAUL CLARKE
4 SPRING CLOUGH, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, OL7 9TJ
Increase at existing operating centre: CITY AIRPORT LTD, BARTON AIRPORT, ECCLES, MANCHESTER, M30 7SA
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 2 vehicle(s)

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

No entries

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

PC0001439/211 **HOLMESWOOD COACHES LTD, SANDY WAY, HOLMESWOOD, ORMSKIRK, L40 1UB**
From: Darwen Town Centre
To: Bolton Interchange
Via: Eccleshill, Hoddlesden, Edgworth, Castle Hill
Name or No.: 235
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 29 November 2026
Other details: Monday to Saturday excluding Bank Holidays

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

PB2085973/16 **SMT BUS AND COACH LTD, 60 SPEY DRIVE, AUCKLEY, DONCASTER, DN9 3JL**
From: Market Street, Staveley
To: Market Street, Staveley
Via:
Name or No.: 28
Service type: Normal Stopping / Circular
Effective date: 26 October 2026
Other details: Monday to Friday only (Excluding Bank Holidays)

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

No entries

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

PC0004218/213 **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE TRACTION COMPANY LIMITED, MANSFIELD ROAD, HEANOR, DE75 7BG**
Operating between Wayzgoose Drive, Derby and Moy Park, Ashbourne given service number 2 effective from 19 October 2026. To amend Timetable.

PC1118599/20 **THE YORKSHIRE TRACTION CO LTD, STAGECOACH IN YORKSHIRE, UNIT 4 ELDON ARCADE, BARNSLEY, S70 2JP**
Operating between Grangewood Farm and Holme Hall given service number 39 / 39 effective from 25 October 2026. To amend Timetable.

PC1090231/174 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between CONGLETON FAIRGROUND BUS STATION and CONGLETON, MOSSLEY CORNER given service number 91 effective from 28 September 2026. To amend Timetable.

PC1090231/176 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between CONGLETON FAIRGROUND BUS STATION and CONGLETON, HARVEY ROAD, BUGLAWTON given service number 92 effective from 28 September 2026. To amend Stopping Places.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

No entries

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

PC1038719/95 **REAYS COACHES LTD, STRAWBERRY FIELDS, SYKE ROAD, WIGTON, CA7 9NE**
Operating between Main Street, Cockermouth and Main Street, Cockermouth given service number C123 effective from 31 October 2026.

PC1038719/94 **REAYS COACHES LTD, STRAWBERRY FIELDS, SYKE ROAD, WIGTON, CA7 9NE**
Operating between Curzon Street, Maryport and Curzon Street, Maryport given service number 68 effective from 31 October 2026.

PC1019835/30 **HARPURS COACHES LTD, UNIT 2, WINCANTON CLOSE, DERBY, DE24 8NB**
Operating between Chellaston East Junction, Swarkestone Road, Weston-on-Trent and Chellaston Academy, Swarkestone Road, Derby given service number 247 effective from 02 November 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 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.

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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: 481270, Public Inquiry ID: 107832) for ANA-ALEXANDRA STANCULESCU-RISTEA to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 26 November 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3245))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483942, Public Inquiry ID: 107925) for PETER JOHN DAVISON to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 9 December 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 484276, Public Inquiry ID: 108002) for BRENDAN ROLAND TRISTAN FURNESS to be held at Swyddfeydd Penrallt Offices, LL55 1BN, Ffordd Pafiliwn, Gwynedd, Caernarfon,
on 22 January 2027 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483207, Public Inquiry ID: 107881) for OLIVIA DUNKLEY to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 9 December 2026 commencing at 14:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483830, Public Inquiry ID: 107882) for Mr JOSHUA TEALE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 9 December 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: 482066, Public Inquiry ID: 107378) for Mr JOSHUA KEEPINGS to be held at 3 Llys Cadwyn, CF37 4TH, Pontypridd,
on 19 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3243))
Sch.3 - Formal warning issued.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482067, Public Inquiry ID: 107379) for Mr KENNETH NIGEL KEEPINGS to be held at 3 Llys Cadwyn, CF37 4TH, Pontypridd,
on 19 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3243))
Sch.3 - Repute is severely tarnished but not lost.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480103, Public Inquiry ID: 106985) for IAIN NORMAN MORRISON to be held at Level 6 (Edinburgh), EH1 3EG, The Stamp Office, 10 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh,
on 17 July 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3233))
Warning issued.

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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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