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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.

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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

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Section 1.1 – New Applications Received

PK2095691 R **GATWICK CAMBRIDGE HOTEL LIMITED**
Director(s): Murat Ince, Celal Ince
CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, 19 BONEHURST ROAD, HORLEY, RH6 8PP
Operating Centre: CAMBRIDGE HOTEL, 19 BONEHURST ROAD, HORLEY, RH6 8PP
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)

PK2095558 SI **PRESTIGE LUXE TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): Nizam Khan
4 STATELY STREET, LONDON, E1 0PY
Operating Centre: Unit 15, Balmoral Trading Estate, 113 River Road, Barking, IG11 0EG
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN HUNN
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.

PK2094548 R **LUBNA ZAFAR**

3 JOVIEL HOUSE, 73 GARRICK CLOSE, STAINES UPON THAMES, STAINES UPON THAMES, TW182PJ
Operating Centre: 24 HOUR CENTRE LTD, 90 HIGH STREET, HARLINGTON, HAYES, UB3 5DN
Authorisation: 1 vehicle(s)

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

No entries

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PK2077213 SI **GATWICK HOPPA LTD**
Director(s): Matthew Pooley
Unit H5 Gatwick Business Park, Kennel Lane, Hookwood, Horley, RH6 0AH
New operating centre: UNIT 1A, GATWICK BUSINESS PARK, KENNEL LANE, HOOKWOOD, HORLEY, RH6 0AH
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 9 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 17 vehicle(s)

PK0000115 SI **WORTHING COACHES LIMITED**
Director(s): Lynette Gillian Krige, Keith Dorling

WORTHING COACHES, Broadcut, Wallington, Fareham, PO16 8TB
New operating centre: The Old Goods Yard, (Off Colas Reception), Wallage Lane, Rowfant, RH10 4NF
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 5 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 25 vehicle(s)
New Undertaking (a) The operator will advise the Traffic Commissioner of the make, model and registration number of vehicles used under that licence, and will advise of any changes.

(b) In respect of any vehicle with 8 or fewer passenger seats used under the licence, the operator will provide an audit trail to the Traffic Commissioner or any enforcement body on request, that demonstrates compliance with PSV requirements. This includes paperwork as to how (in respect of any service) separate fares were paid, and one of the 2 conditions set out in Question 1 were met.

(c) Each small vehicle used under the licence will have a V5C registration certificate, and the operator must possess and produce, when asked to do so, a document confirming this.

(d) Each small vehicle will receive a full safety inspection (no less than once every 10 weeks) in premises suitable for the vehicle, to ensure that its roadworthiness is maintained. Records of all inspections must be kept in accordance with the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness.

(e) At no time will the small vehicle carry more than 8 passengers.

(f) The operator will at all times comply with the legislation in respect of the charging of separate fares and retain 12 months' evidence of this compliance for each journey.

(g) Drivers of small vehicles will carry with them documentary evidence that separate fares have been charged for the current journey.

(h) The operator will not use a vehicle that does not meet the ECWVTA standards, British construction and usage requirements, or the Road Vehicles Approval Regulations 2009 (as amended).

(i) The operator or driver will not break the alcohol laws.. 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 Small vehicles undertakings
(a) The operator will advise the Traffic Commissioner of the make, model and registration number of vehicles used under that licence, and will advise of any changes.
(b) In respect of any vehicle with eight or less passengers seats used under the licence, the operator will provide an audit trail to the Traffic Commissioner or any enforcement body on request, that demonstrates compliance with PSV requirements. This includes paperwork as to how in respect of any service separate fares were paid and one of the two conditions set out in Question 1 were met. Note this undertaking does not apply when the vehicle is being used under the provisions of Section 79A.
(c) Each small vehicle to be used under the licence will have a V5C registration certificate, and the operator must possess and produce, when asked to do so, a document confirming this.
(d) Each small vehicle will receive a full safety inspection (maximum every 10 weeks) in premises suitable for the vehicle to ensure that its roadworthiness is maintained. Records of all inspections must be kept in accordance with the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness.
(e) At no time will the small vehicle carry more than eight passengers.
(f) The operator will at all times comply with the legislation in respect of the charging of separate fares and retain 12 months' evidence of this compliance for each journey.
(g) Drivers of small vehicles will carry with them documentary evidence that separate fares have been charged for the current journey.
(h) The operator will not use a vehicle that does not meet the ECWVTA standards, British construction and use requirements or the Road Vehicles Approval Regulations 2009 (as amended).

PK2037311 SI **MJ. EXECUTIVE LTD**
Director(s): MAURICE JOSEPH
2 TREWARDEN ROW, IVER, SL0 0AQ
New operating centre: Former Police Command, Rear of Heston Services, London Bound Access, North Hyde Lane, Heston, TW5 9NA
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: The Reeves, SNAKEY LANE, FELTHAM, TW13 7NB

PK1055601 SI **CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ROFFEY**

SOUTH LODGE, BULLEN COURT BUSINESS CENTRE, BULLEN LANE, EAST PECKAM, TONBRIDGE, TN125LX
New operating centre: UNIT 1, GREAT ENGEHAM FARM, BETHERSDEN ROAD, WOODCHURCH, ASHFORD, TN26 3PU
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 8 vehicle(s)
New operating centre: FLIMWELL SERVICE STATION, 4 LONDON ROAD, FLIMWELL, WADHURST, TN5 7PG
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 1 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: 4b Mereworth Business Centre, Danns Lane, Wateringbury, Wateringbury, ME18 5LW
New operating centre: STATION ROAD YARD, STATION ROAD, NORTHIAM, RYE, TN31 6QT
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 8 vehicle(s)

PK0002183 SI **P & J ELLIS LTD**
Director(s): PHILIP SANDERS, EDWARD SABU THOMAS
22 AINTREE ROAD, PERIVALE, Greenford, Greenford, GREENFORD, UB6 7LA
Increase at existing operating centre: 22 AINTREE ROAD, PERIVALE, GREENFORD, UB6 7LA
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 30 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 30 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

Section 1.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.6 – Licences Surrendered

PK0003640 SI **Licence surrendered WEF 6 November 2026**
HOLT SERVICES LIMITED
Director(s): Alexander Cole, Emma Cole
Browns Meadow, Edburton, Henfield, HENFIELD, BN5 9FW

Section 1.7– Applications Withdrawn Prior to Determination

No entries

Section 1.8 – Licences Revoked Without a Public Inquiry

PK2088049 SI **OPAL TRANSPORT GROUP LTD**
Director(s): AARON SINGH, ISA SYED
Rhs Office 4 Systems House, 1st Floor, 5 Horndon industrial park, STATION ROAD, west horndon, BRENTWOOD, CM13 3XL
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

PK2019206 SI **HERGOENERGY TRANSPORTS LTD**
Director(s): Fernando Grilo
39 PARK VIEW CRESCENT, LONDON, N11 1JY
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

No entries

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

No entries

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

PK0001816/2	**LONDON GENERAL TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED, 18 MERTON HIGH STREET, LONDON, SW19 1DN** Operating between Belmont, Sutton Lane and Belmont, Highdown Prison given service number 80 effective from 28 November 2026. To amend Timetable.
PK0002571/25	**STAGECOACH (SOUTH) LIMITED, STAGECOACH SOUTH, BUS STATION, SOUTHGATE, CHICHESTER, PO19 8DG** Operating between Tangmere and Chichester given service number 655 / 55 effective from 29 November 2026. To amend Timetable.
PH0007007/30	**FIRST BEELINE BUSES LIMITED, HOEFORD, GOSPORT ROAD, FAREHAM, PO16 0ST** Operating between Slough, Wellington Street and Uxbridge Underground Station given service number 3 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Stopping Places and Timetable.
PH0007007/33	**FIRST BEELINE BUSES LIMITED, HOEFORD, GOSPORT ROAD, FAREHAM, PO16 0ST** Operating between Britwell, Kennedy Park Shops and Heathrow Airport (Central Bus Station, Terminal 5 given service number 7 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.
PK0000141/1	**NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP** Operating between Leybourne, opp Lundsford Lane/Aylesford Station and Maidstone, Barton Road given service number 554 / 555 effective from 09 January 2027. To amend Start & Finish Point and Timetable.

PK0000141/99 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between Aylesford Station, Station Road, Aylesford and Oakwood Park/Snodland Co-op given service number 588 / 588R effective from 09 January 2027. To amend Route and Timetable.

PK0000141/73 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between Cliffe and The Hundred of Hoo Academy given service number 601 / 602 / 603 effective from 09 January 2027. To amend Timetable.

PK0000141/130 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between A20 Ditton Corner and Wrotham School/Chapman Way Shops given service number W3 effective from 09 January 2027. To amend Route and Timetable.

PK0000141/107 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between Airfield Estate and Ditton Corner, London Road given service number W4 effective from 09 January 2027. To amend Route and Timetable.

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

PK0000208/53 **ARRIVA KENT & SURREY LTD, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD, MAIDSTONE, ME15 6TX**
Operating between Tenterden and Maidstone given service number 12 effective from 01 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PK0001816/124 **LONDON GENERAL TRANSPORT SERVICES LIMITED, 18 MERTON HIGH STREET, LONDON, SW19 1DN**
Operating between Acacia Hall Bus Interchange, Kent Fastrack, Dartford and Gravesend Bus Interchange, Garrick Street, Gravesend given service number AZ effective from 24 October 2026. To amend Timetable.

PK0002571/46 **STAGECOACH (SOUTH) LIMITED, STAGECOACH SOUTH, BUS STATION, SOUTHGATE, CHICHESTER, PO19 8DG**
Operating between Worthing and Durrington given service number 5 effective from 16 November 2026. To amend Route.

PK0000141/120 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between Chatham and Rochester given service number Park and Ride effective from 28 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

PK1147727/5 **1ST BUS STOP LTD, THE COACH YARD, WHARF ROAD, GRAVESEND, DA12 2RU**
Operating between Dartford, Temple Hill Square and Longfield Academy. Longfield given service number D2 effective from 02 November 2026. To amend Route and Stopping Places.

PK0000141/94 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE, FORSTAL ROAD, AYLESFORD, ME20 7SP**
Operating between Maidstone East Station and Kent County Showground given service number X33 (Kent County Show) effective from 20 November 2026. To amend Timetable.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

No entries

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

No entries

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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 Southeasternhc@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: 483871, Public Inquiry ID: 108069) for Mr STEPHEN WRAGG to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 16 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: 482750, Public Inquiry ID: 107576) for JULIE ALICE PAYNE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 28 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2882))
Mrs Payne repute is tarnished but not lost.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482736, Public Inquiry ID: 107569) for Mr ALAN EWART MCCONNELL to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 28 October 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(2880))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 - a strong formal warning that should similar incidents arise in the future it is likely that more formal regulatory action will follow.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480302, Public Inquiry ID: 107263) for IAN ROSE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,
on 16 September 2026 commencing at 14:00
Schedule 3 - Ian Rose's repute is lost; disqualified for one year with effect from 23:45 hours on 16 October 2026.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483018, Public Inquiry ID: 107650) for PETER COE to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 2 November 2026 commencing at 10:30 (Previous Publication:(2882))
Repute not lost

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483558, Public Inquiry ID: 107803) for BARRY JAMES CLARKE QUIGLEY to be held at Killymeal House, 2 Cromac Quay, Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JD,
on 13 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2883))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3
Transport manager Barry Quigley is found not be of good repute and is disqualified indefinitely with effect from 00:15hrs on 30th November 2026.
A direction is made so that he must successfully sit the CPC examination for transport managers before applying for the order of disqualification to be lifted.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483559, Public Inquiry ID: 107804) for TERENCE EUGENE QUIGLEY to be held at Killymeal House, 2 Cromac Quay, Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JD,
on 13 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(2883))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3
Transport manager Terence Quigley is found not be of good repute and is disqualified indefinitely with effect from 00:15hrs on 30th November 2026. A direction is made so that he must successfully sit the CPC examination for transport managers before applying for the order of disqualification to be lifted.

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Section 5 – Corrections

Section 6 – Special Notices

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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