

# Department of Environment & Sport Newsletter

## December 2016 Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service

### Proposed Conditions Changes - Consultation

Consultation on the proposed changes to licensing conditions has now commenced. If you would like to view this please click on the link below.

By clicking on the link it takes you to the HCPH website with a green banner at the top showing "What's New" – December 2016 Proposed conditions changes November 2016 **more**".

Click on "**more**" and follow the instructions. You must enter your name and your 6 digit licence number in order to complete the survey so please ensure that you have those details to hand.

[www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire)

Please also note that The "What's New" banner is the location which licensed personnel are required to visit once per month, as part of their licensing conditions, to update themselves on what has changed.

Please ensure that you pass this information to your drivers and encourage them to take part in the survey

The survey deadline has been extended and closes on 13th January 2017

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### Service Closure Periods

The service will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016 for the Christmas Bank Holiday.

The service will also be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 to for the New Year Bank Holiday.

A separate bulletin has been sent regarding the service closure for the dates Monday 16th January 2017 to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive.

Note: remember we do not open until 9.30am on a Tuesday.

Please be aware of all the dates and contact the service as soon as possible if your licence is expiring during the closure periods. Contact us by emailing [taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:taxi.testing@bradford.gov.uk)

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## **Right to work checks**

Operators / Proprietors – please pass the below information on to your drivers.

In line with the requirements of the Immigration Act 2016 which became Law from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 the Licensing Service must now check on all new and renewal applications that a driver or an operator is permitted to work in the UK.

For more information on this subject and to see all the documents please visit the **What's New** section of [www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire)

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## **Enforcement update:**

### **Plying for Hire**

Enforcement Officers carried out a 'Plying for Hire' operation in November. Four drivers were found to be plying for hire and action is now on-going against those individuals. Other drivers were approached but correctly refused to take officers without the pre booking having been completed. Well done

To those drivers who refused to take the fair without a booking being in place. Remember it is ILLEGAL to take a fair which has not been booked through the operator.

### **No Left Turn out of Bradford Interchange**

This is a moving traffic offence that is being committed daily by private hire drivers. The signage at the junction onto Bridge Street clearly shows "no left turn except taxis" however many private hire vehicles have been seen making this turn left, then immediately right to avoid the bus gate.

Whilst carrying out partnership working with the Police in October, Private Hire Vehicles were stopped and the drivers were ticketed when committing this offence. Please ensure that you comply with Highways signage at all times.

### **Parking**

Despite action being taken against drivers across the district there is still considerable issues around Private Hire vehicles parking illegally or inconsiderately in numerous areas across the areas.

Consider how you park in order to make the right impression on your customers. A happy customer is a repeat customer.

## **Contact details**

If you would like more information about this newsletter or would like to provide an article for possible inclusion in a future newsletter, please contact:

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