



Your Taxi Brief....

November 2020

Travis Morley is pleased to resume publication of our regular eflyer presenting key taxi and private hire news headlines from October 2020.

4th October 2020

#1 TfL Refuses Ola Licence Renewal...

Transport for London (TfL) has confirmed it will not renew Ola's private hire operator licence (*TPH Notice 14/20*). The regulator has found the company to be no longer ' *fit and proper*' based on the use of unlicensed drivers and vehicles. Additional complaints relate to reporting failures on that use. The current licence expired on 3rd October 2020. Ola, it is reported, will appeal...

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#2 Manchester Launches Standards Consultation...

Greater Manchester authorities, supported Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), has launched a ' *Minimum Licensing Standards*' consultation. It proposes a number of changes relating to the licensing of drivers, vehicles and operators. A concurrent consultation is also being run on ' *Clean Air Zone*' proposals. The consultation will close on 3rd December 2020...

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#3 Judicial Review Granted on TfL Streetspace Scheme...

The High Court has granted permission for a judicial review on Transport for London's (TfL) Streetspace Scheme. It is brought by the Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA), and United Trade Action Group (UTAG), on the grounds of legitimate expectation. A hearing date has been listed for 25th-26th November 2020...

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#4 DfT Launches Consultation on Driving & Mobile Phone Use...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has launched the '*Expanding The Offence of Using A Handheld Mobile Phone While Driving To Include Non-Connected Mobile Application Actions*' consultation. It seeks to bring certain driving offences, allowing for certain exemptions, inline with developments in mobile technology. The consultation will close on 17th January 2021....

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#5 DfT Encourages Use of National Refusals Register...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has sent a letter to licensing authorities advocating use of the ' *National Register of Taxi & Private Hire Licence Revocations & Refusals (NR3)*'. It highlights the benefits of information sharing in helping to protect passengers. Ministers, is stated, will engage with regulators on this matter...

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