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New English Devolution Act...

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) confirms the English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bills' receipt of Royal Assent. After completing its passage through Parliament it now becomes the *English Devolution & Community Empowerment Act 2026*. It introduces new powers on national standards and enforcement...

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DfT on Private Hire Licence Framework...

The Department for Transport (DfT), in response to a question from Connor Naismith MP, confirms its view on private hire licensing in England. Lilian Greenwood MP, Local Transport Minister, agreed the *system needs reform and cited impending new national standard powers as one potential remedy*. It was also indicated the Government will continue keeping matters under consideration...

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New Automated Vehicles Regulations...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has issued its response to the 'Automated Passenger Services (APS) Scheme Consultation'. It sees the implementation of the *Automated Vehicles (Permits for Automated Passenger Services) Regulations 2026* (under the Automated Vehicles Act 2024). These new regulations are aimed at easing the safe deployment of self-driving technology...

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Self-Driving Vehicles in London...

Waymo has announced self-driving vehicles, *without manual control by a human driver*, are now being used in London. It follows the earlier launch of a trial in April 2026 and there is now an expectation fully autonomous vehicles will be available later in 2026. The success, or otherwise, of this service remains to be seen...

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DfT Publishes Transport Strategy...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has published its '*Better Connected: A Strategy for Integrated Transport*' Policy Paper. It outlines the Government's longer term strategy, whilst stating its principles and priorities, for accessible transport in England. The trade is acknowledged as a key part of this system going forward...

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