

The LPHCA members Internet Message Board is up and running and can be accessed from The LPHCA website...

www.lphca.co.uk



The Message Board is open to everyone at the moment and is available either from the message forum link or via the member's only section.

Please give it a try and enjoy one of your fundamental rights – free speech.

We will be featuring posts in every edition of Private Hire News and readers who are unable to get online will see how good dialogue, opinions and friendships can be made online using the board.

If anyone would like to be assisted with either registering for or using the message board please call the LPHCA mobile 07956 329288 and we will help you get up and posting.

Heathrow Congestion Tax

Edward

I am astounded that BAA should be contemplating imposing a "Congestion Tax" at Heathrow "to reduce pollution"!!

Surely, two or three 747s taking off will produce more pollution than all the cars visiting the airport throughout the whole day?

I hope that, should they decide to go ahead with this nonsense; the LPHCA will do everything to ensure that we are exempt, as I am sure the Taxis will be, and as we already are from the Kengestion Tax.

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Never fear The LPHCA is here

When the LPHCA successfully fought to exempt Private Hire Drivers from the Central London congestion charge, in our many presentations to politicians we asked the question.

Does The Mayor really want to congestion charge a mode of Public Transport that reduces car usage and congestion?

The answer was of course no.

The Mayor's first Transport strategy document stated - **Categories proposed for 100% discount - London licensed taxis (Black cabs) London taxis licensed through the Public Carriage Office within TfL. This excludes private hire vehicles and minicabs.**

Without doubt this was an error and if the Mayor had been minded to congestion charge our Industry it would have been political suicide.

You cannot congestion charge a mode of Public Transport that reduces congestion.

The LPHCA virtually on its own secured and confirmed the exemption and will do the same if other congestion charges are brought into operation in London.

Bus Lanes

Licensed Operator

As Private Hire is nearly a completely licensed mode of Public Transport when will we get access to the bus lanes?

The LPHCA

The few reasons for prohibiting Private Hire in London from using bus lanes are nearly all gone. We hope that when the issue of appropriate signage is resolved very soon, that the right for Licensed Private Hire to have usage of the bus lanes will be a foregone conclusion. The argument for some forms of public transport being allowed whilst others remain prohibited will be inequitable.



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