

Alan Matthews - Leaving PCO



It is with great sadness that we learned that Alan Matthews is leaving the Public Carriage Office in April.

The LPHCA and I have worked closely with Alan before, during and after the Licensing Process in London and it was timely that we honoured him as one of the four key people or organisations that made licensing

happen at Parliament last November.

Alan is more responsible for delivering and enacting civilised and workable regulations for Private Hire in London than anybody. In particular he worked very hard to ensure that a light touch was given when appropriate and in my opinion he had a complete and visionary understanding of what was needed and most importantly what would work.

The PCO stepped in Taxi protocol and procedure needed an independent mind like Alan's to produce appropriate Vehicle Testing requirements and Topographical Assessment

Processes for Private Hire. These being just a few of the many other areas he worked in and got it spot on.

Alan came on all the tours that the LPHCA organised, whatever time of day or night and this said a great deal about a man who with a burning passion wanted to get every aspect of the licensing process right.

At times, to many people in Private Hire in London, Alan represented the Public Facing personality at the PCO, by being the man that you could call, who you usually could also get through to, and that you could generally get the answer to your question from.

Nobody could have been a more honest broker than Alan in what for some has been at times the challenge of all challenges. We are very grateful, lucky and privileged to have had Alan in the most key role for Private Hire at the PCO and we will really miss him when he moves on.

We wish him the very best for the future and will insist he keeps in touch.

Steve Wright

LPHCA Members Only Update Meeting 2nd April

The LPHCA will be hosting a 'Member's Only Update Meeting' on the RS Hispaniola from 11.00 until 13.00 on Thursday 2nd April.

A fixed price three course lunch for those wishing to stay on will take place in the Restaurant following the meeting.

The provisional main agenda items will include Platinum Update, Royal Parks Consultation, the Olympic Route Network, Event Management Licensing, Parking Progress and Bus Lane campaign.

Members will be emailed, faxed and contacted prior to the meeting with registration details.



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Workplace Parking Levy

Private Hire Operators will not be pleased to learn of Government plans to tax car parking spaces. Under the Transport Act 2000, local authorities have the power to introduce **Workplace Parking Levy (WPL)** schemes, allowing them to charge firms which provide employees with private parking.

The **Department for Transport (DfT)** is seeking feedback on how measures in the Act should be implemented and the **Forum of Private Business (FPB)** is responding by petitioning the Government to scrap the legislation altogether. The **LPHCA** will also respond to **DfT** on this and support the **FBB** petition.

The **FPB** is campaigning against the Government's plans to introduce **Workplace Parking Levies (WPLs)**, with an online petition against the measures, which would allow local councils to tax small businesses for using their own car parking spaces.

To sign the petition, go to:

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/workplaceparking/>

