

The Problem

The lack of proper regulation of Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs) is killing the taxi trade and leading to problems for all Londoners.



Congestion

Transport for London (TfL) is licensing 600 PHVs each week, with the total in November 2015 standing at 91,000. This huge increase – over 20,000 in the last year alone – is clogging up Central London.



Pollution

The increased number of vehicles on London's streets is leading to greater levels of pollution, diminishing air quality for all Londoners.



Safety

PHV drivers do not undergo the same rigorous safety and knowledge checks as taxi drivers, and often do not have the appropriate insurance – increasing risk to passengers.

Your Black Cab – Better for London

London black cabs are more than just an icon – they are the best choice for London.



Better for the Environment

All newly licensed black cabs will be zero emission capable by 2018, with the launch of the battery-powered TX5 taxi.



Better for Passengers

London taxi drivers are unparalleled in terms of knowledge and safety: LTDA members are fully and comprehensively insured, have undertaken rigorous background checks and know over 45,000 London streets and landmarks.



Better for Access

PHVs represent a lottery for people with disabilities. The London taxi is the only form of public transport that is fully wheelchair accessible and guide dog-friendly.

Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA) – the professional and authoritative voice of London taxi drivers for nearly 50 years.

What can be done?

- The Government and TfL must work together to establish the best means of easing congestion, reducing pollution and enhancing the safety of all Londoners by capping the number of PHVs.
- TfL must ensure that all PHVs are appropriately insured and that certification of that insurance is displayed at all times, to guarantee passengers are protected.
- TfL must provide a clear definition of “Plying for Hire”, so that the taxi market is fairly regulated.
- TfL must ensure that PHV drivers only work for one operator; improving passenger safety by ensuring drivers are not overworked.
- TfL must cut regulations for black cabs, to allow a London icon to continue to deliver for passengers.

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