



# TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



Here is your weekly taxi and private hire news update. This email also sets out changes and events that could affect your journeys, as well as essential licensing information.

## News update

### Refill London

The Refill campaign has been launched to help fight against single-use plastic bottle waste. If you see the 'Refill London' sticker on a café, shop, museum or similar, you can refill your bottle there free of charge. Find all the refill points by [downloading the app](#).

### Taxi toilet trial

As committed to in the Mayor's Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan, a three-month trial giving taxi drivers access to staff toilets at four London Underground stations has been launched.

The trial, which started on Monday 11 February, has been taking place to offer taxi drivers better access to toilets on the TfL estate. The stations involved are: Leicester Square, Oxford Circus, Victoria and Baker Street.

The trial is nearing its conclusion. Visit our [existing licencee page](#) to learn more about how you can participate in this scheme.

### Emailing us?

If you are emailing us about your licence application or renewal, please include your full name and application number (starting DAPP) or taxi / private hire licence number in the subject line. This will help us to process your email more quickly.

### Q Parks update

If you have a ZEC taxi you can get access to the rapid charge points in 10 Q-Park car parks to charge your vehicle for 50 minutes. This TfL-funded initiative to support ZEC taxi drivers allows you access for up to 60 minutes, from the time of entry to the Q-Park, to charge your vehicle. You will need to exit the car park within the 60 minute period to avoid TfL incurring over charges.

There has been a significant rise in applications for Q-Park access card. This has meant that it has taken longer than our anticipated 48 hours to respond back to applications. We apologise for this delay and assure you that we will respond to all applicants as quickly as possible. To apply for a Q-Park card please email: [RCPaccess@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:RCPaccess@tfl.gov.uk)

Upon receipt of your Q-Park card, please be aware of the following guidelines:

- You spend a maximum of up to one hour within the car park. Aim to leave when the vehicle is charged or after a maximum of fifty minutes to avoid delays at the exit which could lead to over charges incurred by TfL
- The use of Q-Park cards is monitored. Those staying over the maximum 60 minute limit may have their access suspended or TfL may seek to recover the costs an overstay incurs

Check [Zap Map](#) to see whether a Q-Park rapid charging point is free before entering the Q-Park. If the rapid point charger is in use, please seek an alternative location; do not enter the car park.

## Roads update

### Midland Road (St Pancras International Station) taxi rank - Until Saturday 27 April 2019

- Midland Road taxi rank will be closed for the Midland Road scheme, which includes a new cycle lane, an improved passenger queuing system and refurbishment of the taxi rank

### A40 at Acton - Until late 2019

- The A40 has been reduced from three lanes to two lanes for westbound traffic, 24 hours a day, and the speed limit will be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph for safety reasons
- Expect delays while travelling westbound, especially during afternoon peak periods (weekdays 14:00 to 18:00)
- This is for works to construct walking and cycling improvements between Acton and Wood Lane
- [Visit our travel advice page](#)

### Tottenham Court Road

- Tottenham Court Road has been switched to two-way traffic
- Certain sections of the southbound lane are for buses and cyclists only
- Northbound traffic is unaffected

### Highbury Corner

- Highbury Corner roundabout has been switched to two-way traffic
- Please drive carefully while pedestrians, cyclists and other traffic get used to the new two-way system

## Events

### Vaisakhi and South Africa Elections- Saturday 27 April

- From 12:00 until 18:00, Trafalgar Square will host the annual Vaisakhi celebrations with 25,000 people expected to attend throughout the day
- Delays are expected in the area
- South Africa House will be hosting visitors to attend their building to vote in this year's elections. Up to 15,000 people are expected to attend throughout the day
- Duncannon Street will be closed between 07:00 and 21:00 for these two events

### Royal Society of St George Annual Wreath Laying - Saturday 27 April

- From 11:00, the annual wreath laying ceremony will take place at The Cenotaph in Whitehall
- From 09:30 until 11:30, Whitehall will be closed to all traffic between Horseguards Avenue and Parliament Square

### London Marathon - Sunday 28 April

- There will be extensive road closures across London for the London Marathon between 04:00 and 19:00
- From 04:00, Charlton Way and Shooters Hill Road will be closed
- From 06:30, Byward Street, Upper Thames Street, Victoria Embankment and Birdcage Walk westbound will be closed
- From 07:00, there will be several closures between Greenwich and Woolwich

- From 08:00, Evelyn Street, Surrey Quays Road, Salter Road, Brunel Road, Jamaica Road, Tower Bridge, The Highway, Narrow Street, Westferry Road, East Ferry Road, Marsh Wall, North Colonnade, Poplar High Street and Commercial Road will be closed
- All roads will reopen by 19:00

#### **Romanian Easter - Saturday 27 April**

- From 22:00 on Saturday 27 until the following morning, Fleet Street will be closed between Chancery Lane and Fetter Lane
- This is due to Romanian Easter celebrations

#### **Admiral Duncan Memorial - Tuesday 30 April**

- There will be mass gatherings on Old Compton Street outside the Admiral Duncan Public House to mark the 20th anniversary of the bombings
- Old Compton Street will be closed between 15:00 and 21:00

#### **May Day March and Rally - Wednesday 1 May**

- At 12:00, up to 5,000 people will form up in Clerkenwell Green
- From 13:00, they will march to Trafalgar Square for a rally via Clerkenwell Road, Theobalds Road, Drake Street, Procter Street, High Holborn, Kingsway, Aldwych and Strand
- There will be extensive road closures along the route and its approaches
- Delays are expected from the A501 Euston Road in the north, Tottenham Court Road in the west, Victoria Embankment in the south and Goswell Road in the east

#### **Arena events**

##### **Friday 26 and Saturday 27 April, O2 Arena**

Jay Chou, from 18:30 on Friday and from 15:30 on Saturday

##### **Tuesday 30 April, O2 Arena**

Harlem Globetrotters, from 18:00

#### **Rank suspension**

The following ranks will be out of service:

- 5395, Russell Street (Covent Garden), from 06:00 on Friday 26 until 23:00 on Saturday 27 April. Whole rank to be suspended for the filming of the Royal Ballet production of Romeo and Juliet. A temporary rank will be available in the parking bays and single yellow line on the south side. Russell Street west will be closed to traffic and permanently staffed to ensure that taxis and delivery vehicles can safely access the temporary rank
- 4762, Hamilton Place, on Friday 26 April. Third portion only of the Hilton Hotel rank to be suspended so coaches can pick up and drop off at the following times:
  - Pick ups
    - 08:00 to 09:30
    - 19:00 to 19:45
  - Drop offs
    - 13:00 to 13:45
    - 17:00 to 18:00
    - 23:00 to 23:45
- 5770, Raphael Street (Zuma), from 08:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 27 April. Whole rank to be suspended for a crane operation, subject to weather conditions. There is a road closure in place
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    - 15:00 to 15:45
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    - 17:00 to 17:45
  - Drop offs
    - 23:45 to 00:30
- 6023, Brook Street (Claridges), from 08:00 until 18:00 on Tuesday 30 April. Whole rank to be suspended for a crane operation

## Consultations

### Taxi age limit and exemptions consultation

We're consulting on changes to the taxi age limits and exemptions. You can read about the proposals on our website and have until tomorrow, Friday 26 April to [share your views](#).

If you want to email us documents or have questions about renewals, medicals, English language requirements or other licensing-related issues, please do not send these to the TfL Consultations email address. These should be sent to [tph.enquiries@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:tph.enquiries@tfl.gov.uk)

### Westminster taxi ranks

Westminster City Council is consulting on proposals for new taxi ranks. You have until Monday 29 April to review the plans and [send comments to the council](#).

### Local implementation plans

Tower Hamlets Council has also proposed changes to its local implementation plan. You can find out more about them below:

- [Tower Hamlets Council](#) - closes on 9 May 2019

### Phoenix Road

Camden Council is consulting on changes to Phoenix Road and you have until Monday 27 May 2019 to [share your views](#) with the council.

### Romford masterplan

Havering Council is developing a [masterplan for Romford](#). You can find details of the masterplan on Havering Council's website and have until June 2019 to share your priorities, ideas and aspirations for Romford.

### West Hill area traffic management scheme

Wandsworth Council is trialling a new traffic management scheme in the West Hill area. The trial will run for six months. You have until Saturday 31 August 2019 to [share your views](#) on the trial.

For the latest updates please follow us on Twitter [@TfLTPH](#)

Yours sincerely,

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