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Sent: 22 November 2007 14:30
To: Howard Luke (PCO)
Subject: FW: Licenced vehicles

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To be aware

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Sent: 22 November 2007 14:18
To: David McLaren
Cc: Lloyd Gale-Ward
Subject: Licenced vehicles

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David

Please see attached correspondence which was received here, but looks like one for TRP to respond to directly. Please confirm if that will be the case.

Thanks,

Chris

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12 November 2007

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Dear Margaret,

I write to you as Minister responsible for Royal Parks. I would like to seek your assistance with a matter of importance to our GMB private hire and chauffeur drivers in London.

Currently Hackney carriages are allowed access to Royal Parks when carrying fares. If a licensed private hire vehicle or licensed chauffeur carries a fare through a Royal Park it is our understanding that they are not allowed to do so and therefore for that part of the journey they would not be insured.

I would greatly appreciate your clarification on this. If this is not the case could you let us know and we will pass the good news on to our members; if as we understand it this is the case, could you change the current guidelines so that our members can legally take carriages through the Royal Parks?

You may be aware that private hire vehicles are now licensed in London, this should put them on the same footing in many respects as Hackney carriages, unfortunately our members are still seen and treated as second class. Correcting this anomaly would help right one of those wrongs.

We would very much welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss these issues with you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Paul Kenny
General Secretary

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