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**Sent:** 02 August 2007 11:12  
**To:** Simkins Len (PCO); Thompson Ed (PCO)  
**Cc:** Colin Buttery; David McLaren; Howard Luke (PCO); Sarson Graham (PCO)  
**Subject:** RE: Private Hire Vehicles

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Len (and Ed),

Many thanks. Let's discuss round the table rather than prolong the e-mail chain. We might need to look at other options - but there are benefits all round in what we are suggesting. I'll explain when we meet.

Best wishes,

Mark

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**From:** Simkins Len (PCO) [mailto:Len.Simkins@pco.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 02 August 2007 08:18  
**To:** Thompson Ed (PCO); Mark Camley  
**Cc:** Colin Buttery; David McLaren; Howard Luke (PCO); Sarson Graham (PCO)  
**Subject:** RE: Private Hire Vehicles

Mark

Good morning.

Obviously I don't know the details, but, as Ed says, I'd be very surprised if charging PH vehicle owners/drivers through licence fees to drive thro' the royal parks was lawful.

We (TfL) have the power through primary legislation to charge fees to fulfil our statutory licensing duties. However, fees must be related to the business of licensing - that's really all the costs of the licensing processes, making sure, for instance, that drivers are fit and proper, in reasonable health etc, and that vehicles are safe and mechanically sound, and that is about it. There are some grey areas around what might be defined as the licensing function, but what you're proposing seems, at least at first blush, quite a way outside the licensing framework.

In any event, we'd have to consider why we would charge PH drivers and not taxi drivers.

More than happy to discuss.

Surprised you can get a signal, Ed.

Rgds

Len

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Original Message-----

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Howard Luke (PCO); Simkins Len (PCO)

Subject: Re: Private Hire Vehicles

Mark - I'm in the Outer Hebrides for another week or so.

We shd spk, but I'd be surprised if it were legal to use licence fees for such a purpose.

If you give a bit more detail, Len might give a view.

All the best

Ed

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From: Mark Camley <mcamley@royalparks.gsi.gov.uk>

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Sent: Mon Jul 30 09:22:29 2007

Subject: Private Hire Vehicles

Dear Ed,

I trust that you are well and hope that you had a good holiday. I would like Terence Flanagan (GMB) to attend our next meeting as I have been discussing with him the possibility of an increase in the license fee to allow use of Royal Park's roads. Obviously, others would need to be brought in before we could finalise a deal - but I thought a three-way "agreement in principle" between TfL, GMB and TRP would help move this a long way.

Happy to discuss off line in advance of that would be of benefit.

Yours sincerely,

Mark

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