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Subject: RE: Discussion with David McLaren of Royal Parks (RP)

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Thank you. I think you have covered the main points.
Just to re-emphasise, TRP is in many ways driven by our environmental objectives and allowing even more vehicles into the parks, moves us in the wrong direction. We can however discuss all these issues at next month's meeting.

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One point I forgot - I also mentioned that TfL is preparing a strategy for door-to-door services for disabled people, which is likely to increase dependence on PHVs, and this could increase pressure regarding allowing PHVs to use the parks.

David, was there anything else significant?

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-----Original Message-----

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Ed, Len;

Had a brief meeting 9/8 with David McLaren to talk through where we are going with Red Routes and discuss the related issues as I cannot be at the Sept meeting. Their concern about the RR change is that the added signage will make the "blind eye" to enforcement of the PHV ban more difficult to maintain.

Discussed some of the angles of the ban eg could a PHV enter the park to drop at the Zoo? To pick up a booking from the Zoo? May be appropriate to get legal advice and provide more comprehensive guidance to licensees and Parks enforcement: Even if PHV could pick up from zoo, operator who has heard current advice would prob refuse the booking and Pkg Attend likely to warn driver/refuse to let in.

RP will not go for complete change in Regs, as stated in response from Minister ~ 4 years ago. Exploring the suggestion of a low fee (perhaps a few £ per veh per year) to allow PHVs to use parks (cost recovery for RP enforcement & additional road usage), we could not do this as part of licence fee. Possibly no legal barrier to us collecting it on behalf of Royal Parks, so they do not need to establish

charging infrastructure for PHVs; but difficult for PCO to justify being involved in charging PHVs but not taxis. Any paid-for exemption also raises ID & enforcement Qs

Allowing PHVs also goes against RP strategic approach - want to reduce motor traffic & make Parks less urban. Unlikely to try to limit taxis in foreseeable but this is general direction they want to move in. Discussed briefly positions regarding pedicabs, horse-drawn, tuc-tucs

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