

(c) ELECTRIC VEHICLES – (AN68-2016)

As part of the ongoing promotion of the use of electric vehicles, discussions at a recent meeting of the Taxi Liaison Group involved designated taxi ranks, reduction in test fees and Private Hire cars. Following those discussions it is recommended that:-

- (i) The taxi rank in Whitehall Crescent (outside Malmaison) be re-designated for use by electric taxis only.
- (ii) The fee for a test involving an electric vehicle be reduced by £10 to reflect the reduction in time taken to carry out the test; and
- (iii) Any applications for new Taxis or Private Hire Car Licences be granted on the condition that only an electric vehicle from the list approved by this Committee can be placed on service. Any subsequent replacement vehicles operated under these new licences will also need to be from the approved list of electric vehicles.

In the case of Taxi Licences a new licence will only be issued when the number of taxis falls below the limit and a full taxi survey determines that there is significant demand for taxis which is unmet.

In the case of Private Hire Cars the condition should be attached to any licence granted where the application was lodged after 1st September, 2016.

Applicants intending to operate solely as Airport Transfer Vehicles can apply for a variation and ask that this condition is not applied.

The Taxi Trade representatives at the Liaison Group supported these proposals.