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NOTICES AND PROCEEDINGS

GENERAL NOTES

Layout and presentation – Entries in each Section (other than in Section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should always be quoted in any correspondence or enquiry.

Further notes precede each section, where appropriate.

Accuracy of publication – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

The VOSA website includes details of all applications listed in this booklet. The website can be visited at www.transportoffice.gov.uk.

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Section 1

Special Notices



Section 2

PSV Operator Licensing

Inspection of licence applications can be requested under the provisions of Regulation 4 of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by anybody who holds statutory Objector status. Applications may be inspected free of charge at the Traffic Commissioner's office by any person who carries written authorisation to act in that capacity. Alternatively, copies of weekly publications can be obtained by either an annual subscription of £91 or £3.50 for individual publications. Details can also be viewed by visiting **the VOSA website at www.transportoffice.gov.uk**

Objections against applications for licences may be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or local authority within 21 days after the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Section 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the Objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

Classification of Operator Licences - There are four classes of licence: -

- A **Standard International (S/I)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both National and International operations;
- A **Standard National (S/N)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on National operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of (a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers and (b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR)** licence under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985 is granted to the holder of a taxi licence to enable local services to be operated.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Transport Tribunal, Procession House, 55 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JW not later than 28 days after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. A copy of the appeals booklet is available from the Traffic Area Office on request. Appellants can alternatively obtain guidance on lodging appeals by visiting **the VOSA website at www.transportoffice.gov.uk**

Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

The VOSA web-site contains details of all applications listed in this section.

Section 2.1 New Applications Received

(UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981)

- PF1085677 SN **BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**
 IPTU, COUNTY HALL , BEDFORD MK42 9AP
 Operating Centre: UNIT 21 , TWINWOODS BUSINESS PARK,, CLAPHAM
 BEDFORD MK41 6AE
 Authorisation:6 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).
 Operating Centre: AMEY FLEET DEPOT, LONDON ROAD , BEDFORD MK42
 0QG
 Authorisation:6 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).
 Transport Manager(s): NICHOLAS DORE, STEPHEN SMITH
- PF1085676 SN **CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**
 IPTU, COUNTY HALL , BEDFORD MK42 9AP
 Operating Centre: UNIT 21, TWINWOODS BUSINESS PARK,, CLAPHAM
 BEDFORD MK41 6AE
 Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s).
 Operating Centre: AMEY FLEET DEPOT, LONDON ROAD , BEDFORD MK42
 0QG
 Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).
 Operating Centre: 142 LONDON ROAD BIGGLESWADE SG18 8HA
 Authorisation:0 Vehicle(s).
 Transport Manager(s): NICHOLAS DORE, STEPHEN SMITH
- PF1085861 SN **NORTH WALSHAM AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
 T/A NWACTA**
 OAKS LODGE, NEW ROAD , NORTH WALSHAM NR28 9DE
 Operating Centre: TUNGATE FARM, TUNGATE ROAD , NORTH WALSHAM
 NR28 0JQ
 Authorisation:1 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).
 Transport Manager(s): DENISE JACKSON
- PF1085832 R **STEPHEN LEE HOWES T/A 1ST SELECT LIMOUSINES**
 THE STABLES, 71 SCHOOL ROAD, DOWNHAM BILLERICAY CM11 1QN
 Operating Centre: 71, SCHOOL ROAD, DOWNHAM , BILLERICAY CM11 1QN
 Authorisation:0 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).

Section 2.2 New Applications Granted

- PF1085245 R **AMANDA JANE MANNING**
 (2037) KENT VIEW, BEACON HILL , PURFLEET RM19 1RB
 Operating Centre: KENT VIEW, BEACON HILL , PURFLEET RM19 1RB
 Authorisation:1 Vehicle(s).
- PF1084777 SI **HOME COUNTIES TRAVEL LIMITED**
 (2036) **Director(s): ROBERT DOVELL.**
 GRANGE FARM, NEWMARKET ROAD, HEYDON, FLINT CROSS,
 ROYSTON SG8 7PR
 Operating Centre: GRANGE FARM, NEWMARKET ROAD, HEYDON
 ROYSTON SG8 7PR
 Authorisation:10 Vehicle(s).
 Transport Manager(s): RICHARD ROBBINS
- PF1085149 R **MOHAMMED RAZAQ**
 (2361) 8 CHILTERN AVENUE HIGH WYCOMBE HP12 3UR
 Operating Centre: 8 CHILTERN AVENUE HIGH WYCOMBE HP12 3UR
 Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s).

PF1083109 SN (2037) **SODEXO LTD**
Director(s): AIDAN JOSEPH CONNOLLY, PHILIP ERIC RENE JANSEN, DAVID ANDREW LEACH.
PO BOX 514 FAREHAM PO14 9BB
Operating Centre: MT SECTION, NAPHILL , HIGH WYCOMBE HP14 4UE
Authorisation:8 Vehicle(s).
Transport Manager(s): JOHN R WOOLLEN

PF1083916 R (2033) **TERRY SHEARWOOD**
45, THE GORE BASILDON SS14 2BY
Operating Centre: PET & GARDEN SUPPLIES, LONDON ROAD, VANGE BASILDON SS16 4QA
Authorisation:1 Vehicle(s).
New Condition: (a) Each stretched limousine to be used under the licence must have a V5, and the operator must possess and produce when asked to do so a document confirming this.

(b) Each stretched limousine will receive every 10 weeks a full safety inspection in premises suitable for the type of vehicle.

(c) At no time will a stretched limousine carry more than 8 passengers.

(d) The operator will at all relevant times comply with legislation in respect of charging separate fares, and retain for at least 12 months evidence of this compliance on each journey.

(e) Drivers of stretched limousines will carry with them documentary evidence that separate fares have been charged for the current journey.

(f) In using stretched limousines, the operator will comply with s2 and s6 of the 1985 Act in regard to local service registration.

(g) The operator will advise the Office of the Traffic Commissioner of the type and registration numbers of vehicles to be used under the licence, and will advise of any changes – s20 (3) of the 1981 Act.

. Attached to Licence.

PF1084746 R (2036) **THE 16 SEATER MINIBUS COMPANY LTD**
Director(s): PETER WELLBURN.
85 MILL MEADOW, KINGSTHORPE , NORTHAMPTON NN2 7DR
Operating Centre: UNTI 4, HORSLEY ROAD, KINGSTHORPE
NORTHAMPTON NN2 6LJ
Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s).

Section 2.3 New Applications Refused

PF1081692 R (2029) **ASHLEY SPEARMAN**
3 BUGLERS RISE, WRITTLE , CHELMSFORD CM1 3HT

Section 2.4 Variation Applications Granted

No Entries

Section 2.5 Variation Applications Refused

No Entries

Section 2.6 Licences Surrendered or Terminated

- PF0002085 SN (1855) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
ANTHONY TRKA T/A TOMMY LINE TRAVEL
6 JUDITH DR, COUNTSTHORPE , LEICESTER LE8 5QS
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF0001366 SI (1) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
BARGE H C & P J T/A ESSEX THAMESIDE MINI BUSES
Partner(s): PETER JOHN BARGE , H C BARGE .
302 FURTHERWICK RD CANVEY ISLAND SS8 7DP
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF1054611 SN (1964) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
DAVID WORSLEY ROSEMARY WORSLEY, DAVID WORSLEY.
31 SOUTH LAWNE BLETCHLEY MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS, MK3 6BU
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF0007154 SI (2033) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
JOHN C NEILD T/A NEILDS OF THRAPSTON
20 Hill Street, Raunds , Wellingborough NN16 8XG
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF0006070 SI (1) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
MARTIN LEWIS GEORGE T/A LAYSTON COACHES
HARE ST BUNTINGFORD SG9 0EA
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF1027198 SI (1924) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
STERLING EUROPEAN LTD
Director(s): ROBERT MOORE, OLIVER PICKETT, COLIN PICKETT, STEVEN BORET.
49-51 HAMLET COURT RD WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA SS0 7EY
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PF1028326 R (1910) **Licence not continued WEF 07 January 2009**
TEMPEST RENTALS (STICKNEY) LTD
Director(s): GRAHAM ROY TEMPEST, KENNETH ALAN TEMPEST.
MAIN RD, STICKNEY , BOSTON PE22 8AA
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.

Section 2.7 Application withdrawn prior to determination

No Entries

Section 2.8 Grants not taken up (grant fee not paid)

No Entries

Section 2.9 Licences Revoked without a Public Inquiry

No Entries

Section 2.10 Conditions imposed under Section 16.3 of the PPPV Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)



Section 3

Registration Of Local Bus Services

The current fees for new and variation applications can be found on the VOSA website.
Applications to cancel registrations are free.

When an application is sent to the Traffic Area Office, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the County Councils and Unitary Authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of that application.

Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

Any registration may be inspected at the office of the Traffic Commissioner during public business hours and copies of registrations can be sent by post or fax to any interested party upon prior receipt of a written request together with a fee of £3.00 per copy for posted copies or £5.00 per copy for faxed copies.

The VOSA web-site (www.transportoffice.gov.uk) contains details of all registration applications listed in this section

Section 3.1 Registration Of New Services

PF0000508/394 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD T/A ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX,
CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, 487 DUNSTABLE RD , LUTON LU4
8DS**

From: Watford Junction Station

To: Leavesden Park

Via:

Name or No: 80

Service Type: Limited Stop

Effective Date: 02-Mar-2009

Other Details: Mondays to Fridays excluding bank holidays

PF0002209/33 **ROMDRIVE LTD T/A WEST END TRAVEL & RUTLAND TRAVEL, 17
NORFOLK DR MELTON MOWBRAY LE13 0AJ**

From: Melton Mowbray

To: Leicester

Via:

Name or No: 100

Service Type: Normal Stopping

Effective Date: 23-Feb-2009

Other Details: Mondays to Saturdays excluding bank holidays

Section 3.2 Registration Of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PF1056524/63 **CENTREBUS NORTH LTD, 37 WENLOCK WAY LEICESTER LE4 9HU**
 From: English Martyrs School
 To: St Patricks School
 Via:
 Name or No: 828
 Service Type: Normal Stopping
 Effective Date: 06-Jan-2009
 Other Details: School days only
- PF0002252/51 **P C COACHES OF LINCOLN LTD, 17 , CROFTON ROAD LINCOLN LN3
 4NL**
 From: Marton
 To: Welton
 Via:
 Name or No: W50D
 Service Type: Normal Stopping
 Effective Date: 06-Jan-2009
 Other Details: School term time only.

Section 3.3 Applications To Vary Existing Services

- PF0000508/81 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD T/A ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX,
 CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, 487 DUNSTABLE RD , LUTON LU4
 8DS**
 Operating between Aylesbury and Halton Camp given service number 50 effective
 from 22-Feb-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000508/85 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD T/A ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX,
 CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, 487 DUNSTABLE RD , LUTON LU4
 8DS**
 Operating between AYLESBURY BUS STATION and BUCKINGHAM BUS
 STAND given service number 60 effective from 22-Feb-2009. To amend
 Timetable.
- PF0000508/1 **ARRIVA THE SHIRES LTD T/A ARRIVA THE SHIRES & ESSEX,
 CENTRAL ENGINEERING DEPT, 487 DUNSTABLE RD , LUTON LU4
 8DS**
 Operating between Garston and Mount Vernon given service number 8 effective
 from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0000599/83 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between West Bergholt, Queens Head and Rowhedge, Heath Road given
 service number 66/66A effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/89 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between CLACTON JACKSON ROAD and COLCHESTER BUS
 STATION given service number 76 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend
 Timetable.
- PF0000599/98 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between Harwich and Colchester given service number 103/104 effective
 from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/38 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between Basildon Bus Station and Southend Central Bus Station given
 service number 2 effective from 01-Mar-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0000599/40 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between Basildon Bus Station and Pitsea Tesco Store given service
 number 5 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/43 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
 Operating between SOUTHEND CENTRAL BUS STATION and CANVEY
 EASTERN ESPLANADE given service number 15/15A/15B/15C/16/21A effective
 from 01-Mar-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.

- PF0000599/184 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between CANVEY LEIGH BECK and LAKESIDE SHOPPING CENTRE given service number 22 effective from 01-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/49 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between Southend Central Bus Station and Basildon Hospital given service number 25/825 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0000599/170 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between LANGDON HILLS and RUNWELL given service number 25A/232/25B effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0000599/56 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between ESSEX CHELMSFORD BUS STATION and ESSEX LAKESIDE BUS STATION given service number Premier 100 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/183 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between Ramden Heath and Basildon Bus Station given service number 552 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF1031469/1 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**
Operating between CAMBRIDGE and HEATHROW AIRPORT given service number 787 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route, Stopping Places and Timetable.

Section 3.4 Applications To Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PF0000459/46 **CAMBUS LTD T/A STAGECOACH IN CAMBRIDGE, ST. JOHNS INNOVATION PK, 100 COWLEY RD , CAMBRIDGE CB4 0WS**
Operating between Cambridge and St. Neots given service number 18/18A/18B effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Route.
- PF0000599/86 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between COLCHESTER BUS STATION and BRAINTREE FAIRFIELD ROAD given service number 70 effective from 12-Jan-2009. To amend Route, Start & Finish Point, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PF0000599/208 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between Chelmsford, Bus Station and Halstead, Colne Road given service number 352 effective from 12-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0000599/207 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between Black Notley, Witham Road and Halstead, Colne Road given service number 21 effective from 02-Feb-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF0007038/139 **LINCOLNSHIRE ROAD CAR CO LTD T/A ROADCAR, DEACON RD LINCOLN LN2 4JB**
Operating between LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH HYKEHAM AM, PRIORY LSST PM and LINCOLNSHIRE PRIORY LSST AM, BIRCHWOOD PM given service number 643 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0002468/117 **STAGECOACH IN THE FENS LTD, 198 SEAGATE RD, LONG SUTTON , SPALDING PE12 9AD**
Operating between Huntingdon tesco Store and St Neots given service number 65/66/66 effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PF0001899/42 **TRANSLINC LTD T/A TRANSLINC, JARVIS HOUSE, 157 SADLER RD , LINCOLN LN6 3RS**
Operating between Maplethorpe Area and Maplethorpe Area given service number 9M/(Maplethorpe Call-Connect Plus) effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Route and Stopping Places.

Section 3.5 Cancellations Of Existing Services

- PF0001961/39 **ENSIGN BUS CO LTD T/A ENSIGN BUS, JULIETTE CLOSE, PURFLEET IND PARK, AVELEY SOUTH OCKENDON RM15 4YF**
Operating between East Tilbury, Coronation avenue Shops and Lakeside Bus Station given service number 88 effective from 02-Mar-2009.
- PF0000599/122 **FIRST ESSEX BUSES LTD, WESTWAY CHELMSFORD CM1 3AR**
Operating between Thundersley and Basildon given service number 12 effective from 02-Mar-2009.

Section 3.6 Cancellations Of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PF1056524/43 **CENTREBUS NORTH LTD, 37 WENLOCK WAY LEICESTER LE4 9HU**
Operating between Melton Mowbray and Melton Mowbray given service number 25 effective from 25-Jan-2009.
- PF0001968/50 **HOAR DAVID & SAVAGE ROBERT HAMILTON T/A RED KITE COMMERCIAL SERVICES, UNIT 2-3, LEYS YARD, DUNSTABLE RD, TILSWORTH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD LU7 9PU**
Operating between WINSLOE, LOWNDES WAY and WING, COTTESLOE SCHOOL given service number 803 effective from 05-Jan-2009.
- PF0001968/11 **HOAR DAVID & SAVAGE ROBERT HAMILTON T/A RED KITE COMMERCIAL SERVICES, UNIT 2-3, LEYS YARD, DUNSTABLE RD, TILSWORTH, LEIGHTON BUZZARD LU7 9PU**
Operating between winslow, buckingham rd, highfield rd and wing, cottesloe school given service number C4 effective from 05-Jan-2009.



Section 4

TRAFFIC REGULATION CONDITIONS

Section 4.1 Requests

Section 4.2 Determinations



Section 5

Section 5.1 Notice Of Public Inquiries To Be Held

A transcript of the taped proceedings of Public Inquiries (either in full or in part) may be ordered from the Traffic Area Office Compliance Unit. The cost of the transcript varies according to demand and size of content and the Compliance Unit will be able to advise on the scale of charges when an order is placed.

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No Entries

Section 5.2 Decisions Taken At Public Inquiries

No Entries



Section 6

ERRATA

Short notice new application published in error in publication 2038. New details are: MARK BLAND TRAVEL LTD, MAPLES YARD, ESSENDINE RD, RYHALL STAMFORD PE9 4JNPF1021234/9, operating between Nassington, Apethorpe Road and Stamford Bus Station given service number 180 effective from 03-Jan-2009.



Legal Requirements at Sporting Events

Carriage of passengers to designated Sporting Events Voluntary Guidelines - England and Wales

For some years the coach industry has complied with a voluntary code of practice whereby operators taking passengers to a designated sporting event meet certain guidelines set by the police. This has worked very well, and it has seldom been necessary for a Traffic Commissioner to take any further action against an operator who has contravened the guidelines. Nevertheless the police in England and Wales are concerned that football hooliganism is again on the increase, and have asked the Commissioners to remind PSV operators of the guidelines. This has been done in conjunction with the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT).

PSV operators are reminded of the terms of Section 1 (1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV that is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers for the whole or part of a journey to or from a designated sporting event.

A "designated sporting event" generally means any association football match, whether national or international. The full legal definition of "designated sporting events" may be found in The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation Order) 1985, as amended by SI 1520/1987.

It is an offence for an operator of a PSV (or his servant or agent) knowingly to cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

In addition to these statutory provisions, the police have asked that operators comply with the following guidelines when conveying passengers to such sporting events:

- a. Coach operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the police liaison officer at the destination, at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel and the number of coaches booked.

b. Coaches are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either en route to or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the local police liaison officer.

c. Unless directed otherwise by a police officer, coaches may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator's local police liaison officer.

d. Coaches are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.

e. Coaches are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.

f. Coaches must leave the venue within one hour of the finish of the event.

g. Intoxicating liquor must not be carried on coaches travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers' attention to the requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance.

Operators are asked to comply with these guidelines on a voluntary basis. However if the police inform the Traffic Commissioner of any failure on an operator's part to comply with them the Commissioner will consider applying them as a formal condition to that operator's licence under the authority of Section 16(3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981."