



Stopping at cash machines – Camden Trial

The London Borough of Camden has launched a trial allowing taxis and private hire vehicles (PHVs) to wait for passengers using ATMs at night on roads in the Borough. This follows Transport for London's (TfL) recent decision to formalise the exemption for taxis and PHVs on red routes.

From 27 July 2009, a six month trial will operate allowing taxis and PHVs to stop on yellow lines and wait for passengers to use cash machines in the London Borough of Camden.

As on red routes, the trial will operate every night between 22:00 and 06:00. Licensed taxis and licensed PHVs displaying the red route exemption signage will be able to stop for up to five minutes to allow passengers to use a cash machine. Waiting is still prohibited at bus stops with wide yellow lines although taxis are allowed to stop at these to pick up and set down passengers. At all other times of the day the normal stopping restrictions apply.

This trial aims to address concerns about the safety of taxi and private hire customers using cash machines at night. If the trial is successful then Camden Council will consider making this exemption permanent, other boroughs may follow suit, but for now this exemption only applies on red routes or in Camden.

Drivers are reminded that they must always be mindful of the safety of their passengers and other road users, and may be penalised if they wait in locations where it is unsafe to do so. Drivers must not stop:

- on pedestrian crossings;
- on zig-zag lines;
- on bus stops marked with a wide red line;
- (PHVs only) on bus stops marked with a wide yellow line;
- in locations where stopping would cause a safety hazard or obstruction.

Information about the red route exemption signage is available on the TfL website at tfl.gov.uk/phvredroutes.

Further information on stopping restrictions can be found in PCO Notices 29/08 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for PHV drivers), 44/06 (Guidance on stopping restrictions for taxi drivers), and 04/07 (Wide red line).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Howard".

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