



Courts Uphold Taxi Emission Strategy in London

The London Cab Drivers' Club (LCDC) has for some time been undermining the Mayor's Taxi Emission Strategy, as implemented by the Public Carriage Office (PCO), by promoting adverse press coverage of it. Stories have included claims that "the systems do not work" and that they "will take on everyone and anyone and that includes the Mayor, TfL and the PCO".

On Friday 28 September 2007, the Royal Courts of Justice, for a second time, rejected calls by the LCDC for a Judicial Review of the PCO's implementation of the taxi emission strategy.

His Honour Judge Mole, having considered all of the available evidence in detail, ruled that the request from the London Cab Drivers' Club was "**doomed to failure**". He also commented that the PCO implementation of the emission strategy was entirely reasonable. This hearing took place after Mr Justice Wyn Williams had already refused a previous LCDC request for a Judicial Review in May this year.

The PCO is satisfied that the integrity of the extensive and controlled testing carried out by the Energy Saving Trust on its behalf, resulted in the development and approval of emission reduction systems that fulfil the requirements of this strategy.

The PCO remains committed to the Mayor's emission strategy which seeks to improve air quality for the benefit of everyone in London, not least working taxi drivers. The PCO is also confident that all the approved emission reduction technologies are fit for purpose and will deliver the required standards provided they are fitted in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications to properly prepared and maintained vehicles

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