



**Kings Cross/St Pancras area:
Revised arrangements for taxis and private hire**

This Notice outlines the revised arrangements for taxis and private hire vehicles to pick up and set down passengers in the area of Kings Cross and St Pancras Stations, where there have been substantial changes recently. This Notice replaces PCO Notice 37/06. The facilities are summarised and the locations mentioned are identified in the attached sketch map.

There are parking and waiting restrictions throughout the roads in this area. The pick up/set down bays on Pancras Road are designated for a maximum of two minutes. Waiting is not permitted in these bays and vehicles must not be left unattended at the roadside.

Drivers should always obey traffic signs. The road network in this area is still subject to change and this Notice should not be relied on if signage on the road or at the kerb indicates something different.

No vehicles except buses are allowed to stop on the stretch of Euston Road eastbound in front of Kings Cross station. Roadside signs on this stretch indicate this, and the wide red line marking to show the bus stop clearway is due to be put in place by end of April 2008.

In order to minimise traffic congestion on the busy roads in this area, all drivers are urged to use the designated facilities for picking up and setting down and avoid stopping on the roadway if possible. All vehicles should stop close to the kerb and passengers should be encouraged to use kerbside doors rather than step into the path of traffic.

Taxis

Taxis can stop to pick up or set down passengers (but not wait) on most of the roads in the area, including Red Routes. Remember that stopping is not allowed on the stretch of Euston Road eastbound in front of Kings Cross station.

Taxis can set down passengers at:

- **the taxi set-down area on the nearside at the start of York Way;**
- **2-minute bays on Pancras Road outside St Pancras station;**
- **the set-down area by Kings Cross suburban station;**
- **the taxi rank on Kings Cross Bridge alongside the Scala.**

Taxis can wait to pick up passengers at:

- **the Kings Cross station rank in Pancras Road;**
- **the St Pancras station rank on Midland Road at the exit from the station;**
- **the taxi rank on Kings Cross Bridge alongside the Scala.**

Drivers should note that Pancras Road is northbound for all traffic except for the queue of taxis serving the rank, and is not a through route towards Euston Road. Access to the St Pancras rank is via a slip road at the northern end of Pancras Road.

There are very few locations where taxis can wait in this area. Pre-booked taxis may need to wait in the car park at the northern end of Pancras Road. It may be prudent to ask customers with radio bookings to make contact as their train approaches the station or after they arrive in order to avoid parking or penalty charges.

Private hire vehicles (minicabs and others)

As most of the main roads around the stations are part of the Red Route network, there are limited opportunities for private hire vehicles to stop on the roadway. Some of the side roads can be used but these are often inconvenient for passengers.

Private hire vehicles can set down passengers at:

- **2-minute bays on Pancras Road outside St Pancras station;**
- **the set-down area by Kings Cross suburban station;**
- **the pick-up/set-down bay on Kings Cross Bridge alongside the Scala.**

Private hire vehicles can pick up pre-booked passengers at:

- **2-minute bays on Pancras Road outside St Pancras station;**
- **the pick-up/set-down bay on Kings Cross Bridge.**

Although private hire vehicles with the red route signs can stop to pick up or set down passengers in other locations, drivers are urged to use the designated facilities in order to minimise traffic congestion on the busy roads in this area.

One red route site that may be useful for picking up or setting down passengers is a loading bay on the right hand side at the start of Pentonville Road, between Grays Inn Road and Kings Cross Bridge. As the roadside premises are closed, this bay is often underused. PHVs with red route signs may find this more convenient for customers using Kings Cross than the alternative set down or pick up locations on Pancras Road.

Note that private hire vehicles cannot go south along Pancras Road.

Private hire operators should make appropriate arrangements for picking up passengers, remembering that there are very few locations where PHVs can wait in this area. Drivers may need to wait in the car park at the northern end of Pancras Road. It may be prudent to ask customers to make contact as their train approaches the station or after they arrive in order to avoid parking or penalty charges.

Transport for London and the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington employ camera enforcement in this area. Drivers are urged to ensure they comply with all the relevant traffic regulations.



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Note – Pancras Road is one way northbound for all vehicles except taxis queuing for the rank

