



For hackney carriage and private hire drivers.

### Consultation on adoption of DfT model taxi byelaws

Our consultation on adoption of the Department for Transport (DfT) model taxi byelaws remains ongoing, and we are still eager to hear the thoughts of the trade. You can [respond to the consultation on our website](#) where there is both an online and downloadable consultation form. The consultation ends on 30 June - please don't miss your opportunity to respond!

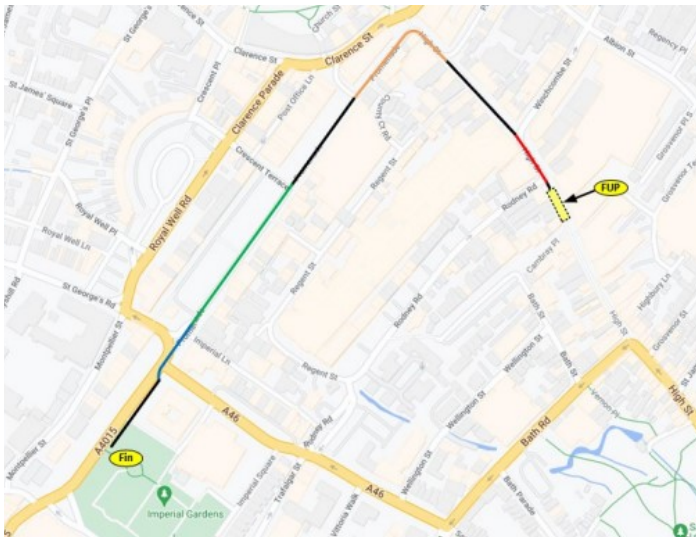
### Taxi and private hire policy consultation

We are grateful to all the drivers who responded to the consultation on our *Licensing Policy, Guidance and Conditions for Private Hire and Taxis Operating within the Borough of Cheltenham*. Your responses are currently being reviewed, and we hope to issue a further update by July at the very latest.

### Upcoming road closures

#### Pride in Gloucestershire - Promenade and High Street

On Saturday 17 May, between 10:45am - 12:00pm, a road closure will be in place to enable the Pride in Gloucestershire march to take place. The closure will affect the High Street and Promenade (including the Promenade rank) but will be managed on a rolling basis so no section of road is closed for longer than necessary. A map of the closure is included for your reference below.



#### Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve cycleway - A435

Construction work on the final phase of A435 Cycleway route to connect Bishop's Cleeve with Cheltenham is due to begin in May. The road closures for bridge repairs and cycleway construction have been confirmed by Gloucestershire Highways as follows:

- Full road closure in both directions:  
2 June - 8 September 2025
- Northbound closure only (with southbound open):  
8 September - 31 October 2025

During the full road closure and northbound closure periods, clearly signed diversion routes will be in place to guide road users safely around the works. Drivers are advised to plan their journeys in advance where possible, and follow the diversion signs carefully.

More information about the project can be found on [Gloucestershire County Council's website](#).

### Swanbrook MOT availability

In our April Trade Times we alerted drivers that Swanbrook was experiencing a busy period, and that waiting times for MOT and Fitness tests were in excess of 4 weeks. We have been asked by Swanbrook to reiterate that drivers to book their tests early. Waiting times are now as long as 5 weeks, so please ensure you contact Swanbrook (01452 712386) or Ubico (01242 387780) in good time prior to any vehicle renewal application, or 6-monthly MOT, that may be due.

### Upcoming Safeguarding and Local Knowledge Test Dates

We continue to add dates to both our safeguarding sessions and Local Knowledge Tests (LKTs). The following are available to book via [our online form](#):

Safeguarding Dates	Local Knowledge Test Dates
18 June 2025	11 June 2025
6 August 2025	25 June 2025
	15 July 2025

All sessions are held at the Municipal Offices. Safeguarding sessions are scheduled to begin at 10:15am with a duration of two and half hours. LKTs begin at 11:00am, and last for approximately one and a half hours.

### Christ Church Road

We have received further reports that drivers waiting for custom park their vehicles on Christ Church Road and leave their doors and windows open whilst playing loud music, or have noisy conversations on their hands-free devices in their cars. It is reported that this is happening early in the morning and late into the evening, and is causing a disturbance to residents. We ask you to be considerate when parking up in any location.

### Licensing Contact Details

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