

DIGITAX MOVE TO LARGER PREMISES

Digitax London's premier taximeter company have moved from their original premises in Dunbridge Street to a new location just a few yards along the road at 80 Dunbridge Street. The telephone number stays the same 020 7033 4144.

Digitax Taximeters still offer the best deal in town, a 2-year meter and printer rental option for just £200 + vat. (£235 inclusive)



OPINIONS SOUGHT BY LONDON COUNCILS

London Councils has launched a public consultation to invite the public's views on whether or not to introduce a city-wide ban on free shopping bags. The responses will help inform the final proposal that will be written into the 10th London Local Authorities Bill. Across the UK each year over 13 billion bags are given to shoppers. This means that each person receives roughly 220 bags a year! But only one in 200 of these are recycled, meaning that billions of shopping bags are sent to landfill every year. Many of these can take over 400 years to break down.

The government, retailers and consumers recognise this as a problem, and many of them are already making efforts to reduce the number of throw away shopping bags sent to landfill. London Councils agrees with these concerns, and wants to give Londoners a chance to lead the country in a bold initiative. London Councils is proposing to introduce a London-wide ban, or levy, on throw away shopping bags.

It is estimated that reducing the number of plastic bags in the UK by just 25 per cent will eliminate 58,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year - the equivalent of taking 18,000 cars off the road. London Councils are asking you to help them decide one of the key provisions to be contained in the 10th London Local Authorities Bill.

You can submit your views online. Please note that responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 26 October 2007. Please send any queries and consultation responses via email to:

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TAXI PROMOTIONS UK LAUNCHES ABN AMRO TAXI CAMPAIGN

A month-long taxi advertising campaign for global banking group ABN Amro has been launched by Taxi Promotions. The campaign promotes ABN Amro's marketindex product, using 180 SuperSide taxis with tip-up seats and branded receipts.

marketindex is ABN AMRO's fully automated trading platform, designed to meet the needs of self-directed active investors. ABN AMRO is the market maker, maintaining a firm bid and ask price in a given market, willing and able at any time to buy or sell at quoted prices.



"KING NEWT'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED," SAYS BORIS

Boris Johnson has been chosen as the Tory candidate to stand against Ken Livingstone for the position of London Mayor. Taxi drivers will recall that Victoria Borwick was one of the contenders to be the Tory candidate, but Mr Johnson won the contest. The well known Henley MP will present a realistic challenge to Ken Livingstone and he warns: "King Newt's days are numbered." He says he is committed to making London greater and for the taxi trade the promise he has made to get rid of bendy buses could be an incentive to vote for him.

Many would agree with Mr Johnson that the bendy buses are not suited to London's streets and welcome his pledge. He said: "We should on day one, act one, scene one, hold a competition to get rid of the bendy bus. They wipe out cyclists, there are many cyclists killed every year by them. It's not beyond the wit of man to design a new Routemaster which will stand as an icon of this city."

Voting is scheduled for May 1 next year. Mayor Livingstone will no doubt be hoping to gain a third term as Mayor, having beaten former Tory transport secretary Steven Norris in the previous two elections. The Mayor said: "Boris Johnson proposes to add a lack of managerial competence to the Thatcherite decline and division always represented by London's Tories."

So far there has been no mention of taxis in his campaign.