

## FED UP WITH CCTV FINES?

### Sign The Downing Street Petition!

More and more Licensed London taxi drivers are finding themselves with PCNs from Westminster Council's stealth smart cars and CCTV cameras whilst leaving their cab for a few minutes, whether to spend a penny or in the case of those on radio, to go and call their customer.

The brother of Dial-a-Cab driver Craig Barker recently introduced him to the Ten Downing Street website and the section called e-petitions. They have now set up a petition against receiving remotely issued parking tickets and they are hoping all London's taxi drivers will sign it. In fact anyone who drives a vehicle into town is welcome to add their name. All that is needed is a computer, an email address and two minutes of your time.

The Link is <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/CCTVfines>

The more people that sign, the more notice the powers-that-be will have to take. At the very least, it will raise awareness of the problem in the corridors of Whitehall.

If you really care, then don't leave it to someone else. Sign the e-petition today...



## TAXI COMPANY PURCHASES SOUTH EAST LONDON AUTO REPAIRERS

Hopfields Auto Repairs in Raymouth Road Bermondsey is a well-known and long established garage in southeast London. It has now been purchased by taxi fleet owner Pikay Patel, who runs a fleet of TXII and TX4 taxis. The Garage now has one section totally dedicated to taxis with its own reception and waiting area. The garage is fitted with brand new state of the art test equipment, which gives accurate readings to enable owners to know their cab will meet SGS requirements on inspection. Hopfields say they can test a cab to the same standard as SGS, which means they can achieve a 98% pass rate. The garage is fitted with two spray booth ovens and an extensive body repair shop, with manager Ish Patel on hand to handle both non-fault and everyday accident bodywork.

Hopfields is renowned for its quality body repairs and repair high-spec vehicles such as BMW, Porsche and Mercedes, so you know your cab is in safe, competent hands. The garage is also fitted with the latest computerised 4 wheel alignment equipment, which minimizes tyre wear and stress on steering components. Hopfields also carry out servicing, overhauls, running repairs including electrical and air conditioning and PCO stops on all taxis, including TX4 models. Hopfields are currently offering 4 brand new taxi tyres fully fitted and balanced and a 4 wheel alignment for just £199.99 +vat and offer a free MoT test for your family car when they overhaul your cab. Hopfields will carry out your Mid Term Pre-Test Inspection for just £70 + VAT. You can find Hopfields Black Cab Centre in Raymouth Road at the junction of Southwark Park Road. Telephone 020 7232 5378.

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