

## **Notice to all London Hackney Carriage Taxi Drivers and Organisations that represent the drivers**

The Competition Commission report on the economic regulation of the Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted Airports presented to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in October 2002 stated that BAA should enter into a contract with Heathrow Airport Licensed Taxis Limited (HALT) to formalise the collection of the HALT levy on all taxi drivers at Heathrow Airport. This was done and this contract between Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) and HALT is due to expire on 30 June 2008

HAL would wish to determine whether the services provided under the present contract are of benefit and represent value for money to the drivers who are paying the HALT levy and whether to continue with a new contract.

The service is primarily the provision of taxi information desks in the Heathrow Airport terminals.

HAL therefore need to canvass the views of drivers on this with reference to the following points :-

- Do Heathrow taxi drivers wish to retain the Taxi Information Desks in the Terminals.
- Do Heathrow taxi drivers believe that the HALT service is necessary and of benefit to the taxi drivers who use Heathrow Airport (whether or not members of HALT) and their passengers. We would be interested to hear your views on the impact on taxi services were this service not to be provided.
- Do Heathrow taxi drivers believe that the benefits outweigh the current cost of providing the service. The current charge for providing the service is 51 pence per movement collected as part of the Taxi Feeder Park charge. Please indicate if you think the 51 pence HALT levy represents good value for money.
- If Heathrow Taxi drivers decide that they do not wish HALT to continue to operate the Taxi Information desks in the Terminals then HAL might be obliged to put out the manning of the taxi information desks to a competitive tender for external companies to bid for. HAL would then appoint the best overall bidder but the service would continue to be funded by taxi drivers. This company would also be required to provide transparent accounts of revenues and costs for the services currently provided by HALT.
- Are London Hackney Licensed Taxi drivers happy for this service to continue to be funded through the HALT levy collected from users of the Taxi Feeder Park by HAL, which is then passed to HALT (subject to the conditions above) or would drivers prefer to fund this service by paying HALT directly rather than via the Taxi Feeder Park charge.

Once HAL have obtained the opinion of drivers on these issues then it will consider the results and determine whether to enter into a new contract with HALT, put the operation of the desks out to competitive tender or to cease collecting the HALT levy, currently standing at 51 pence.

A survey and ballot box is available at the Taxi Feeder Park, in the Cab-In office, adjacent to the barrier for you to register your opinion. If you wish to write to HAL on these issues then please do so either on our e-mail address [taxis@baa.com](mailto:taxis@baa.com) or at the following address :-

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All responses to reach us by 30 May 2008 and should contain the drivers Badge number and Tag number

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