

NEW FUELLING FACILITY IN DUNBRIDGE STREET

Back in August 2007, drivers on Radio Taxis Group fleet got the opportunity to fill up their taxis with 30% bio fuel blend at their Station Road Driver Services facility. In a blaze of publicity with Ken Livingstone at City Hall, the new fuel was launched, then only available to RTG drivers. Now, thanks to growth and expansion of the suppliers, any London licensed hackney carriage driver can take advantage of the green credentials of this 30% biofuel. A new fuel station is now operational in Dunbridge Street, where drivers can refuel 24 hours a day. The bright, clean forecourt offering a full attendant service means a safe, secure environment for drivers.



filling up with the biodiesel for the first time, having been recommended by fellow taxi drivers. Other drivers are already regulars having found that they are getting an improvement in their mpg, as well as dramatic reductions in tailpipe smoke. One of the good points about the fuel is that no alteration is needed to enable taxis to run on it.

**WIN A TANK
OF BIODIESEL**

To Celebrate the launch of the new filling station, every driver filling up at Dunbridge Street will be entered into a free monthly draw to win a free tank of biodiesel.

DRIVERS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES



Taxi Globe went along to the opening of the new facility, which is situated in the garage where Nationwide used to be. Bradley Reed, who is the man behind the project, told our reporter why the biodiesel is suited to the London taxi in particular. He said: "Mineral diesel (ULSD) available at other forecourts is a very dry fuel with little or no lubricity. Our fuel has superior lubricity extending the life of the fuel pump and injectors and allowing them to work efficiently. I understand that taxi drivers are finding things tough on the road with the higher fuel prices and so one advantage our fuel offers will certainly be welcomed. Independent testing at Emission Laboratory showed 10% improvement in MPG. Following the first year of operation at Station Road, we have actually seen some drivers reporting up to 20% improvement in MPG."

Whilst we were at the new site, taxis were pulling in to refuel and our reporter asked the drivers for their opinions of the fuel. Some of them were

WHY CHOSE THIS 30% BIODIESEL?

- * High specification, high performance B30 blended biodiesel.
- * Blend exceeds EN590 specification
- * Highest possible cetane levels
- * Excellent anti-oxidant and oxidation stability properties.
- * Excellent anti-gelling properties ensure fuel is free flowing even on the coldest mornings aiding cold starting of engines.
- * Fuel density is as per EN590 spec (the same as ULSD). Other biodiesels tend to be denser which can reduce MPG.
- * Cleans and conditions fuel delivery system including fuel pump and injectors

REFUEL YOUR TAXI AND YOURSELF!

Dunbridge Street is always busy with taxis as there is a wide range of taxi services available there, from garages to insurance and other associated services. Now drivers will also benefit from a new American Diner which has opened close to the fuelling station, just outside the Cabsurance office. While your cab is being refuelled, you can choose from a varied menu of freshly cooked food or get a coffee. The fuel facility has Driver toilets. On site there is also a 24 hour taxi garage featuring rolling repairs, major mechanical work, roadside assistance.



VISIT CITY HALL

Home to the Greater London Authority, City Hall is open to the public on set weekends throughout the year. Visitors have the opportunity to see and walk around some areas that are not normally open to the public during the week. This includes the Chamber, a purpose-built space for meetings and debates; London's Living Room, an open space on the top floor with a walkway around the perimeter offering panoramic views; and the spiral ramp/stairs, which winds its way through the building, offering glimpses of the open-plan offices and the Mayor's Conference Room and views of the Thames and the Tower of London.



The next time you can visit will be on London Open House weekend, Saturday 20 September 2008 and Sunday 21 September 2008. Hours are 09.30 - 17.30. If you are planning a visit you are advised to call the Public Liaison Unit on 020 7983 4100 in advance to confirm that City Hall will be open. The Café on the lower ground floor will be open during the above open hours.