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PARKING TICKET CHALLENGED BY NEW FUND

Grant Davis and The London Cab Drivers Club are amongst those backing the newly formed Motorists Legal Challenge Fund. Movie star Tom Conti and Lord Lucas of Dingwall and Crudwell are leading the charge to raise a fighting fund initially for a court challenge to parking tickets and to then include legal challenges on other matters affecting Britain's motorists. They are patrons of the newly formed Motorists Legal Challenge Fund. Grant Davis said: "We have just donated £500 ... and we should all stand up to be counted and get behind the Motorists Legal Challenge. Where is the bulldog spirit? Come on, let's wake up and let's stop the abuse of motorists by local authorities issuing parking tickets to raise money. Get behind the campaign."



Tom has become involved because he's a founder of the Motorists Action Group in London. He has put some of his own cash into the fund, which is backing the challenge which could impact on fines issued by councils across the UK. He said: "I just hate unfairness in government and there's a vast amount being perpetrated against anybody with a vehicle - and that's an awful lot of people. The local authorities are supposed to be there to help the people rather than harass them, but at the moment people are being harassed."

The first case is being spearheaded by Sunderland campaigner Neil Herron, who runs the website www.parkingappeals.co.uk and has remortgaged his property to raise £60,000 for the fight. "I think Britain's motorists have reached tipping point and are fed up being treated as a cash cow. The case needed to be lodged within three months and the only way to get the action launched was to effectively put my home on the line. Tom Conti and Lord Lucas have helped launch the Fund which will ensure that we can take this case forward and act on behalf of Britain's motorists. It is essential that such matters are brought before the courts because the

individual motorist faces such an inequality of arms when trying to seek justice."

Britain's motorists are urged to support the Motorists Legal Challenge to ensure an equality of arms for this and future battles. Herron is no stranger to campaigning and his most recent David against Goliath success has been with

the Metric Martyrs Campaign which has forced a very public Government u-turn on enforced metrication and the concession that no-one else will be prosecuted for using imperial measures. Parking enforcement has been used by many councils as a revenue raising stealth tax. Lord Lucas who also chairs the Enforcement Law Reform Group, and the London Motorists Action Group recently told the BBC Radio 4's PM programme that the enforcement of incorrectly signed parking areas "... is something that seems to me to be close to theft, and it probably would be adjudged as theft if one could ever get it to court."

The case of Herron v The Parking Adjudicator challenges the independence of the Traffic Penalty Tribunal (formerly the National Parking Adjudication Service). It is maintained that because the service is administered and funded by the councils with the adjudicators appointed by a committee of the councils then it cannot be perceived to be independent. This could impact on every ticket issued in England and Wales. The second pillar of the case is that many parking tickets are invalid because of flaws in the regulations that cover Controlled Parking Zones. CPZs were designed to cut down on parking sign clutter by having a notice at an entry point that applies restrictions to several streets but because councils have deviated from the strict definition where only single yellow, double yellow or parking spaces are allowed in CPZs then parking tickets could be rendered invalid.

Anyone wishing to find out more can visit www.motoristslegalchallenge.co.uk

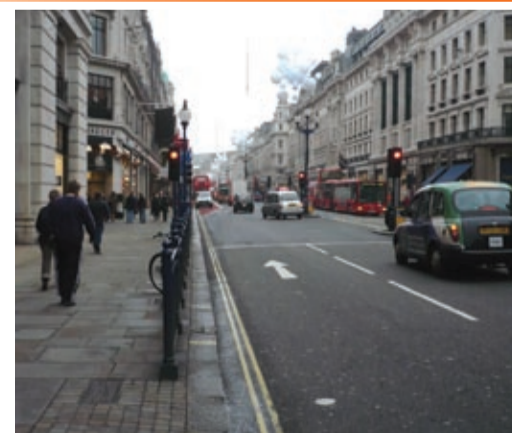
MORE FLIGHTS FOR CITY AIRPORT

London Borough of Newham has granted permission to grow London City Airport to 120,000 flight movements per annum. The approved planning application to increase flight numbers at London City Airport will see no change to the current airport operating hours.

REGENT STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON WISH UPON A STAR...

Christmas is on its way; the lights in Regent Street will be spectacular with a 'switch on' on Thursday 6 November. The event will begin at 5.30pm. Each year The Regent Street Christmas lights are one of London's major tourist attractions and draw a huge number of visitors. Last year's Christmas lights were sponsored by Nokia and the 'switch on' was watched by millions across the globe with international media interest stronger than ever.

This year the theme for the Regent Street lights is 'Wish Upon A Star ...' and will turn the street into a winter wonderland for Christmas shoppers.



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