



## **TfL to speak to disability groups about taxi accessibility**

Transport for London's (TfL) Taxi & Private Hire office will be speaking to disability groups over the next few months to get their views on the current accessibility of London's black taxis.

TfL has been advised by lawyers to find out whether there is a case in London for a taxi fleet containing some vehicles that are accessible to disabled people who use larger wheelchairs.

TfL will be speaking to disability groups, reviewing existing research and considering views from the Department for Transport and other authorities.

Whatever the outcome of the research TfL is committed to maintaining the features which make London's taxis unique: their yellow light, accessibility, availability, safety and most importantly the expert knowledge of London's taxi drivers.

John Mason, TfL's Director of Taxi & Private Hire, said: "Following legal advice we will be undertaking research in to how users of larger wheelchairs want to get around the city and whether London's taxi fleet meets their requirements. We will carry out this process by the end of March 2010."

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