



GOODS VEHICLES APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND NOTICES

Notice Period

The Road Transport Act 2001 and the Road Transport Regulations 2018 require the Road Transport Licensing Committee ("the Committee" or "the RTALC") to publish details of applications, meetings and decisions.

If you wish to view an application, please contact the RTALC Secretary at noel.capewell@gov.im.

Copies of all monthly newsletters are available on the RTALC website: www.gov.im/rtlc.

Within a period of twenty one days from the date of this publication, any person may write to the Committee making any objections or representations with respect to an application.

Written objections can be received by letter or email. They should include the name and address of the sender and include the reasons why the objection or representation is made. For the full procedure detailing the submission of objections please see the RTALC website.

RTALC Office

The RTALC office operates on an appointment only basis. If you come to the office without an appointment you may have a wasted journey as there might not be anyone available to assist you.

NOTICES

OPERATING CENTRE LETTERS

The RTALC and the Planning Enforcement Section of DEFA ("Planning") have begun sending out letters to existing operators who have not yet obtained confirmation that their operating centre(s) comply with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act"). Under section 75(4)(b) of the Road Transport Regulations 2018 ("the Regulations"), existing operators were granted a grace period of five years to obtain such confirmation.

The period of grace expires on 31st December 2023 and the RTALC and Planning are aware that many operators have yet to demonstrate their compliance with the 1999 Act and the Regulations. To assist in this process, these operators will be offered an appointment at a meeting with RTALC and Planning officers at Murray House in Douglas.

It is envisaged that the meetings will take place once a month. It is important to recognise that on 1st January 2024, if an operating centre does not comply with the 1999 Act, that operator will not be legally permitted to operate any goods vehicles with a maximum laden weight of over 3,500kg. To do so would be an offence.

VEHICLE AND TRAILER TESTING

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw the Driving Test & Vehicle Examination Centre ("DTVEC") close for several months in 2020, a backlog of vehicles waiting for annual tests developed. The RTALC adopted an approach which allowed goods vehicle and trailer operators to renew their Section 23 operator discs on receipt of a confirmed future booking date at the DTVEC.

However, this approach was only ever intended as a temporary measure and was discontinued from **1st March 2023**. After this date, Section 23 operator discs will only be renewed on receipt of a test Certificate of Approval from the operator obtained within the past 12 months.

APPLICATIONS

1. Douglas Borough Council

The applicant wishes to vary the Operator Registration through the addition of an operating centre. The new operating centre is identified in the application as Middle River City Amenity Site.

As the operator submitted its original application for an Operator Registration before 1st February 2020, it has until 31st December 2023 to confirm that all operating centres are compliant with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 as per regulation 75(4) of the Road Transport Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations").

The applicant currently has approval to operate 22 goods vehicles.

2. Department of Infrastructure

The applicant wishes to vary the Operator Registration through the addition of an operating centre. The new operating centre is identified in the application as Jurby Motordrome, Jurby.

As the operator submitted its original application for an Operator Registration before 1st February 2020, it has until 31st December 2023 to confirm that all operating centres are compliant with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 as per regulation 75(4) of the Road Transport Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations").

The applicant currently has approval to operate 100 goods vehicles and three trailers.

3. Ean Martin

The applicant wishes to apply for an Operator Registration and operate one goods vehicle.

The registered address is identified in the application as Garey ny Feeney, Bride and the proposed operating centre is identified as Ballacowle Farm, Bride.

It has yet to be determined if the applicant's operating centre is compliant with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 and this must be confirmed before the application can be approved.

4. Manx Utilities Authority

The applicant wishes to vary the Operator Registration through the addition of an operating centre. The new operating centre is identified in the application as Greenhill Data Centre, IoM Business Park, Braddan.

As the operator submitted its original application for an Operator Registration before 1st February 2020, it has until 31st December 2023 to confirm that all operating centres are compliant with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 as per regulation 75(4) of the Road Transport Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations").

The applicant currently has approval to operate 60 goods vehicles and two trailers.

DECISIONS

1. E. G. Services Ltd

To apply for a variation to an Operator Registration through the addition of a goods vehicle.

The application was approved.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the RTLC for public passenger vehicles which will be held in public are currently due to take place on 29th March, 18th April and 9th May at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's.

All individuals that are required to attend a meeting will receive a formal invitation letter prior to the meeting. It is likely, although not guaranteed, that the applications advertised in this AD&N Circular will be heard at the 18th April meeting provided that the RTLC has all the information that it needs (e.g. assurances from Planning).

Should you require information on the timetables for any upcoming meetings, please contact the RTLC office. If you intend to observe any meeting in public that you are not specifically invited to, it would be appreciated if you could inform RTLC staff of your intentions prior to the meeting. This information is required to ensure that there is sufficient space at the meeting to accommodate any observers. Should there not be sufficient space at Thie Slieau Whallian, a different venue for the meeting would have to be found and this could delay proceedings.

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