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Subject: Possible line for press release

Steve

As per our discussion, I have been asked to see if you would be willing to comment on the planned announcement tomorrow (to coincide with the launch of the age limits consultation) that the Mayor has allocated a further £24m to the delicensing scheme following representations from you and Jim and also following a positive response to the enhanced scheme. Dan has drafted a form of words for you to consider but we do understand if you aren't able to.

We do need to have this all agreed within the next 30 minutes or so if we are to include a comment from you.

Steve McNamara of the LTDA said:

"I'm pleased the Mayor has recognised the need to support the taxi trade in its efforts to reduce emissions and accelerate the growth of the zero emission capable taxi fleet. Providing an additional £24m funding for the newly enhanced delicensing scheme is the right thing to do and I welcome the Mayor's intervention. This will provide a leg-up to those who want to adopt this exciting new technology. Anything we can do to improve air quality in London will benefit everyone, including taxi drivers who will suffer the ill effects of air pollution as much as anyone else."

Thanks
Helen