

**Taxi trade demonstration 24/09/14**

# **BORIS RATS OUT ON LONDON**

**Boris Johnson has declared that he will not be seeking another term as London Mayor. Instead he will be standing as the Conservative candidate for Uxbridge and South Ruislip – even though he said he would never do two jobs!**

**Boris's time as Mayor has been a complete disaster for the London taxi trade.**

A policy of licence and forget satellite offices, rather than properly regulated taxi ranks has seen the trade lose out on work that should have been available to taxi drivers.

His willingness to allow Government funded TfL to licence 'an App' that doesn't take bookings or pay tax in this country as a private hire operator, is an insult to all the people of the UK and flies in the face of hard fought safety regulations.

Boris has said he would like to ban Cycle Rickshaws, but sites current law as the reason he can't do it. He has been Mayor for six years now, enough time to ask the Government for a Law change. Instead he has done nothing. To add insult to injury, Sir Bernard Hogan Howe, Boris's Police Commissioner views Rickshaws, as just a bit of competition to taxi drivers

Under Boris's TfL taxi drivers have suffered a regulatory authority that has outsourced many of its responsibilities to private agencies with the net result, being a deep fall in service levels and ever increasing costs to the trade.

Boris wants to close Heathrow airport, which will devastate the livings of taxi drivers that work 'the fliers'!



  
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When Boris came into office one of the first things he did was to scrap the western congestion zone. It's scrapping has seen traffic and pollution levels rise. Now he is set to cause more traffic chaos with his ill thought out, poorly consulted Cycle Super Highways programme. Boris claims that 25% of traffic is now cycles. What he doesn't tell you is that he counts one cycle the same as one bus!

Boris's Ultra Low Emissions Zone proposal has left taxi drivers bewildered as to buying new cabs, because of the uncertainty of where and how long they will be allowed to drive them.

It seems a long time since the 'Back Boris' taxi receipts and his promise of a secure future for taxi drivers. Now, after what will have been six years of self promotion, he is set to return to Parliament with an eye on the top Tory job. He says he can do two jobs, Mayor and MP, so far he hasn't shown he can do one. He will leave London in a mess. Whoever follows him as Mayor will have to sort out the shambles he leaves behind. Boris should go now so his successor can get on with the job of actually running London for Londoners.

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