



Nick Denton  
Traffic Commissioner for London and South East England  
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14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Mr Denton,

Following the sentencing on 14 May 2015 of HGV driver Barry Meyer, convicted of causing death by careless driving and driving without a valid licence and without insurance, we believe that there are serious issues to be addressed regarding the operator's licence of his employer and the suitability of the licence holder and his transport manager.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in Holborn, London Mr Meyer drove his lorry in a careless manner which led to the death of Alan Neve, a 54-year-old cyclist. Mr Meyer did not hold a licence for a HGV. He had previously had been banned from driving five times previously. At the end of the most recent ban his standard driving licence had been renewed but in evidence to court he said that he had applied for renewal of his HGV licence and that he had not had a reply. It appears that he was allowed to drive a 32 tonne tipper lorry by the operator who had either not properly checked that he had a valid licence, or if a check was made which had allowed Mr Meyer to drive without a licence.

London Cycling Campaign has led actions to improve the design and operation of large lorries. These type of vehicles are involved in half of all the cyclist fatalities in London. The 32 tonne tipper lorry driven by Mr Meyer had the registration number S 77 DHL. We believe that is linked to Operators Licence number OK 1046680 held by an operator based in east London.

At the sentencing hearing Judge Daniel Worsley set a jail term and driving ban close to the maximum allowed. He commented "Heaven knows why the lorry owners let you drive that vehicle without checking that you had a proper licence."

London Cycling Campaign expects that the Traffic Commissioner should review the Operator Licence and consider revoking it. We also believe that the licence holder and/or the transport manager concerned should be considered to be of bad repute and therefore unsuitable to hold a licence or act as a transport manager in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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