



Response from:

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Motor Schools Association of Great Britain (MSA) makes the following response to DSA Consultation Document: Introducing the New Practical Motorcycling Test and Associated Fees
- 1.2 The MSA is the national trade association for driving instructors and schools founded in 1935. Members of the association are in the main Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructors (ADI). We also have a partnership with the Institute of Large Goods Vehicle Driving Instructors (ILGVDI) and represent their interests together with those of potential driving instructors (PDIs) and a number of bus/coach instructors and motorcycle instructors. Our current membership database is just over seven thousand four hundred and fifty.

2 GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1 The MSA applauds the introduction of new testing arrangements that might save the lives of new motorcyclists. However, we implore the agency to stop using motorcyclists as an excuse to close local driving test centres in favour of MPTCs.
- 2.2 This “new style” test could have been designed from day one of the planning for the revised European requirements for motorcycle testing and thus obviated the need for the closure of many perfectly good local driving test centres.
- 2.3 Not building MPTCs would also have saved millions of pounds that now have to be repaid by car test candidates in increased driving test fees. Leaving open the local centres that DSA have closed in pursuit of the MPTC dream would have meant no increased fuel bills for driver trainers to reach the new centres. There has also been unnecessary damage to the environment caused by the building of these centres and the increased pollution created to get to them.
- 2.4 Even at this late hour we call upon the DSA to reopen the local network of centres across Great Britain that they have destroyed, please bring back Brighton, Southend-on-Sea, Warrington etc ...

3 PUBLICATION OF MSA COMMENTS

- 3.1 We are content for our response to this consultation to be published by DSA.