





The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Applications for Exemption Orders) Regulations 2010

Schedule 1 - Particulars to be provided with applications for exemption orders for rail vehicles


the full name of the applicant;	David James Hislop on behalf of the owners of Blackpool Transport Services Ltd the operators of the Blackpool Tramway
the address of the applicant which, in the case of a company, must be the address of its registered or principal office;	Rigby Road. Blackpool FY1 5DD
a description of the rail vehicle to which the application relates, including the—	See End
a general description of the services which the rail vehicle is likely to be used to provide and the routes on which it is likely to be operated;	<p>From April 2012, there be a frequent public transport service operating across the network using 16 new fully accessible trams, which will achieve a 10 minute frequency by high season 2012. In recognition of the wide variance in patronage between high and low season, this accessible service will at times be augmented by a fleet of older trams which will have been made more accessible but which are not fully compliant (Heritage Fleet B which is subject to a separate exemption application).</p> <p>The 16 vehicles to which this application applies ("Fleet C") will provide a distinct "vintage" service for tourist, educational and recreational purposes over the same network, including during the illuminations period.</p> <p>This will help maintain Blackpool's world renown for vintage tram experiences and contribute to regeneration of the resort.</p> <p>The "C" fleet of trams will only be permitted to stop at 6 ground level vintage tram stops in each direction. These stops will be marked as "Vintage Only" tram stops and are separate from those in use for public transport services.</p>
the provisions of RVAR from which exemption is sought	From all parts of RVAR in order to maintain the vintage experience that visitors will be paying to experience.
the technical, economic and operational reasons for the application;	<p>In 2010, Ministers and Parliament accepted that rail vehicles that pre-date the introduction of accessibility requirements in 1998, and which primarily provide a tourist, educational or recreational experience should be exempt from rail vehicle accessibility requirements in perpetuity. This resulted in the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Networks) Exceptions 2010 which exempted pre-1999 vehicles on over 200 named networks.</p> <p>Blackpool's system could not be included in that Exemption as its prime role will remain one of providing public transport services, for which it receives considerable financial support from the public purse.</p> <p>Between 2009 and 2012 £101 million, will be invested in bringing Blackpool Tramway up to the standard expected of a modern tramway in the 21st Century.</p> <p>The desire is to over-lay that accessible service with one of vintage vehicles.</p>

	<p>This will uphold Blackpool Council's ongoing heritage strategy as part of their dedication to regenerate Blackpool Tourism and further enhance the Blackpool visitor experience along the sea front. The historic element of the tramway is seen as an integral part of the Council's ongoing commitment to ensure that Blackpool can remain a World Class Resort with special emphasis on culture and heritage.</p> <p>In December 2010, Norman Baker MP , Under-Secretary of State for Transport wrote " I recognise that the appeal of those vehicles is in their being in their original form and that they have significant historic importance for the UK"</p>
the effect which non-compliance with the provisions referred to in sub-paragraph (e) would have on a disabled person's ability to use the rail vehicle;	Many disabled people will continue to be able to travel on these vehicles, as now. With the dedicated boarding sites, all passengers will be aware that they are boarding a vintage vehicle.
the measures proposed, if the application is granted, to enable a disabled person to use the rail vehicle;	<p>One vehicle 733/734 has been discretely modified so that a wheelchair user can use it and join in the heritage experience.</p> <p>In addition to the driver, each vehicle will have at least one other member of staff that will have received disability awareness training and will be able to assist older and disabled passengers.</p> <p>In addition, there will be a year-round, end to end low floor accessible service to allow disabled persons to travel on the tramway. There is no such service available at the present time.</p>
the period for which the exemption order is requested to be in force;	Indefinite
unless an exemption order is sought for an indefinite period, the proposed timetable of action, before it would cease to be in force, to render the rail vehicle compliant with any RVAR provisions from which it had been exempt;	
where prior consultation with the operator of the rail vehicle is required by regulation 3(2), the response of the operator to the consultation;	n/a

<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed double deck bogie tram</p> <p>Blackpool Standard class</p> <p>147</p> <p>Hurst Nelson & Co</p> <p>Motherwell</p> <p>1924</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number(s);</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>3 x Open top single deck bogie tram</p> <p>Boat class</p> <p>600; 602; 604</p> <p>English Electric Co</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>1934</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Open top double deck bogie tram</p> <p>Balloon class</p> <p>706</p> <p>English Electric Co</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>1934</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram</p> <p>Fleetwood Box class</p> <p>40</p> <p>United Electric Car Company</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>1914</p>	

<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Open vestibule, closed balcony double deck bogie tram</p> <p>Bolton class</p> <p>66</p> <p>Electric Railway and Tramway Carriage works</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>1901</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram</p> <p>Brush Railcoach class</p> <p>631</p> <p>BRUSH Electrical Machines Ltd</p> <p>Loughborough</p> <p>1937</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram</p> <p>Centenary class</p> <p>648</p> <p>East Lancashire Coachbuilders</p> <p>Blackburn</p> <p>1985</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram</p> <p>Coronation class</p> <p>660</p> <p>Charles Roberts & Co</p> <p>Horbury Junction, near Wakefield</p> <p>1953</p>	

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<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram illuminated frigate "HMS Blackpool"</p> <p>Illuminated Feature class</p> <p>736</p> <p>Blackpool Corporation Transport</p> <p>Blackpool</p> <p>1965</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number;</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Enclosed single deck bogie tram illuminated trawler</p> <p>Illuminated Feature class</p> <p>737</p> <p>BRUSH Electrical Machines Ltd.</p> <p>Loughborough</p> <p>1937 (Has been externally rebuilt with illuminations at different times)</p>	
<p>Vehicle description;</p> <p>vehicle class;</p> <p>vehicle number(s);</p> <p>name of the manufacturer;</p> <p>place of manufacture; and</p> <p>date into service;</p>	<p>Illuminated Western Train tram (permanently coupled tram and trailer set) Tram is an enclosed single deck bogie unit – Trailer is a non-motorised open balcony single deck bogie unit) One vehicle, 733, has been discretely modified so that a wheelchair user can use it and join in the heritage experience.</p> <p>Illuminated Feature class</p> <p>733 + 734</p> <p>Blackpool Corporation Transport</p> <p>Blackpool</p> <p>1962</p>	

Vehicle description;	2 x Progress Twin Car (permanently coupled tram and trailer set) comprising enclosed single deck motor bogie unit and a non-motorised single deck enclosed bogie trailer.	
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vehicle number(s);	Twin Car Class	
name of the manufacturer;	672 + 682; 675 + 685	
place of manufacture; and	Tram = English Electric; Trailer = <u>Metro Cammell Weymann</u>	
date into service;	Tram = Preston; Trailer = Saltley, Birmingham	
	Tram - 1935; Trailer - 1960	