



## Member Engagement & Representation – Activity Report Q3 2015

Issue	Activity	Engagement	Key Outcome
<b>Air Quality</b>	The BVRLA attended a closed workshop hosted by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to discuss the current consultation on air quality.	Defra	The BVRLA has proposed several measures to be considered by Defra in its report on the UK's air quality strategy. We will continue to make representations, informed by this workshop and further engagement activity.
<b>Private parking</b>	The BVRLA met with the Department for Communities and Local Government following the recent private parking consultation.	DCLG	DCLG appreciate frustrations with the current legislation on parking, especially related to transfer of liability claims. They will consider publishing guidance to clarify areas which are unclear, and if further legislation is required to cover new parking issues.
<b>Low Emission Vehicles</b>	The BVRLA met with the new Head of Incentives at the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to discuss the Plug-In Grant ahead of the Autumn Statement and Comprehensive Spending Review.	OLEV	While OLEV are unable to guarantee the Plug-In Grant, they understood the importance of advance notice for lease companies in purchasing new fleet vehicles (including LEVs). OLEV will therefore amend the current Plug-In Grant plan to allow this to be confirmed at the point of order, not just the point of delivery. A workshop will be planned in early 2016 for BVRLA members purchasing large numbers of low emission vehicles to meet senior OLEV officials and discuss policy initiatives to encourage LEVs.
<b>Vehicle Safety</b>	The BVRLA hosted a policy roundtable attended by representatives of the Department for Transport, alongside members and vehicle manufacturers, to discuss proposals to reduce road accidents, injuries and fatalities.	DfT	The BVRLA will be producing a policy paper to be presented to the Roads Minister Andrew Jones MP, detailing several policy recommendations for safer motoring.

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<b>Intelligent Mobility</b>	The BVRLA hosted a policy roundtable attended by the Head of Intelligent Mobility at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, alongside members and vehicle manufacturers, to discuss proposals to take advantage of emerging technologies and to safeguard vehicle and driver data.	BIS	The BVRLA will be producing a policy paper to be presented to the Roads Minister Andrew Jones MP, detailing policy proposals aimed at taking advantage of telematics, and safeguarding driver data.
<b>Meeting with Julian Knight MP</b>	BVRLA met with new Conservative MP for Solihull, Julian Knight. This was to discuss the potential for him to host a regional member forum and appraise him of our industry, which employs a significant number of his constituents.	BVRLA Julian Knight MP	We briefed Julian on our industry. Julian sits on the Motoring APPG and agreed to join a new BVRLA Rental and Leasing APPG. He also agreed to attend our Winter Reception on 16 <sup>th</sup> December.