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Heathrow Coach Park

Further to an article in Route One Magazine, I understand you are gathering evidence regarding the recent excessive increase in BAA's charges for the coach park at Heathrow.

We operate six vehicles from 9 to 29 seats and a fair percentage of our work is airport transfers, in the month of April alone we have collected passengers from Heathrow on six occasions, two groups were of 20+, but the remaining four were between 5 and 8 passengers. To collect from Heathrow the passengers in the smaller group had their costs increased by £4.25 each!

The cost prior to 1st April was £9.87, it seems nothing has changed in respect of drivers facilities at Heathrow to warrant such a huge increase and it is unfair to charge such a high rate to collect small groups of passengers. Perhaps the old rate should be charged for minibuses / minicoaches up to a certain size and the new price of £21.15 left for the full size coaches?

I look forward to hearing of any further developments regarding the above and if in the meantime you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.