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Royal Mail Electric Peugeot Partner L2 Vans Introduction/Deployment Update – Part of The 2017/18 Vehicle Replacement Plan:

To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

As reported in LTBs 454/17 and 535/17, 100 Peugeot Partner L2 Electric Vans are to be deployed by Royal Mail Group Fleet and are due to arrive in 17 pilot Delivery Office locations. This originally was planned for the period November/December 2017. Deployment has slipped back slightly to the period January to March 2018 but deployment is imminent once Driver and Fleet Technician training is completed.

As previously reported, RMG, recognise the need to respond positively to the government's much-anticipated Clean Air Plan and the need to reduce carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and diesel particulate emissions from all forms of road transport. There is a need to prepare for the introduction of Major City Low Emission Zones initially and the government announced petrol and diesel engine vehicles ban due in 2040 (2032 in Scotland). This all comes amid the rising levels of pollution posing a major risk to public health.

The RMG purchase agreement for 100 Peugeot Partner L2 Electric Vans represents one of the biggest single purchases of electric vehicles to be used commercially in the UK to date. This is the first batch Light Commercial Electric Vans, with more planned to follow as the fleet transitions over coming years. The Peugeot Partner L2 Electric Vans will, if successful, certainly help Royal Mail to significantly reduce the environmental impact of its delivery fleet. The technical and safety feature details of the Peugeot Partner L2 Electric Van, along with training details for drivers and Fleet Technicians is contained in LTB 454/17.

Latest Deployment Plan and Update:

Phase 1

- Derby DO – 6 vans deployed before Xmas. Article in January Courier.

Phase 2

- 46 vans due to be deployed between 22 January and 22 February.
- These will be deployed in 8 Delivery Offices (DOs) – Camden, Whitechapel, Bexleyheath, New Nine Elms, Hockley, Cardiff, Nottingham South and Belfast.
- Plus associated Fleet Workshops to be involved in deployment along with training etc.

Phase 3

- Remaining 48 vans will be deployed during February and March (dates tbc).
- These will be deployed in 8 Delivery Offices (DOs) – Harehills, Orpington, Dartford, Islington, Southwark, Bristol South, Hythe and Edinburgh Dell.
- Plus associated Fleet Workshops to be involved in deployment along with training etc.

ASRs are to be fully involved in the pilots from pre-start through to full deployment, then monitoring the new vehicles and feeding back.

Yours sincerely



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