

By email: mikebrown@tfl.gov.uk

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Dear Mike,

RE: Uber Pool/Pop

I am writing to express my serious concern over the prospect of Uber launching its 'Pool' or 'Pop' ridesharing model in London. Uber has made its intention to launch this model very clear. While I recognise that ridesharing schemes can benefit the environment and reduce congestion, there is a huge safety issue if the model allows unlicensed drivers to share lifts, particularly if it is for financial reward.

Uber Pool/Pop has been banned in a large number of countries and cities. I would urge TfL to urgently review Uber's license if they introduce this model in London.

I would also like to highlight the fact that I asked a total of 11 questions about Uber at the last Mayor's Question Time, three of them specifically about Uber Pool/Pop. To date, none of them have been answered. I have copied the three on Uber Pool/Pop below for your convenience.

I await your urgent response.

With best wishes,



Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

Leader of the London Assembly Liberal Democrat Group
Chair, London Assembly Transport Committee
Deputy-Chair, London Assembly Police and Crime Committee

Question Title: Uber Pool/Pop (1)

Member: Caroline Pidgeon

Is Transport for London aware of any plans by Uber to launch its Uber Pool/Pop ridesharing model in London?

Question Title: Uber Pool/Pop (2)

Member: Caroline Pidgeon

What view would Transport for London take as regulator of Uber Pool/Pop?

Question Title: Uber Pool/Pop (3)

Member: Caroline Pidgeon

Has Transport for London had any discussions with Uber about the operation of Uber Pool/Pop in London?