



Taxation

BVRLA members own and operate almost 5 million vehicles; that's 1-in-8 cars, 1-in-5 vans and 1-in-5 trucks on UK roads. As a key part of the new vehicle supply chain, members buy almost half of all new vehicles sold in the UK and sell hundreds of thousands of relatively new vehicles each year.

By working with the BVRLA and its members, policymakers can affect change and deliver results far quicker.

What we are asking of policymakers:

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-  To take a joined up approach to ensure that taxation policy supports and does not compromise wider government objectives relating to air quality and business productivity.
-  To work constructively with the vehicle rental and leasing sector to set out a long-term roadmap with a managed transition to a zero-emission environment and a long-term sustainable vehicle taxation regime.
-  To provide greater consistency, certainty, stability, and fair treatment in the taxation of the vehicle rental and leasing sector.
-  To ensure greater recognition in tax policymaking of the role that the vehicle rental and leasing sector can play in delivering the government's policy priorities.

Top 5 key messages:

- **The BVRLA is developing a roadmap to help government to align its vehicle taxation policy with other priorities**, setting out a long-term, managed transition to give certainty and stability to industry and consumers, while providing a sustainable tax base for the Exchequer.
- **There is a disconnect between government policy on the environment, industrial strategy and HM Treasury's tax policy.** Policy in these areas need to be more closely aligned to ensure that the tax system drives the right behaviour.
- **The government must work with the fleet industry to find a long-term, sustainable roadmap** for vehicle taxation, in preparation for a steady decline in motoring revenues
- **By working with our members Government can achieve many of its goals, far quicker.** BVRLA members buy nearly 50% of all new vehicles registered each year.
- **Framing the tax environment fairly**, BVRLA members can help to accelerate the uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles

Latest BVRLA engagement activity Q1-2018:

- Met with Special Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer at HM Treasury
- Met with civil service officials at HM Treasury, including Head of Motoring Tax
- Met with Shadow Financial Secretary to the Treasury
- Met with EV projects team at the Infrastructure and Projects Authority (IPA)
- Issued a letter to the Chancellor in advance of the Spring Statement
- Hosted a BVRLA Tax and Accounting Steering Group with members to develop key priorities

The issue explained:

The government is pursuing an ambitious programme to reduce the nation's carbon emissions and improve local air quality (such as the road to zero by 2040).

At the same time, it is keen to protect the UK economy during Brexit negotiations and recognises the motor industry as a key pillar of the economy.

Meanwhile, the long-term sustainability of the UK's vehicle taxation system is under threat.

A simple, fair and well-signposted tax system will be key to achieving these ambitions and tackling these challenges.

As the owners and operators of nearly five million of the UK's cleanest and newest vehicles, the BVRLA is well placed to position itself as a constructive partner in helping the government achieve its carbon reduction and air quality targets, without eroding its tax base.

We are calling upon members to help with:

Giving us feedback on our messaging and activity

Sharing and promoting our messages and policy asks

Providing us with data to collate an industry picture

Coordinating engagement with policymakers and influencers

Please use our hashtag:

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