



# News Report

## from Philip Bradbourn MEP

*For the  
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### **Local MEP demands self-employed drivers opt out of Working Time Directive**

Local Euro MP Philip Bradbourn is continuing in his campaign to secure exclusion for self-employed drivers from the EU Working Time Directive, an overly prescriptive law which already creates road blocks for businesses and drivers in the West Midlands.

Mr. Bradbourn is also opposed to the proposed inclusion of any vehicle under 3.5 tonnes within the Directive, which would essentially mean anybody driving a Transit Van sized vehicle would have to comply with EU prescribed working time restrictions.

Speaking from Brussels, Mr. Bradbourn, a senior member of the European Parliament's Transport Committee said:

**“The influence of the EU Working Time Directive has already stretched too far and I have been opposed to its introduction since the birth of this legislation. Now, bureaucrats in Brussels seemingly want to harmonise and control working time hours for self-employed drivers within Member States.**

**This is clearly ridiculous and it should be left to national Governments to legislate on working time laws which would allow self-employed drivers to work longer hours in order to increase productivity and their own earnings during what continues to be a challenging economic climate. Any suggestions to the contrary are ludicrous and I am fighting for an exclusion to be applied to self-employed drivers of which there are many across my constituency.”**

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