

Draft 12-Month Motor Insurance Certificates Consultation

The following will be amended into a formal letter and amended in such a way to make it specific for the three parties being consulted. The matter will also be put on the web-site to make it available for all residents of the Borough.

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council (BC) invites comments from the trade and any other interested parties in relation to a consultation on licensed vehicle insurance certificates.

The Council currently accepts 7-day insurance certificates but would like to cease this practice in favour of 12-month certificates. The reason for this is as follows:

- a) If all licence holders (there currently 153 licensed vehicles) opted for 7-day certificates it would create a large volume of administrative work for the Council which would impact on the quality of service offered to other licensing applicants and licence holders.
- b) There would be an increased chance that licence holders inadvertently fail to keep their policies up to date consequently use their vehicles on the road without insurance.
- c) The public of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston may be exposed to travelling in uninsured vehicles.

THE TRADE

To help Oadby and Wigston Borough Council gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding hackney carriage and private hire insurance would you please answer the following questions.

- 1) If you are a current Oadby and Wigston BC hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence holder do you provide 7-day insurance certificates to the Council? If so what is the benefit to your hackney carriage or private hire operation? (go to Question 3)
- 2) If you are a current Oadby and Wigston BC hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence holder, have you considered obtaining 7-day insurance certificates in the past? If so, why did you decide against the move?
- 3) As a matter of policy, should the Council accept 7-day insurance certificates – ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. Please explain your reasoning.
- 4) Have you any other comments that might help the Council make an informed decision on the matter that would be of benefit to the public, licence holders and the Council.

THE POLICE

Has the Leicestershire Police any comments that would help us to decide whether 7-day insurance certificates are appropriate for the District’s licensed vehicles and unlikely to cause any issues with uninsured driving?

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BROKERS

- 1) Does your company/brokerage provide 7-day insurance certificates for Oadby and Wigston BC hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licence? If so in what way does this service assist the licence holders?

- 2) In what way would licence holders be disadvantaged if the Council does adopt a policy to accept 12-month certificates only?
- 3) Have you any other comments that might help the Council make an informed decision.

The consultation will run from *DD/MM/2016* to *DD/MM/2016*. Your contribution is welcomed and you may reply by:

- a) Email to licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk; or
- b) Post to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Station Road, Wigston, LE18 2DR.

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