

Consultation	Representations	Council Consideration
The use of TFL London style black Taxis be explored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>London black cab type vehicle although wheelchair accessible can be very inaccessible for disabled people not in a wheelchair. A variety of options are needed.</li> </ul> <p>282 responses 261 No 19 Yes</p>	Following the investigation and responses received the consultation and the Company who produce the TFL taxis no longer producing the vehicles. The Council is minded Not To impose a restriction on the type of vehicle used.
A uniform colour for vehicles be provided to ensure taxis can be easily identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I believe that this will not be feasible for any Hackney Carriages. When purchasing vehicles, majority of taxi drivers usually purchase directly from mainstream dealerships. There is always a premium to pay on particular colours.</li> </ul> <p>282 Responses 251 No 30 yes</p>	Following the investigation and responses received the consultation. The Council is minded Not To impose a restriction on the colour of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles
Controls be put in place on vehicle emissions to ensure the Council meets its environmental agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All drivers can't be expected to buy a vehicle under 6 years old when the current vehicle reaches this age the driver will be living in debt and paying interest unless the vehicle is paid with a full cash payment, - Taxi driver</li> <li>This is at best bizarre. Vehicles on average at the age of 3 years costs approximately 20k. Which drivers do not purchase outright. It gets financed and drivers are stuck in finance agreements for almost 5 years - Taxi driver</li> <li>I am not happy with your new law which you are trying to bring in about car uniform change plus change 11</li> </ul>	The Council has amended the Policy and will incrementally bring in the age Policy through the life of the Policy commencing April 2022. Vehicles of 10 years of age on first application will be allowed in immaculate condition from 1/4/21 The age shall reduce by one year every subsequent anniversary of the Policy 9 years – 1/4/2022 8 years - 1/4/2023 7 years – 1/4/2024 6 years – 1/4/2025 Electric vehicles will be allowed if in exceptional conditional will be allowed up to the age of 10 years for the duration of this Policy

	<p>years old law to 6 years because of pandemic the work is slow and to many drivers coming in the trade we will appreciate before u bring this law think about our finically it will bring so much stress on our livelihood many thanks – Taxi Driver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am writing to express my concern and difficulty just like many other drivers regarding electric vehicles. In the current climate it is a great struggle to make ends meet and absolutely unaffordable to purchase a new vehicle – Taxi driver</li><li>• But I think it's very unfair policy if agreed, because it will be very, very expensive policy to follow, because from few years Oadby and Wigston Taxi drivers are suffering from very low income and now Corona virus situation – Taxi driver</li><li>• This policy is ridiculous the person who thought of it must be sacked! a used 4 year old hybrid car costs a minimum £15k and you expect this loan repayment to be made in two years thats £7.5k a year its impossible – Taxi driver</li><li>• if you ask us to buy vehicles which shouldn't be less than four years old. We are already struggling</li></ul>	
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	<p>get car and due to pandemic there have been great impact on taxi trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a taxi driver vehicles are made to last a lot longer and 6 years is no age for car to be excluded</li> </ul> <p>Age responses 282 responses 240 no 41 yes Emissions responses 185 No 96 Yes</p>	
Address the provision of wheelchair vehicles within the Councils fleet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's great that you are reviewing the taxi policy. Why is there NO disabled access vehicles I think some of the vehicles. That Oadby &amp; Wigston Borough Council Licence. Are in very poor condition - member of Public</li> <li>Wheelchair cabs £60k are too expensive your just a small town</li> </ul>	Wheelchair accessible vehicle in immaculate condition will be permitted up to a maximum of 10 years of age.
Statutory Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council already have a written competency test which is in English. Only drivers that understand English will be able to answer as well as pass. It's almost like double jeopardy. - Taxi Driver</li> <li>I am a taxi drivers for Oadby and Wigston am not happy about the new laws which Oadby and Wigston are about to introduce as you know this business is getting day by day down and all drivers are suffering if you bring this law all drivers suffer financially and I hope you understand our situation thanks – Taxi driver</li> </ul>	The Council must amend its policy by Act of Parliament to incorporate the statutory requirements as set out within the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All cabs must have a camera recording the driving of that vehicle – Public</li><li>• Too many unnecessary and unfair changes</li><li>• This is directly impacting drivers who have been in this trade for countless number of years and with covid impacts i dont feep this is the right time for council to be proposing such draconian measures regarding licensing</li><li>• am completely dumbfounded why taxi drivers will need to take need to prove English verbal and written proficiency when this is a manual profession</li><li>• I totally understand the need for ISE I Secure English Language Test (SELT) at CEFR level B1... i find it very unfair as my first language is not english but i have done BCOM in India, english as main language. Been in this country for 30 yrs, worked as PI (perpetual inventory) team supervisor for 14 years in Leicester. Then circumstances bought me to this trade so i have to give english test in Leicester college as a requirement to be a Taxi driver &amp; now again i have been asked to take further test.</li></ul>	
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