

APPENDIX A

Nick Wheeler

From: Legal Licensing
Sent: 05 August 2016 08:52
To: Nick Wheeler
Subject: FW: Hackney & Private Hire consultation

Categories: Consultation

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 05 August 2016 07:31
To: Legal Licensing
Subject: Hackney & Private Hire consultation

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Firstly I'd like to thank legal and Nick Wheeler, for giving the drivers of Halton feedback and information from the meeting, at which I represented the Market/Morrisons Hackneys I don't think in the last 12 yrs of my holding a badge has this been done, wanting an opinion from ourselves! Extending the age limits on our vehicles can only be a positive move due to increased competition now from outside the borough, currently it's an uphill struggle for all the drivers in the borough with overheads soaring, and with the resilience and reliability of new vehicles at present it seems a totally unnecessary expense having to replace a perfectly good vehicle. Also with regards to wheelchair accessible vehicles, again it's vital the lifespan of these is taken away and left to the testing station as to their roadworthiness, as currently this borough is losing these vehicles at an unsustainable rate, due to drivers having spent vast amount buying them again maintaining these vehicles at a phenomenal cost, then, as their useful life in the borough comes to an end replacing them with a very much cheaper to run and maintain car!

From a personal point of view with regards to door signs I really don't see any harm as long as our yellow half moon badges are retained and certainly on the firm advertising sticker the words emboldened such like "NOT BOOKED, NOT INSURED"

Not being a fan of run flat tyres in this job I'm really not for this as it WILL encourage drivers to abuse the 50 mile limit advised on these

I DO hope the term "wheelchair accessible vehicle" can now replace the term "purpose built vehicle" as these current said "purpose built" vehicles are in a definite decline with few remaining being replaced with the new 7 seat vehicles already accepted in Liverpool.

Again thanking you all for your time to give us much needed feedback.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Nick Wheeler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 August 2016 20:56
To: Legal Licensing
Cc: Nick Wheeler
Subject: Licensing Consultation

Categories: Consultation

Note 1

I think that all private hire and hackney vehicles licensed by HBC should be required to have a taxi meter fitted, with rates set by HBC . This would avoid all confusion.

Note 2

The addition of run flat tyres would not present a problem.

Regarding tools to change spare wheel, I don't think a rule is necessary, as you must be a complete idiot to go out on the road without them.

Note 3

Advertising on private hire vehicles licensed by HBC should not be allowed, as the public see them as taxis ,and are known to just get in these vehicles when they are parked around the town without prebooking. I also think that current system of HBC door signs and plates should be scrapped, leaving just the rear plate on the vehicle.

Note 4

I do not believe any changes in vehicle age would benefit the public of halton. The standard of vehicles licensed by HBC is of a very high standard, and it would be a backward step to increase the age limit.

Regards [REDACTED]

Nick Wheeler

From: in fo [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 August 2016 11:59
To: Nick Wheeler
Subject: Re: Taxi Licensing Policy
Categories: Consultation

Hi Nick.

Thank you for sending over the email with the detail.
I have a few points I would like to comment on if that's ok.
1.

- Keeping the current minimum age for vehicles but increase the maximum age for saloon, estate vehicles or MSV's to 10 years with no maximum age for all other vehicles (wheel chair vehicles)

2. I think all taxis in this bough should have a taxi meter private hire and Hackney no split tariffs and stop these fair calculator data heads.

It's confusing for customers and it would stop taxi companies in Halton putting tariffs up and down which I think would make it hard on the trade.

As a taxi driver not a operator if the fuel goes up and the operator drops the price of the fair it's us that lose out I think to put a end to this we should just have what the council say then every one is on a level playing field.

3. My opinion is that every car/cab should have a spare tyre or space saver the foams a waste of time.

Sent from my iPhone

On 2 Aug 2016, at 14:42, Nick Wheeler <Nick.Wheeler@halton.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

As promised, I have attached a copy of the Taxi Licensing policy consultation.

If you have any comments on any of the topics please let me know what you would like to keep or change with the reason for your comments.

The consultation period ends in 2 weeks time.

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Nick Wheeler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 August 2016 22:21
To: Legal Licensing
Cc: Nick Wheeler
Subject: Vehicle Licencing Conditions

Categories: Consultation

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It is less than twelve months (4th September 2015) since the last Consultation into changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Conditions of Licensing. I find this on it's own most peculiar.

Following the meeting of the Taxi Consultative Group (taxi forum) held on 14th July 2016 it was decided to start a consultation period regarding certain policy/conditions for the licensing of both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. All submissions on any of the topics raised in this consultation are to be considered by the Authority.

1. On the Maximum Age restrictions on vehicles..... I believe this should remain unchanged. The current Age of vehicles in the Licencing Conditions have ensured for many years now that the quality of the fleet within Halton is of the highest standards. Extending the life of vehicles will lower the standard of the fleet and the Public of Halton have come to expect the highest standards.
2. Private Hire Vehicle Conditions. (5) Taximeters should remain unchanged, this has protected all members of the Public for many years against unscrupulous drivers who may and would take advantage of certain unaware members of the Public by overcharging for any given distance travelled if Calendered Meters were not fitted.
3. Condition 3.5 Spare Wheels should remain, all manufacturers offer a spare wheel either as standard or as an option when purchasing the vehicle. Bottles of sealant or run flat tyres do not cover all puncture, blowout situations and may leave the vehicle either dangerous or unusable without a spare wheel.
4. Advertisements on Private Hire Vehicles would only lead to unauthorised and illegal, uninsured Public Hiring's instead of legal pre-bookings through an operator.
5. It has always been a demand of drivers from the Runcom side of the river for many years that we have a test centre, most Council areas have a choice of Test Centres for choice. cost, preference, availability, yet we have maintained a monopoly situation with only one Test Centre. We really do need an additional Testing Centre within Runcom.
6. 2 (1) The age of first licence should be no more than five years old when first licensed by Halton Borough Council. This should remain unchanged...

There are people within the Taxi Trade who would like to change many of the Licencing conditions without Good or Reasonable reasons. I am asking that the current Conditions remain unchanged as they have served us well, this is reflected by the high standard of the current fleet.

Yours Sincerely

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Nick Wheeler

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 August 2016 21:33
To: Legal Licensing; Nick Wheeler
Subject: Consultation

Categories: Consultation

1:Taximeters In Private Hire Vehicles

I think ALL Private hire in the Borough of Halton should have a Taximeter with the same Tarriff as Hackney as set by Halton Borough Council,
So there will be no (Send me a Private Hire Vehicle, Because They're Cheaper).

2:The Use of Run Flat Tyres as an alternative to a Spare Wheel/Space-Saver

I think you should only license a vehicle with a Spare Wheel or a Space-Saver, not Run Flat, *Then the person buying the vehicle knows what he needs!*

3: Operator Door Signs

I think the Private Hire Sign provided by the Council... Not Pre Booked - Not Insured is enough. *No Advertising on Private Hire Please!*

4:Vehicle Age Policy

Saloon, Estate or MSV Keep Age coming on at no more than FIVE years. and Extend end date by TWO years. *(so 10 years old)*

MPV Cant be more than NINE yrs old when first licenced and licensed to FIFTEEN yrs

Purpose Built Hackney Cant be more than NINE yrs old when first licenced and licensed to TWENTY yrs old

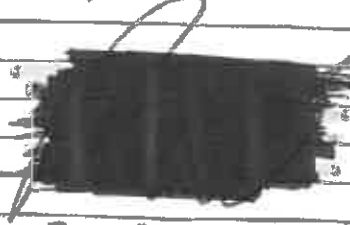
I Think the Investment made to BUY these vehicles ... The above Ages for vehicles... Drivers will be able to recoup the MASSIVE outlay!

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Please state what you would like to change (or keep) and provide your reason

I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE 12 MTH TEST AND STOP THE 6 MTH TESTS, REASON BEING WE KEEP ON TOP OF OUR CARS AND NEW PARTS WE PUT ON DONT FALL APART WITHIN 6 MTHS AND NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN. ALSO KEEP COSTS DOWN.

KEEP 5 YEAR BRING ON OF VEHICLES BUT CHANGE TO KEEP 10 YRS INSTEAD OF 8 REASON BEING CARS ARE BUILT TO LAST LONGER ENGINES ARE STILL FINE AFTER 300,000 MILES GO ROUND THE COUNCIL CAR PARK LOOK AT ALL THE CARS I DONT THINK YOU WILL SEE RUST ON ANY OF THEM. WHY CHANGE A CAR THAT STILL RUNS FINE AND PASSES MOT, IF THEY PASS MOTS THEY MUST BE SAFE AND FIT FOR PURPOSE AT 8 9 OR 10 YRS OLD



THE MOT IS SAYING IT IS FIT FOR PURPOSE

Please provide your licence number SSD 

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Full Name 

DRIVERS LIST FOR EXTENSION TO AGE
Limit

MIN 5 YRS EXTENDED TO 7 YRS } CARS
MAX 8 YRS EXTENDED TO 10 YRS }

E7 TYPE EXTENDED TO SAME AS LTI 16 YRS
Fully Wheelchair

[REDACTED]

ALL THE ABOVE Agree to The EXTENDED YEARS Due
To The COMPATISION Coming From out of AREA. So The
Pricing of the NEW AGE limits would help in Confering
For Work And Pricing Structure As out of AREA VEHICLES.
HAVE MUCH LONGER LIFE SPAN THAN OURS.