

Northumberland County Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire policy Consultation 2021

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To Whom it may concern

I wish to express my concerns about the above policy consultation.

First of all to open up the county so a hackney carriage vehicle can work anywhere from Berwick upon tweed to Hexham is ridiculous. Our towns do not have enough spaces for extra vehicles on their taxi ranks let alone additional traffic at busy times.

Certain towns would be deluged on Friday 7 Saturday nights leaving other towns with limited taxis available

Euro 6

I fail to see the difference of a 2015 euro 6 model car to a 2021 euro 6 car they both qualify for clean air zones all over the country.

Also if a vehicle passes the NCC test why do we need age restrictions on vehicles?

Not older than 4 years old to go on as a taxi/private hire and only up to 8 years old for use is not sustainable.

I personally try to source low mileage vehicles that qualify under current regulations. For example in 2016 i bought YN61JRO a citroen berlingo WAV which was 4 years old and had 6000 miles on it. This vehicle if it was a euro 6 and 4 years and 1 month old would not qualify to be a taxi/private hire vehicle which is rediculous.

I understand the need for euro 6 vehicles and i am currently changing my fleet as and when i can but the cost of second hand vehicles has rocketed in the last 2 months due to new vehicles not being supplied due to a world wide shortage of computer parts for these vehicles.

A vehicle i bought in August 2021 is now £3000.00 more expensive and where will this end?

Vehicles should be euro 6 when a vehicle is being replaced and we should not be forced to change our vehicles.

I will be contacting our MP Anne Marie Trevelyan about this policy and express my concerns about the high risk of unemployment this policy will undoubtedly cause if this policy is allowed to go ahead.

Just to clarify i am OBJECTING TO THIS POLICY as it is presently.

Vehicle age

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Hi,

Further to your Vehicle age replacement consultation questionnaire , I strongly disagree with your proposal , as all cars become Euro6 and NCC are checking all cars through an MOT test and a NCC taxi compliance test (upto 3 times a year), you should never have any unroadworthy on the road, and as the cars will always be Euro 6 , they will totally in line with current government guidelines.

Also after nearly 2 years of little work , drivers can not afford to replace vehicles and they will be forced to leave the industry and probably will not be replaced , leaving a massive gap in the counties transport system , and leaving many remote communities with no transport at all.

Please think carefully about the future of NCC taxi industry !

yours hopefully

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