

Using the space below, please provide any comments you have regarding the amendments to North Tyneside

Too many taxis operating in the borough that come from and are licensed by other neighbouring authorities.

I agree with these amendments

Approve

Absolutely in favour of all measures to ensure that all those associated with hackney and private hire trade are fit and proper people and regularly reviewed.

due to pandemic vehicle age policy should be delayed

I thought these regulations were already in place

Think they are appropriate amendments and I would of thought all taxi drivers should have a db

no dual driver badges

No to Dual Badges

Phoenix Taxis supports the amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy. We will support any policy amendments that improve safety measures for passengers across the region and we are particularly happy to see the new DBS regulations on operators and booking staff. We are broadly in support of the policy changes on new and renewal vehicle licenses though we would recommend the policy goes further as follows: • restrict new licenses to vehicles up to a maximum of 3 years old and renewal licenses up to a maximum of 7 years old. • One additional year on new and renewal licenses (4 years and 8 years) for larger vehicles and wheelchair access vehicles. The proposal to exempt fully electric and zero emission vehicles is a positive step towards decarbonisation of the region's taxi fleet. However, we believe that more support is necessary for electric vehicle owners and would propose that the authority further promotes the use of zero emission vehicles by installing taxi only charging points throughout the local authority area. This would have the additional benefit of reducing conflict between public and taxi driver owners of electric vehicles over charge point availability. There would be an opportunity to recover some of the costs by charging drivers to charge, though we would recommend offering a reduced rate to taxi drivers to further encourage electric vehicle take up amongst the region's drivers.

no dual badges

dual badges not to be allowed

Delay vehicular age policy start date

Age policy on vehicles to be delayed

driver dual badges not to be allowed

It is better for the taxi trade

The age policy will destroy the trade. The price of fuel, insurance maintenance etc is sky high with many drivers struggling now or leaving the trade. Second hand car prices are sky high. I don't understand what a vehicles age has to do with anything, if its a euro 6 engine and well maintained why replace. Just another financial hit on the driver.

How can Newcastle plated cars sit at a northtyneside office and pick up without a job on there screen ie Blueline office

No comment

By making vehicle proprietors have D B S your going to make harder and more expensive for drivers to rent cars also having desk staff doing D B S make no sense as they have no face to face contact with the public i disagree in section 23 of the age limit on cars to be used on private and hackney use. As all cars have euro marks on the date of them when made a well maintained car that passes the test is suitable for use should be able to used as a private hire/ hackney use

Apart from the changes to the age of vehicles I've no objections

Good

the 8 year age limit to vehicles will stop me from purchasing a new wheelchair converted vehicle as the cost is not a viable option against renting, my only option would be to go to a council without the age limit and apply for my licence with them.

i agree with all.

Agree with the policy and any new amendments A

Cancel vehicles age till 10 year old

DBS is important and think the amendments are good.

dual driver badges not allowed

No comments

It's a good thing

No to dual bages

time period for not granting driver licence requires revisiting,each case must be decided on its own merits.

no dual driver badges

None

No

i am completely disagree

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4 and 8yr rule for cars is not financially viable. No sooner will we have paid off finance on one vehicle will have to buy another one. Don't see a problem with any age vehicle

Taxi licencing, My name is Simon Armstrong and I am director of Shiremoor MOT Centre Limited and S & J T. it would seem that some of the penalties are a bit heavy

stop the age policy on cars

Why not enforce what is already in place

protection of drivers is lacking in that policy.

dual drivers badge not allowed

proposed punishments are a bit severe

I will be needing to change my current vehicle sometime in the next 6-12 months. There is no way I can afford to buy a vehicle less than 4 years old at this time. Therefore this new ruling will force me into unemployment, which is just outrageous really. I go out to work daily to try and work hard and earn an honest living and keep a roof over my head and I can't have this taken away from me

agree with all changes to be adopted

passenger guidance does not state that a private hire vehicle is not insured if it is used by a passenger without pre-booking.

Dual badges should not be issued

Using the space below, please outline any final comments you may have on North Tyneside's

Need for a more robust checking / validating of drivers credentials. Enhanced DBS checks should be mandatory given taxis are more often used by vulnerable people who are unable to access public transport networks.

Approve

An observation - hackney & private hire operators should ensure their vehicles managed appropriately and are not kept or stored in places which block, obstruct emergency vehicles or other road users including pedestrians, cyclists, wheel chair users and other vehicles.

dual driver license badges must not be allowed

There is a need for strict regulations

Defer the vehicle age policy

postpone the age policy

Please I've had an ability to give my opinion.

vehicle age should be postponed

Do not agree with vehicle age section, delay the start by 3 years.

get rid of vehicle age policy

Defer age policy

There will be considerable disagreement to the above changes amongst the region's drivers, who will likely respond to say that they do not make enough money to upgrade their vehicles and that their cars pass the licensing tests every year and are in great condition. We would like to emphasise that the trade has objected to improvements in emission standards on every possible occasion in every authority in which we operate. We would recommend licensing authority staff visit the taxi ranks of the region during winter which will show the outcome of repeated driver objections; large numbers of old, polluting vehicles with their engines idling.

vehicle age policy requires delaying

delay age of vehicle policy

No dual driver badges to be allowed

Dual badges for private hire and hackney drivers

unless there is huge grants to upgrade cars available age policy should be cancelled or delayed.

If a car is kept in top condition and passes its taxi test it should be allowed to continue carrying passengers we have all had a very hard time with covid and to now be forced to buy new cars it's going to ruin the trade as if it hasn't been hit hard enough

Scrap the age limit

No comment

Find it ridiculous that forcing drivers to buy cars under 4 years old considering we are just coming out of pandemic and earnings have been badly affected I've been owner driver for over 30 years and car has never failed a taxi test the majority of drivers change their cars every 4/5 years so why is there need to bring in age limit on cars and put drivers in debt. According the council we have lost a 3rd of the fleet due to covid19 you will lose a lot more continuing with these new rules maybe should look at other local councils who delayed the plan for few years

try finding a black car for hackney use is very hard indeed this policy needs to be looked at as black cars are more expensive to buy eve when new
the age limit on vehicles does concern me because i feel its going to cause drivers to leave the trade or if not, push them into debt, which in todays climate, is not good. the 4 and 8 year limits are going to prove too much of an expense for a lot of people. (me included). the way modern cars last i think (for eg), that having to spend approx £12000 on a 4yr old car then have to change it even though it's fine, is too much debt to take on. I feel that if a car passes all the criteria and is below the emissions limit for the clean air zones, that should be fine and drivers not pushed into debt.

i under stand some of the reasoning for the 8 year old policy, but as any vehicle older than 4 years has 2 tests then it does not make sence that i could purchase and licence a 67 plate cat b writeoff mondeo with 100k+ miles on it, but could not buy a 17 plate 5 series bmw ex company car with 40k+ on it, this policy will only benifit the large companyswho rent vehicles out to drivers. it will leave any driver in a position that they will either have to rent or be in perment debt as most finance taken on cars is for a 5 year period so buy a 3 year old car on 5 year finance then have to repeat it when its paid for i belive this will cause a lot of drivers to find other employment and leave the trade.

i agree with all.

Agree with all current and any new aspects of the policy.

Tight up dress code

DBS checks to be completed online

CANCEL THE AGE POLICY

age policy of vehicles must be postponed

No comments

It's positive

To defur car age

age policy to be delayed.

None

No

cancel age policy for vehicles

i am completely disagree with the vehicles age section. if my car passes a emission test why i am not allowed to put any age off car as a taxi. how can you say my car is dangerous for environment . if you go head with this policy many driver including they family will suffer you are putting this policy from 1 off April but you are expect to driver can answer and reply to you till 8 off April. i urge north tyne side council taxi licensing office they can look at this policy again and again . thankyou

As long as a vehicle passes council testing and isn't falling apart with torn interior and bumps, so is still presentable to the customer, I for one keep my cars in mint condition. I understand the need to get the battered cars off the road that are 15+ years old but newer cars are more economical and in good condition mostly. All this new car rule will do is make more drivers leave and no new starting ones because who wants finance permanently especially with rising costs to do the job and cost of living.

Taxi licencing, My name is Simon Armstrong and I am director of Shiremoor MOT Centre Limited
cancel vehicle age policy

stop the age policy on cars and there is no such thing as a Private taxi driver

vehicle age policy requires revisiting

stop vehicle age requirement

if vehicle passes MOT it should be licenced regardless of age.

cancel vehicle age policy

stop the vehicle age policy

policy on vehicle age should be postponed

I think I've covered in my previous answer about the April 2022 policy. I simply do not have upwards of £10,000 to buy a car less than 4 years old, so I'll be out of a job when my current car runs its course. The car I currently drive is just over 7 years old and is a low emission vehicle with zero road tax, so there are vehicles older than 4 years which are kinder to the environment than others. Surely this should be taken into account. I just can't comprehend the fact I'll be forced out of work because I can't afford to purchase a nearly new car
agree with all policy changes

delay age policy and do not issue dual driver badges

cancel vehicle age policy

Stop the vehicle age policy

Which of the following best describes you?

Resident

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Resident

Hackney carriage driver

Operator

Resident

Private taxi driver

Resident

Operator

Hackney carriage driver

Operator

Operator

Hackney carriage driver

Hackney carriage driver

Resident

Resident

Operator

Private taxi driver

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Private taxi driver

Operator

Resident

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