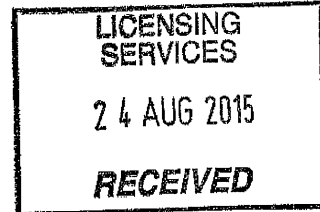


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Paul Weston

To: Licensing e-mail address
Subject: FW: NFDC Consultation - Taxi licensing policy

From: Steve Williams
Sent: 19 August 2015 15:08
To: Chris Elliott; David Groom
Subject: RE: NFDC Consultation - Taxi licensing policy



Chris

My comments on the Taxi Licencing Policy:

The Policy / Statement mainly deals with vehicles and drivers.

Part J (Licence Conditions Relating to Private Hire Operators) may have some planning implications when private hire businesses operate from premises.

It would be useful to draw operators' attention to the need to check with the planning authority that any premises which they intend to use has the necessary planning permission or does not need planning permission.

This could be written in the form of an additional condition in Part J or as advice in the Overview (Part A)

With regard to the proposed introduction of 5 year operator licences, there are concerns that a small private hire business set up from the operator's home and which is initially ancillary to the residential use, could expand beyond the point at which a material change of use occurs and planning permission is required.

Regards

Steve

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From: Chris Elliott
Sent: 31 July 2015 14:19
To: David Groom; Steve Williams
Subject: FW: NFDC Consultation - Taxi licensing policy

Do you wish to make any comments in the light of the Moat Close case?

Chris

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New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	In light of a recent incident when it was clear that taxi drivers at Brockenhurst station did not have sufficient geographical knowledge and linguistic skill to deliver their passengers to the correct address, Brockenhurst Parish Council feels that it is imperative that these skills are tested more rigorously before granting licences to taxi drivers.
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">LICENSING SERVICES - 8 SEP 2015 RECEIVED</div>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	

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Paul Weston

From:
Sent: 31 July 2015 12:22
To: Paul Weston
Subject: Re: NFDC Consultation - Taxi licensing policy
Attachments: Consultation App1.docx

Good morning Mr Weston

Please find my completed consultation form.

Kind regards

Cllr Michael Thierry

> On 31 Jul 2015, at 11:23 am, Paul Weston <Paul.Weston@NFDC.gov.uk> wrote:
>
> <Consultation App1.docx>

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>Yes. Subject to renewal</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>No. Test is important and should Be completed before application.</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>No. Driver must be aware of the period of their licence and re-action accordingly</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>Yes. Subject to review where required.</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>Yes. Clients need to know who is Transporting them.</p>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>Very much so. Would recommend 'branding' for all Licensed taxi. It is not unknown for firms to use 'private' vehicles when registered vehicles are off the road. Colour branding would instil customer confidence and awareness. Uniformity is increasing apparent with other authorities</p>

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	and has lead to an improved service, removing the casual approach which non branded and liveried vehicle are so often guilty of.
Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?	Yes.
Flexible passenger numbers below 4 Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?	No. Passenger safety would be a greater risk In a 'city' vehicle

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Paul Weston

From:
Sent: 16 August 2015 23:02
To: Licensing e-mail address
Cc: Boldre Parish Council
Subject: NFDC Consultation - Taxi licensing policy
Attachments: Consultation App1-om.docx

Hi,

Please find attached my response on the taxi licensing policy consultation. Please note this is an individual response and not the view of Boldre Parish Council.

Regards,

Oliver Moore

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

<p>PART A – For Drivers</p>	<p>Responses:</p>
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	
<p>PART B – For Operators</p>	<p>Responses:</p>
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	
<p>PART C – For Vehicles</p>	<p>Responses:</p>
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>Yes- the council should introduce an age limit for initially licenced vehicles. I would suggest the absolute maximum to be 5 years old to ensure that passengers are carried in vehicles meeting modern safety standards.</p>

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>Yes- the council should introduce a terminal age limit for all licenced vehicles. I would suggest the absolute maximum to be 10 years old to ensure that passengers are carried in vehicles meeting modern safety standards.</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	

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TOWN AND COUNTRY CARS SOUTHAMPTON

PRIVATE HIRE SPECIALISTS

5 October 2015

Ref: Consultation Letter



Dear Paul

Here are my responses to the consultation letter.

Part A

3 Year Licenses:

Currently we have a one year license then after reapplying a three year licence, I think continuing with this is a good idea as somebody coming into the trade fresh may well decide it is not for them after the initial one year also it is good for the council because if you get a string of complaints about the driver you could simply say that the three year license would not be offered.

Driver Applications & Awareness Test:

This again I think is a good idea as a potential driver may not be able to pass the test so the initial cost laid out is smaller than paying out £300.00.

Late or Delayed Renewals:

This would be a great help as even though everyone is given adequate time to complete their new application delays can sometimes happen with a DBS or DVLA application that is out of our hands.

Part B

5 Year Operator Licenses:

A 5 year operating license seems a good idea but to lay out that sort of cost from some operators cash flow might not be good for all so I'm not in favour of a 5 year operating license.

Sub-Contracted Bookings:

I have no opinion either way but out of politeness I would contact a customer to confirm this was going to happen anyway.

Part C

Age Limit For All New Vehicles:

I think as long as all new vehicles are clean and tidy inside and out at the point of a first application their shouldn't necessarily be a new age limit I think it should be based on overall condition and whether the vehicle is fit for purpose.

Terminal age Limit policy for all Licensed vehicles:

Again as above I do not think there should be an age limit policy, this is because that just because a car is as an example 15 years old that it is unreliable, not road worthy or not fit for purpose.

I do think though that having two inspections a year is a great idea, this is because any re-occurring issues or faults with vehicles could be spotted i.e oil leaks poor maintenance etc.

I also think that drivers and operators of vehicles should be able to show if asked by NFDC that all taxis and private hire vehicles are maintained correctly and have the vehicles serviced at the right intervals to prove that they are taking their job seriously.

I was in a Southampton Taxi on Saturday night that was a 2012 model Skoda that was banging and crashing at the front of the car, clearly this was not maintained correctly and was only 3 years old so just because the car was fairly new this has no guarantee that newer cars are better, well maintained cars are.

Flexible passenger numbers below four:

Consideration should be given to these as some drivers only carry out wheelchair contracts for councils and shouldn't be discriminated against because they only have two seated passenger places.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Tearse

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Late or delayed renewals

This would be helpful in circumstance where it is not necessarily the driver's fault that there has been a delay in finalising.

Sub contracted bookings

This would also give passengers the opportunity of changing or cancelling the arrangements, particularly if they have had previous experience of the replacement company and do not wish to travel with them.

Age limit for all new vehicles/terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles

No the current system for inspecting vehicles for licensing ensures the vehicle meets a good standard. Some companies have strict servicing and maintenance schedule's that ensure that their vehicles are kept in very good repair and therefore able to continue their working life. The people should not be penalized for this. Many of today's 'new' owners are happy to go and purchase the latest vehicle on credit, often as a tax break on other interests. Why make it harder for the old fashioned operator that saves his money and pays outright for a vehicle that he can afford.

Flexible passenger numbers below 4

Primarily, most accidents involving these cars, especially Smart, do not end well. Would operators take the time to ask if passengers are able to get into a smaller vehicle? Also what luggage space would be available, considering you should be able to carry a medium sized suitcase per person.



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Walhampton Lodge
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Dear Sirs,

11th August 2015

**A Comment on your July 2015 Newsletter Appendix 1,
Terminal Age limit policy for all licensed vehicles**

I am a Blue Badge guide and a member of the national Driver Guides Association and use my licensed PHV to take clients on tours in the south of England. I have been licensed with the NFDC for 14 years. Although my vehicle, a Toyota Lucida, is now 20 years old it is still in very good condition both mechanically and in terms of its bodywork and its interior. It has passed your 6 monthly inspection every time without any difficulty. I work part of my time as a guide for coach parties and part as a driver guide in my own vehicle. My driver guide services are particularly sought after by foreign tourists who want to see a lot of England in a short time. However this work is not very profitable and could not support the additional cost of providing a much newer vehicle.

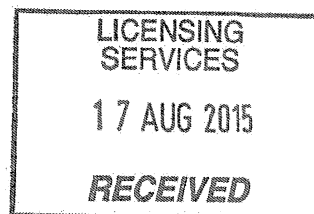
I have never had any adverse comments on the age or condition of my vehicle and all my clients have found it very comfortable and well-suited for the job.

It seems to me therefore that it is not the age of the vehicle that is important but its appearance and condition. I am therefore putting in a plea to stick with the present system of allowing vehicles over 8 years old to continue to be licensed provided that they pass your stringent 6 month inspections.

I have already accepted bookings for 2016, so that if there is a decision to limit the age of licensed vehicles, could I please ask that it does not apply until 2017 or beyond to spare me the embarrassment of having to cancel these bookings.

Yours faithfully

Frances Brook



New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	Have no issues with this.
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	Have no issues with this, providing the awareness test is passed prior to the License issue.
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	Surely it is the licensed drivers responsibility to ensure awareness of expiry date and renew in plenty of time. I would only agree to this statement if the fault was with NFDC late notification to driver....a computer error or maybe a very late CRB reply.
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	This is a big issue currently being discussed in trade publications. Its difficult to comment without cost implications.
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	Surely this is good business practise ? Does it require a mandate condition, you must have concerns that need addressing. I have no issue with it being a condition, but consider the operators who run mainly business cars, they rely on subcontractors and cannot always inform the passenger who may be currently on a flight into UK.
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	This is generally practised across the country. I have heard ages from 3-8 years. Some vehicles wear and age better than others...should the mileage at 1 st Reg be considered also ? My opinion...Max 6 years old with Max mileage 80,000 at 1 st Reg.

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p> <p>See Below.statement.</p>	
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>Have no issue with this....the operator would be able to determine practicality depending on current usage.</p> <p>Maybe an incentive should be considered for vehicles that are Hybrid/Electric/Road Tax exempt. Therefore 'Green'.</p>

Terminal Age Policy.....

I consider that age and mileage should be looked at in response to this issue.
 I also consider motor manufacturer should be considered. The more expensive vehicles tend to wear better and have less mechanical/parts failure.
 There are age limits imposed around the country that vary massively.

My opinion would be Max age...12 years with a Max mileage of 300,000 for any registered vehicle, with the 2 compliance tests a year starting from 8 years old as currently.

I think the condition and appearance of all vehicles needs revisiting. There are many currently licensed with dents, faulty lights, rust spots on panels. I know these get assessed at the compliance test but that can be many months between tests.



New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>YES</p>
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	PART C – For Vehicles
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>No. AS LONG AS THE VEHICLE IS IN EXCELLENT MECHANICAL & APPEARANCE.</p>

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>YES IN FAVOUR</p>

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New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	YES
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	NO
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	YES
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	YES
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	NO
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	NO
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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>NO</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>YES</p>

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>Good Idea</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>Something needs to be done. It is taking too long to put drivers through licencing.</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>A temporary licence pending first applications would be more beneficial. Offering one for renewals is not necessary and would encourage late applications</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>Good Idea</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>No.</p> <div data-bbox="991 1787 1305 1995" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>LICENSING SERVICES</p> <p>- 7 AUG 2015</p> <p>RECEIVED</p> </div>

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	No.
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	N/A

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:		
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>NO COMMENT</p>		
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>NO COMMENT</p>		
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>		
PART B – For Operators	Responses:		
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>WHY NOT</p>		
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>		
<p>LICENSING SERVICES 10 AUG 2015 RECEIVED</p>	<th data-bbox="186 1653 772 1756">PART C – For Vehicles</th> <th data-bbox="772 1653 1340 1756">Responses:</th>	PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
	<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>AGE SHOULD BE UNIMPORTANT SO LONG AS IT PASSES NECESSARY TESTS.</p>	

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>NO. BAD IDEA. WHAT PURPOSE WOULD THIS SERVE? IF VEHICLE HAS PASSED NECESSARY TESTS - THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>NO COMMENT.</p>

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	I do not agree with this. All new drivers should be treated in the first 12 months as a probationary period.
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	I do not agree with this. Although the system is flawed currently.
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	Why would there be delays? NFDC should apply common sense.
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	Only if discounted!
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	Why? Common sense should apply again.
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	Ridiculous idea. Some high end vehicles do limited mileage. Testing for condition and again common sense should apply.

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>As long as is reasonable, other wise you could add to the unemployment list.</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>Seems a reasonable idea.</p>

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>Good idea but awareness test is rubbish. Bring in compulsory NVA and Bree qualifications</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>Good idea.</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>No. This won't work!</p>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>NO! NO! NO!</p>

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>NO! NO! NO!</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>NO!</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:	
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	AGREE	LICENSING SERVICES 14 AUG 2015 RECEIVED
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	STRONGLY AGREE	
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	VERY GOOD IDEA	
PART B – For Operators	Responses:	
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	GOOD IDEA	
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	GOOD IDEA	
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:	
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	NOT NECESSARY / MOT TESTS ARE SUFFICIENT	

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>WOULD NOT BE VIABLE FOR ADAPTED VEHICLES AS MINIBUSES WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED CAUSING A BIG INCREASE IN COSTS TO THE LOCAL COUNCILS AT A VERY DIFFICULT TIME</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>YES</p>

New Forest District Council consultation on the statement of principles for hackney carriage and private hire licensing 2015:

PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	PERSONALLY THINK 5 YEARS WOULD BE A FAIR PERIOD.
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	I THINK THE DRIVER AWARENESS TEST SHOULD CONTINUE AS IS WITH THE TEST BEING MORE COMPLEX.
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	AGREE A TEMPORARY LICENCE SHOULD BE INTRODUCED WHERE RENEWAL DELAYS ONLY OCCUR. (NOT LATE)
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	FULLY AGREE THAT OPERATOR LICENCES SHOULD BE VALID FOR 5 YEAR PERIODS.
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	OPERATORS SHOULD ALWAYS NOTIFY CUSTOMER PRIOR TO A CHANGE IN THE PERSON / COMPANY PICKING UP OR COLLECTING THEM.
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	YES. IRRESPECTIVE OF CONDITION I THINK VEHICLES OVER TEN YEARS OF AGE.

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal-age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>YES - 10 YEARS</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>NO</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA BUT SURELY THEY SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WAY BEFORE IT EXPIRES, AS IT IS THEIR LIVELY HOOD.</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>EXCELLENT IDEA</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>GOOD IDEA but how would this be policed, the main priority is that the operator does all the checks to ensure they are licenced, as it is the operators responsibility & has a duty of care & liable</p>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>NO ! BAD IDEA As many older vehicles are in much better condition & cared for by many newer vehicles</p>

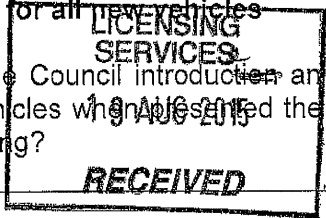
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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>NO! BAD IDEA As previously mentioned some older vehicles are in much better condition than newer ones.</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>Maybe.</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>THE INITIAL LICENCE SHOULD STAY AS 1 YEAR TO MAKE MONITORING EASIER.</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>KEEP IT AS WAITING TILL TEST IS PASSED AS IT MIGHT TAKE YEARS TO PASS FOR SOME PEOPLE AND IF THEY CAN'T PASS THEN THEY SHOULDN'T BE DRIVING ANYWAY.</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>NO TEMPORARY LICENCE SHOULD BE GRANTED AS THEY MIGHT OF HAD IT REVOKED FOR SOME REASON.</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>This could be a good idea but it could make operators lapse in their legalities if they only have to meet requirements every 5 years.</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>This is a good idea in principal. Only problem I can foresee is if there is a problem and it needs immediate resolve we may not be able to inform customer</p>
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when licensed the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>I believe this would be a good idea. Depending on age limit this could save admin costs and put an end to six month checks.</p>



<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>If operators are keeping the vehicles roadworthy to NDC standards at the operators expense then it would be unfair to penalise them, if they pass tests they should be allowed</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>NO.</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
<p>3 Year Driver Licences</p> <p>Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.</p>	<p>NOT GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT</p>
<p>Driver Applications & Awareness Test</p> <p>Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.</p>	<p>COULD HELP TO GET NEW DRIVERS INTO WORK FASTER</p>
<p>Late or Delayed Renewals</p> <p>Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.</p>	<p>COULD SAVE OPERATORS HAVING TO SUB CONTRACT WORK FOR SCHOOL CONTRACTS ESPECIALLY</p>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
<p>5 Year Operator Licences</p> <p>Introduction of 5 year operator licences.</p>	<p>I WOULD WELCOME THAT</p>
<p>Sub – Contracted Bookings</p> <p>A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.</p>	<p>MAKES SENSE</p>
<p>PART C – For Vehicles</p>	<p>Responses:</p>
<p>Age limit for all new vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?</p>	<p>DO NOT SEE THE NEED PROVIDING VEHICLE IS OF A PROPER STANDARD</p>

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>IF VEHICLES ARE UP TO THE HACKNEY TEST STANDARDS DO NOT SEE THE NEED</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>DO NOT SEE THE NEED FOR A VEHICLE WITH LESS THAN 4 PASSENGERS.</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	No Comments
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	No Comments
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	No drivers should be more organised <div data-bbox="1098 936 1417 1149" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> LICENSING SERVICES 21 AUG 2015 RECEIVED </div>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	Yes how would cost compare to present licence fees in relation to a longer licence
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	Yes, Full disclosure to customer is as good as it would stop smaller operators taking too much work and then handing it out to other small operators. Disallowing larger operators to compete
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduce an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	Age + mileage limit for this would be better so that £1000 cars cannot be presented with no history of what the vehicle has been used for or a record of any accident repairs that have been carried out.


<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>Would be acceptable so long as existing operators had a realistic time limit to comply as large operators could not meet criteria quickly i.e. replace 30 vehicles.</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4.</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>What plate would go on these vehicles. * Has to be disabled vehicle* to have a Hackney plate. (Continued below)</p>

Do not feel it fair to make it acceptable to have a hackney plate for these vehicles as this would just make it easier for smaller operators to flaunt it and flood the already over packed taxi ranks in the area with unsuitable vehicles. Just like the Fiat Doblo conversions disabled taxis have where certain operators have used this to obtain a hackney plate but have no intention of using them for disabled work just use these as a loophole to get a yellow plate.

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	YES PLEASE.
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	YES, A GOOD IDEA HOWEVER A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AWARENESS TEST & THE ABILITY TO CONVERSE IN ENGLISH SHOULD BE INTRODUCED
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	yes <div data-bbox="1093 913 1401 1120" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> LICENSING SERVICES 24 AUG 2015 RECEIVED </div>
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	yes
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	WHY? ALL THE CUSTOMER WANTS IS TO GET TO DESTINATION ON TIME & SAFELY, THE ON THE WHOLE DONT CARE WHO TAKES THEM! AS LONG AS IT'S A NFOC PLATED VEHICLE.
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	DON'T YOU ALREADY? TO BRING IN A LOWER AGE LIMIT FOR INITIAL PLATE WHEN THE FINANCIAL CLIMATE IS POOR WOULD ONLY RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF NEWER VEHICLES GOING ON TO THE SYSTEM.
	SO A DEFINATE NO <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p><u>NO</u></p> <p>AS LONG AS THE VEHICLE HAS PASSED ITS 3 TESTS A YEAR 2x COUNCIL + 1 VOSA MOT WHY SCRAP IT? TO LOSE A PHRASE "TIMES IS HARD"</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p><u>YES</u></p> <p>CARRY OUT A SURVEY & YOU WILL SOON SEE THE PERCENTAGE OF JOURNEYS THAT INVOLVE TWO OR LESS PASSENGERS. A VERY GOOD IDEA!</p>

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PART A – For Drivers	Responses:
3 Year Driver Licences Introduction of an initial 3 years driver licence.	FOR AGREE
Driver Applications & Awareness Test Changes to initial application to allow drivers to make full application rather than waiting until Driver Awareness Test has been passed.	DISAGREE
Late or Delayed Renewals Introduction of a temporary licence where driver renewals are delayed or are made late prior to expiry.	AGREE
PART B – For Operators	Responses:
5 Year Operator Licences Introduction of 5 year operator licences.	DISAGREE REASON BEING THAT BEGAN A SMALL OPERATOR THAT A BIG OVER HEAD
Sub – Contracted Bookings A new private hire operator's licence condition requiring operators to notify customers if their booking has been sub-contracted.	AGREE.
PART C – For Vehicles	Responses:
Age limit for all new vehicles Should the Council introduction an age limit for all vehicles when presented the first time for licensing?	AGREE @ 17 TEN YEARS OR UNDER

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<p>Terminal age limit policy for all licensed vehicles</p> <p>Should the Council introduce a terminal age limit for all licensed vehicles?</p>	<p>AGREE UP 75 YEARS</p>
<p>Flexible passenger numbers below 4</p> <p>Should the Council consider applications for suitable vehicles to be licensed with the determination of passenger capacity based on the DVLA V5 document where less than 4 passengers (city cars etc)?</p>	<p>DISAGREE</p>

ONE OTHER COMMENT.

I WORK AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR
 OUT OF LYMINGTON. COULD SOMEONE LOOKING INTO
 PUT A TAXI ONLY SIGN UP AT THE RANK
 IN LYMINGTON. BEFORE ~~SOME~~ SOMEONE GET HURT TO
 DRIVERS GET INTO ROWS WITH NONTAXI DRIVERS &
 PARKING ON THE RANK.
 THIS HAPPENS ABOUT 4 TIME DAYS SOMETIME MORE.