

Representations received during consultation period

1	<p>Morning, I'm make this quick..... one being driving test needs to go as if you can pass a normal car test then it's no different driving a taxi tbh..... and age of cars limit as second hand vehicles with the age limit are crazy money let alone new vehicles..... Needs to get beck to old days to go forward when drivers wasn't a problem as the cost was reasonable if u wanted part time work or full..... If it can happen for lorry drivers to enter the business then we ge points above should be looked out as will benefit all of us.</p>	<p>The authority find the practical driving test to be a useful tool in ensuring that all licensed drivers are experienced and proficient in passenger carrying. Any driver who can demonstrate passenger carrying experience can apply to the Licensing Manager to be exempt from this test.</p> <p>The vehicle age limits imposed on licensed vehicles within the Dover District are considered to be appropriate as they stand. Any vehicle proprietor who has their vehicle refused is entitled to challenge this and ask to be referred to Regulatory Committee for a decision.</p>
2	<p>Would like consideration given to change the age of a vehicle allowed on as a taxi. Would also like all despatchers/ controllers undergoing the same tax checks as drivers. And finally some sort of monitors of abandoned vehicles on the rank. It's at the point now that taxis are left Willy nilly on the rank unattended whilst drivers pop to the high street or over tho their office for coffee break. It's bad enough customers walking upto an unattended vehicle but it's more frustrating having to numb your car over the high kerbs forming the island adjacent to the rank</p>	<p>The vehicle age limits imposed on licensed vehicles within the Dover District are considered to be appropriate as they stand. Any vehicle proprietor who has their vehicle refused is entitled to challenge this and ask to be referred to Regulatory Committee for a decision.</p> <p>The government have introduced the tax checks for licensed drivers/proprietors and operators. If they decide in the future to introduce them for other job roles relating to the taxi trade, further amendments to the policy will be made.</p> <p>The monitoring of hackney carriage ranks with regards to unlawful use is dealt with by Parking Services so not a consideration of this policy.</p>