

**CONSULTATION ON DRAFT NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY AND CONDITIONS**

North Northamptonshire Council is reviewing its policies in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing, as it is currently operating under the four former sovereign council policies and conditions in respective areas of North Northamptonshire.

A draft policy and conditions have been formulated by combining the four sovereign policies and conditions as far as possible, whilst incorporating relevant updated guidance and statutory requirements.

Due to the complex nature of combining and updating four separate policies and licensing conditions, it is not possible to map existing changes from the previous policies to the new draft one. As such, this consultation has been devised to permit the widest possible scope of responses, as we want to implement a new policy and conditions which fairly balances the interests of all parties and stakeholders, whilst maintaining appropriate standards.

Due to the scope of this consultation it has been set up to be managed via electronic media. However, should anyone require paper copies of any documentation, please contact the relevant licensing team for that area using the contact details overleaf.

The consultation is running for 8 weeks from 1st June to 27th July 2022

Responses can only be accepted in writing and must be submitted by 5pm on the closing date above. Late responses will not be accepted. The process for consultation, review and implementation of the amended policies is outlined below:

- Consultation for 8 week period;
- Consultation responses considered, amendments made where appropriate and draft report compiled for Licensing and Audit Committee; Recommendations from Licensing and Audit Committee to Full Council;
- Proposed amendments and draft policies considered by Full Council;.
- Policy ratified by Full Council;
- New policies and conditions of licensing come into force

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4	Appendix C			
	Section Reference Number	Comment	Likely Impact or Justification	Reference to Evidence (if applicable)
	3.2	<p>“Tailgates and rear doors must only to be used for loading/unloading luggage or as an emergency exit, unless the vehicle has been designed, modified or adapted to carry wheelchair bound passengers, and has the relevant M1 or M2 Type Approval Certificate, in which case the rear doors may be used for loading those passengers only.”</p> <p>If a small WAV is being used for a non-wheelchair passenger or a passenger who has transferred from a wheelchair or mobility scooter, the rear tailgate (and ramp) may well be used to load luggage or an empty wheelchair or mobility scooter.</p>	We have been doing this for 9 years.	In our experience over the last 9 years, the rear tailgate of a small WAV's is often used to load luggage and/or an empty wheelchair / mobility scooter.

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In order to minimise the opportunity of multiple responses from one individual or organisation, anonymised responses will be highlighted as such and may not be given as much weight or credence as other responses. The same will apply to those responses which are not anonymised but which are clearly duplicated.

Please provide the following information:-

Name of respondent [REDACTED]

Representing Organisation (if applicable).....

North Northamptonshire Council Licence holder? YES If Yes please state licence number ... [REDACTED]

Contact telephone number ... [REDACTED]

Contact e-mail address [REDACTED]

Please note responses received from this consultation may be published in public reports.

If you do not wish your comments to be attributed to you or your organisation in any published report please tick the box below. Please be aware that any submission may still be disclosable:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation exercise.

Please note that all comments must be received in writing by North Northamptonshire Council by **5pm on 27th July 2022**. Any comments received after this date will not be considered as part of the consultation review.

All responses should be returned to: licensing.BCW@northnorthants.gov.uk **marked** with the subject header titled “**Taxi Consultation response**”.

Or by post to:
North Northamptonshire Council,
Sheerness House,
41 Meadow Road,
Kettering,
NN16 8TL.

Please mark the envelope to Kettering Licensing - Taxis

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