

**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 1<sup>st</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> 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

1	Licensing Policy			
	Section Reference Number	Comment on Policy Section	Likely Impact or Justification For Comment	Reference to Evidence (if applicable)
	6.9.3	Highly unlikely to be able to operate under such outgoings	<p>This would have a huge impact on my employee and me personally and I also count my family being directly harmed by this policy if it were to go ahead. My vehicle is 12 years old. In fact I have just sold my previous vehicle which was 3 years old as I deemed it unfit for purpose. Break downs constantly huge repayments even when it was broken down not to say paying an employee this not paying myself.</p> <p>The practicality of an Electric Hackney vehicle and the running costs frighten me and others in the trade may I suggest.</p>	
	6.9.6	Exceptional Condition	<p>This seems wholly discriminatory as my own vehicle now is in outstanding condition for age. This in my opinion should be across the board regardless of age.</p>	
	6.1.1.4	10 year old rule	<p>Companies who have converted vehicles such as Cabs Direct and Sentinel and KPM are slowly going out of business which leads me to the LEVC option the only option. I understand that the government has an electric mandate but I and you know that this is unrealistic. Provide the taxi trade with hard evidence that there will be sufficient charging points across the whole of North Northants. The costs of owning or should I say lease as you will never ever be able to afford one. They currently cost £68 thousand pounds. Even with a five thousand pound deposit the monthly repayments are over 1000 pounds. If you were sick or dare I say to take a holiday these costs still need to be made.</p> <p>I for one would never put myself or my family under such duress.</p>	


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**2 Appendix A**

	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>


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<b>3</b>	<b>Appendix B</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>

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4	<b>Appendix C</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>


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5	<b>Appendix D</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>


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6	<b>Appendix E</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>

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<b>7</b>	<b>Appendix F</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>




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<b>8</b>	<b>Appendix G</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>

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9	<b>Appendix H</b>			
	<b>Section Reference Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>


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10	<b>Appendix I</b>			
	<b>Section Reference</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if applicable)</b>

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11	<b>Appendix J</b>			
	<b>Section</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Likely Impact or Justification</b>	<b>Reference to Evidence (if</b>

	Reference Number			applicable)

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**Do you have any other general comments or observations on the Councils Draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions?**

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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 Myself applicable).....

North Northamptonshire Council Licence holder? YES/NO      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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:licensing.BCW@northnorthants.gov.uk) **marked** with the subject header titled “**Taxi Consultation response**”.

Or by post to:  
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41 Meadow Road,  
Kettering,  
NN16 8TL.

Please mark the envelope to Kettering Licensing - Taxis

If you require this document or any related consultation documents in any other format, please contact:  
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