

Summary of responses to licensing policy consultation

Consultee	Observations	Comment / Action Taken	Amendments to Licensing Policy
Saiful Hoque (licensed driver)	<u>Idling</u>	Policy supports the Council's commitment to protecting the environment	None
	Opposed to compulsory requirement to switch off engines when parked		
	Opposed to the compulsory requirement to display no idling stickers in licensed vehicles	None	None
	<u>Environmental fleet</u>	None	None
	Agrees that there is insufficient infrastructure currently for electric vehicles		
	<u>Emission standards</u>	None	None
	Supports Euro 6 uLEVs from 2028		
	<u>Insurance write-offs</u>	None	None
	Supports allowing Cat S and N write offs to be licensed if suitably repaired		
	<u>Vehicle testing</u>	None	None
	Supports moving 6-monthly testing of vehicles to 10yrs		
	<u>New style licence plates</u>	None	None
	Supports the new style plates and the introduction of QR codes		
	<u>CCTV</u>	None	None
	Supports the displaying of signage when CCTV is fitted in vehicles		
	<u>Arrests</u>	For the reasons detailed in the policy, it is important for protecting the public that the Council is advised of any arrest	None
Opposed to the requirement for notifying the Council of arrests			
<u>White Ribbon</u>	None	None	
Supports the White Ribbon commitment and suggests additional training for drivers			
<u>NR3 register of refusals, suspensions and revocations</u>	None	None	
Supports the use of the NR3 register			
<u>Private hire operator bases</u>	None	None	
Supports the requirement for the operating base to be in the district to be granted a North Herts operator licence			
<u>B.3.6 traffic offence of handheld devices</u>	This is a driving offence that puts the public at risk and the precluded time period is taken from the IoL's Suitability Guidance	None	
Opposed to the length of time this offence precludes a licence from being granted			
Steven Singh (licensed driver and operator)	<u>Additional plate</u>	Additional plates are already displayed on the front windscreen	None
	Suggestion of a plate in the front or rear windscreen		
Michelle Skeels (licensed driver)	<u>Knowledge test</u>	National Guidance recommends no topographical tests for private hire drivers as they are not immediate roadside hires, therefore there is time to research the quickest route	None
	Suggestion that private hire drivers do a topographical test like taxi drivers		
Shamriz Khan (licensed driver)	<u>Removal of Euro 4 vehicles</u>	Policy supports the Council's commitment to protecting the environment	None
	Opposed to the removal of Euro 4 vehicles due to cost of replacement		
M K Jellany (licensed driver)	<u>Knowledge test</u>	Drivers need to have suitable local knowledge for immediate hires in the case of sat nav failure, or for local roadworks/diversions that sat navs would not be aware of	None
	Topographical test should be easier or removed as drivers use sat navs		
Boxall Taxis (licensed operator)	<u>Removal of Euro 4 vehicles</u>	Policy supports the Council's commitment to protecting the environment however a six month notification period would not be unreasonable given the likely expense to the licence holder	None, however consideration to be given to implementation time scales
	Suggestion that licence holders be given six months notice before having to upgrade to a Euro 6		
	<u>6-monthly testing delayed until 10yrs</u>	None	None
	Supports this amendment		
	<u>Removal of seat covers for CT testing</u>	Agreed, it is unrealistic to expect drivers to remove fitted seat covers	Section removed from policy
	Opposes this requirement as some seat covers are bespoke fitted covers		
	<u>CCTV signage</u>	It is a legal requirement to display signage where CCTV can capture personal information	None
	Opposed to the requirement to display CCTV signage		
<u>Operator bases within North Hertfordshire</u>	None	None	
Supports the requirement to have a base within the district			
<u>English tests</u>	None	None	
Supports the introduction of English tests for new drivers			
Steven Singh (licensed driver and operator)	<u>Write-offs</u>	None	None
	Supports the licensing of Cat N and S write-offs if they can pass an MOT		