

APPENDIX F – COLLATION OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES – REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

Proposal	Responders in favour	Responders Against	Additional Related Comments
Removal of the need for licensed vehicles to carry a first aid kit	12	10	Drivers not trained to use them
Removal of the need for licensed vehicles to carry a fire extinguisher	13	8	Can be dangerous if used incorrectly
Change of vehicle first registration age limit upwards from maximum of 4 years old	14	6	<p>Only raise for hybrid or fully electric vehicles</p> <p>Alternatively use a mileage limit</p> <p>Allow electric vehicles to be used for 9 years after first registration</p> <p>Should be based on vehicle condition and environmental credentials</p> <p>Should increase the upper age limit</p>
Addition of a condition for all Hackney Carriage Vehicles to carry a card payment machine and accept debit/credit card payments	11	9	<p>Charging for card payments is due to be removed next year</p> <p>Some destinations don't have adequate mobile reception</p> <p>Should also accept other payments methods (e.g. via mobile phone)</p>

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Adding a livery requirement for all Hackney Carriage Vehicles	7	237 (18 plus 219 via petition)	Colour contrast is better for visually impaired users
Adding a condition attached to all vehicles licences that CCTV be installed, be kept locked and only accessed by the licensing authority and Police	9	265 (17 plus 248 via petition)	Should cover internal and front/ rear road area Council should meet the costs Shouldn't be only police/Council who can access Need to be able to turn it on/off to allow private conversations
Allowing rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicles	12	7	Private hire vehicles only Electric vehicles only

Additional Amendments Proposed:

1. Requirement for all drivers to pass a Safe Urban Driver Course
2. Requirement to carry bicycles if requested, and requirement for some to fit bike carriers
3. Require all Hackney Carriage plates to be returned and so prohibit their open sale
4. Stagger fee according to environmental credentials and commit to phasing out all petrol/diesel vehicles