

Dear Rob

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, we are aware of the issues you have raised, and I have asked Officers to do some research into this matter so that a report with all the evidence will go to Licensing Committee in July for this policy to be reviewed.

Kind regards

Yvonne

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Subject: Electric vehicles

Dear Yvonne,

With a year to go before the compulsory introduction of electric vehicles, I am writing to ask that our Licensing Committee re-visit the tinted window issue.

The specific concern around electric vehicles is that they are very hard to keep cool ( air conditioning takes a large current to operate ), thus the vast majority come pre-fitted with tinted windows to minimise solar effect.

A search today on Autotrader, which has 484,000 cars for sale, when narrowed down to silver electric cars for under £17,000 gives only fifteen results nationwide. Unfortunately none of these come with clear windows, thus not acceptable under current regulation to operate as a taxi in Cambridge.

Further, as previously notified, tinted windows typically denote the higher model variant within a range. These also include climate control, DAB radio & other comforts. As these vehicles are used for many hours is it reasonable that licensing regulation makes our work place less comfortable ? I believe nationwide licensing guidelines make no specific restrictions on window tints.

I hope you and the Licensing panel concur that there is no advantage to this regulation.

Kind regards

Rob Soanes