

Public Consultation results (daily checklist)

Do you think that Cambridge City Council should introduce a daily checklist for drivers to complete?

No – 26 (59.1%)

Yes -18 (40.9%)

- Reasoning from those that answered No:
- No evidence provided that this is needed
- Not necessary
- Needless bureaucratic paperwork creating a mountain of waste paper. - waste of time and money and will not solve anything, as taxi drivers are around their car and walk around it several times daily so would spot most things anyway. A weekly or ideally a monthly check is far more appropriate and would allow a little more in-depth checking to spot less visible issues. As a daily list, the checklist suggested as an example is hugely overbearing, requiring checks massively in excess of what other road users would ever carry out each day, and would likely just lead to lots of "faking" meaning the whole process is a worthless waste of trees and time.
- Only if you can afford to actually enforce it. And I think there are better uses of taxpayer money unless there is an active issue in this area which I am not aware of.
- can be Toooo Big Brother
- Too often. Weekly would be better and would be less of a call on public funds.
- bureaucracy gone mad
- The liscence term and law already requires drivers to have safe vehicles. Being overly specific on daily checks is pointless and inefficient bureaucracy
- For what purpose? Extra admin creates extra costs.
- Anything mandatory simply increases costs and bureaucracy.
- This is a bit too often. Every week is more than enough.
- "It only more paperwork for the driver
- Also its not Environmental friendly to use paper new pages every day"
- Don't put more pressure already they're having trouble from customer every day
- Most of the cars nowadays will warn the drivers in case there is an issue within the vehicle. Such as tires, engine and etc.
- Waste of time. No needed. All vehicles are upto date with two MOT and year
- over bureaucratic
- Too many paperwork makes life difficult, unless there are easier channels for reporting.

- Is it necessary
- maybe weekly? too frequent for drivers to take it seriously (blindly ticking boxes)
- Just extra bureaucracy
- over the top
- Once they know the checklist they should not have to keep checking
- It is unlikely to be enforceable and likely easily fabricated.
- Overregulation will kill the industry
- That's a total waste of public money
- Believe that vast majority of drivers are responsible in this respect already and modern vehicles do not suffer many defects

Reasoning from those that answered Yes:

- every other service that require driving have to do this so this would bring taxis in line with other businesses and keep the public safe
- It's very easy to forget or even skip steps. Lists are always helpful for checks.
- Its only basic health and safety. We have to check food safety, fire safety , water safety everyday amongst other checks why shouldn't taxis complete a fit for duty check of their vehicle and record it ?
- This provides clear evidence that a driver claims that a check has been carried out.
- Safety
- safety is important
- Passengers must be entitled to expect a clean and safe vehicle. The word `should' in the policy is weak. Replace it with `Must'
- They carry members of the public. So they are not driving for themselves and they need to maintain their car taxi at a high standard.
- I had it quite a few times that a taxi had obvious problems
- Anyone handling machinery has to for their and others safety in many walks of life. Police it is reported stopped 17 cars recently and only two were safe. That is terrible. If they have a passenger hurt as a result of poor maintenance checks then they need to be held liable.
- I drive for a living and I'm not allowed to leave the yard without the safty checks
- Better to be safe than sorry.
- It's obvious but how do u enforce it
- "Vehicle deterioration is incremental. Only by having recorded, signed, daily checks can this be securely countered.

- Consideration should be given to having these records on a hand-held digital device, which will record the time of the checks. Ideally the digital device would communicate remotely with the licensing authority. The device should be electronically tied to one unique vehicle."
- So they adhere to the policy.
- Safety is important
- The daily checklist can support further safety; however, the process should not be onerous for drivers and the council needs to consider how it confirms that the checks have taken place. The responsibility for this should not sit with the operators.
- Most drivers don't know the rules. They keep running foul of them when inspected. This will reinforce some of them

Would you be happy to use the checklist provided above?

Yes- 16 (36.4%)

No – 2 (4.5%)

No answer – 26 (59.1%)

What changes would you make to the checklist?

2 responses

- I think that checklist is a bit excessive and could be seen as punitive for drivers likely to do these checks on a regular basis anyway. I think some of the stuff could be daily and the rest of it weekly.
- The list is too long for a daily checklist. There should be some consolidation of the checks required.

15. Do you have any other comments regarding the introduction of a daily checklist for drivers to complete?

26 respondents:

- Not necessary
- consider lack of resources to enforce more serious issues elsewhere, and stop wasting money on new rules which only scare and restrict people and get too confusing to understand.
- No
- It is too often and not necessary

- No
- Yes, what will be on the check list and what is the purpose. There is no need for admin when probably most of it is covered through legalities and current checks.
- No need them
- No
- Not needed.
- No needed daily checklist. These are for the buses not for taxi
- NO
- Some drivers may require training to understand the requirements of the checklist
- no
- no
- No
- It is nonsense to have a checklist that `should' be completed when that checklist contains many requirements that `must' be complied with. Get a grip...
- No
- No
- About time! Please ensure they date and sign, then Block Capitals.
- They won't do them
- This is going to need careful messaging.
- No
- "One daily walkaround check should suffice if the first driver of the day is obliged to confirm their liability in the event of any discrepancies, and to report any suspected faults to any subsequent driver taking over a vehicle.
- One daily walkaround check appears to be the practice in the bus industry."
- Could easily become overly bureaucratic
- No that's a ridiculous idea
- Passengers should be asked for feedback back on their journeys and drivers rated. More enforcement of pad parking, driving on the pavement and dangerous overtakes.

Summary

44 responses were received. 26 responses stated that a daily checklist should not be introduced. 16 responses stated that they would be happy to use the checklist provided in the guidance. 2 responses were received as to how the checklist could be amended and both felt it was too long.

