

Appendix F – Public and trade comments on restrictions on type of vehicle

Question - If Cardiff Council were to start issuing new taxi licences, do you think any new licences should be restricted to certain types of vehicle?

The public and trade respondents who answered no to the above question and provided a further comment, these are listed below ([link to trade comments within this document](#))

Public Comments

Probably any restriction to a certain vehicle can make it much expensive for the driver.
Using a deisel vehicle with the excellent filtration of modern vehicles should not be a barrier to being a licensed taxi. This is a question aimed at making all taxis electric vehicles. Electric vehicles have all kinds of disasterous environmental and ethical problems not being addressed.
We need more vehicles that can take more than 4 passengers. They should be in a decent state.
There are too many taxis in the road as it is. Many drivers are sitting in ranks for hours awaiting a fare. Issuing more will make this worse. And the ones we have are not monitored or checked as it is. I believe there are many drivers that don't match the id badges displayed. Until the council is able to police and monitor what we have please don't put more drivers in the road.
Variety is beneficial.
I cannot imagine more taxis in the city there are plenty around the coty
I believe there should be a mixture of vehicles accessible.
As long as they are safe and accessible
As long as it is legal a taxi is a taxi.
Many taxis are now too high to get into if you have hip or knee problems. Saloon cars are much easier to get into, but I appreciate that wheelchair users may need bigger cabs. All different types should be available so that the customer has choice.
There's enough cabs in Cardiff, even drivers coming in from other towns
Currently not enough charging points for electric only vehicles.
Saloons are easier to enter than the high-step ones you license. There are many of us unable to use these and whenever I need wheelchair accessible I book anyway.
No need for more
Whether small cars or big depends on how many people are getting in so need a choice .
A variety of sized vehicles would be good e.g. capacity to take more people and luggage.
It's too many taxi in Cardiff. and the make trifacta busy I don't things we need more taxi in Cardiff it's look like we living in new port too many taxi plating Newport council it's working in Cardiff
All ready too many taxi in the town
Already to many taxi
Drivers can't afford to buy new taxis and the public/council can't afford to pay for this.
There are always lots of taxis on the rank already and I know they sometimes wait for many hours between a fare. Its hard to find a rank in the city centre which accommodates more than a handful of taxis - so where would new cars wait if more licences became available?
I don't think it would be fair on drivers that may not be able to afford certain cars.
More black and white and private hire would lead to more availability and choice
It doesn't impact me the type of car
Vehicles of all kinds are useful as taxis.
Most taxis are of a certain type of vehicle anyways, not like we're going to see a lorry as a taxi. Within reason, emotions should be regulated such as having an emotion zone like most major uk cities

There needs to be better competition. There seems to be a monopoly of taxis at the moment. More selection is required
Leave as is
Providing a car is road worthy I think that is sufficient
As long as vehicles are road worthy and comply with all H&S then I don't know how I feel about exact models
It's often useful to have a bigger vehicle, eg 7 seater, for groups going out together
More taxis are needed urgently, they are not keeping up with the numbers
I don't really understand the question. Licences should be used for cars, from 4 seats upwards.
I can't think of a reason
Look at Uber there cars are clean and in a lot of cases cheaper. Black and Whites many are pretty awful. The prices of the B and W are ridiculously high. They queue at Cardiff Central collecting visitors off the trains. Does not give a very good first view of the City when the interiors of the cabs are so bad.
I would like yo answer not sure to this because this isn't something I really have any knowledge of so my answer isn't based on anything.
I think electric vehicles should be encouraged but lack of charging points and costs of vehicles may prohibit this.
Although would be good to reduce emissions I feel It would be unfair to enforce such regulations without a long notice period
Don't know
One of the current issues for taxi drivers is that there is so much competition. Too many taxis and not enough fares. This forces them to only take the long fares and not short ones. Making it difficult for a lot of people to get a taxi. They have competition such as Uber, Ola, and too many black Cabs
I think that the taxi licence holder should be better policed
What i can just see is lots and lots of black taxis at taxi rank, but personally i prefer to pay less and have another taxi company picking me up from a less crowded place and still a much better car turning up
The type of vehicle.doesnt matter so long as it gets me.home.
Cardiff Council just like all council in Wales should focus more on public transport and easier access than taxi drivers. Or focus more on getting new greener, electric taxis
The question is really vague and its meaning / purpose unclear. Maybe get someone more knowledgeable than the intern to design a questionnaire next time.
Whenever I order a taxi there is always a variety of choice
As long as they have a licence any vehicle is fine
There are too many taxis in Cardiff- there should be a pause on issuing new licenses until standards improve. Most city centre taxi drivers disobey the highway code and are never challenged when there block the road.
Priority should be given to electric and hybrid vehicles, with support given to those who do not currently have them
Make it more difficult for taxi drivers to make a living
I don't know
Should be available for different size of vehicles such as 4-8 seaters for example.
Needs to be a mixture of wav and saloon
Range of vehicles and sizes needed
Uncertain how this would apply.
You shouldn't give any more licences rather improve the current problems FACTS..

It won't be fair then. I think ALL vehicle should be 2015 minimum oldness.
We need more Saloon and luxury cars. Condition of the old wheelchair accessible cars horrendous.
Let the market decide what it wants.
A good mixture of 7,5,4 seaters
It needs a mix. Some people through impairment cannot get into wav vehicles due to high steps and prefer a saloon as lower and suspension is better.
Providing it's a 4 door car I can't see a problem
I can see number of taxis on the ranks when I pass through town
All vehicle types should be allowed a new licence.
Why? Whats the benefit of that?
Size of vehicle can affect the costs for drivers and customers
Don't care as long as I get to where I am going.
Why should they?
I'm not sure why it should matter what type of car is a taxi.
Don't see the reason to
A selection of different vehicles to expand the current availability
As long they can drive A to B also on the meter
All vehicles should be accepted.
Sometime I see the massive que of taxi looks to me there is to many cab.
I don't think they should issue new licences to cabs, they should licence people
We need more compact and large and disability taxis to create more availability for
Already enough taxis in the city cannot walk on streets for Uber
Someone might only require a smaller vehicle and less pollution
Different types of cars can be very expensive
A taxi only needs to take from a to b. Vehicle type / make / model is irrelevant
Don't know enough about the different types of vehicles. Assuming the drive is for taxis to be electric. But as someone who might want to take a taxi across Britain in an emergency, knowing the problems experienced with problems in recharging electric cars at service stations, think the option should be there to use petrol or diesel.
I can't think of any reason why they should be restricted.
They just need to be Road worthy!
As long as a car is insured and has had a mot then it should not matter
because the % of disabled is tiny and even less so, those who need taxi so to oblige all to have an adapted car curtails the ability to enter the profession
Vehicle isn't the issue. Bad practices is the biggest issue in the city centre
I don't think all taxis should have to accommodate wheelchairs but we do need more yaxis and cabs that can as they are in short supply.
I don't think so
At the moment taxi industry enough for Wales , as a Cardiff city I see so many uver taxi and private hair taxi and black and White taxi city centre.
There are instances where there are not enough taxis especially on match days.
Currently Car prices are very high
Taxis are hard to get and unreliable when you order them. They need a range of vehicles for a range of needs
Already There's more taxis than necessary.
I think there's more than enough Taxi's out there but I feel there isn't no where near enough ranks for them

No, but a variety of wheelchair accessible etc would be good
I am part of a larger family who go on holidays/ meals together feel safer when we all travel together
<p>A special brand could take advantages.</p> <p>Also if you limit to only electric cars for instance, not only will the buying price much higher i guess, but also how the car can be used. How many kilometers it can driver until the driver has to stop to charge and i guess he has to charge for several hours</p> <p>Also he will not be able to do certain tours.</p> <p>My husband is using sometimes the taxi to go to Heathrow Airport. It can take 3 h or it can take 5 h depending on the traffic.</p> <p>No that sure that a Taxi Driver, if he made also some other tours before, can do a Tour Cardiff London and back to Cardiff with one charge??</p> <p>That would not be fair for some drivers, they would probably refuse to do this kind of tours and at last step in would not be beneficial that for the clients.</p> <p>My husbands try's to go there usually by train but in some cases he has to take the taxi depending on what time his flight is departing and how much earlier he has to be on the airport.</p>

Trade Comments

Euro 6 diesel and Euro 4 petrol engines are suitable to work in helping to clean the air from pollution.
To make any new license issued to be for a ULEV type engine then the cost of purchasing wither a new or used vehicle would be expensive and as equal a restriction to the trade as the survey suggests due to an inflation of licenses due to the monitorium
If issues new licenses there shouldn't be any restrictions.
Hybrid & euro 6 saloon & wheel chair plates should be made available . This is to stop the monopoly drivers are having on plate sales
Cardiff is already saturated with hackney carriages and quite hard to make a decent living now,. I know a driver who left the trade and began work at Tesco to start as a check out staff.
All cars should be allowed as long as they pass mot. No age restrictions
Not everyone can afford to purchase some certain types of vehicle. For example the EV come with a high purchase price or high rent price as well.
There is not enough rank. Already is tomuch
I don't want new licence being issued as trade is on its knees already due to cross bordering and not enough work. if you add more cars it will be non existence !! Taxi ranks are already overflowing
Too many drive out there pluse out of drivers vehicle coming from 34 council to work in Cardiff
All ready too many taxis
No new licenses are required. The national level is 1 per 100 of population we have over 800 and there are not 800,000 people being served.
Not everyone can afford electric or hybrid cars
It's likely licences would be issued to the more expensive vehicles. This would just encourage more fleet vehicles and owner drivers being priced out.
If you are talking about taxi driver licences then there should be a cap on the amount issued per year, but if you are talking about the issue of Hackney Carriage plates then this should be changed because how can it be right that a plate issued free from the local council can then be sold on and on to others for tens of 1000s of pounds its like me selling a parking permit on cathedral Road for

25k to someone else so they can park near town its that ridiculous and has been abused for years. The Hackney Carriage system is broken and is unfit for purpose with certain drivers cherry picking fares and refusing perfectly sober and fit to travel customers because they are only going up the road.I have seen this myself on many occasions. I believe that pre booked private hire vehicles should also be legally allowed to pick up from the streets in certain situations as on match days or other big occasions to meet demand. If this was possible then you would not get the massive queues you see and taxi Marshalls could direct people to legal licenced taxis be they 7 seaters or saloons. With regards to wheelchair vehicles if it is given an extra fee for the fare then people will gladly invest in wheelchair accessible vehicles. Hackney plates need to be abolished and all taxis need to be treated the same with financial incentives for 7 seats and wheelchair vehicles.

I don't want to issuing new taxi licence because not enough taxi rank and our job has been reduced by more than 70% because of cross boarding Uber .

Enough taxis and phd in Cardiff.

Let's not forget that cardiff council has not done anything about non cardiff licenced cars, our city is gridlocked with out of town cars and your priorities are else where

Many cars are very expensive so it should be what an individual can afford

If Cardiff Council issued a new license will be no work for us

Not enough business

Not enough income

Not enough rank

We will loose our livelihood

No more enough place on the taxi rank .since covid taxi business in very hard condition. No enough crowd every after event day .if more taxi work in cardiff council is it difficult to livelihood every taxi driver.

The Nissan Dynamo all electric wheelchair car costs about £48,000, with a range of less than 100 miles at night in winter, not fit for purpose.

No they shouldn't put restrictions on it. But there are well too many hackney's and not.enough ranks in the city

There are already so many taxi drivers. As a private hire taxi driver we are struggling to pay our bills. There are so many out goings in this business. We request Cardiff council to stop taxi drivers from from other council's operating in Cardiff like from Newport. Cardiff council has strict procedures & people getting badge from other councils & operating in Cardiff which is not fair for Cardiff council taxi drivers.

Certain types of vehicle are very expensive

While there are so many different vehicles on the the road, why should there be double standards.

I think all vehicular are required currently and the driver should have the freedom to choose which vehicle

Any kind of vehicle should come to the trade anytime. Other or specific/electric or hybrid/ cars are expensive to own or rent them as well as charging facilities are not in place. Less charging points.

Lots of black and white cars / wheelchair cars on retention because the cost to replace is outrageous.. new or second hand car prices is outrageous.

Cars that are about (some not all) are well past there sell by date .. drivers just can't afford at mo

Costly

Should be allowed to use any brand new car

Abolish Hackney taxi's and just standardise Cardiff licenced and plated vehicles and taxi badge holders then you will have enough taxis in the Cardiff area to meet demand therefore negating the need for out of town taxis to come into the city and work illegally. Cardiff plated vehicles and

Cardiff licenced drivers will go a long way to resolving the US and them issues between Hackney and private hire.
Council should not issue anymore licenses. Council has failed to provide adequate rank spaces and as a result of this drivers are being penalised with parking tickets.
Too many cars hackney Carriage already and many private hire..
TOO Many TAXIS ON THE ROAD NOT ENOUGH RANK
I need to know more about what this might mean but 4, 5 or 7 seaters should not be restricted in numbers
Saloon cars
It's Already over crowded
They shouldn't be restricted they worked hard to earn the licences so they
It's a loaded question you have lost control of what or shouldn't be used.i used to take 5 to 8 rides a week in my original Granada taxi you delimited using the disabled narrative very rarely took them after made no sense
I m clearly against issuing new plate we struggle enough
Because it doesn't make sense issuing more licences
Already oversubscribed, Hackney Carriage. Not enough business. Not enough ranks. Will totally decimate your livelihood. Have a direct impact in your daily INCOME you will not be able to maintain your financial commitments.
I believe all taxis should be wheelchair friendly .
There's no enough taxis rank not enough business and that will totally decimate our livelihood and will have a direct impact to our daily income which the taxi trades already down and we can't make enough money to run our daily live.
We are in crisis. Cost off livings going higher and. We can't pay for expenses or. Expensive car Come Saturday night and you see. The mess. In town.
No too many taxi in Cardiff, we don't need any more, where are they going to park. Having issue now getting pcn for dropping customers off.
I think drivers can not afford a new cars.
Because every one can afford
Most people they can't afford new car
We are already overcrowded there is no taxi ranks
Because already taxi drivers are struggling, no work they can't not make a for living, no taxi rank at all space for tax rank for 5 taxi or 3 taxi like Mill Lane is 6 taxi and no space to park and work as a taxi driver can park anywhere Cardiff cancel, give us a ticket straight away. I am myself I have two tickets well I'm ranking for working the ticket is 35 and some days cannot make 35, a day and thousands of taxis in Cardiff already all over the Wales. They were in Cardiff yet no one can come on about it. Where is the car. The taxi driver okay fighting asking for the cross-border and no one cares what they need to bring more plate. In Cardiff , Cardiff cancel the shoot look after their drivers.
Any types of vehicle
Already to many taxi in cardiff. There is not enough rank to park most of the driver got parking ticket for using bus lane.
We got to may taxi on road
Because we are in recovery periot after Cvid 19 so we can't afford to by new vehicles
Affordability to expensive

Costs
Vehicles under five years old is sufficient
No more taxi licence needed in Cardiff.
Too expensive
It will be too expensive to buy new car
Because price of cars at this time is very high
No demand for taxis
There's enough taxis on the road already don't need more !! There is not enough work as it is, so I can imagine how bad it will get. The crossbordering issue should be the main focus not more hackney's on road.
Already we have too many taxis
Certain types vehicles can cost more and Hackney businesses are not running well ,drivers can not afford
Too many taxi's around Cardiff not enough work for taxi and we waiting on rank for more than an hour for work not enough rank spaces
They're expensive
No it cost Dr more
in Cardiff there is a taxis more than enough and there is not enough rank for a 70 taxis so how about 1000 of them around the city