



We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government, in the context of its consultation into the reforms of the taxi licensing laws, to put a stop to the 'cross border' and 'sub-contracting' loophole in the law which means hundreds of out of town taxis and private hire vehicles descend on Cardiff to work Private Hire.

There are enough Cardiff licensed vehicles to cover the City without the need for these cars from as far afield as London, Merseyside, the Midlands etc. As well as from neighbouring authorities like Newport, the Vale and RCT etc. There have even been vehicles not working on any platform, illegally plying for hire, hiding behind the fact so many 'alien' cabs are in the City.

Many of these vehicles have NO markings on them, making a mockery of the standards set by Cardiff County Council for vehicles licensed by themselves, including highly visible livery and local street knowledge. Alas it will be only matter of time before a vulnerable person jumps into a non licensed car with catastrophic results.

We urge the Welsh Government to ensure that the only Taxis and Private Hire vehicles allowed to work in Cardiff are those licensed by Cardiff County Council. This is to ensure public safety and to ensure that Cardiff isn't saturated with even more cars than what is needed which if allowed to continue will see even more congestion and pollution in our Capital. It will also give existing drivers licensed by Cardiff a chance to earn something approaching a living wage.