

Appendix G – Public and Trade Comments on Wheelchair Accessibility (Other responses)

Question - Please indicate which vehicles you think new licences should be issued to in terms of wheelchair accessibility should the Council decide to issue more licences?

Below are the comments made by those who provided their own response ([link to trade comments within this document](#))

Public Comments

A mix and also an incentive for electric cars for environmental reasons
Better standard of wheelchair accessible vehicles
Better quality black cabs
Clean air
There just are too many taxis
Low emission vehicles
Electric vehicles
Road worthy vehicles only
Ones that card payments are also an option, all vehicles should be inspected also
Electric ones!
All licensed taxis should meet a minimum standard of size, type and cleanliness
Electric cars
This isn't the best way to research this. Most people aren't wheelchair users and so would have no idea if there are enough wheelchair friendly vehicles. Taxis with a car seat in the boot would be great! We don't use taxis now as a family because we can't take our one year old safely
Eco friendly vehicles - electric/hybrid
Modern GREEN/BEV vehicles only ... enough of the 10 years old diesel spewers
Electric
Electric and hybrid
Clean vehicles with card payment facilities
Electrical cars or hybrid
Electric vehicles
Able to take folding wheelchairs.
Hybrid & electric vehicles
Electric vehicles
Fold up mobility scooters are 20 k and drivers complain
Hybrid only
Too many taxis on the streets already
Electric or hybrid only.
Black Taxi London Types only
Vehicles less than the years old.
Electric cars
Vehicles with a high safety rating only.
Black Cab style
Electric or hybrid vehicles
Non petrol only
A mix of both, but also prioritising more environmentally friendly cars

Maybe the criteria for type of cars should be reviewed so that smaller cars can be considered eligible in order to cater for 1 or 2 passengers. A large people carrier for a single person seems crazy.
All taxis need portable ramps and steps if the access is high. Vehicles with a flat boot for a vehicle with a boot large enough wheelchair frame a large enough boot where wheelchair frames and wheelchairs can be folded up flat if needed.. Low steps or folding down steps. and wheelchairs can be folded up flat if needed.
Cars that are fit for purpose.
Clean ones that feel safe
Cars with a boot to fit a folded wheelchair and an unfolded large medical wheelchair are needed.
None
All vehicles to be less than 5 years old.
100% electric fleet
No cars should be allowed on the road over the age of 10 years old
I have seen an influx of Newport taxis operating in Cardiff. Apparently they pay less for their licence than Cardiff drivers? I have found they often have no geographical knowledge of Cardiff. Same could be said for certain drivers of Somali and Eastern European drivers in Cardiff.
Newer cars that aren't wrecks
Electric cars
No more
Newer cars that have better emissions to make them better for the environment and so they don't look as beaten up
none
no more than 3 years old or electric
There's enough taxis for me to choose from
Salons
Drivers who understand neurodiversity. It's not just people in wheelchairs!

Trade Comments

There are already enough taxis licensed in Cardiff with no rank space. The total length of currently licensed vehicles would stretch 2.1 miles should they be parked bumper to bumper
Don't need any more taxis
Don't want new licences being issued
They should have been stopped crossed border taxis before issuing any new licence taxi.
None
Any vehicle with incentives for extra seats and wheelchair use.
None at all
None
Electric only
Abolish Hackney altogether and standardise both Hackney and private hire.
Hybrid
EV only.
NONE
Not at all
None should not
The vehicle should be able to stow a folding wheel chair in the boot and the driver should help the cost about is uneconomically viable

None.
No vehicles
All vehicles
No new license should be issued.
There are enough Hackney Carriages
No one
Don't more taxis on the road
Private hire
No
There's no enough space for business we are struggling with cost of living
None
none