Dual Driver Taxi Licensing Consultation

1. Please tell us in what capacity you are responding to this consultation (select one):

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	a resident	48.28%	70
2	a Hackney Carriage driver	18.62%	27
3	a Private Hire driver	21.38%	31
4	a dual driver (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage)	6.90%	10
5	a Private Hire Operator	2.76%	4
6	a professional body	1.38%	2
7	Other (please specify):	0.69%	1
		answered	145
		skipped	3

Other (please specify): (1)

1 27/02/2020 17:05 PM Local Company Director

2. Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	51.39%	74
2	No	40.28%	58
3	Don't know	8.33%	12
		answered	144
		skipped	4

Comments: (39)

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	1	11/02/2020 16:53 PM	Does it really matter as you will do what you want no respect for the local hackney drivers its disgusting.
	2	11/02/2020 17:32 PM	Ensures equal standards.
	3	11/02/2020 18:13 PM	Only to new applicants
	4	12/02/2020 09:55 AM	It's been like this for over 30years no problem so why trying to fix something that not broken
	5	12/02/2020 14:41 PM	For new applicants this would good but not current private hire drivers unless they take the new test
	6	13/02/2020 11:39 AM	Given that the Private Hire licence requirements appear to be a subset of the Hackney Carriage license requirements this would be an obvious simplification. I would assume that a driver in possession of this new license type is not obliged to offer both services
	7	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	Any Private Hire Driver that's wants a dual needs to do the proper Hackney test to safeguard our customers and vunurable old people and children we transport about how can you give a Private Hire Driver who has pover worked in the lowest

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		Response Percent Total
		district a Hackney plate.as they will spend more time looking at sat nav than road.i would say a very big health and safety issue.
8	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	It would make sense as there are more opportunities for getting a ride when in Lewes and the area from passing drivers - rather than being told to just wait for taxi
		Also it would bring all cars used into line with cleanliness and good practice
9	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	It would bring it inline with other licensed councils around the country.
10	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	I am a private hire driver and wish to continue working as a private hire driver. I have absolutely no interest or need to drive as a Hackney Carriage driver. All of my trade involved pre booked journeys so changing my license to a duel license would be completely pointless.
11	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	No point
12	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	No problem with dual license. Need to consider capping existing Hackney plates.
13	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	I ticked don't know because although I understand that more HC licences issued doesn't necessarily mean that there will be more HC drivers, I am not at the moment convinced that this will not create a big impact on my ability to earn enough.
14	18/02/2020 14:53 PM	In this I assume that you are talking about the licence issued to drivers and not the vehicle licence(Hackney Plate). I believe that the number of Hackney plates issued needs to be restricted otherwise we will have too many vehicles using our very small number of Taxi Ranks. A very significant number of Private hire plates have been issued and most of these drivers appear to be working in other districts to the detriment of the Hackney drivers in these towns(Particularly Brighton)
15	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	To improve standards of private hire drivers
16	20/02/2020 10:16 AM	There also needs to be enforcement, particularly of general driving standards which are widely seen as greatly lacking.
17	20/02/2020 10:31 AM	The cost of running a dual licenced vehicle will be increased due to the proposed change putting some out of work and also not making taxi driving attractive for proposed new drivers. The cost of fares will rise.
18	20/02/2020 17:21 PM	I can see no benefit from doing so.
19	20/02/2020 21:47 PM	What's the point?
20	21/02/2020 10:10 AM	We need to restrict the number of hackney licences given out in the lewes district. Drivers can wait three hours for a £5 job. There is not enough ranks in the district. It adds to congestion to have too many Hackney's, it also adds to global warming emissions.
21	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Yes we should have the duel licence as everyone is saying the test is so easy and they think lewes is giving licences out for nothing .
		Also it is not fare that older hackney drivers never did a knowledge test and the have ph and hackney licence! Now they are complaining that the ph driver didnt do knowledge! I think its the way forward and you should definitely implement it
22	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	However, Private Hire driver who have already the Private-Hire Licences for more than one year, should not have to pass an additional knowledge test to obtain the Dual Driver Licence.
23	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	There no point in changing the current system. Customers only want to get in a car they don't care what type of licence you have
24	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	I just want to get in a licensed cab. I don't care how they are registered

2. Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

			Response Percent	Response Total
25	22/02/2020 05:49 AM	Doesn't really matter as long as it's licensed		
26	22/02/2020 14:53 PM	It is really no need		
27	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	ne proposed system of only Dual Driver Licences makes it more difficult for new cople to access employment and for employers to take on new drivers.		
28	24/02/2020 08:39 AM	Restrict the hackney plates Create more space in district then issue plates		
29	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enou Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them tare suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no w	o work on the	
30	24/02/2020 13:39 PM		makes things easier for both sides, and it would be better, because as private hire, r hackney carriage, you are still a driver who takes in people. For this reason it nould be equally important	
31	24/02/2020 13:45 PM	As I use both taxis and private hire vehicles, It would make me safer knowing that all of the drivers are equally qualified		
32	26/02/2020 09:06 AM	If you issue dual licenses and they decide to drive Hackney carriages do you have enough taxi ranks for them to work on? If so please can you share the data how many taxi ranks do you have and for how many drivers?		
33	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	Providing the test is to a high standard.		
34	03/03/2020 22:39 PM	No separate and regulated the hackney plates Like Brighton and hove		
35	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	The extended range of testing can only be good for the user	s of taxis.	
36	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	As long as existing drivers do not have to re-take any testing	j.	
37	18/03/2020 09:52 AM	This should be applicable only to NEW drivers as it would be existing Hackney Drivers (unless you propose to ensure all drivers take and pass the the new proposed tests for all drivers take and pass the tree new proposed tests.)	existing Privat	
38	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	Just giving existing private hire driver's dual driver's licences Hackney knowledge test can only lower overall standards. I new driver's who have taken the Hackney knowledge test ar diver's being dual licenced.	have no obje	ction for
39	16/05/2020 20:34 PM	Nowadays when everyone is using a GPS it is totally useles knowledge of every street in the area, the knowledge will co		

3. Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	72.41%	105
2	No	24.83%	36
3	Don't know	2.76%	4
		answered	145
		skipped	3

Comments: (26)

1 11/02/2020 16:53 PM The test need to be harder than it has been in recent years as you have given way

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		too many people a license you've put money before anything	g else.		
2	11/02/2020 17:07 PM	Only on the assumption that dual drivers are permitted.			
3	12/02/2020 14:41 PM		you are to drive as a Hackney carriage driver you should know the street names of nere the customer wants to go. Not like private hire drivers who currently are given be address before the customer gets into the taxi.		
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	course old people don't get in a taxi to be asked there postcode.have you guys learnt from wolverhampton			
5	14/02/2020 14:04 PM	Definitely	initely		
6	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Not necessary.			
7	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	I'm sure it's sufficient as they stand already - the taxi industr hailing situations are becoming less and technology taking of		and the	
8	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	higher standard test, but I find it very unreasonable to ask di	you are granting licenses for new drivers then they should have to take a new gher standard test, but I find it very unreasonable to ask drivers who already hold a license should not be required take another knowledge test.		
9	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	No need or not necessary			
10	16/02/2020 07:50 AM	think that there should be a set number of hackney plates and private hire plates ssued as there has been a direct impact on my earnings since the policy of a free fo all and the higher number of plates issued			
11	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	think also existing private hire drivers wanting to go Hackney should also sit the new harder test			
12	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	without understanding the broader implications of the dual driver licence, it is difficul o answer			
13	18/02/2020 14:53 PM	Always happy to raise standards but quickly heading for a hi Carriages in the town if a substantial number of Private Hire Private hire to Hackney Carriage plates			
14	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	to improve standards and set a common standard			
15	20/02/2020 12:28 PM	Higher standards must be desirable. They all offer more or le	ess the same	service	
16	20/02/2020 18:00 PM	Because it makes the public safer.			
17	21/02/2020 10:10 AM	Drivers standards need raising in terms of treatment to custo knowledge test should be made much harder.	omers. In fact	the	
18	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	This should raise standards. Some drivers can't even speak have a conversation with customers.	English well	enough	
19	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	They are existing drivers why should they?			
20	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	Governments and councils need to make it easier for people to enter the workplace not harder with more bureaucracy which also means more expense for business an the public. One can have a system were new drivers would be encouraged to do the knowledge test and on successful completion, they would be able to display a badg so that the public would know that this driver has done the ""knowledge"".			
21	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enou Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them t are suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no w	o work on the		
22	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	any old Lewes private hire licences should also sit the new t licence	est before giv	ven a du	
23	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	To keep the standards to a high level, this should be.			

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			Response Percent	Response Total
24	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Absolutely - they must be knowledgable about the district an	d surrounding	g area.
25	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	I do not think that existing Private Hire drivers should be required knowledge test. However new applicants should have to take knowledge test.		
26	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	If the idea of this is to raise the overall standards, without th will drop. Existing private hire must take knowledge test to ga	U	

4. Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	60.96%	89
2	No	36.30%	53
3	Don't know	2.74%	4
		answered	146
		skipped	2
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1	11/02/2020 16:13 PM	I feel as a PH driver that drivers who have predominantly worked in the Lewes District for a local company for a given time i.e. 12 months or more should have the option of change their license without any further test			
2	11/02/2020 16:53 PM	And make them pay for it too			
3	12/02/2020 14:41 PM	As a private hire driver they know where they are going when given the address before the customer gets collected and they can look up the address before the customer gets in. As a Hackney driver the driver has to know where they are going when the customer gets in the car from the rank. They shouldn't need the use of postcodes and satnav.			
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	Yes they need to pass a Hackney test.we wish to higher standards not lower.i find these questions a joke			
5	14/02/2020 13:58 PM	Definitely all current Private hire driver SHOULD take the test as it is NOT fair taht we had to do the test and they just get it freely.			
6	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Not necessary.			
7	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	As most are already embedding in the system, using technology for hailing/collecting customers then an additional test would hinder a the trade - possibly affect local taxi business with loss of earnings and we require more taxis in Lewes not less.			
8	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	NEW drivers should undertake the new knowledge test but it is extremely unreasonable to ask for existing drivers to take another test.			
S	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	From private hire to Hackney only			
1	0 16/02/2020 18:06 PM	O oh if they wish to upgrade to Hackney carriage			
1	1 17/02/2020 11:00 AM	This question doesn't make sense: if PVH drivers have an existing PH/HC licence, then that's already a dual licence isn't it?			
1:	2 19/02/2020 13:57 PM	If they have been a licensed Private Hire Driver for over 1 year, I don't think this should apply.			
1	3 20/02/2020 10:11 AM	improving standards - they should also be able to speak English!			

4. Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?

			Response Percent	Response Total	
14	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	Without doing this how can you expect to raise standards			
15	20/02/2020 12:28 PM	To not do so would be pointless, unfair to Hackney Carriage (incoming) drivers	o not do so would be pointless, unfair to Hackney Carriage licence holders and new acoming) drivers		
16	20/02/2020 17:22 PM	hackney licence. Also all the current LDC licensed phy drive	ost definately or it will make a mockery of those who studied for their current ckney licence. Also all the current LDC licensed phy drivers working out of the ea will then get the enhanced benefits without doing any extra study.		
17	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Unless you get the old hackney drivers to do the test too! It keep been horrible to ph drivers and let the hackney driver w			
18	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	However, they should be driving for at least a year before ob So a requirement of one year driving should be placed into o		l license.	
19	21/02/2020 21:58 PM	No, already licensed so will know the area they work in.			
20	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	You are changing the format of the licence and it's wrong to existing drivers to redo a test	ou are changing the format of the licence and it's wrong to penalise or expect isting drivers to redo a test		
21	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	See previous comments.	ee previous comments.		
22	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enough work at taxi ranks Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them to work on there app they are suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no work			
23	24/02/2020 10:44 AM	May a short version to bring them up to date,			
24	24/02/2020 13:39 PM	It would be unfair as it would cost extra money for the drivers	s and the cou	ncil	
25	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	they were given private hire licences as they didn't pass the	Hackney test		
26	27/02/2020 16:50 PM	I think they should do to because, as you have stated, the H more intense and I think all drivers should know their way ar rely on sat navs or the use of mobile phones when driving.			
27	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	As previously remarked on, The Hackney test is a better test For Higher standards in the future, this test would be good to take.			
28	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Yes - we must be sure they all have a good understanding of	of the area and	d the rules	
29	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	It would be totally unfair to do that.			
30	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	All diver's must take or have taken the Hackney knowledge to must remain with their existing private hire license. Just is with a dual license can only lower standards. Many of these working in Brighton for uber and have never worked in Lewe	suing private driver's have	hire driver's only	
31	16/05/2020 20:34 PM	But if they don't, let them keep the existing license, not every Hackney carriage driver	yone wants to	be a	

5. Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	70.34%	102
2	No	24.14%	35
3	Don't know	5.52%	8
		answered	145

5. Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total	
			skipped	3	
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1	11/02/2020 17:07 PM	Probable need to keep knowledge updated			
2	11/02/2020 22:11 PM	Don't have enough information on the higher standard test	ney have taken the test recently and passed it, it seems pointless to test		
3	13/02/2020 11:39 AM	Providing they have taken the test recently and passed it, it sthem again			
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	I am a Hackney Driver full stop			
5	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Made simplified			
6	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	Yes			
7	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	As said before, all new drivers should take the new test, but existing drivers to take another test.	it is unreason	able to ask	
8	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	No need for existing Hackney to do test as already done the	m		
9	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	unless the additional test contains elements that the original they should also take the test.	lements that the original test did not. in that		
10	20/02/2020 10:11 AM level playing field for all				
11	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	Hackney carriage drivers have already been tested to the high	ghest standar	d	
12	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Some of them have never completed any test and cant spell	pell their own name!		
13	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	Yes, they should be able to apply for a new dual licence with They have deserved all the rights to own a dual driver licence test or experience time to pass. And they have my full support to obtain a dual licence.	cence without an additiona		
14	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	They have already completed the relevant test			
15	21/02/2020 23:17 PM	They have done no proper test and they bullying ph drivers a not pass the ph test! Lets be fare	and guess wh	at most car	
16	25/02/2020 22:09 PM	All drivers should have the same levels of knowledge			
17	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	they done the higher test in the 1st place why should they sit them when you are changing the rules	it again at a	cost to	
18	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	I think you have answered your own question here. Yes, of chave already taken the higher standard test.	ourse they sh	ould. They	
19	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Yes, although they should all have to take the new equality a ASAP	and safeguard	ling tests	
20	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	This makes sense.			

6. Do you live or work in Lewes district?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	91.78%	134
2	No	8.22%	12
		answered	146
		skipped	2

7. If you would like to be updated on the outcome of this consultation, please give us your email address.

	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Open-Ended Question	100.00%	76
	answered	76
	skipped	72

8. Would you like to answer or skip the following questions about you?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Answer the questions	70.42%	100
2	Skip the questions	29.58%	42
		answered	142
		skipped	6

9. What is your sex?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male	76.47%	78
2	Female	23.53%	24
3	Other	0.00%	0
		answered	102
		skipped	46

10. What is your age?

		Respor Perce	nse Response nt Total
1	Under 18	0.00%	6 0
2	18 - 24	1.949	6 2
3	25 - 34	14.56	% 15
4	35 - 44	22.33	% 23
5	45 - 54	17.48	% 18
6	55 – 64	19.429	% 20
7	65 – 74	19.42	% 20
8	75 +	4.85%	6 5
		answer	ed 103
		skippe	ed 45

11. What is your ethnic group? Ethnic groups are defined by the 2011 census

			ponse rcent	Response Total
1	English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	68.	63%	70
2	Irish	1.9	96%	2
3	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.0	98%	1
4	Any Other White background	10.	78%	11
5	White and Black Caribbean	2.9	94%	3
6	White and Black African	0.9	98%	1
7	White and Asian	0.9	98%	1
8	Any Other Mixed background	0.0	98%	1
9	Asian/Asian British	3.9	92%	4
10	Indian	0.0	00%	0
11	Pakistani	0.9	98%	1
12	Bangladeshi	0.9	98%	1
13	Chinese	0.0	00%	0
14	Any Other Asian background	0.0	00%	0
15	African	0.0	00%	0
16	Caribbean	0.0	00%	0
17	Any Other Black/African/Caribbean background	0.9	98%	1
18	Arab	3.9	92%	4
19	Any Other Ethnic Group (please specify):	0.9	98%	1
		ansı	wered	102
		ski	pped	46

Any Other Ethnic Group (please specify): (1)

1 10/03/2020 15:29 PM

12. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes, limited alot	1.96%	2
2	Yes, limited a little	14.71%	15
3	No	83.33%	85
		answered	102
		skipped	46