

## Dual Driver Consultation Responses

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| 1 | Private Hire Driver  | <p>Good morning,</p> <p>In reference to the letter received on 19th February 2020 about taxi guidance consultation via post. I would like Council's advice on whether being a Current PH holder will I be affected in any way such as financially and client based scenario following on From your proposal. Also, my options of becoming a dual driver licence holder- what are the requirement now and after 3rd April 2020.</p> <p>Please note I am working during the week and difficult to communicate via telephone, hence will appreciate you email your response as I am able to communicate more effectively as I am not in favour missing my opportunities.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>   |
| 2 | Existing Dual Driver | <p>Hi, I would like to give you my comments regarding your proposals for dual taxi licences. I have a dual license myself and support your recent changes to white for Hackney and any other colours for private hire.</p> <p>However, what do you intend to do regarding the colour of licenses are to be made dual.</p> <p>Also I do not agree you should change everybody to a dual license without the enhanced test which I did when I qualified.</p> <p>Also, I would like to see checks made on appearance of drivers (dress code) as there are a lot of scruffy drivers in Seaford and Newhaven where I live which tarnishes the taxi driver image.</p>   |
| 3 | Private Hire Driver  | <p>Actual, I've received your letter to me as a Private Hire Driver asking for a consultation for some proposals regarding to licencing regulations and ,actually, I tried to conclude a crystal clear proposals ,but, to be honest I failed.</p> <p>But anyway, I will try to understand and say my opinion ,and please, excuse my misunderstanding if so.</p> <p>As far as I can understand, you are thinking to issue just one type of licence which is a dual licence to be used for both Hackney &amp; Private Hire as well,and, as far as I can understand, it will be issued for the new applicants,but, it is not clear what is the situation for the existed drivers for Hackney and Private Hire..?</p> <p>Logicwise, it will be automatically issued for the already existed drivers ( Brighton&amp;Hove style long time ago )</p> <p>But, it will not acceptable at all to ask them ( Hackney&amp; Private Hire licence holders ) to go through any new tests specially I ,and, most Private Hire licence holders I know are not interested at all to switch to be a Hackney driver as all the Private Hire drivers I know only prefer to work as a Private Hire drivers only and not interested to be a Hackney drivers.</p> <p>So, I think that it will not be fair or even acceptable to force them to do something either they don't want or need it.</p> <p>This is my view as far I could understand from the letter received from you and ,again, excuse my misunderstand if so.</p> |

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| 4 | Hackney Carriage Driver | <p>DEAR SIR/MADAM</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED 12/2/2020. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STANDARDS WITHIN THE TAXI RANKS AND HAVE NO ISSUES WITH WHATS BEING PROPOSED. MY ONLY WISH IS THAT CURRENT HOLDERS OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE MUST COMPLETE THE NEW TEST, AND PASS, BEFORE BEING ISSUED WITH THE HACKNEY LICENCE.</p> <p>YOURS FAITHFULLY</p>   |
| 5 | Driver                  | <p>Dear sir,</p> <p>The proposal to do away with the private hire test and have one test called the Hackney carriage knowledge test is in my view totally ridiculous. Please let me explain why I believe this.</p> <p>Let's say that I have recently retired and want a job with little stress and a job where I give something back to the community like taking disadvantaged or ill or children with learning disabilities to school. I do not see the relevance of knowing locations of public houses as most children aren't wanting to be dropped off at a pub. I can see this being on the front cover of the daily Mirror School bus drivers must know where all the pubs in an area are. We could even rate them for you if you like.</p> <p>The location of roads with in a district is also to me not necessary if I am given a run by my company which is out of my district then I look on a map find out all the areas I need to drive to and then collect my children accordingly. The council in fact give drivers the times and the order in which we are to collect Children in the morning and drop off the children at night. I do not see the relevance for a driver to know the roads in a district it is relevant for him to know the needs of his children but not this road goes here this road goes here. Lots of drivers are simply Wanting to have two or three hours a day on the minimum wage giving back something to the community making this a knowledge test is a nonsense. If this goes ahead I look forward to reading all about itOn the front covers of the red top newspapers. This is absolutely ridiculous idea.</p> |

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## 26 Hackney Carriage Drivers

We the undersigned being licensed Lewes hackney drivers are aware of the current consultation that is taking place. However we had received a guarantee that no Grandfather rights would be granted to any current private hire converting to a dual licence, but there is a possibility of this happening through the consultation.

We have had to take a hackney test. A lot of us have done NVQs and various other tests to safeguard our passengers and would request that the same rule would apply for any other driver aiming for dual licence.

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