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# Consultation Document

## **Review of the Council's age limits for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Following a request from the private hire trade to review the Council's policy on age limits for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, it is proposed to make the following changes.

The Consultation Document is also available to view:

- on the Council's [website](#)
- by post upon request to [licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk](mailto:licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk)

Comments can be made in respect of the proposed amendments by e-mailing [licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk](mailto:licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk) or alternatively by writing to the address below:

Principal Licensing Officer  
Public Protection  
Addenbrooke House  
Ironmasters Way  
Telford  
TF3 4NT

Closing date for comments by email or post is **17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. **Comments received after this date will not be considered.**

We would like to thank you for taking time to participate in this consultation exercise and look forward to receiving your comments.

<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin Council Document</b>	<b>Current Policy/Licence Condition</b>	<b>Proposed Policy/Licence Condition</b>
Hackney Carriage Licence Condition 2.1	<p><i>The age limit for purpose-built vehicles is 12 years. Where vehicles are of “exceptional condition” and continue to be licensed over the Council’s age limit, the vehicle will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests.</i></p> <p><i>The age limit for multi-purpose vehicles is ten years. Vehicles to be tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i></p>	<p><i>The age limit for purpose-built vehicles is fifteen years. Vehicles twelve years of age and over will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests. Where vehicles licensed before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 are licensed under “exceptional condition” and continue to be licensed over the Council’s age limit, the vehicle will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests.</i></p> <p><i>The age limit for multi-purpose vehicles is twelve years. Vehicles to be tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i></p>
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy <b>3.14 Hackney Carriages</b> <u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<p><i>All hackney carriages will only be of the type approved for hackney carriage use by the Council, namely a purpose built/multi-purpose vehicle built to carry up to eight passengers with factory fitted seatbelts and with an interior built for public hire use.</i></p>	<p><i>All hackney carriages will only be of the type approved for hackney carriage use by the Council, namely a purpose built/multi-purpose vehicle built to carry up to eight passengers with factory fitted seatbelts and with an interior built for public hire use. A purpose-built Hackney Carriage is a vehicle that has been manufactured and sold by the relevant Manufacturer as a Hackney Carriage. A vehicle that has been manufactured and registered, but subsequently converted is not considered to be purpose built. Whilst vehicles converted by an approved company post manufacturing process may be permitted onto the fleet, it does not meet the definition of purpose built.</i></p>

<p>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy  <b>3.14 Hackney Carriages</b>  <u>Type of Vehicle</u></p>	<p><i>The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of twelve years for purpose built vehicles. Where an application is made and the Council considers that the vehicle is of “exceptional condition” and continue to be licensed over the Council’s age limit, the vehicle will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests. The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of ten years for multi-purpose vehicles. These vehicles must be compliance tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i></p>	<p><i>The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of fifteen years for purpose built vehicles. Vehicles twelve years of age and over will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests.</i></p> <p><i>Proprietors of purpose-built hackney carriages licensed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 under the Exceptional Condition Criteria, will be permitted to continue to apply annually for the vehicle to be further considered for Exceptional Condition Criteria and the licence to be renewed if the vehicle continues to meet that criteria. Where such an application is made and the Council considers that the vehicle is of “exceptional condition” and continue to be licensed over the Council’s age limit, the vehicle will be subject to 6 monthly compliance tests.</i></p> <p><i>The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of twelve years for multi-purpose vehicles. These vehicles must be compliance tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i></p>
<p>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy  <b>3.14 Hackney Carriages</b>  <u>Type of Vehicle</u></p>	<p><i>3. That the consideration for an exemption to the age limit would normally only be considered for vehicles currently licensed with the Council.</i></p>	<p><i>3. That the consideration for an exemption to the age limit will only be considered for vehicles already licensed by the Council under the Exceptional Condition Criteria prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Applications to transfer the licence of</i></p>

<u>Criteria for “Exceptional Condition</u>		<i>any vehicle licensed under Exceptional Condition Criteria will not be granted.</i>
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy  <b>3.15 Private Hire Vehicles</b> <u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<i>The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of ten years. Vehicles to be compliance tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i>	<i>The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit of twelve years. Vehicles to be compliance tested every six months from five years of age in line with best practice guidance.</i>