

AGENDA ITEM 5 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The request for a change of licensing policy to permit the licensing of certain types of vehicles over 12 years old is of concern to operators only. Letters were sent to all operators on 5 September 2013 seeking their views on the proposal. Of the 90 operators in the district 5 replied. The responses are set out below.

“I would like to offer my support to the request to lift the restrictions on the age of Rolls Royce and Bentley vehicles only.

I offer my support as these vehicles target a specific market and if they are well maintained, offer a good level of luxury regardless of the age.”

“With regard to your email which we received yesterday, we have no problem, indeed we understand, the increase for Bentley and Rolls Royce vehicles to a 20 year age limited.”

“As an owner of a Mercedes S Class l.w.b. which cost some £78,000, I would have thought that the vehicle would have been considered to be in the same category as Rolls Royce and Bentley, indeed I changed my Rolls Royce for the Mercedes because of the reliability and the amount of leg room in the rear of the vehicle.”

“I agree that Rolls Royce and Bentley Vehicles should be able to licensed beyond 12 years of age.They are always maintained mechanically and cosmetically to a high standard if they are for hire.”

“I would like to comment on the proposal on the request for the variation to permit Rolls Royce and Bentley cars to be licensed as a private hire vehicles after they are 12 years old,In my view these cars should be allowed to be used as a private hire vehicles even if they are over 12 years.”