

AG10. LICENSED VEHICLES CONSULTATION

THIS LETTER FORMS PART OF THE CORNWALL COUNCIL 2021 REVIEW OF LICENSED VEHICLES AND SEEKS YOUR VIEWS IN LINE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE.

YOUR VIEWS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS AND WILL ASSIST CORNWALL COUNCIL AND OUR AGENTS LVSA IN ASSESSING POTENTIAL POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE LICENSING OF VEHICLES IN CORNWALL.

We need to hear from as many of you as possible in order to take into account your views and experiences of the taxi service across Cornwall.

This is your opportunity to express your views to an independent body. All our questions are designed to obtain the responses we need to complete as thorough an investigation as is practicable in assessing what the future might hold for licensed vehicle services in Cornwall.

Cornwall Council currently limit the number of hackney carriage vehicles in three zones - Carrick (Truro, Falmouth, Perranporth), Penwith (Penzance, St Ives, Hayle) and Restormel (Newquay and St Austell).

Neither the number of hackney carriage drivers nor any aspect of private hire vehicles or their drivers or operator numbers can be limited.

In February 2019 many of you kindly responded to a similar request. In normal times the 'unmet demand' review of the limit policy would have been repeated this year. The full review has however been delayed due the pandemic, but the Council considered it prudent to obtain updates from you about your current concerns and thoughts regarding hackney carriage and private hire provision from your local viewpoint.

We are seeking your views on the following:

- If you consider people in your area can get hackney carriages when and where they need them
- If there are any benefits arising from this limit
- If there are any problems arising from this limit
- If you are aware of any issues arising for provision of hackney carriages, private hire vehicles and drivers since the pandemic you would wish to alert us to from your local knowledge.

LVSA are undertaking this consultation on behalf of Cornwall Council Licensing and look forward to hearing from you, even if only for you to say you have no comment or the consultation is not appropriate (please explain why).

Please either complete online at www.ctstraffic.co.uk/cornwall21co

return by email to traderesponse@ctstraffic.co.uk

return by post to **Cornwall Licensed Vehicle Review 2021, CTS Traffic and Transportation, Unit 14 Aqueduct Mill, Aqueduct Street, PRESTON, PR1 7JN**

or by a telephone discussion (please leave a message on 01772 251400 giving your contact details.

Please add other comments by email or in the on-line boxes provided

We would appreciate responses no later than Monday 20th September 2021 at 17:00.

If you are unable to respond Monday 20 September 2021 please let us know when you could respond.

PLEASE answer all questions. If a question does not apply to you, please mark "N/A" (not apply)

Council:	Cornwall	Please tick the relevant box
Q1 Which local council do you represent? (please write in)		
Q2 Which area of Cornwall is your local council in?	<i>Carrick</i>	1
	<i>Penwith</i>	2
	<i>Restormel</i>	3
	<i>Kerrier</i>	4
	<i>Caradon</i>	5
	<i>North Cornwall</i>	6
Q3 Hackney carriages in Cornwall are registered for each of the six former authority areas and can only work in that area. Was your authority aware of this?	Yes	No
Q4 In three areas, the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences issued is limited. Was your authority aware of this?	Yes	No
Q5 Private hire vehicle licences and driver licence numbers are not limited and private hire vehicles can operate anywhere in Cornwall. Was your authority aware of this?	Yes	No
Q6 Can people living or visiting your council area get hackney carriages when and where they need them?	Yes	No
Q7 Does your authority support hackney carriages being organised into zones?	Yes	No
	No particular view	
Q8 Does your authority support hackney carriage vehicle numbers in your zone being limited?	Yes	No
	No particular view	
Q9 Are you aware of any issues in your authority area with taxi services arising from the pandemic (if so please give details)	Yes	No
	No particular view	
Q10 Are there any other matters about hackney carriage or private hire in your area of concern, or of note, you wish to tell us about? Please provide further details:	Yes	No
	No particular view	
Please feel free to add any further questions or comments. Thank you for your response.		