

Vehicle Age Restrictions (Neighbouring Authorities)

The information below has been provided by the local neighbouring authorities, this highlights the differences in age policies across the region.

East Cambs

- > No age limits exist.

Huntingdon District Council

- > No age limits exist.

Fenland District Council

- > No age limits exist.

South Kesteven

- > No age limits exist currently however, from July 2012
- > New vehicles up to 7 years
- > Upper age limit 10 years, or 12 years for purpose built vehicles.

South Holland District Council

- > No age limits exist for Private Hire Vehicles.
- > New Hackney Carriage Vehicles less than 5 years.
- > Hackney Carriage Vehicle upper limit 10 years.
- > For a Hackney Carriage Vehicle to be licensed after 10 years it must be in exceptional condition (mechanically and bodywork). If the vehicle fails its compliance test a report is issued by the compliance test centre stating the nature of the failure. The driver can appeal to licensing officers in order to keep the vehicle in service, if refused the decision can be appealed at the Magistrates Court.

Cambridge City Council

- > New vehicles up to 4 years
- > Upper age limit 8 years
- > The council use Euro Standards covering emissions (air quality management) to justify the age limits. They may consider using this standard to negate the requirement for the lower age limit.

Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

- > New vehicles as follows:
- > Up to 5 years or 60,000 miles
- > Up to 6 years or 55,000 miles
- > Up to 7 years with 45,000 miles requires authorised officer approval
- > Up to 4 years with 60,000+ miles requires authorised officer approval
- > Upper age limit 10 years, anything over must be in exceptional condition and requires approval by two authorised officers, if refused the decision can be appealed at the Magistrates Court.

Luton Borough Council

- > New vehicles Hackney and Private Hire less than 5 years at time of submission.
- > No upper limit for Private Hire Vehicles, at 7 years must pass annual inspection first time and be deemed exceptional condition.

- > No upper limit for Hackney Carriage Vehicles, at 15 years must pass annual inspection first time and be deemed exceptional condition.
- > All appeals must go through the Magistrates Court, none received so far.