



PHDF SUBMISSIONS REGARDING AGE LIMITS ON HACKNEYS

The Federation seeks only to increase the current age limit from 12 to 15 years on Peterborough hackney carriages, given that:

1. The downturn in the economy has resulted of a lower mileage of all vehicles and given the that all but a handful of hackney carriages are LTI TX2 or TX4 models, and the manufacturers promote the fact that their vehicles are built to run for at least 15 years in service, there is a case in favour of lengthening the licensing of hackney carriages.
2. The current testing every six months would closely monitor the condition of the vehicles and any detrimental issues of safety as it does at present. Obviously any safety issues that may be picked up would need to be dealt with as a part of the Certificate of Compliance in the normal way.

The Federation would not seek to alter the current three year limitation that presently exists and suggests that the status quo remains in this regard because:

3. A raising of the age limit any higher than the current three years would, we feel allow the flooding of the trade of 5 and 6 year old vehicles that fail to improve the fleet image of the hackney carriage business in Peterborough.
4. As each year passes, manufacturers are upgrading both the customer service elements of their vehicles particularly with regard to assisting the disabled and it is important the Peterborough has the benefit of new innovations in this regard and not have to wait for six years to upgrade the hackney fleet.

The Federation is also mindful of the need to also maintain the current three year age limitations on the private hire section of the trade to ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained overall in general for both sections of the trade and for the safety and peace of mind of the public and the council.

It is one of the Objects within the constitution of the Federation to improve standards and the safety of the travelling public in Peterborough.

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Peterborough is striving to become the Environment Capital of Britain and all Peterborough Licensed Hackney Cabs meet the stringent Euro III or Euro IV emissions requirements. So not only are they purpose built for the work they perform they are environmentally friendly too!!



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