

Comments on Upper Age for New Vehicles

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Vehicle age for new licences - Entry age comment

Cars now last and look presentable for much longer than in the past

When vehicle pass MOT why age condition

Cars are very reliable and are lower emissions than before. So, der cars will pollute less especially the hybrids

Due to cost of living is hard to get vehicle for first time licensed within current situation.

There is no work around to many taxis plus maximum Wolverhampton car working out in Leicester they get badge easy no age limit on them please the overhead

As long as the vehicle is fully maintained and regularly passes its MOT it should be given 9 years.

Because we financially struggling to buying a new car and these cars we have can go up till 10 years old

Many cars are well kept in good condition and safe to use as private hire.

As the vehicle goes through MOT checking in the recognizable council Garage. Nine years should be fine as long the Garage don't find any reason not to be given

Not much availability on second hand with current age policy on the market for hackney carriage so raising policy up to nine years there is a better chance to find

It is difficult in this financial struggle to keep and maintain newer cars and very expensive to buy and with business very slow, it's a struggle to maintain day to day

Expenses

"Cars are very expensive to buy.

Cost of living going up all the time thanks".

Cost of new vehicle has increased and it's very difficult to buy a vehicle of 5 years and pay instalments and pay our own bills due to other council allowing vehicles

Finance situation

Being a 6-year-old car will still comply as euro 6 emissions and rather vehicle should be immaculate on inspection

"Taxi vehicles are always well maintained due to trade requirements.it is the main source of Driver income to live on .

I believe 7 years old Vehicle are financially reasonable to afford when the Driver old vehicle licence expires/certain age ."

It has become very difficult to purchase a new vehicle as a driver it has become impossible to save for a new vehicle or meet the payment instalments.

although newer car in theory less likely to break down, important to maintain is key factor if the car in good condition and roadworthy and passes test that's what matters age should not matters, as without shadow of doubt we are all aware that price of second hand/new car has rocketed in recent years and has become

For replacement vehicles. But if hackney carriage is an insurance write- off. Then this vehicle should be able to be replaced with a hackney carriage of the same age

As a driver in Leicester, we are facing major pressure from our local council however all Wolverhampton' private hire are allowed to be in Leicester, with any age of

Because this time is very hard for taxi drivers we can't afford it under 5 years car.

The financial cost of used cars has increased over the last few years.

Price of new cars have gone more expensive.

Dear Sir see in Leicester Wolverhampton PHV and they issue more than ten years , I think it's unfair with Leicester taxi driver we got very harsh policies that's why

Dear officer as you know everything is gone really expensive it's not easy to buy any car which is 4 to 5 years old so please help us out and extent this up to 7 years

Some cars are in very good condition at that age so if it meets all requirements it will make it easier for drivers if they struggle financially and want to use a car for 1

"We do not earn enough money to

Be able to afford to buy another car.

There are cars from other cities which are operating in the city.

Hackney cars have more liberties on the roads than private hire and therefore they earn more money."

The price of second-hand Hybrid and Electric cars make them uneconomic to bring into Private hire. The devaluation that occurs on these vehicles is another massive loss that the driver occurs. Fares have dropped due to a high number of cars working and Uber and Bolt competing for customers. So, drivers need a I see this as an average and decent amount of time for a first plate. A car needs to be of good standing and in theory at least, no vehicle should deteriorate to a bad Myself I granted my first license in December, and I cannot afford to rent or buy a 5 years old car to start working.

Not everyone can afford to buy a car once a lower age has been reached.

Because all licensed taxi are fit to run

All my life I have driven second hand vehicles that are between 10-17 years old and found them to be quite reliable as long as they are well maintained. Taxi's have to have a special MOT test and undergo rigorous testing anyway. I much rather sit in an older taxi and pay less in taxi fares. Newer vehicles cost more (including Vehicle no older than 5 years are very expensive, I don't mind if renewal don't change, but a 6/7 years old still very good condition to be plated.

Vehicle affordability

To make it more affordable to upgrade your vehicle.

Has the cost of living is going higher it is difficult for the driver to get the new car under the age of 5 years and because of this 5 years policy driver are going to The vehicle now days are good quality and most of 10 year old vehicles are still drive like new

I think the current age is sufficient

The vehicles are made far better and top of that people are struggling financially.

At least drivers can afford to buy car .

It's very expensive to buy cars less years old and people are under financial pressure

Because of hard time

It's very expensive to buy a newer vehicle, also maintenance cost more for new Hybrid vehicles. In addition Leicester city drivers feeling we are left over while "the cost of buying new vehicles and all the operators rent and cost of fuel. It's hard to save money to buy new vehicle less than five years old. Unless the new Please match with Wolverhampton council rules because majority of cars used as taxi they all licenced by Wolverhampton council so it's not fair to leicester plate Now a days 9 year old vehicles are in very expensive and also in very good condition and moderns with all the modern specs and euro 6 as well . so many other Would like the to be as old as 8 years because ist cheaper for is to buy a car for 8 years q

Extending the vehicle age will ease the pressure as more option will be available in the market.

Cars are more expensive and they are better quality builds.

There are a lot of very good older cars especially WAV cars that are low mileage and in excellent condition. This make me purchasing the vehicle affordable.

It fair that vehicles can be 6 years old because most of them will be new and safe

People can't afford it to buy 4years or under the 4years. It's hard to earn money in taxi it's not a joke anymore. Council is ripping people off

As our vehicles are strictly tested by council mot testers and this guarantees that the vehicle is roadworthy and should be ok to be driven so it doesn't matter how old the vehicle is and this also gives comfort to the driver spending a fortune while buying a new vehicle where there is no much of business left in the industry As the cost of living is so high it's not affordable to buy newer cars . Also these cars are get checked every six months by council anyway so age should be irrelevant.

ULEZ CARS WERE COMPULSORY FOR DIESEL CARS SOLD HERE IN UK AFTER 2015

We can get nice car with good price

Euro 6 was after 2015 registered vehicles in UK

So driver can afford purchase

It's due to the affordability

First license of up to 8 years vehicle is reasonable in good condition and roadworthy. Also affordable for driver to purchase. Also leicester city license vehicle have Leave as its

If a vehicle can pass the test should be allowed in service .

7 years old car will be easy to buy. Cars are too expensive at the moment and coming years prices will be increased.

Mileage has to be considered. You could have a 9 yr old car with low mileage that's more reliable than a 5 yr old car with higher mileage.

All driver can afford on the price of the vehicle

Due to financial difficulties can't afford to change new vehicle

There is so many Wolverhampton driver working in Leicester, taxi trade is finish need to do long hours, for just only basic money, sometimes working under minimum wages, getting 5 years old vehicle cost us £25k this is very hard time we can't afford this in taxi business, thank you

Please reduce age or even remove age limit please. I have a licence but not Taxi ing at the moment because I can not afford a car to taxi with and would make no financial sense. I have 2 car which are more than suitable however they are too old for city council. It really frustrates me because if I had a Wolverhampton plate it would be ok. And this is why we have had a flood of Wolverhampton taxi's. I try and do the right thing by getting a license where I live in correct borough however

A job of a Taxi driver is difficult already, they work unsociable hours, they have to deal either drunken and aggressive customers they make sure every member of Reduces unnecessary waste of vehicles and carbon footprint as a country

New cab so expensive to buy and not many manufacturers make them anymore. We found very difficult to replace.Thanks

The car are very expensive and the taxi fare is so low, living cost going up day by day

As you know the prices of vehicles are not affordable and fares by major companies are still same so to be in business and to serve public.

Hi dear sir or madam it's really heard for us in this period of cost of leaving everything is very expensive and it's heard for us to buy a new car with any type of finance because banks are asking us to pay 12%interest so it's very hard for us to pay bills and cost of living and buying.thank you

For a safe journey taxi vehicle should be modern up to date

Wolverhampton Council give more then 12 years old car. So why we not do. They can work leicester city and anywhere else. This is the very hard time gor the taxi business and other aswell. You need to see the people how survival in this country the every bills and petrol prices and gas and electricity gone is high where can

Our wages split between 2 more Wolverhampton drivers now can't earn enough money to buy new car

Vehicles are really expensive as it is. This rule will take the pressure of expenses. The vehicles are tested every 6 months already, so there isn't a chance of a broken vehicle. This will also allow the council to attract people back to Leicester and reduce the expenses and increase the budget for the council.

Price of second hand cars have increased out of control

It's getting harder to save money for a new car or a car under 6 years old as the taxi business is getting harder day by day.

I am a taxi driver and I have to buy a car again this year. I simply cannot afford it. It is very tough with petrol prices and reduced taxi rates in the city. This is causing a strain on my whole life literally. I would have to get finance and the repayments are so high I simply cannot break even. 5 years is a lot to ask for. I understand you "because of driver is finding very difficulty for money for new vehicle."

I renew my licence 3rd time I never done taxi because of I can't manage to buy a 5 years old vehicle because it's too much expensive to get a 5 years old vehicle for taxi. If council help out in that situation."

Cost of living is too high and we can get used cars a bit cheaper if it's seven years old

Buying a 5 year old second hand car become so expensive. Also other councils doesn't meet the current criteria and they are safely operating in our city limits. Car is very expensive these days

Cars up to 9 years old are still safe for public transport.

Vehicle currently on the road with city council plates are maintained well and most good vehicles have a very long shelf life some as long as 15-20 years

Leicester city taxi licence private hire holders are competing with Wolverhampton licence holders. In Wolverhampton, there is no limit period for first period.

So that drivers are able to afford reliable cars for longer periods.

Safety. Some of the taxis that are 5 years are as good as it is. Only thing is you should do something about all the plates from out of town, esp Wolverhampton!! To

Over the decades car manufacturing, safety and comfort has become robust which means life expectancy of a car is much more than before. For this reason older cars are reliable and therefore the expectation of a newer car should be decreased. Further, older cars are more affordable for drivers improving their options to it's very hard to save money for new vehicles.

Most vehicles are fairly reliable now and with regular maintenance they will easily pass any taxi tests

This will allow first time drivers to be able to afford a vehicle as well as other costs associated with putting the vehicle on the road that meets all standards.

It's difficult to spend thousands of Pounds on a new car for new license holders.

A five years or less old car is not affordable at the moment as the cost of the car is too high. Extending it to eight years will make drivers' life easier.

The cost of buying a vehicle are too high

This could mean that if we want to start or resume work on a different non license vehicle, we could easily find a suitable car.

Cars are now very expensive to buy outright and interest rates are too high if financed, so this would allow a driver to go for a now 2 owner 4-7 years old rather

People can afford to change new vehicle

Not much work

Vehicles are too expensive to buy. You should be able to get an 8 year old vehicle to last at least half of 15 year life which I would like the life of vehicle.

It will bring positive response to current hardship faced by many aspirants who simply cannot afford huge car loan conditions in order to work as a taxi driver.

As we are in the middle of cost of living crisis it will be good if you extend it to 9 years'

Expensive cars

Can't afford to buy a new car due to high interest if buy on finance

for new license it is fair to ensure the vehicle used is to high standards and relatively new.

As the price of vehicle has increased I think it is to be extended no order than eight years.

It's very expensive to buy new car

As the cars are tested twice a year this should not be an issue. If they fail a test for a major issue do not let it be represented. If you buy a car say 1 year old driver then run them for 10 years. That's 500k miles. Very few driver can keep the standards require to keep it safe with this amount of use. We ow a garage so we can

I have a 2012 Renault traffic the has covered over 450,000 miles. That has had to go to Wolverhampton council due to your 11 year policy. While using the vehicle customers often comment on how comfortable the vehicle is compared to newer vehicles they have travelled in. I will also add reliability is 100x better than newer vehicles 2019 and 2020 plates that have broken down or had issues over the summer. The 2012 vehicle ran for 3 days solid with 4 drivers covering the work of the So that it is affordable for the drivers when purchasing second hand vehicles

Taxi driver have more choice and save money

This is a great opportunity for us to express our concern regarding our vehage policy.

As you know in our city and maybe notice that many leicester city privhire taxi licence switching to other city councils like Wolverhampton, ashfield, rutland and more to come. Its is not fair for us to buy new cars which it costs at least over 15000 pounds but for Wolverhampton they can buy older cars and still work in the We feel like ,we have been put a side by city council. Rules are strict on us but for Wolverhampton not.

Lastly has ever city council thought about putting limits on other city council private hire vehicle (Wolverhampton, ashfield, rutland)?

Appreciate city council for this survey and hopefully they will listen to us."

I always use a taxi and the age of the taxi does not matter as long as it is clean and working in good condition. Other cars that are similar or even older are still on I am working 7 days a week last 6 years only one holidays for 2 weeks I bought Ford procab 6 years ago brand new I was paying 616 £ every month for last 5 years which one was cost me 44k In total same Ford procab now 60k to 65 k which is not affordable it's so much struggling honestly we can buy nicer good looking taxi in

Affordable for drivers

Newer cars are very expensive and it puts a lot of financial pressure on top of other domestic costs. If the car meets the standards then in my view extending the There are old car well maintain and with good mileage which can be use as taxi

The reason I have said to extend it to 7 years is purely for financial reason. If we keep it to the current vehicle age of 5 years. We will have to invest minimum of £17,000,00 for a vehicle that is 5 years old. In my opinion to invest £17,000,00 is way to much. And in this current climate who has that kind of money. So drivers If Wolverhampton city council vehicles can drive in Leicester 10 years old or more than that so LCC vehicles age limit should reduce too for new vehicle..

As every one knows inflation is to high now people are struggling to make end meets , many businesses closing down , no work . Not fare to put pressure on self Far enough for public servants no need of new laws on them. It's hard time now for everyone struggling.

If we have vehicle age 9 years for new plating or even 11-12years for new plating would be affordable for drivers in this hard time and will help council as well as Wolverhampton council allows vehicles age 11years 6 months. Please consider same for Leicester drivers

Because living standards are becoming very expensive, and it's getting harder to buy under 5 years old car

If it passes a vosa test i.e. Charnwood council vehicle can be licensed until it fails a test

Driver can't afford to buy new vehicle because of too many Taxis

We cannot afford to buy a expensive car car with five years old minimum. We have to spend 20 grand please if you can make it seven or eight years

Drivers are very difficult to buy the vehicle

Because we drive a lot that's why we need a car in good condition to use as a Taxi. And also will be under warranty.

"Hi I am a private hire driver, as you know my fellow licensing team the cost of living is keep going up and in this time most of drivers we can't afford to purchase new vehicle or under five years old as they are really expensive , and most of the driver trying to buy a diesel car which are not good for our city too, if driver have Please look into a . And thanks for giving us the option to comment ,

Drivers finding it difficult to save money for a new vehicle.

More affordable

"Due to cost of living and increase price of the vehicles by extending it will take a lot of financial pressure from Driver

Also, we have other councils vehicle operating in our city with an older car less inspection. They are also providing service to the same public which we do as a Financial problems

I have private hire licenced from other council because of the limted vehicle age for leicester city council so if its 9 years the age of the vehicle then a lot of drivers To purchase a vehicle less then 8 years would be too expensive.

It is hard to buy newer vehicle in this difficult time.

Living costs gone up and it's difficult to save for newer cars.

Taxi industry is struggling since 2019 after covid and living cost crisis very hard to ssurvive we can't afford anymore pressure living cost gone up. Please understand leaving cost crisis

"Taxi Driver always maintains their vehicle on daily basis and the trade has already get down because of competition with Uber n Wolverhampton .

We can afford to buy 8 years old vehicles as I mentioned earlier all taxi are well maintained by all drivers"

Because texi industries is struggling living crises especially after covid pendamic

Drivers are finding it very difficult to save money for a new vehicle

THIS CAN MAKE IT MORE AFFORDBALE TO BUY CARS

Many drivers are facing difficulties in collecting enough funds to purchase a new car.

There are older cars that are in better condition than newer ones

It's difficult to find a new taxi

Cars need to be reasonably old, you should have age limit what we have now is reasonable

Day bye day taxi business down expenses over under 5 years new taxi bye very expensive not offered to buy

because they is more options to buy older taxis

Taxis are very expensive and due to cost of living, it is very hard. My taxi was written off (third party fault). Due to the the rules, I had to buy a new van which was out of my budget. There should be a rule which allows for me to buy a similar reg vehicle. Unfortunately, not everyone has 30-40k in savings to buy a new vehicle
Drivers are finding it very difficult to save money for a new vehicle

Vehicle has to be pass by the city council mot station. If vehicle is not roadworthy then no licence will be issue to the vehicle.

8 yr old car is still a new car most private hire drivers will look for a low mileage car. And most 8 yr car are still under a 10 yr dealership warranty. So most will be "Private Hire license drivers registered with LCC seem to Suffer with cost implementation more then other councils private hire license holders.

Good example of this is the price of a new vehicle every five years as currently stated. It is more difficult for Leicester private license holders to sustain financial
Affordability for taxi drivers

Affordability. My car has broken down and I have not been working as I cannot afford to buy a car which is 5years old.

Conditions is vehicles in good condition and below then 60000 miles

New taxis prices are too high

New greener cars to be used. Not old ones

You haven't given me the option of a different criteria. Surely it should be based on emissions, safety rating (NCAP), mileage for new registrations, seating and expensive to replace vehicle

To make vehicle age a flat 5 years all round for new and renewals. also only vehicles registered by Leicester City Council or Leicestershire County Council to be Wolverhampton has no entry age level they have cars up and down the country with no issues, it's makes it affordable to work as replacing the car has become
A vehicles age should not be relevant but its condition is. I ride a bicycle the frame of which is 40 years old. Just about everything else has been changed over the
"Taxis should hygiene cleaned, heaters should be in full working condition for passengers.

Drives should be polite with their customers passengers."

Council is going to bankrupt and taxi driver money may save it for a few weeks

I consider the safety of the public paramount and to travel in older vehicles could prove dangerous.

It's hard times right now, especially after covid, and there's no more cabs in production. Can't afford the new cabs, will be very difficult for work.

Drier will save some money in this financial crisis

They are very struggling, and the drivers do not have much work going, even in town, it's hard times right now, especially after covid, and there's no more cabs in production. They won't be able to afford the new cabs, will be very difficult for work. Some of the drivers are depressed as well and as a family member it is very
Because inter 5 years old vehicles very expensive

I have given this reason because prices of vehicles have gone up and it sometimes put us under pressure when getting a vehicle.

Being responsible and reasonable to public service

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT PEOPLE THINK SOULSBYS DICTATORSHIP WILL DO WHAT THEY WANT

It's just fine as it is.

DRIVERS CAN NO LONGER PAY NEW CARS, BECAUSE THE PRICE IS HIGHTH.

Cost of buying Vehicles, like everything, has gone through the roof. I'm a person on my own, paying a mortgage, and bills, this is making extreme difficult to buy a
To help drives with current finance issues

"Newer vehicles should be encouraged that meet more stringent emissions targets. The percentage of black cabs that are of the latest environmental standards
Newer vehicles will reduce the number of cabs and hence provide more income for each driver. There are too many black cabs at present."

Fairly help for drivers to cover himself financially.

With cost of living going up, taxi driver are struggling to pay for newer car.. other councils have more age on the car.. I think leicester city need to change it. To
It should be low up to 10 years old. Coz expenses of running a taxis are too much and fares are not increasing due to competitive nature off this business. If you
look at the car prices, fuel prices and other expenses. Driver are not gonna survive and you have to work like donkey for long hours to meet ends. Eventually it's
Car is expensive and uber has finish the taxi trade. And now all cars coming hybrid and electric

It is very hard to get taxi

For driver help like me coz I have problem for new vehicle can't afford to by and at moment is work is slowe hard to living on top of that everyday new law try put
Help for financial issues.

Financial issues

my partner is taxi driver but we can't afford to by other hard to live coz living is very expensive now day everything is gone up with price on top by other vehicles

To help drivers with financial issues

Help drivers to earn a decent living in time of cost of living crisis

"There is a shortage of taxi drivers to do school runs,400 special needs children could now have transport in Leicester. For confirmation of this figure speak to social
Many new drivers can not afford newer cars, if they did have to purchase a newer car it will mean more income,less out goings for the driver in this cost of living
crisis, more disposable income means he spends more money therefore helping businesses and the generation of more profit to others,which could lead to more
You the decision maker have the power to change people's lives if you applied common sense instead of thinking in the box."

B coz this days living expenses is very high. Foe example. If I won't by 5 yrs older vehicle. Then it's costing more then 9 years older vehicle. So that way i can save

"to reduce emissions, clean air, new cars, technology, cost, human cost

improve air quality by reducing the number of vehicles. reduce harmful nitrogen dioxide pollution. oldest, are most polluting vehicles, reduce dependance on cars

Give more chance to taxi drivers to afford their own vehicle.

Can't afford to buy another car

cars are too expensive. other councils allow over 10 years. how can you expect us spend nearly 20k for a hybrid car.

Electric cars are very expensive for buying and maintenance. Imagine about a price of a electric black cab. £ 70 000. 20% is £14 000 yearly. £ 14 000 can be my

Help to taxi driver for current finance issues

Because quality of the vehicle matters anyway u gonna check them regularly so age doesn't matters

This is due to financial issues that taxi drivers face due to having to buy a new vehicle.

Think after 7 years, too much wear and tear

"At this very hard time that the price of everything is going up everyday the Taxi and Private Hire Drivers straggling to cope with everyday leaving cast.

This well help them to get ahead with the cast of leaving."

It will help drivers financially

Good for everyone to afford

We also only need leicester plated cars there are times of other city's taxis in leicester

Costs to operators need to be lowered for sustainability

We are making less money than minimum wages after expense, cant afford expensive cars

Wolverhampton allows older cars they don't have problems 35000 cars plated

This will help the hard working drivers to save some money to cope with living cost.

Vehicles of this age will have lower emissions.

A vehicle 9 years old with low mileage is probably in better condition than a vehicle 5 years old with high mileage.

Other council like sheffield, Manchester, sefton, Wolverhampton they allow cars up to 11 years old to be licenced for first time. Leicester need to think it does not

I feel that the current age of vehicle licenses is too high because the car prices are so expensive. It makes it really difficult to manage the expenses as it is not

Second hand car prices gone up

"There is already a big outlay to become a taxi driver.

If the vehicle is lawfully fit, the council should not be adding another hoop to jump through in these tough times."

They are being regularly tested at the mot station. If the vehicle is deemed not fit for purpose the vehicle must be replaced.

"It caused so much hardship for Black Cab taxi drivers when the 5 yrs was brought in.... Made the choice in Leicester less and gave Uber etc a chance to get in on

The taxis need to be safe with well trained staff - surely it's them you need to ask the advice of! As usual the actual people who do the job were ignored and here's

There is nothing wrong with old vehicles as long as they are properly maintained.

I find it very hard to buy new taxi as trade is slow and there are not many taxis on sale

Aslong as vehicle is clean and passes mot or taxi Compliance test what matter the age of the vehicle aslong as its fit for purpose well maintained and passes then

there should be no problem as specified drivers from wolverhampton only have 1 mot no compliance tests and can used up to 12 years of age I'm not a

Affordable for drivers good for council

Hard time for earning money

Financial situation inflation

The cost of vehicles has increased massively even second hand. You should have a level playing field with Wolverhampton

As new vehicle are more expensive thus way because drivers would not be able to buy in this financial insanity.

help drivers

We need newer, less polluting vehicles on the road and taxis make up a big bulk in the city centre

More choice for find the new car

"1. To give new applicants less financial burden as the vehicle even new from manufacturer still goes through detailed and regents MOT testing before licencing .

2. To be in line with the renewal age limit of the vehicle"

Five years is ideal as on a rolling basis, it takes account of technology changes and emission reduction legislation.

Affordability

"More affordable for driver as current costs of living are high and everyone is financially struggling, most taxi drivers/private hire drivers can't afford a car less than buying cost of newer vehicles is too high at the time where cost of living has increased.

Cost of living crisis and vehicle insurance on the rise let alone cost and maintenance of a new vehicle

Car will be available with reasonable price

Cars are built to last when working in the motor industry I can assure you that along as a car is maintained to a high level why should we have to have age limits especially with the cost if cars it's okay for people who work in offices shops to get a car of any age but the financial pressure is on for us to afford a car under 5

"Newer vehicles are expensive. Not affordable for that reason I had to stop taxing. Drivers residing in Leicester while holding other council drivers badge and vehicle plates are working in this city while Leicester city badge holders had to give up because the trade has been affected. As per for Leicester city council have to buy 5 yrs old vehicle is not affordable."

Cost of buying a new vehicle is too high

"Less financial pressure on drivers

Anyway most of 9 years vehicles are less emissions"

It is very hard for me to get finance for a new car

Buying costs of newer cars is too high. This eventually passes onto customers which is difficult in times of living crises. Keeping taxis for longer will help

In starting up a new self employed business any new taxi driver needs to invest in having an environmentally safe vehicle on the road. A fall in demand of

Any euro 6 vehicle which the oldest is around 9 years old at the moment

There is a need to balance the need for new, often environmentally cleaner cars, with the ability of taxi drivers to be able to afford vehicles to provide their services

I am sick and tired of following diesel taxis belching out black smoke. How have these cars passed MOT's. Something is very wrong as I frequently see this in Leicester. No doubt some may be registered outside of Leicester however, where seen to be smoking excessively the police should be pulling them over and sending them for retest. Although it's impossible to legislate for every eventuality by reducing taxi age we stand the best chance of cleaning up the environment.

with cost of leaving people find difficult to spend money on taxi to buy. even if older vehicle properly maintain and safe and pass mot thn its ok to drive

"I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of extending the approval for older vehicles in our city. Affordability is a key factor that significantly influences the choices available to drivers. Without this extension, many may be compelled to opt for private hire licenses in Wolverhampton, which could have implications

Your consideration in extending the approval for older vehicles would not only support the financial well-being of drivers but also contribute to the overall stability of our local transportation network. I kindly urge the council to take into account the challenges faced by drivers and the potential impact on our community if this

The cost of vehicles are so much and with the cost of living keep rising it is making it impossible. The biggest impact is allowing other cities to work in our city there

No point in doing anything with rules for Leicester, if cabbies can still go and get a Wolverhampton license and driving in Leicester!

All meet euro 5,emissions.

I am suggesting this as the vehicle manufacturer guidelines says that it's safe to use vehicle of that age.

Because second hand car are expensive to buy so 7 year old car is less expensive then a 5 year

The cost of second hands vehicles have drastically increased. Therefore by extending this age limit makes it more affordable for drivers in the industry.

Everything is costly nowadays because of inflation.

Cars nowadays are of good quality and last longer, it doesn't make sense that perfectly working cars aren't eligible. It's an unnecessary cost to already high costs

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To help drivers with current finance issues

No sufficient availability second hand vehicle in market.

It's possible to get very good condition car with 9 years old, less milages and affordable prices.

To help taxi drivers in making their living

Other councils allow any age

"If re licensing requires the vehicle to be no older than 11 years then that should apply to new licences too.

As a user of black cabs it's unfortunate that their numbers are on the decline but they offer good value and the ability to pay cash for customers who are digitally

The price of 2nd hand cars has changed considerably since 2020. As long as a car is in good condition with up to date MOT & servicing there is no reason why it

If a car is roadworthy and passes its local mot and local taxi mot then there shouldn't be any restrictions on the age of the car. In the current times when businesses are affected and we are in cost of living crisis, this would help the taxi drivers immensely and for them to continue to provide services. Current policy which from iv

Because all the cars licensed as taxis are regularly inspected by council

Cost of living, newer vehicles are not affordable.

"The cost of replacing vehicles has been increasing since the pandemic.

Vehicles especially the hybrid/ euro 6

Have held value and to replace with respectable mileage vehicles means paying in excess of £18000

Takes on average 4 years to pay if working 40hrs average shift. Also all vehicles after 2016 are ULEZ making replacing them more feasible."

Currently drivers struggling through living cost crisis !!!Second most important factor Wolverhampton council taxi drivers actual killer for City Black Cab And Private

Other council do it and expense goes too high while income goes low so help us and every six months council do mot for vehicle health then age not a problem

As long as the car is well maintained and has a taxi badge. It is safe to use and economical for everyone

9 years first plating and 15years for renewal.

"Second hand cabs are very difficult to find and due to this, there has been a big rise in the prices.

The amount of work has also dropped as there are more taxis on the road and competing companies such as Uber / Bolt and other local companies have made the

Due to the extra work required to survive, as taxi drivers, this is affecting our health and mental wellbeing and we also do not get to spend enough time with our

The taxis have to go through 2 MOTs a year and the inspection is very thorough therefore, I believe that if they are passing inspection then they are safe and good

I appreciate that the council is very focused on public safety but I think there needs to be some form of care for the drivers also."

"As a person with taxi drivers in my family, I understand the struggles that these limitations have on the health and wellbeing of taxi drivers.

Work is slow, taxis are very expensive, Covid has affected many and the limitations do not help.

I believe by extending the vehicle age for new licenses to (no older than nine years) and extending the vehicle age for renewal of licenses to (no older than 15

It's very hard to buy second hand taxi as there are not many on market

Because new black cap taxi are very expensive

As a private hire licence holder it's very difficult for us to buy a new car also there is many different councils are working in leicester with old age cars and its not because this time any cars are very expensive

Because it is very expensive to buy new car. If a bit older it cheaper

"As you can see people can not afford buying new age vehicles as its expensive and if council agreed for nine year old than at least some people like me use same car which already have and no need to buy new one. There is not many jobs and struggling to meet daily expenses as we all going to really hard time.

Thank you in advance if you consider our request for extended vehicles age for private hire."

The car is too expensive.

can't afford vehicle

Drivers had difficulty collecting enough funds to buy a new one.

Due to high interest on purchasing new or used vehicles on finance the costing of vehicle plus other expenses is unsustainable to continue doing,

I realise that at present the cost of someone who offers taxi services are struggling to make a living

It's very high cost and very hard to buy a new car especially a taxi

The cars are very expensive nowadays and the demand is low

Thanks for your survey regarding vehicle age policy for taxis.

I think if city council extends for 8 years is good. The taxi business is really low and hard to make money because you may be aware that how many Wolverhampton taxis running in Leicester. They use older cars but for us it's hard to buy new car no older than 5 years for time plating.

Hopefully they will agree to extend to 8 years and look into policy for allowing Wolverhampton vehicles license who work in Leicester."

"Be fair to the all the drivers as Wolverhampton council allows 12 years and you allowed those vehicle to run in Leicester. Whereas Leicester city Council licence

Where does your law fit to this situation.

Please be fair. If you don't want older vehicles be on the road then do not allow Wolverhampton plated vehicle in Leicester."

Vehicles are well maintained and replacing them costs a fortune

DRIVERS ARE STRUGGLING TO BUY NEW CARS AND VERY EXPENSIVE.

New vehicle cost very expensive. It is very difficult to put an effort and finance for complete new modern vehicles. But must still need to keep the high standards

New Electric and Hybrid vehicles are very expensive.

this is very hard to offer because the expensive is very high now

Because all the second hand black cap is very expensive.

Its very hard to buy second hand taxi as there are not many on market vehicle age for renewal licence

Please reduce the taxi age when it's first registered so it will make easier for driver to find a car with low emissions and they can afford.

"Hard to buy new car under five years

More expensive"

Any car under 12 years old should be able licence, as you must be aware many councils across UK providing this threshold.

Car prices and inflation is too high

Cost of living is too high and people can not afford by new high model cars

More chances of getting a taxi which is 5 year or. More

Cost living is very high. Very difficult to save up for a new car

Cars are more emission friendly and last longer. Also with the rise of cost of living it is hard to make a living

"The taxi i have to replace was (LD12 Z R E)

And it was a in very good conditions,keep it maintenance was 100% with all the records

While in others towns seen older then that still on the road? In Derby,Birmingham,

Coventry,and so many other towns it's only in Leicester was 11years policy?"

Age is not relevant. Cost, comfort and safety are. As long as the car is in good condition, clean and safe that is fine. Requiring newer cars will only make life harder

We need more taxis and it will allow more leeway

This days we can't afford to buy a car less than five year's old, inflation to high also there is no business in taxi like use to be 11 years ago. Better to look at it otherwise Leicester city Council will be losing all the drivers except black cap drivers because Wolverhampton Council doing a better than anywhere else Council.i

Taxi are well maintained vehicles and 8 years old are affordable specially after pendamic prices raised and difficult to buy 5 years old vehicles.

To help the driver

It is difficult for drivers to afford newer/less old cars, especially with the cost of living crisis and inflation.

We always buy import cars that are in fantastic condition very low mileage but its very difficult to find cars 5 years or less 8 oe 9 would be better for us

In my eyes whether newly licensed or relicensed it doesn't really make a difference to the vehicle condition and therefore it shouldn't really be a deciding factor in the policy. Extending the vehicle age for new licenses to more closely match renewals makes sense. I chose the highest option given but would even suggest or

Because new cars are expensive

Because newer cars are expensive

If the car is well maintained and in good condition then it should be licensed

Help to earn and work private hire taxis drivers

BECAUSE THESE DAYS ITS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND A SECOND-HAND VEHICLE

Need more black cabs feel safer using them

I think it's fare for new drivers to start with 5 years old vehicles.

More opportunities to get a good vehicle in less value and easily.

If having a new license you must have a new taxi. Utilising older vehicles will not be maintained

easy to buy and more ôtions is available.

Due to shortage and Hackney cabs gone too expensive

5 years seems correct, seeing older taxis bad image for city

Because of cost to buy a vehicle.

It very hard to buy new taxi

allow more vehicle to be eligible

Not affordable vehicle in the market

To buy a new car(vehicle age of less than 5 years for new licence in Leicester) to be used as a private hire cost too much. Other council drivers can buy cars at an affordable price due to the permitted vehicle age for new licence for that particular council. So starting taxi driver with private hire licence or renewing the vehicle

Vehicles last longer, but make them have an mot every 3 months instead of 6 month

The the cost of living crisis means I would struggle to buy a new vehicle

Vehicle age doesn't necessarily mean a bad Vehicle and taxi drivers business and livelihood needs protection. As long as the vehicle has an mot and in good, safe

While age may be a decent proxy for the state of the vehicle, there is no reason why an old car cannot be just as safe as a new one. Surely the MOT and council

Reduce to 4 years in line with MOT requirement

Given that every other taxi I see in Leicester is licensed, for some unknown reason, in Wolverhampton anything that the Council want to do in Leicester is irrelevant. I have raised this issue with the Council and have yet to receive an answer as to the underlying reason. I can only assume, therefore, that licensing

Everything is expensive

To maintain the numbers and reduce the proportion licenced in Wolverhampton.

I urge the council to reevaluate the initial vehicle registration age, proposing an extension from 5 to 9 years. The taxi industry has witnessed a decline in earnings, coupled with a surge in living expenses and vehicle prices. As I contemplate transitioning from a diesel to a hybrid taxi, the prohibitive costs of acquiring a hybrid Initial outlay for new driver becomes prohibitive and is stopping people joining who may otherwise be able to with an old but safe car.

The authority should focus emissions only policy and age is irrelevant. No age limit but emission levels that's important

Hi it would be nice if we had a extension please because it is very expensive to even buy a second hand taxi nowadays and very hard to get because not many on

It is very hard to get taxi

i know taxis need 2 mots a year and i think as long as they are clean and tidy and warm and pass the mot conditionsthat they should be able to work.

Car markets expensive

You can purchase a 7/8 year old vehicle that has low mileage. Some 2/3 year old cars have over 100,000 As long as they are kept safe and they have their regular I am having a Toyota auris 14 reg from nearly 2016 .Touchwood I did normal services and just changed tyres. That why I strongly support as per my experience plus "8 years old car is almost new and good conditions. It will help Driver to save on investment.

As everything expensive and buying newer vehicles cost more. The jobs are not busy and getting more driver on road is distributed the jobs to all drivers.

So earning has reduced very dramatically. It is not possible to pay finance on car and all other cost.

It will be like only working to pay for cars finance, maintenance and insurance. Nothing to take home, feed family and pay bills."

Due the difficulties during COVID -19, the rise in the cost of living and because we are struggling to source these taxi's as well, as they are not manufacturing many taxi's. The only ones that are available are brand new ones and they are electric taxis. These are really expensive and not affordable and expensive at the

To be fair with drivers

These days vehicle manufacturers using good technology hybrids vehicles have a low vibration in engine no pollution fully electric is moor good so I think with

Newer Vehicles are just not affordable.

Very difficult for drivers to save money for new cars as cost of living is to high and inflation went up as well.

This could be a great help for drivers less than five years cars are very expensive

It's a very very expensive to hybrid cars for 5 yrs old.

since Covid, not only are the trade struggling to recover, but the price of second hand vehicles has soured to unrealistic levels, entry age of vehicles should be based more on condition and emissions, not on age, this would open up the availability of a wider range of vehicles, and therefore allow the trade to continue.

There are many taxis which seem to be poorly maintained and pollute the environment. They should either be maintained properly or replaced as more recent

Driver very difficult to save money for vehicle

5 years is a good safety check after the requirements for 1st MOT to a new vehicle at 3 years

Most vehicles are well designed and safe .

As long as a taxi has met service and MOT requirements (as all other vehicles on the road) it should not be subject to additional restrictions.

As long as a taxi is in a safe and good working condition and has a valid MOT certificate what does it matter how old it is? We have a man who is 75 years old and past the retirement age! Has been in a position of mayor for more years than he should have been! Is it not time he was removed?! There has to be logic and

If the vehicle age for new licences is increased it will result in more taxis being on the roads and increasing congestion. It will also make a mockery of the council's

These vehicles cover more miles than most others and therefore wear and tear takes its toll.

"I've chosen the middle option.

I want taxis to be available and safe. It's ok with me if they are shabby."

Cars are too expensive and taxi trade falling down and too much taxis in city specially wolverhampton cars

"Many of the hackney carriages and vehicles currently being used are older with very poor emissions standards. Leicester is one of the most congested and worst

Extending the age of vehicles would be a step backwards in terms of protecting childrens health a development and I feel measures to ensure clean air need to be new vehicles are low emission

There are already some dubious vehicles in service, to extend the already aged start use date would be putting more people's lives at risk.

"It's very hard to earn money right now on Taxi business

Due to high cost of living everybody want to save money if you increase the age of vehicle.at least we get some relief for future. And if you see Wolverhampton

That's reason most of people taking license from Wolverhampton city and driving in Leicester city so they having advantage.

So please think about

Thank you very much"

A vehicle is a vehicle

As everyone is aware, we are in the recession and cost of living has gone up. People aren't using many taxis as before so it is hard for the drivers as it is to earn for their families. And to buy a new vehicle in these times will just add to the pressure. Having the age of the vehicle extended will at least ease off that pressure from

In a recession not feasible to purchase a newer vehicle

To help the drivers

Due to newer vehicles are very expensive

The Taxi MOT under the council verifying the vehicle every six months time and making sure the safety and quality of the vehicle.

The major issue is that cars are more expensive than couple of years back. Other council drivers are getting away with longer age of the vehicles.

"To help drivers with the cost of living crisis and not get too much burden of paying instalments on car finance for getting newer cars, on top of household bills

Most of the other council have age policy more than 11 years.

Im currently a wolverhampton private hire driver and i live in Leicester i have recently bought a car which is older than 5 year and due to that i cant get myself a Leicester City Council badge if the limit is changed then i can get myself Leicester City Council badge and get my car plated with Leicester City Council

Wolverhampton drivers made Leicester taxi drivers a baggers, they don't have lots of overhead expenses and they work on cheap prices. Plus Leicester city council

"the cost of buying new car or within 5 years old is very expensive, the trade is down in terms of income.

more importantly there are many drivers licensed with other councils residing in Leicester, why? mainly to with vehicle age restrictions and other regulatory stuff

if Leicester city adopt changes this will encourage drivers to obtain Leicester license thus more fundin for Leicester city council, who according to news report are

I am very surprised Leicester city council has not done this before. its a no brainer."

Helps to buying a car low price

due to Cost of living crisis, high prices of newer vehicle and increased insurance prices, unaffordability of private hire drivers and competition in the market there is not much earning in this job so it would put an unreasonable financial pressure on new drivers who wants to enter into this type of work. Therefore reducing the

To help Drivers with current financial situation

To help driver financial issues.

Can't afford vehicle that's no older than 5 years old

Comments regarding Upper Age for Vehicles for Renewal

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Comments on Age for Renewal of Licences

MOT pass vehicle is drive in UK

With newer cars In the market I think 12 years will be enough.

Don't like odd numbers.... If the vehicle is fit for a v.o.s.a then it should be able to license

Vehicle in good condition passes mot no obligation

Aslong as the vehicle is fully maintained and roadworthy with no faults please allow maximum age limit of 15 years.

These cars can go up 15-year

Well maintained for the job and safe.

For the first 15 years the car's are good condition. We buy very expensive cars and after 10 years we have to change without any issues.

Maximum age 10 years

Raising the age limit upto 15 years would be more financially affordable to stay in the hackney carriage trade.

If well maintained then I see no issue as buying newer vehicles is expensive.

To expenses to. Buy

"Taxis and private hire vehicles are generally well maintained than normal cars we have 2 mot every year and we look after our cars well because we don't want
Lost time is lost income"

As we are tested twice a year, LCC plated vehicle are well maintained and kept at the age for taxi trade, whe areas the other council have only one MOT in 12

Finance situation

After 12 years vehicle start to cause mechanical issues and also the milage is high which leaves people to invest in a newer vehicle

As I mentioned earlier every single Taxi Driver are tried to well maintain their taxi so age dog vehicle doesn't matter .

It will help existing drivers stay in the trade and buy affordable vehicles.

once again as above comment age shouldn't matters as long as car in good condition and passes test

As there are very few second hand,or even new vehicles available

It's not easy to afford new vehicles.

Because we do every six months MOT and it is safe to drive then 15 years is ok I think. Thanks ☐

With 2 Mots a year a vehicle can be maintained to the required standards . And it does seem very unfair we only get 11 years when other councils offer more.

Old cars maintained and checked regularly can be used on the roads

After year we going to have electric vehicles so see Wolverhampton new proposal for no vehicles age limit

Its gonna b alot easier for everyone who are in taxi trade as they can use there cars for abit more

If the car is looked after and meets the MOT requirements I don't see any issue. Why buy a new car and add it to the thousands of cars we have already on the road

Older vehicles from different cities are allowed to operate in Leicestershire so why are we not allowed?

Once a car is licensed it is an integral part of the drivers business plan. Changing it is a huge expense. Older EV's and Hybrid's are still going to be good vehicles to use and keep in service. 11 years is a silly restriction it needs to go now!

A lot of drivers find if they can use their vehicle for longer that they are more inclined to keep it up to code and of good standing. It will also provide more time for drivers provide their own financing when time comes to renew for a newer model. I would point out the stresses of life will not be as much of a burden. Outside financing for drivers creates extra stress for monthly payments which always lead to mistakes that can cost others harm. A more relaxed driver provides customers with safer journeys. As long as car maintenance is kept to the legal standard, everyone is a winner and more revenue is taken by all.

15 years old is fair

I think 15 year is good for good look after vehicle

As stated earlier I have driven cars up to 17 years old and never had an issue. It is car maintenance that should be focused on rather than the car age and I believe the Taxi MOT requirements already cover this. Better for the environment as vehicle will be driven to its full life potential.

Affordability to replace

Replacement affordability

All vehicles last longer now as long as they are being maintained.

The mot proves how good the vehicles are

11 years ensures that the taxis being driven are still safe to drive. As taxis do many more miles than other cars and suffer from much more wear and tear which can often go undetected for some time, I think the maximum age should be kept the same.

As above

There is drivers who can't afford to buy car less than five years old .

Some vehicles even after 11 years look and function like 5-6 years old all those vehicles after proper checking should be allowed for long term that will be encourages drivers to maintain the vehicle in and out and environment worthy and it will reduce the financial burden

Because of hard time

With the current living cost and interest rates are quite high considering earning margin in taxi firm. Also with being far too many drivers in town has impacted on earning as well specially Wolverhampton plates cars allowed to use 11 years and 6 months old car so pretty much every other house hold has taxi which then decreased our income so it's hard to get expensive cars. Hope you understand

Because modern cars are still reliable longer than 13 years as long as they are serviced and maintained regularly

Every six months is the MOT IF THE VEHICLE IS NOT FIT TO DRIVE SHOULD BE OF THE ROAD

Match with wolverhsmpton council

"As a Leicester taxi licence we have to do 3 MOT's in a year two with council and one for VOSA .

Which show cars are always in his perfect working order and mostly people have hybrid cars and their engine last even up to 500k miles.

So I would suggest age should be up to 15 years. Thanks"

Because we have for car that has cost money so we would like to keep as long as 15 years and also we have 2 mots

I believe 11 years is long period on a vehicle considering they are used in public transport

Same as above.

Our cars are very well maintained. The fact that we have 2 MOT's determines this. If a vehicle is not of a satisfactory standard then it gets highlighted and we have to either have it repaired or have the vehicle replaced.

This will be fair for driver and passenger.

Nothing wrong with the car as long as the approved council mot station approves it and the vehicle is well maintained

Same as above as I said our mot testers are strict and making sure our vehicles meets the standards required to be in the road and even when the vehicle is kept in perfect conditions with the current regulations we have to take it off the road after 11 years so please let us use our vehicles as far as they are roadworthy so we can save a bit of money and earn some living in this crisis...thanks

Because Hackney taxis are very expensive and there's not much work recently so we have been struggling . We have to do an MOT twice a year and if it passes these i think it should be okay to extend it to 15 years. Please consider this suggestion

Buying a car involves lot of cost and also we have to maintain upto council standards all the time . So age shouldn't be factor if the vehicle can pass all the checks

CARS ARE MADE BETTER NOW THAN BEFORE, AND REMAIN ROAD WORTHY FOR LONGER. BUT VEHICLES THAT ARE OLDER SHOULD BE EURO6 COMPLAINT

You can extend new vehicles age and reduce the renewal age this is my point off view but end of the day your decision we have to accept thank you

Vehicles are better made and last longer

A manufacturer warranty is up to 15years

It will be well maintained because vehicle have twice inspection per year.very costly to purchase a car in very low income in trade.so it will help driver for cost of

Same as previous answer.

As long as the vehicle is safe to drive it should be on the road. Cars prices are gone up and it's not easy to buy new cars. We having two MOTs a year to keep our vehicles safe for the riders. So it not a big deal to extend the age to 15 years.

Because no body afford new vehicle

Due to financial difficulties can't afford new vehicles

Safety preference

Non

in this modern era the cost of car is more expensive then a mortgage thats why

remove age limit please. I have a licence but not Taxi ing at the moment because I can not afford a car to taxi with and would make no financial sense. I have 2 car which are more than suitable however they are too old for city council. It really frustrates me because if I had a Wolverhampton plate it would be ok. And this is why we have had a flood of Wolverhampton taxi's. I try and do the right thing by getting a license where I live in correct borough however doing the right thing has really impacted me doing taxi work. Also something needs to be done with regards to Wolverhampton taxis working and living in Leicester, this means even if I had

Cost of living crisis important that we support everyone and facilitate ease

All cab run local not many miles they do . So they can run very long time. Thanks

As long as the car runs fine it's OK upto 13 years

"As you know the prices of vehicles are not affordable and fares by major companies are still same so to be in business and to serve public.

Because this is best age of the taxi car to change

Same as first what I said. Thanks.

Not enough jobs

"Vehicles are really expensive as it is. This rule will take the pressure of expenses. The vehicles are tested every 6 months already, so there isn't a chance of a broken vehicle. This will also allow the council to attract people back to Leicester and reduce the expenses and increase the budget for the council.

Again, the point is that the MOT is checked by the city every 6 months, and they are VERY STRICT. Hence, already every 6 months one has to do repairs and fixing in its getting harder to save money for new car or under 6 years old car as taxi business getting harder day by day.

"Same reason as above...

I am a taxi driver and I have to buy a car again this year. I simply cannot afford it. It is very touch with petrol prices and reduced taxi rates in the city. This is causing a strain on my whole life literally. I would have to get finance and the repay.ents are so high I simply cannot break even. 5 years is alot to ask for. I understand you want greener vehicles mine is one of them... but I would love to renew my current car which would save me money and stress overall. I am thinking of leaving the

[Redacted content]

gone are the days of dirty clapped out Taxis which no one looks after, everyone is self employed so it's in their benefit to maintain it, most are now Toyota hybrids which are fantastic and can run forever, I know many that have over 300,000 miles in excellent condition so as long as the car is maintained and in good condition in/outside with no dents,scruff,rips,tears let it carry on, uber customers can rate a car on its condition, private hire companies have now a lot more competition so cars are generally kept neat and tidy yes allow it to 15years, even if their was 3 mot's from years 11-15 that would be acceptable, council and public would be assured the car is safe with a mot every 4 months, council would make more money with the extra mot and the drivers rate of depreciation goes down over more years so a win win for everyone. What leicester licensed drivers also need is more benefits to be a leicester driver than jumping ship to others, we live here, pay council tax and licencing fees but oadby,Blaby ncil seriously to think about extending it's ruling on the age of the vehicle.ave stickers on the doors so can use their car as their family car too they also are not at any risk of being stopped by the police for council checks its about time leicester licensed drivers had more benefits "We have inspection every six month so there should be no problem."

I'm ok with it

Too expensive to buy and very difficult get.

Most of the cars they can still run on that age for my experience if service is done frequently

As above - expensive

Current policies are deterring current drivers to quit working as a taxi driver and preventing new people taking on positions , as result of current policies and unnecessary criteria imposed by licencing many seeking to obtain licence elsewhere other Councils , six months vehicle examination needs to be scraped its unnecessary and ridiculous , very soon as local authority you be left no taxi drivers .

Due to current financial circumstances

As the vehicle has been already used as a taxi, and has had regular services and maintenance, it is safe for the public. And it would put a lot of financial burden on the driver to have to change the vehicle just because of its age, when the vehicle is perfectly functional and safe.

After 15 years the vehicle looks in good condition and we have mot every six months. So if there is.a problem in vehicle it will be repaired

It's very very expensive to buy car

If it meets standard why not. You the council test them. We have taken 2 perfectly good cars off due to age and sent them to a different authority and ran them for.2 more years and they where perfectly safe. Even the examiner at the said authority could not believe how well kept they where. If it meets standard it should

Please see above. If within the teat for the plate you should ask for proof of service and maintenance I.e cambelts regularly services tyres (part worn tyres should For financial squeeze that drivers are facing.

So that drivers can use the vehicle for longer. They would be safe anyway as taxis are inspected every six months

Cost of new vehicle is too high. Not earning enough to be able to afford new vehicle. Cost of living is high as pay does not reflect this.

I think renewing up to 11 years is fair.

"Same reasons as above.

Thank you for taking the time to read my survey.

Taxi drivers are under valued and I feel that we should do what we can to help them."

We can maintain the vehicle in v good condition & our council has V good M O T station where they can check all the vehicles thx again for considering us

With more than 15 years the maintenance will be high

I strongly believe that the 11 years ruling is not financially fair. Take my car for example. It is now 11 years old so I need to purchase a new vehicle soon. But my argument is my vehicle is a hybrid so it's clean for the environment. It is in excellent condition. The customers are always complementing me how clean and excellent condition I have kept my vehicle. In a year it goes through 2 M.O.T. at the council depot only. So there is no discrepancy on that side. Leicester city council in my knowledge is the only city to have 2 m.o.t. in a year. Whilst vehicles plated with the city of Wolverhampton have only 1 m.o.t. yet they drive in our city which is not fair. But that argument we will leave for another time. I have just installed a brand new hybrid battery that has cost me £1,800.00. So practically it's like having a new engine. So if the council don't extend the vehicle age for another 2 or 3 years. It's going to be a waste of money for me investing in the new battery. Few weeks ago I went Derby and I have seen 07 reg Hackney carriages were running on road so I think LCC should increase age limit too ..

If the vehicle has MOT 2 times in a year that shows vehicle is maintained to its standards.

It's reasonable because they go through twice for MOT in a year.

It is hard financially to get new vehicles every 7 years as there isn't enough money to be made in the business. If we can use the vehicle for 15 years or more that makes it less stressful for the drivers. The new cars are too expensive and it's impossible for some drivers to change their vehicles, that forces them to quit. The Wolverhampton Council allows vehicles up to 14 years. Kindly consider same for Leicester drivers.

As is London

Because of Leicester city council allowing Wolverhampton drivers in Leicester

Because we make MOT every six months and we do look after our car with a small problem, we fix it straight away

Drivers can save some money

Because the cars which we use in the private hire are very well inspected by LCC MOT stations. Also serviced every 10K miles and maintained very well. So is no reason to take off from the road early. And this will help us to save some money towards the next car in this new expensive world.

"Hi, fellow team, hybrid and electric are good for the environment of the city and our cars getting MOT every six months if the car is fit for the purpose please allow them a few extra years, as a driver I can tell you the personal experience it's impossible now a days to buy a new car. Please look into it.

As your decision can make a difference in drivers' life.

I think as long as the vehicle is cosmetically safe in a good condition, then extending it to 15 years is very reasonable. It all comes down to cost-of-living and

financial problems

As the MOT is every 6 months, you're ensured they will remain roadworthy and safe

Would give extra time to save for a new vehicle and reduce the cost of new vehicles

I'm a black cab driver and that cab is built for taxi purpose, it's heavy duty, it's expensive to buy. 15 years will be fair. Thank you.

Taxi industry is struggling since 2019 after COVID and living cost crisis very hard to survive we can't afford anymore pressure living cost gone up. Please understand of our lovely hood to provide the good service to our customers and County.

leaving cost crisis

It is very difficult to buy new taxis in these days as trade is really bad and no regular income because of competition with Uber and Wolverhampton taxis

Drivers are finding it very difficult due to high cost

Cars had no major issues within 15 years.

There are a lot of cars that can last a long time as long as they are MOT'ed and kept in good condition

11 years is too little as there are too many expenses to deal with such as mortgage.

Financial condition is really low. We have no other money to be able to buy a new taxi. Because of the taxi, I am barely paying for my household expenses.

What we have now is very reasonable

Over 15 years still running perfectly fine we do 2 mot a year one ... new taxi this days not offered it's expensive and no work like before if same policy Hackney will finish soon no want bye new taxi they're will change taxi trade please try to understand thanks

They Are not new to taxi are available to buy and second one are very expensive to buy

I would prefer 15 years. Taxis are very expensive and due to cost of living, it is very hard. My taxi was written off (third party fault). Due to the the rules, I had to buy a new van which was out of my budget. There should be a rule which allows for me to buy a similar reg vehicle. Unfortunately, not everyone has 30-40k in

I believe that 11 years is to early for vehicle age for renewal license .The cars condition is still good even after 11 years like you can use it and drive in it .

Vehicle has to be pass by the city council mot station. If vehicle is not roadworthy then no licence will be issue to the vehicle.

A car that has been maintained will be still good for up to 12 yrs. I know there is a trial this yr you will have a good indication.

Once again, I stated above the financial implication for local private hire license holders is far greater than other councils

Affordability, if car is passing mot twice a year I do not see the need of plate expiring.

If vehicle condition is good.

Again move to greener cars

Again depends on other factors like mileage, safety rating, emission level

To make vehicle age a flat 5 years all round for new and renewals

Suggestion 0 to 5 years 1 taxi test a year 5 to 10 years old cars 2 test a year 10 to 15 years old cars 3 test a year

See last comment.

Age should be reduced. or owner should maintain his/her taxi road worthy.

More time to be on road

Safety reasons.

It's hard times right now, especially after covid, and there's no more cabs in production. Can't afford the new cabs, will be very difficult for work.

As above reasons

They are very struggling, and the drivers do not have much work going, even in town, it's hard times right now, especially after covid, and there's no more cabs in production. They won't be able to afford the new cabs, will be very difficult for work. Some of the drivers are depressed as well and as a family member it is very

I have given this reason because we go for MOT every 6 months and vehicles are serviced all the time aswell,so ghat makes the vehicle very healthy for the

Fare enough

I am more concerned at the growing number of taxis licensed in Wolverhampton why is this happening?

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT PEOPLE THINK SOULSBYS DICTATORSHIP WILL DO WHAT THEY WANT

It's just fine.

As long as vehicle will pass, why not?

Be fair on drivers

There's not enough work plus new black cabs are very expensive

"Newer vehicles should be encouraged that meet more stringent emissions targets. The percentage of black cabs that are of the latest environmental standards should increase as per the government policy for new cars, e.g. 20% need to be BEV by a date etc.

Newer vehicles will reduce the number of cabs and hence provide more income for each driver. There are too many black cabs at present."

It's nice to get into a modern safe taxi rather than a clapped out old banger

For financing problems

Really helpful for drivers in crisis. Thanks

Same reason as above 🤔

It should be low up to 10 years old. Coz expenses of running a taxis are too much and fares are not increasing due to competitive nature off this business. If you look at the car prices, fuel prices and other expenses. Driver are not gonna survive and you have to work like donkey for long hours to meet ends. Eventually it's gonna worn out the drivers and accidents are waiting to happen. Due to long shifts on road.

Livelihood is expensive

We pay morgage so many other things if we have 15 years police's then it could be easy

I can't afford to by other vehicle got kids to look after is me but I'm sure they is ppl like me

Financial issues

Fair to taxi drivers

So many people are suffering living expenses any way light bill gas bill bill bill just asking my that ?? Rich people getting rich and like us they so much other problem in city etc..why everyone back off taxi driver I don't understand

This would lessen the burden off drivers.

Cars are more reliable and most drivers look after their cars and maintain them.

"As long as the vehicle is road worthy,clean and Mechanically for purpose the age should not matter.

If I had a brand new Jaguar/ Ford/ Vauxhall etc in the garage which was never driven and 25 years old, has 4 doors clean,looks brand new, Mechanically fit for purpose it should be welcomed to use as a taxi, once again you have the power to change things.

As a famous man called Wayne Dyer said "" change the way you look at things and the things you look at change""

Please think outside the box and not the way people have been institualised to think."

To me we regularly check vehical and also three mot a year so there's no issue of safety. That's way I think it should Extend 15 years. Thanks public health emergency, and that there are over 4,000 premature deaths a year from toxic air. need clean air zones by the government.

To be able to afford financially.

Can't afford to buy another car

Same as Wolverhampton

Any car is passing a MOT test plus Council test

Be fair to the driver

As long as it's fit for the job age doesn't matters

Financial reasons

"At this very hard time that the price of everything is going up everyday the Taxi and Private Hire Drivers straggling to cope with everyday leaving cast.

This well help them to get ahead with the cast of leaving."

It will help drivers alot financially

It is very difficult because things have gone expensive.

Much easier for Driver to support his family

Sustainability due to cost for operators and buses are even older so be fair

If the car passes MOT than it should be allowed

This will help the hard working drivers to safe some money to cope with living cast.

This needs to be brought into line with new applications. Vehicles older than 5 years will have poor emissions ratings. The vehicles need to be replaced with

With two MOTs in a 12 month period proof of the safety and reliability of that vehicle confirms the vehicle is roadworthy.

I think up to 12 years is right age any more your pushing it.

I feel that the vehicle age for renewal licenses should to extended to no older than 15 years as it gives enough time for drivers to earn a decent living without unnecessary costs. I feel that if the car is road worthy it's unnecessary to change it.

My mpv is coming upto 10 years old. There are companies that have the same mpv with double the mileage. Also the cost to replace it is £40-60,000 out of reach

I can use longer my car

"There should be no stipulation from the council on how old the vehicle should be.

If the vehicle has passed its MOT and is therefore mechanically fit to drive, the council should not be enforcing such conditions.

As long as the vehicle is kept clean & tidy inside and out, is regularly serviced and mechanically maintained against industry standards/laws then the council should

At most, the council should instead, ask for service records."

It's not the age that matters its the safety and condition.

There is nothing wrong with old vehicles as long as they are properly maintained

All taxis which are plated in Leicester they are fit for purpose and I can't see reason for not extending more than 15 years

Again as long as clean tidy well maintained and passes tests no reson should have to come off the road

The 6 monthly MOT vehicle check will come up resulting whether the vehicle is road worthy or not. So as long as the vehicle is fit and proper for the purpose then

Can't afford as long as cars are safe that is the most important

Inflation. Low taxi fares

New vehicle are more reliable in these days so giving the extra age limit will not compromise the safety in larger.

For a company to renew their main asset every 10 years is not a big ask. We should reduce this number to have newer, less polluting vehicles on the road, particularly around the city centre. Therefore, depending upon how often taxis renew this, it should be reduced so that taxis over 8-10 years old are not on the road. There should be perks to registering electric and non-air polluting vehicles

Well worth for money

they should have new cars

Believe wear and tear is much less and appear the city taxi vehicle will leave positive impact on tourists who visit the city.

"If a vehicle has been used as a taxi or private hire vehicle for all its life, or between 5 and 11 years of its life, then its mileage will be proportionately far higher than a vehicle in private (non taxi) ownership, and it is likely that such a vehicle will have far greater engine wear, and could emit more emissions and pollution. Plus, after 12-14 years, vehicle technology is old, maintenance may be skimped, and there may be other structural deterioration factors."

Affordability

As the car has 2 MOT's a year the plating should never expire.

Private hire taxis and Hackney cabs are regularly maintained, plus they have 2 council MOT inspections in a year to make sure it's safe for customers and other road

We looked after and highly maintained our car easily we can use it up to 15 years.

Cars are built to last when working in the motor industry I can assure you that along as a car is maintained to a high level why should we have to have age limits especially with the cost of cars it's okay for people who work in offices shops to get a car of any age but the financial pressure is on for us to afford a car under 5 years old and pay our running cost and our house bills so the age limit will massively help us and also give us more freedom of vehicles which can be more

As far as vehicles are well maintained and road worthy, should be allowed to carry on. Not everyone can work 50 to 70 hours a week, plus it's not safe as well.

Reduce financial pressure on Taxi drivers

Taxis are inspected via MOT every 6 months so they will need to be kept regularly maintained making them safe for customers and other road users

Considering the mileage a taxi will do over a 10 year span I would say that after 10 years the vehicle should be replaced. When we are seeing more bus companies going the extra mile to get green buses on the road why regress when it comes to taxis.

If it has low emissions and passes the MOT test, it is safe and suitable.

Older cars are often more polluting and also without proper care and maintenance can be more likely to be a danger to drivers, passengers and other road users

I think no older than 8-9 years would be more suitable. Once a car gets passed 100k miles they start to need far more maintenance.

if the car is safe and pass mot and passenger safety not compromise than its fine

The cost of vehicle are so much and with other cities coming and working in our city as made a massive impact on our earnings and with the cost of living its hard to

Hackney Cabs still maybe safe and roadworthy after 11 years, but most private hire vehicles are not especially if they have been used as a taxi for six years or

Vehicles are best they have ever been for years . Easy to maintain and reliable and meet euro emissions standards.

No more than 9 years Recent taxis look very unloved

Vehicles over 11 years are unlikely to have good emissions or safety standards

Leicester city council check taxi twice a year we taxi driver maintain their cars very good

I have chosen this option because modern cars are more robust and environment friendly. Other cities in the UK have this age limit too. After the pandemic certain councils payed their drivers compensation for loss of earnings unfortunately we at Leicester did not get any help for this. So by letting us keep our vehicles for longer will help us for loss of earnings during the pandemic. As mentioned above the cost of buying a vehicle has increased significantly so please consider this in

As a taxi driver, we can't afford much and we can use our private hire vehicle more.

Cars nowadays are of good quality and last longer, it doesn't make sense that perfectly working cars aren't eligible. It's an unnecessary cost to already high costs

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For help drivers finance problems

To help drivers with financial issues

Very good maintained car last for 15 years .

To support taxi drivers in making their living

An extra year is a good concession especially if new licences have been increased to 11

As long as a car is in good condition with up to date MOT & servicing there is no reason why it can't be used

Same as above summary

Modern cars last longer and poor drivers cant afford new cars in this financial crisis post covid

Taxis are well maintained vehicles, with 2 MOTs yearly. Extending to 15 years will help keep more black cabs in trade. Every year we are seeing fewer black cabs. As newer vehicles are not affordable.

"Vehicles are manufactured with better and longer lasting materials

If drivers/licence holders are willing to continue the upkeep of the vehicles and maintain them to the standards required then I feel that they should be allowed to"
I think it's fair on driver to relax policy to meet with living cost crisis...

Same as above income is so low as competition is so high, and every six months mot where you check it's road worthy or not, thank you

"Second hand cabs are very difficult to find and due to this, there has been a big rise in the prices.

The amount of work has also dropped as there are more taxis on the road and competing companies such as Uber / Bolt and other local companies have made the

Due to the extra work required to survive, as taxi drivers, this is affecting our health and mental wellbeing and we also do not get to spend enough time with our

The taxis have to go through 2 MOTs a year and the inspection is very thorough therefore, I believe that if they are passing inspection then they are safe and good

I appreciate that the council is very focused on public safety but I think there needs to be some form of care for the drivers also."

"As a person with taxi drivers in my family, I understand the struggles that these limitations have on the health and wellbeing of taxi drivers.

Work is slow, taxis are very expensive, Covid has affected many and the limitations do not help.

I believe by extending the vehicle age for new licenses to (no older than nine years) and extending the vehicle age for renewal of licenses to (no older than 15 years) would give the taxi drivers a break in this difficult time they are facing."

All Hackney carriages which are plated in Leicester there are in good condition and I can't see any reason not to give 15 years or more

Because Leicester city do twice MOT check and we maintain our cars very good

If the car in good condition i believe there is no problem to extend the age .many councils around the country are doing why not Leicester

If the car at good condition it will work up to 15years old it help for the peoples

11 year is two short. We need to increase please. Thank you

The cars had no major issues within 15 years.

If a car passes your MOT this states the car is road worthy, I don't understand what make an older car more unsafe than a new car,

This would make it a little easier for someone who provides this service as many drivers have had conformation while in car stating that it's a struggle to make money and may have to look at doing something else

We have to pay mortgages and lots of other costs such a normal living we cannot afford to buy new taxis

Same reason as above

They are expensive

If the vehicle is maintained regularly the age limit is not a problem.

Some of the cars could run longer than if maintained properly. One thing for sure with some of the modern cars, they have already has many features to provide efficiency and most are environmental friendly. Longer we can keep them in good condition, its batter to the environment as it has not been disposed of.

Electric and Hybrid vehicles are good enough to use for many many years .No emissions problems

because damn it is too I say it's very hard to offe

Because twice omt a year any part the car is expensive.

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"Used

same car more years"

As taxis are being tested MOT twice a year. Hence there is no harm keeping the car licensed for up to 12 years.

Taxi drivers are struggling in the Leicester. We need and protect our public hire in Leicester.

Easier to keep the taxi has too expensive and no available

IT give the driver an option to drive the car for a couple of years more. Also helps with cost of living crisis

These Euro 6taxi are very very expensive and by the time it's comes to the taxi age we don't see any things wrong , doings its services on time and regularly,we already doing 2 M O T in a year,we hoping we should be given 15 years if not more than that? Thank you

As above

We need more taxis

As long as the car safe to drive compliance with law I don't see any issue. Otherwise all car in uk older than 11 years they should be scrap then.

As I mentioned taxi vehicles are always well maintained because that's the main source of income for every single taxi drivers

To help the driver (if any driver had accident can allow him or heir to put same age taxi what his old have accident means same year) thanks you

It is difficult for drivers to afford newer/less old cars, especially with the cost of living crisis and inflation.

Slightly increasing the age seems suitable for me. I personally drive a car which is 8 years old and so far it hasn't once had any major faults. So 12 years should be fine, really it depends more on the vehicle. Age alone really should not be the deciding factor of the policy as all vehicles will age differently and some may develop serious faults after 5 years while others last a lot longer. I do hope there are other factors more relevant to the vehicle condition that are considered when it comes

Leicester city council check the vehicle twice a year and we maintain our car well

Leicester city check taxi twice a year and we maintain our regularly

15 years should be maximum again if car in good condition then why not take it 15 years

It will be helping private hire taxi drivers to earning and working

"MANUFACTURERS OF A NEW VEHICLE ARE GIVING MINIMUM OF 15 YEARS WORKING LIFE OF A TAXI

IT IS A HUGE INVESTMENT AND VERY COSTLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE SO WHEN THE DRIVER INVESTS IN THE VEHICLE IT TAKES HIM 6-7 YEARS TO PAY FINANCE AFTER PAYING A HEAVY DEPOSIT AND THEN AFTER PAYING THE FINANCE THEY CAN EARN FOR THEMSELVES A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY AND DESPITE THAT HE HAS TO WORK HARD TO KEEP PAYING THE FINANCE AND HE HAS TO TAKE INTO HIS ACCOUNT HIS HEALTH ISSUES AND HE CANT WORK CONTINUOUSLY AND 15 YEARS

LEICESTER CITY IS NOT A BIG CITY AND SO NOT MUCH MILEAGE IS NOT DONE AND SO AFTER 15 YEARS THE TAXI WILL BE IN A GOOD CONDITION AND THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE SO THE CAR CAN BE MAINTAINED TO GOOD CONDITION

OTHER CITIES LIKE BIRMINGHAM, LONDON THEY ARE BUSIER THAN US AND DO MORE MILEAGE AND THEY HAVE MORE THAN 15 YEARS POLICY"

Can understand how difficult it is in the current climate when everyone is finding it difficult to make end meet

for current drivers i think is fare to have their vehicles for 15 years as financial issues everyone is facing with now days.

It's unfair with us , because My old cab 11years old bought a person from Bharmingham . It was in good condition. He used the same vehicle regular from

Some of the state of these taxi are disgusting. They have free roam of the city and need to be greener and better maintained

No option to buy new Hackney's and and second hand taxis are very expensive to buy.

New taxis are not easy to buy and very expensive.

Again gives us more years to save up for another Taxi which are very expensive to buy these days

The cars are very expensive to buy.

This is correct amount of time

Could have 2 more years to drive the vehicle and have more time to recover the cost of vehicle.

Very hard to mange expensive

to allow vehicle to be eligible

WE ARE ALL READY HAVING 2 MOT S A YEAR FOR PUBLIC SAFTY. WICH IS ENOUGH .

It is not cost effective to change cars for licence renewals especially if you are a part time taxi driver and is not affordable.

The amount of Uber cars driving around Leicester now is unbelievable registered in Wolverhampton as private hire. The council should do all it can to help our own local taxi drivers and register them with the city they are operating in

same as above

As above

as above

Reduce to 8 years, we tend to avoid using hackney carriage vehicles as they are twice as expensive for same journey & not very comfortable. They also seem to wear out quicker or are poorly maintained leaving you with an unsafe feeling

This is not the most important issue. Please see above for what is.

They out in the gradt

Some vehicles are already very worn and lacking in safety features.

If the new license vehicle age limit is extended to 9 years, it would be reasonable to allow a minimum driving period of 4 years for taxis. Therefore, I request an extension to at least 13 years for driving taxis under this provision.

A 12 year old well maintained and looked after vehicle should still be safe and energy efficient enough.

No age limit

Hi we as taxi drivers would be very grateful if we hade an extension please it is very expensive to buy even an second hand taxi nowadays plus not many available on the market we relly appreciate your help

We pay so many expencsiv

same reasons as previos answer, councils set strict conditions and if followed why not pass cars if older and more enviromentally friendly as cars are not sent to
It is a big expense buying new cars , we should be allowed to keep our cars for longer as long they are kept in good condition etc

As per my personal experience and Toyota company's technology I think these cars can work for twenty years easily smoothly

new vehicles are low emission

Eleven years of service for a working vehicle is already more than generous. Ten should be the max.

Buying a new car for the taxi drivers is quite difficult as the cost of living is very expensive. if you please consider it will be really good in my opinion

To help the drivers

Due to having 2 MOT's a year vehicle are still in good condition

The new generation hybrid vehicles have more safety and quality and fit for the purpose.

We work for leaving but lot of expenses comes into count and now buying new less than 5 or 6 years old vehicle for taxi work is difficult as prices are higher

Cost of leaving crisis new car's price rising , also other city councils giving licenses with easy conditions, therefore people from Leicester going there get ph license and start working in Leicester as it's open border for taxis.

Wolvoemption drivers made Leicester taxi drivers a baggers, they don't have lots of overhead expenses and they work on cheap prices. Plus Leicester city council losing revenue. Save Leicester plate drivers, save Leicester council.

"the age if a car does not determine its Roadworthyness. there are many old cars which run perfectly and many new cars which have problems and vice versa.

profesional drivers are more likely to service their cars regularly as its thier income. they are more likely to look after thier vehicle. also sometimes one might spend 25 to 30k on car only to het rid ofnit after 6 to 10 years even though its still in good working order"

Help us to use our car for 15 years because we always looking after our car ect....services , maintenances and body conditions

As long as vehicle is road worthy and meets the standard twice a year the vehicle should be allowed to renew their plate.

To be fair with Drivers

To be fair with driver.

People can't afford to renew

Not enough affordable new hackney taxis available. Currently all of them started from around 60,000.
