

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING APPLICATION COMMITTEE

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From: Sayed Abbas

Hackney Carriage Licensing Criteria

"We the under signed call upon Reading Borough Council to reconsider the Hackney Carriage licensing criteria and re-adopt the original proposal of an 8 year badge period with 5 years' experience.

We feel that 8 years' experience has been proposed by the RTA, is too long and unfairly stops new drivers from entering the trade.

We hope that you will agree to our request and re-adopt the original proposal to restore fairness."

RESPONSE by Councillor Woodward (Chair of the Licensing Applications Committee):

The Hackney Carriage criteria was approved by councillor's on the 4 November 2015 after careful consideration of a report submitted by officers and the comments made by the representatives of the Reading Taxi Association and the Reading Taxi Drivers Association. At present there are no grounds to amend this policy however if circumstances affecting the hackney carriage trade do change and the need arises, the Licensing Committee may review the situation.