

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 3		
DATE:	9 MAY 2018	AGENDA ITEM:	4
TITLE:	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE NUMBERS POLICY		
LEAD COUNCILLOR:	CLLR HACKER	PORTFOLIO:	CULTURE, SPORTS & CONSUMER SERVICES
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To allow members to review the impact of the current policy which has limited the number of hackney carriages for the past 3 years and consider whether it is appropriate for this policy approach to remain in place.
- 1.2 If members consider in favour of the current policy remaining in place, they have regard to the fact that the Office of Fair Trading have directed that limiting the number of licences should only take place if it can be demonstrated that there is a clear benefit to the customer and an unmet demand survey would be required to be undertaken every three years to confirm whether or not an unmet demand of hackney carriage services exists.
- 1.3 To allow members to consider increasing hackney carriage (HC) proprietor licence fees in order to fund the costs of carrying out an unmet demand survey.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 To decide whether or not to amend the current policy limiting the number of hackney carriages, having regard to the circumstances when an unmet demand survey would be required to be undertaken.
- 2.2 If the decision by members is to instruct officers to commission an unmet demand survey that they further consider if it is appropriate to fund the total costs of the unmet demand survey through HC proprietor licence fees.

2.3 In the event that members agree to fund the survey through increased licence fees, members note that HC proprietor's licence fees would be increased by approximately £64.00 per vehicle for one year only.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The Town Police Clauses Act 1847, as amended by the Transport Act 1985, enables Councils to restrict the number of HC licences issued in their area, where they are satisfied that there is no significant unmet demand for hackney carriage services. In order to be satisfied that there is no significant unmet demand a survey must be carried out, at least every three years.

3.1.2 Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a local authority to charge fees for vehicle licences sufficient to cover in whole or in part costs associated with licensing, enforcement, control and supervision of HC's. It is permissible for a local authority to recover costs of an unmet demand survey through an increase in HC proprietor/vehicle licence fees.

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 Current Position

4.1.2 In November 2003, the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) published a market study into the regulation of HC and private hire (PH) vehicles in the UK. The OFT recommended that local authorities should lose their powers to restrict the number of HC issued because they considered that such restrictions can:

- a) Reduce the availability of HC
- b) Increase waiting times for customers
- c) Reduce choice and safety for customers
- d) Restrict those wanting to set up a HC business

4.1.3 Following the OFT report the Government published an action plan making it clear that the Government believes restrictions should only be retained where there is shown to be a clear benefit for the customer and that Councils should publicly justify their reasons for the retention of restrictions and how decisions on numbers have been reached. The Government considers that unless a specific case can be made, it is not in the interests of the consumers for the market entry to be refused to those who meet the application criteria. However, the Government also makes clear in the action plan that local authorities remain best placed to determine local transport needs and to make decisions about them in the light of local circumstances.

4.1.4 From April 2007 to March 2009, the number of HC's licensed by the Council increased by 40% from 153 to 216 vehicles. In March 2009, as a result of the increase in numbers of vehicles and down turn in the economy members resolved not to issue any further licences in respect of HC and instructed officers to carry out an unmet demand survey.

4.1.5 In February 2010, members reviewed both the results of the unmet demand survey and HC quantity control policy. Members resolved to retain the policy

of not issuing any further HC licences pending a further review in spring 2011, however this review was postponed to spring 2012, when an unmet demand survey would be required for any limit on HC vehicle licences to remain in place. CTS carried out a survey for unmet demand in 2012 and determined that there was no unmet demand members resolved to retain the policy of not issuing any further HC licences.

- 4.1.6 In March 2016, members reviewed the results of the unmet demand survey. Members resolved to retain the policy of not issuing any further HC Vehicle licences
- 4.1.7 Officers have contacted the only transport consultants in this field with a request for a proposal to carry out an unmet demand survey. In 2015 there were two companies; CTS and Vector in this field of work however, they have since merged to form the company LSVA. LSVA has indicated that it would be in a position to commence an unmet demand survey in late September/early October 2018.
- 4.18 The current fee for a HCV licence is £336.00, if members were minded to fund the survey by increasing vehicle licence fees it would result in an increase to about £400.00 for one year.
- 4.1.9 Officers are also proposing that the cost of officer time in preparing and implementing the survey and findings be included in the overall cost, estimated at £2160.

4.2 Options to be considered

- 4.2.1 Maintain the current restriction on hackney carriage numbers. If members are minded to approve such an approach they must be able to legally justify the reasons for the restriction. The OFT guidance suggests that this should only occur if it is in the public interest and the council must be able to publicly justify the reasons for the restrictions.
- 4.2.2 Remove the limit on the number of hackney carriage licences available and allow the market forces to determine the number of hackney carriages.
- 4.2.3 Remove the limit on the number of hackney carriage licences available, but use the approved Hackney Carriage criteria that applicants must meet in order to qualify for a licence, thereby limiting those who would qualify.
- 4.2.4 Remove the overall limit on the number of hackney carriage licences available, but put in place a maximum number that be issued in a particular period, e.g. 10 licences per year subject to the applicants meeting the approved hackney Carriage Criteria.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The licensing of HC drivers has the objective of ensuring that all drivers of such vehicles are trained to a high and equal standard and are able to provide an adequate, safe and efficient service to the residents and visitors of the

Borough. The provision of wheelchair accessible HC's increases the ability of disabled consumers to utilise HC services.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 In considering whether it is appropriate to issue additional HCV licences, consultation will be carried out involving those affected by any proposal, including HCV drivers and owners; Part of the unmet survey will require consultation with the trade and members of the public.

6.2 A number of responses were received regarding the consideration of deregulation, Reading Taxi Association, Private hire Operators and Hackney carriage drivers replied, most responses are in favour of a survey to determine if there is any unmet demand. A copy of the responses can be found as
Appendix I Reading Taxi Association
Appendix II Private Hire Operators
Appendix III Hackney Carriage Drivers in favour of a survey
Appendix IV Hackney Carriage Drivers in favour of deregulation

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not relevant to the decision, as it will not have a differential impact on: racial groups; gender; people with disabilities; people of a particular sexual orientation; people due to their age; people due to their religious belief.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847, as amended by section 16 of the Transport Act 1985, enables Councils to licence hackney carriages and to restrict the number of hackney carriage licences issued only if they are satisfied that there is no significant unmet demand for hackney carriage services in the area.

8.2 Any person aggrieved by the Council's refusal to grant a hackney carriage licence may appeal to the Crown Court.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 In the event of an appeal, the Council will have to bear the costs of defending their decision.

9.2 If it is proposed to keep the existing policy to limit the number hackney

carriage licences a survey costing in the region of £13,800 would have to be undertaken every 3 years, therefore a survey would be required to be carried in this current year.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix I Reading Taxi Association
Appendix II Private Hire Operators
Appendix III Hackney Carriage Drivers in favour of a survey
Appendix IV Hackney Carriage Drivers in favour of deregulation

RTA — READING TAXI ASSOCIATION

Jean Champeau
Senior Licensing & Enforcement Officer
Reading Borough Council
Civic Offices
Bridge Street
Reading
RG1 2LU

Dear Mr Champeau

DEREGULATION OF LIMITING HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE NUMBERS

I write to you to set out the Reading Taxi Association's (RTA) position in respect of the proposed deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers.

We, the trade accept that Reading Borough Council (RBC) needs to follow the guidance of The Office of Fair Trading and review this policy every three years. However, we do not feel that deregulation of the current policy is in anybody's interest, whether that be RBC, owners of Hackney Carriage Vehicles or rental drivers. Deregulation will create an increase in over ranking, reduce owners' ability to maintain their vehicles to high standard as well forcing everyone to work longer hours to make ends meet and thereby leading to safety concerns for both the travelling public and drivers alike.

The best resolution for all concerned would be for RBC to commission an independent unmet demand survey to determine whether there is any capacity for additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences. On completion of this survey, a decision can be made as whether there is a need to issue any more licences based on the results of the survey. The RTA is strongly in favour of this approach.

Yours Sincerely,



Asif Rashid
RTA Chairman

Champeau, Jean

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 February 2018 20:38
To: Champeau, Jean
Cc: [REDACTED] Masson, Clyde
Subject: Re: Deregulation of the Hackney fleet. [OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Champeau,

The RTA feels that since the last survey, there has been little or no changes to the volume of work. There has been little improvement or expansion of taxi rank availability so it would be in everyone's interest to partake in another survey. This would be a fair method to see whether an increase in the fleet is required.

Yours sincerely

Ali Sheikh
RTA Vice Chairman

Champeau, Jean

From: Butler, Nicola
Sent: 27 February 2018 09:19
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers [OFFICIAL]

Jean

Regards

Nicola Butler
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From: [REDACTED]@yellcars.com [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 26 February 2018 17:02
To: Butler, Nicola
Subject: RE: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

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Hi Nicola,

I have said before that Operators should be able to get Hackney plates as that would make more sense and better use of these vehicles in offering services to the community including Wheelchair access on request.

The original idea of black cabs was to be inclusive for special needs Transport.

This present system has never really benefited those persons with special needs in the way it can be done.

High time RBC had policy where these Cabs can have best use via an Operator.

Or alternatively a freeze is a better option as not much work on the ranks at present.

Regards

Manzoor

From: Butler, Nicola [<mailto:Nicola.Butler@reading.gov.uk>]
Sent: 26 February 2018 11:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

Dear Operator

Re: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

At present the council has a policy of limiting, Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers. The policy restricts the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle plates that the council can issue. The Office of Fair Trading requires that the council review this policy every 3 years.

If you have a view on why this policy should remain in place or be changed please write to licensing@reading.gov.uk all comments must be in writing and with the council by the 31st March 2018

Regards

Nicola Butler

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 26 February 2018 13:45
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW:

Kind regards,
Leigh Ingram
Senior Entitlement & Assessment Officer
0118 9373 762 (internal 11430)

From: Anthony Roe [mailto:]
Sent: 26 February 2018 13:40
To: Licensing
Subject:

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Dear Licensing

It would be nice if the limit was open as operators like me could purchase one and add it to our fleet as you have advantages of using bus lanes plus we get a lot of call for wheelchair taxis and we could also use this vehicles to cover this work

But there are a lot of these Black Cabs trying to make a Living working from the station already and in my opinion the market is already flooded and we are having to work to many hours as it is to make a living.

I would like to be able to have a plate and it would not bother me if it had to belong to the council as i also do not think it is fair that holders or original Taxi Plates that actually belong to the individual can be sold for ridiculous amounts of Money like i have heard and seen previously

I am not currently not a Holder of a Hackney Carriage drivers licence and i think the policy of the council is that you have to be renting a Cab from somebody and be a holder of a Hackney Carriage Licence before you could even be considered for a Hackney Plate so i think that counts me out as i can't possibly operate my business and drive a Cab, i would purely like one so i can employ a driver and he would work on my circuit so i can offer a better and faster service for my customers

Many thanks Regards Anthony Roe

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 March 2018 07:12
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation hackney carriage

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 March 2018 19:23
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation hackney carriage

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Dear sir/madam
i am licence HCD from Reading borough Council and I got the
plate from Reading Council no 219 I live [REDACTED] Earley Reading RG6 1DX I would vote for
Reading Council stay on this policy to do the review after 3 years and go along with the result,
thanks Toqeer Ahmad

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Champeau, Jean

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 March 2018 12:42
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding to review the policy of Hackney Carriage Vehicle license. In the past, local authorities have been unmet demand survey carried out by independent companies. I prefer this as it is the right way forward and fair to the work. As the town policy, we have very limited parking spaces for Hackney Carriage Vehicles. We already have over-ranking issues and the busses business is growing fast and there is no more spaces available around town. Since Uber launched, our work has been extremely affected. As we are aware of this, Gerard Street is temporarily open, but when it closes there will be even more problems. If the survey suggests that more licenses are needed, then the council should reconsider issuing more; however if it suggests that there is no need then both the council and the traders should listen to these suggestions. That's why I am in favour of an independent survey.
Thanks, Regards
Hackney Vehicle Badge no. 892.
Akhtar Choudhry.

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 13 March 2018 10:00
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: RE: Survey opinion

Kind regards,
Leigh Ingram
Senior Entitlement & Assessment Officer
0118 9373 762 (internal 11430)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2018 09:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Survey opinion

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Hy Mr mahmood is here good morning badge number 1057 plate number 6 Bx05wcw as a driver or cab owner as well my personal opinion don't need to be issued more plates but still u need to ask everyone because everyone keep right or like me people have a plats they think don't need but some one don't have plats he think need more plats u now better then me or all of my collages u enforcement officers all the time watching around town centre all ranks over hanging every driver is waiting at least 45min for job this is my suggestion after that u can decide it what ever is best of my trade thanks very much regards Mr amar mahmood

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: SUGGESTION ABOUT HACKENY CARRIAGE LICENCE OR PLAT

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On 14 Mar 2018 1:47 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

According to my opinion reading borough council should issue limited plate with a reasonable criteria as you made before 8 year and this time

Extend it 10 year after next three year survey report extend it

2 year. This way the people will be accommodated and no conjugation issue and before LICENCE holder will

Be happy. I request you the renting people over than 10 year should be accommodated this time and you have good opportunity to launch electric cab in Reading to make pollution down. When some electric cab launch than other people they will buy electric so hopefully you consider my opinion if you feel bad any word I do apologize. Your sincerely M.Asif badge no.890

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 26 March 2018 16:56
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation licensing [OFFICIAL]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 16:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation licensing

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To J S Champeau

Badge no: 1225

I am writing regarding the notice for deregulation and I feel there should not be any change to the policy and I recommend there should be a survey the reason I feel this way because there is already too much over ranking at the station, Q bar and even RBH is always over ranked due to there being no space and too many hackney carriages which makes the earning low If more plates were issued it would cause big problems with already limited space.

Thank you

Usman Munawar

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 26 March 2018 09:08
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses. [OFFICIAL]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2018 11:58
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses.

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To whom it may concern. I strongly believe that the vehicle licence should not be deregulated and the numbers should remain the same as we don't have enough space for more vehicle.

However I would like to recommend a min of 5 and max of 10 licences per year will not harm the trade and can easily be adjusted among the rest as alot of drivers have been renting for a long time and is not fair.

Regards M Naeem
Badge No 1064

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 26 March 2018 16:51
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: deregulation [OFFICIAL]

From: munawar hussain [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 16:09
To: Licensing
Subject: deregulation

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badge no: 323

plate 132

I feel the policy should remain the same with limited vehicle plates and I recommend there should be a survey as already there is a lot of problems with parking and over ranking in all ranks.

thank you

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 March 2018 07:04
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting hackney carriage vehicle numbers

-----Original Message-----

From: Bilal Banaras [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 22:03
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting hackney carriage vehicle numbers

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Mr J S Champeau,

With regards to the deregulation of Hackney carriage vehicle number, I would suggest this would severely affect earning potential of hackney carriage drivers of which has taken a massive hit since the last plate issue. I would recommend the council undertake a demand survey to balance the needs of the town alongside earning potential of already hard working taxi drivers.

Best regards

Balal Banaras
Plate 345

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 27 March 2018 07:05
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Survey

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2018 21:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Survey

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Hi
J s champeau
I would like to request u to have a demand Survey done Tthanks Regards Haji Banaras badge 448

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:29
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2018 17:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation

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In response to your letter I personally feel that with the current work situation and limited spaces on ranks there is definitely no need for deregulation. As it stands the waiting time for drivers can be about 1 hour and that's only if you can find space on the rank to park. Deregulation would only cause more obstructions as it stands we have a parking issue on every rank throughout the day and night shift. I hope the council would not release any further plates to protect what little we have.

Shehzad qureshi
Badge number 669

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:29
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2018 17:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation

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I believe that Reading hackney carriage licenses should not be deregulated as this will cause hardship on the drivers aswell as causing issues with over ranking on major ranks. RBC should undertake a survey to determine unmet demand. Licenses should be released according to the survey slowly over a number of months.

Many Thanks
Tariq Sharif

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:29
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Hackney survey

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2018 17:39
To: Licensing
Subject: Hackney survey

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Dear Sir

Just to say few words on your survey I think we have already too many Hackney carriages in Reading the work is not there for drivers to make the living also the problem is no parking at all so NO TO de regulation

Rgds
Mohammed

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:24
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle license

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2018 21:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle license

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To whom it may concern

I strongly recommend that a survey takes place in order to determine whether there is or is not any unmet demand

Regards
Umar Akram
Badge Number: 1124

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:27
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 27 March 2018 20:36
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

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To whom it may concern

I strongly recommend that a survey take place in order to determine whether there is or is not any unmet demand.

Regards

M Naeem
Badge no 645

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 28 March 2018 07:04
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation / Taxi licence

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2018 01:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation / Taxi licence

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Hi

My opinion is do not deregulate the license .
Please go for survey as usual and decide whatever survey say .
Mirza Ishfaq Badge number 819 .

Many Thanks

Mirza Ishfaq

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Champeau, Jean

From: REHAN AKRAM <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 March 2018 15:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

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To whom it may concern

I strongly recommend that a survey take place in order to determine whether there is or is not any unmet demand

Regards

Rehan Ali Akram
Badge number 1318

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From: khuram akram [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2018 15:34
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation on Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

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To whom it may concern

I strongly recommend that a survey take place in order to determine whether there is or is not any unmet demand

Regards

Khuram shazad akram
Badge number 1167
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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 29 March 2018 15:15
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Survey - fwd to jc by clm [OFFICIAL]

From: Simran Dharewal [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 March 2018 14:56
To: Licensing
Subject: Survey - fwd to jc by clm

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Dear J. S. Champeau

I would like to request to have a survey done.

My details are:

Name: Karam Singh Dhaliwal

Plate no.: 157

Badge.: 670

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 29 March 2018 09:54
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: [OFFICIAL]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 29 March 2018 08:18
To: Licensing
Subject:

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To whom it May concern

Please to survey to establish the outcome of deregulation.

Thanks
M Asif
Badge 416

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 29 March 2018 09:53
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: I strongly recommend that a survey take place in order to determine whether there is not any unmet demand my name is Muhammed Tariq Khawaja and badge no 1004 [OFFICIAL]

From: Khawaja Tariq [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 29 March 2018 09:24
To: Licensing
Subject: I strongly recommend that a survey take place in order to determine whether there is not any unmet demand my name is Muhammed Tariq Khawaja and badge no 1004

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Champeau, Jean

From: Morrison, Claire on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 29 March 2018 09:53
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation Hackney Carriage - fwd JC by CLm [OFFICIAL]

From: Naheed Ulhaq [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 29 March 2018 07:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation Hackney Carriage - fwd JC by CLm

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To whom it may concern

With regards to the above please undertake a survey like before. There is not enough space to accomodate more vehicles, at times iit is mayhem due to drivers working longer hours to make a suitable income. The trade has been on a decline and has been stagnated in this current financial state.

Yours sincerely
Tabraiz Ulhaq
Badge No 745
Plate No 162

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:33
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: survey request

From: Atiya Amin [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 March 2018 14:26
To: Licensing
Subject: survey request

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Dear Mr J.S Champeau

I am writing in request to have a survey done. Below are my details:

Mohammed Amin - [REDACTED]
Plate number: 312
Badge number: 394

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:31
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle Numbers

-----Original Message-----

From: iram raja [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 March 2018 18:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle Numbers

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to comment on the above policy which the council currently implements. I agree with the Office of Fair Trading that the council should review this policy every 3 years with a comprehensive survey. I feel that there are enough Hackney Carriage Vehicles at this time, and the infrastructure around Reading Station can not accommodate unlimited numbers of black cabs were the council to deregulate. There is no need for change and the council should continue to follow the Office of Fair Trading's policy.

Many Thanks
Mr Mohammad Akhlaq Raja
Plate number 013

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:31
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

From: shahid rafiq [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 12:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers

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Dear J S Champeau

Reference your notice on 23 February 2018 regarding Deregulation of hackney carriage vehicle numbers.

I feel this policy should still remain in place, due to the fact we are still in a very competitive market, where we are competing against large firms such as Reading Buses and major private hire firms.

Income has not increased, and I feel we are meeting demand of our customers.

I will urge you to think about our fellow colleagues as everyone is struggling to make a decent living, increasing vehicle numbers would mean more waiting time, and we already haven't got enough ranking place at the current ranks.

Regards

Shahid Rafiq
Badge number 795
License number 350

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:30
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Limiting hackney carriage vehicle

From: imran mian [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 12:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Limiting hackney carriage vehicle

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Hi I think we should go for surgery,as Council did previously

Whatever the outcome of surgery will be fair enough for every one

Thanks

Imran Mian

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:30
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: About the Deregulation of Hackney Carriage

From: MAHOMED AHAMED [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 12:38
To: Licensing
Subject: About the Deregulation of Hackney Carriage

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Dear

There is always limitations of jobs in any company and to decide the limitation someone have to make the decision and the best way to do it, its a survey which every one will be satisfied with it. Because it will be fair decision.

Many thanks

M. Ahamed

874 badge

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:30
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of Hackney policy

From: hamayon pervaiz [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 14:38
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of Hackney policy

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Hi
I think the policy should stay the same. Due to the limited spaces on taxi ranks the market is very competitive already. Waiting times are ridiculously long and rising costs of living are proving it very hard to make ends meet. I think the policy should stay the same.
Hamayon Pervaiz
Badge no 981
License no 343

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:30
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

From: mohammed ishtiaq, [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 14:55
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of Hackney Carriage vehicle licenses

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Dear Mr Champeau

Reference your notice on 23 February 2018 regarding Deregulation of hackney carriage vehicle numbers.

I feel this policy should still remain in place, due to the fact that we are still in a very competitive market as we are competing against private hire trade.

Our income has not changed, and I feel that we are meeting the demand of our customers.

I will urge you to think about our fellow colleagues as everyone is struggling to make a decent living, increasing vehicle numbers would mean more waiting times, also not been given enough ranking spaces it will cause more over ranking and problems.

Thank you

Regards

Mohammed Afsar
Badge number 933
License no 223

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:30
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of Hackney Carriage Vehicles

From: muhammad choudhry [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 16:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of Hackney Carriage Vehicles

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Dear Mr Champeau

Muhammad Nabeel Choudhry
Badge: 841
Licence: 218
Address: [REDACTED] Reading

I am replying to your letter dated 23 February regarding deregulation of Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers. I am opposed to this for the reasons outlined below.

There are already too many Hackney Carriage Vehicles. The taxi ranks are already at full capacity with overanking a regular occurrence. This will cause significant congestion in town centre both during the daytime and at nighttime. This will become even more apparent when the new red routes are put into place.

I am also opposed to deregulation because it will adversely affect our livelihoods. The council has imposed age limits on vehicles and as a result we have had to change them at significant cost to ourselves. We have invested long term in this business and deregulation will affect us badly.

Instead I would urge the council to conduct a survey as previously and keep the Hackney Carriage Vehicles restricted. Thank you very much and I hope you will take our views into consideration.

Regards
Muhammad Nabeel Choudhry

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:29
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Unmet demand

From: Amir Riaz [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 31 March 2018 16:34
To: Licensing
Subject: Unmet demand

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The situation which we have in reading at the momment requires alot of waitting before we get to do a job. An hours waitting time is alot to do a job, as it stands so i belive we would like a survay done to see if there is a requirement for HCV's.

Thank you.

Amir Riaz
Badge number 664.

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:29
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: De regulation

-----Original Message-----

From: Julian Ransley [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 31 March 2018 17:29
To: Licensing
Subject: De regulation

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Dear Licensing

I would like to express my feelings towards the council considering deregulation.

I am very much against deregulation because of a number of reasons:

- Not enough ranks already.
- Over ranking would be a real issue for traffic.
- Less work in the town for current badge holders.
- Drivers have been renting for the past 12 years waiting for a license plate.
- Reading is only a very small town with limited space for ranks.

Please feel free to contact me for further discussions

Regards
J Ransley (889)

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:27
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Taxi survey

From: Mudassar Shahzad [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: 31 March 2018 18:09
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi survey

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Hello, My point of view regarding to survey is that I'm vwry satisfied that survey should take place after every 3 yrs because at the moment job situation is waiting time is almost 45 to 50 mins in week days and both ranks fully over rankall the times and everyone wants to get pob from wedt rank side they new if they go to the Gerrard street that will take more 20 to 25 mins and if you go to friar street rank is for cabs is always more then 4 same situation is with RBH.

I'm also a rented driveri would love to have my own plate but the thing is there is no place to park we already have the reasonable cabs in the town and I'm happily serving my community in the reading.

Thanks

████████████████████
Mudassar shahzad

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:27
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation

From: ejaz ahmed [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 22:57
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

I have been in taxi trade for last 10 years and i believe hackney carriage in Reading are already over numbered which causes over ranking congestion long waiting time pollution etc.Any further hackney licences should be issued according to survey if needed.

Thanks You
Ejaz Ahmed

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:27
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers - Notice 23 February 2018

From: Khalid Rafiq [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 22:57
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers - Notice 23 February 2018

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To Mr Champeau,

Re: Deregulation of limiting Hackney Carriage Vehicle numbers - Notice 23 February 2018

I write with reference to the above notice.

With major transport providers in Reading, i.e. Reading Buses and other private Hire Taxi firms, i believe this notice/change will not work in our favor as Hackney Carriage driver. As you can appreciate it is difficult as it is in Reading to work in these kind of conditions, where there are enough drivers and taxi ranks are low. Increasing vehicle numbers will add more to the problem where i/we will struggle to work the same hours and earn less. This will not work well in the long term.

I request you kindly to think of us as a service provider in Reading and the current constraints before introducing new initiatives which will work/not work in our favor - this is clearly an initiative which will not work for me and my fellow colleagues.

Kind regards,

Mohammed Rafiq
Badge number 358
License number 116

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:26
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of taxis

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From: abdul ch [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 23:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of taxis

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Hi

Further to the letter sent regarding deregulation of Taxis.

I would like to say that Reading Borough council has enough taxis and we do not have the space to park. We are all struggling with parking in our ranks.

Issuing more taxis will effect road traffic causing extra congestion within the town centre.

Regards

Abdul Choudhry
Badge Number : 1126

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:26
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of Hackney carriage vehicle licence

From: amjad mahmood [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 April 2018 00:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of Hackney carriage vehicle licence

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Dear sir

I don't agree with the deregulation of Hackney carriage licences. I feel the policy of limiting Hackney carriage vehicle should remain the same
Regards

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:26
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Taxi survey

From: mohammad rashid [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 01 April 2018 00:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi survey

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Hi

In my opinion the same policy should exist and survey should be carried out every three years.that would provide fair amount of work for every one working and if survey demands any new vehicles to be issued then do so as required by survey.

Many thanks

Mohammad Rashid
[REDACTED]

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:24
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of Limiting (H C V) numbers

Kind regards,
Leigh Ingram
Senior Entitlement & Assessment Officer
0118 9373 762 (internal 11430)

From: nadeem mazhar [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: 01 April 2018 12:32
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Deregulation of Limiting (H C V) numbers

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From: Masud Mazhar <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Mar 31, 2018, 20:48
Subject: Deregulation of Limiting (H C V) numbers
To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear J S Champeau

I saw this letter asking our views about What policy should be in feature I would like to say many years now I am waiting council should issue more licences so we can get opportunity to drive Hackney and we can work peacefully as you know difference between P Hire and Hackney please i request council should do deregulation

Kind Regards
Nadeem Mazhar
Badge no 891

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Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:27
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Deregulation of limiting (H C V) Numbers

-----Original Message-----

From: Masud Mazhar [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2018 20:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting (H C V) Numbers

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Dear J S Champeau ,
I saw this letter on the notice board you are asking our views what's policy should be in the future my views are policy should be Deregulated for all rental drivers because in the end we are all human being we all been paying rent years and years now we can't even have a holidays also the policy of not deregulation in Reading is discrimination to the rental drivers and now is the time to change to deregulation same as in cities in England Kind Regards Masud Mazhar
Badge No 921

Sent from my iPhone

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:38
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: Release of new Hackney carriage license (number) plates

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 March 2018 13:44
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Release of new Hackney carriage license (number) plates

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 30 March 2018 at 13:39:45 BST
To: licencing@reading.gov.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Release of new Hackney carriage license (number) plates

Dear Mr Champeau,

I've written to you a number of times before Sir, and I'm writing to you once again to request the release of new number plates/Hackney carriage license plates.

I have been renting for the last 10 years approaching 11 years soon.

I very strongly feel that I should be given the opportunity to have my own cab/ number plate and be genuinely self employed and independent of the shackles of driving someone else's vehicle.

For the past 10 years I've been paying rent, leading to immense financial pressure and hardship at times when I've been unable to work when unwell/sick or the cab goes in for repairs.

Over the time I've seen owners raise rents to extortionate levels due to the shortage of cabs. It also leads to the drivers not being able to negotiate any terms of renting as means of desperation to obtain a cab.

RBC LICENSING needs to review the release of number plates or have a policy - which gives the rights to own a license plate after having rented for a certain number of years/period of time.

Please review this situation urgently in consideration of those of us who have been renting

Champeau, Jean

From: Licensing
Sent: 03 April 2018 07:33
To: Champeau, Jean
Subject: FW: deregulation Hackney licence

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 March 2018 14:02
To: Licensing
Subject: deregulation Hackney licence

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To whom it may concern.

I am not in the favour of deregulation the Hackney licence in Reading But it's unfair to the drivers been serving for past 8 to 10 years and they still paying the rent.

My opinion is at least 10 licence a year. Many thanks

Ansar Mahmood
Badge number 919
[REDACTED]
READING.. RG1 6EE

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Champeau, Jean

From: Chaudhary Mubashir <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 28 March 2018 11:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Deregulation of limiting Hackney

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments.

I would like to request council should do a deregulation at least we all rental driver can work peacefully and we been treated a slave in this trade RTA always taking advantage and they are not fare with drivers Please do consider my request Kind Regards Ch Mubashir

Sent from my iPhone