

Should the council's existing entry age requirement for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles be revised. Please give reasons for your response.

Older vehicles have less service history and high mileage there could be underlying issues

2nd hand car market isn't affordable to produce cars of a nice calibre of 5yr and younger. Having an 8 year requirement will increase the opportunity for drivers to produce vehicles of a better standard and it to be affordable

Caerphilly county are lacking the amount of Taxis we have on the road which in turn is causing a lack of Taxis. By increasing the age limit would in turn enable more people to buy their own taxis and minibuses in stead of working for larger company's for a below average wage. Some of the Taxis we have in the roads which are only a few years old have crazy mileage and have been ragged by different drivers so having the opportunity to buy a car 8 years old with enable people to buy more cars at a lower price and be in better condition.

Firstly when was it changed to 5 years from first registered I was told when I applied for licence 2.5 years ago I was told 3 years

Vehicles of 8 years old are perfectly adequate to provide taxi services and will allow companies to update their fleet sooner also a lot of taxi's in the Borough are to small and this would allow them to buy larger vehicles

There should be a minimum size to used as a taxi

As a private owner the price of secondhand cars/ six seaters and mini buses are really high and the opportunity to buy an older vehicle would be great as there are a lot of older vehicles with low mileage out there that would be great for school runs that don't have a lot of mileage to them.

Vehicle's are far better made now than 20 years ago, also you can buy 6 or 7 year old cars with low milage and have been well looked after better than a 3 year old car with 100,000 miles on it.

Yes

It would enable drivers to get better cars.

Na

I keep my taxi to a very high standard regarding maintenance and appearance. The age of the vehicle makes no difference. you could have a brand new car with more faults than an older one.

In my opinion the age is irrelevant, there are some brilliant low milage cars available at reasonable prices but are older than 5yr old.

I personally think that Accident Repaired cars, should be excluded from being a taxi. So cat N/S vehicles.

Because the cost of purchasing that is under 5 years old of too expensive

This will make purchasing vehicles,easier and cheaper. Vehicle purchase prices,have risen substantially,in recent years.

I feel vehicle technology has improved massively since the 5 year registration was introduced. These days a 5 year old vehicle is classed as quite new providing it has been maintained and kept in good condition. An 8 year old vehicle, again provided it has been maintained, has a satisfactory Mot in place and is in good condition would service it's users the same.

I've never really understood the first plating policy as after plating I don't believe there's an age restriction anyway.

I agree with 8 years proposal

The current age entry is good,when I visit other boroughs and see vehicles...good and bad,5 year old is plenty.

Cars need to be decent and maintained older cars will be more worn amd used

Good quality cars could be 8 years old and still used for taxis

There are fantastic cars available with low mileage which are just over the age limit under current rules that have had far less wear and tear than vehicles within the age limit

Because of vehicle prices being so high

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Too many older worn-out Taxis on the road and lower standard of transport for passengers

Standard of car will go down would agree if its specialty taxi

The standard of vehicles being used as taxis could fall, ie. Become scruffy, less cared for, unless mots were conducted 6 monthly.

The disabled Access vehicles should have more leeway as they are more expensive to purchase & by doing the above there is no incentive to purchasing a disabled access vehicle, therefore you are driving them out of the borough & making them less available to residents.

It should be for prestige cars only

Like

BMW 5 series and above

Mercedes e class

Vw arteon all these are 50k new and under 5 years old still 25k but a seven year old one is about 15k which is reasonable and you probably would have a lot better quality of taxi on the road than the current ones

I think revising this is a good thing because of the price of new cars is extortionate and by changing the years that a car can have a plate will help with the costing. With the change in the age of the car would not matter because you can buy a older car with less mileage and in better condition of half the licenced taxis in the borough. I would also like to say that by changing the year that you can plate would help the industry and make the taxi business better

Because trying to buy a vehicle less than 5 years is costly and you end up buying poorer quality busses simply down to the fact they are newer. You can buy older busses that have done fewer miles and are in better condition.

The cost of replacing vehicles in the current economic climate can be difficult. Having the option to plate vehicles that are a few years older will reduce the costs involved in replacing vehicles when required. As long as the vehicle is mechanically sound, and capable of passing an MOT & compliance check I strongly agree with the proposed changes.

As a business this would make a huge impact on the number of vehicles I have.

I think 8 years is ridiculous. Your approaching banger territory, and some owners already cut corners. Reliability and condition of vehicles would become cause for concern.

Other councils have much longer timescales. There is no reason why older cars that are in good sound condition and fit for purpose should not be used.

As vehicles are so expensive now

At the moment the prices of cars 5 years and under are extremely high so if the 8 year would help us all and the cars are just as good

It should be the same has wheelchair vehicles, they should be the same

Cheaper to replace an old vehicle

Need to be in line with council's

If that's are 8 year

Will give more options when buying a vehicle

You may also find it get a lot of the older cars off the road

Be more affordable to obtain taxis

Taxis get a lot of wear and tear. Older vehicles being introduced will encourage a lower standard across the board in a race to the bottom in terms of quality for the customer. I've been in taxis that have been plated for just 5 years and are absolutely knackered.

There are a large choice of well maintained vehicles within the 8 years with low mileage. Cars on sale 3 years or less and within cost are usually x company with high mileage and maintain a high price almost 75% more than cars outside the three year conditions, It would be an advantage and cost effective for drivers to renew vehicles rather than hang on to existing vehicle, some of which look past their sell by date. Extending the years would be a good change. but Would

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recomend all Taxi /P/H be subject to a higher standard of ,car bodywork and paintwork. Visional appearance .for both car and drivers.

Due to the prices of new and pre owned vehicles it will give people a better chance of buying someone they can afford.

As long as the vehicle is road worthy and well looked after.

MORE CHOICE

Due to rising costs and the cost of replacing vehicles I have noticed over the years when looking to replace vehicles the different in costs from a 4-5 year old vehicle to a 5-8 year old vehicle which is significant to be used as a private hire vehicle or hackney carriage and are still low emmisions but electric vehicles for our line of work is very costly. I own 4 private hire vehicles if i had to buy 4 electric vehicles 3 year old it would have a massive impact on my business cost wise. I could purchase probably 3 vehicles Deisel/Petrol for the price of 1 Electric vehicle

Cars are getting to expensive to replace making us keep hold of older cars for longer

It certainly would be beneficial to those who sometimes struggle to by a car at five years old with current prices garages charge.

I believe they need to be reversed, as the cost of living and the expenses of running a business have risen significantly, and buying vehicles under 5 years old is not necessarily essential

2nd hand Cars are expensive and the older they are would be cheaper

the vehicle will be too old,

Because it will be cheaper for drivers to buy a roadworthy car

Allowing up to 6 years

The high cost of late registration vehicles. Many older vehicles have full service records and have been well cared for and are less expensive to purchase.

In the modern world vehicles are now far more advanced in technology and safety and are much more reliable. The market price for vehicles has also significantly increased and by raising the entry age it will allow drivers to have more flexible purchases within their budget without causing financial strain.

New cars are getting more expensive, electric cars are currently prohibitively expensive from new. If you want taxis to be replaced and not just have an increasingly aging fleet then the first licence date needs to be extended. Particularly as wheelchair accessible vehicles can currently be older.

8 or 10 years cars should be considered because cost effective also no many individuals can afford newer vehicles and that drops the service quality for those who are registered their vehicles many years ago still using it because they know there is no enough competition or strong new comers so they provide poor service with like 20years old vehicles.

So yes please change it to 8 maybe even 10 years old vehicles so many drivers can afford to buy the vehicle and start their private service and that will increase competition and much more quality service.

I personally think that the age restrictions on a taxi should be pushed to 8 years instead of 5 to make it easier for people to buy a car.

It is difficult to buy a car under five years. Additionally, a car over five years in good condition and low mileage is more substantial than a newer car that is of lower quality and condition and higher mileage. Prices of new cars are also unreasonably high and little people can afford such prices. We will only get ourselves into financial commitments which is not healthy given the current economic situation. As well as this, taxi licensing we have to pay is drastically overpriced and we do not make enough money as you think we do.

A higher age of cars will be beneficial as it allows a wider variety of purchase. The trade will benefit from this as it is more cost effective which is a heavy advantage considering the current state of economy. An older car may even be of better quality in comparison to a newer car.

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Helps it more affordable to buy a second hand vehicle.

Yes to make plating a car more affordable

Cost of new cars are too expensive, can get an older car sometimes with less Mileage

Cost of purchasing a new vehicle remains high since Covid-19 and this revised guidance will help drivers to purchase nicer and more reliable cars instead of trying to buy the cheapest under 4-5 years old cars.

NEWER CARS ARE TOO EXPENCIVE

It means fleet drivers have a chance to become an owner driver

The cost of vehicles has gone ballistic over the past years and newer doesn't always mean better, by changing the age criteria it opens up more options for existing licensed drivers and also a more attractive proposition for people wishing to enter the trade.

I think the effect of allowing older vehicles to be licenced is that we will see an even bigger decline in the quality of vehicles that are now taxis. It will encourage operators from out of the area to licence vehicles for the use of cross bordering. Upto 5 years of age is more than adequate and I think personally that at 10yrs a vehicle should be taken off licence, as a vehicle that's been a taxi for 5yrs or more would be worn out (with the exception of a few owner drivers/operators)

If well maintained don't need to be only 5 years old

As long as a car is safe and checked regularly does the customer worry about age of car when they want to get anywhere

People trying to work shouldn't be restricted

I fail to see how licensing 8 year old cars will improve standards, in fact it will drive down standards. It's only recently that it was changed from 4 to 5 years. You already have licensed operators that cut corners by not having their vehicles serviced properly.

You got more of a chance buying a luxury car for cheaper

Vehicle costs have increased to a substantial amount over recent years making it virtually impossible for smaller businesses to purchase a newer vehicle for taxi usage. The new ruling will mean that more vehicle can go through the plating process enabling small businesses and the council the means of more drivers and vehicles covering the area

The cost of purchasing a vehicle under 5 years has increased significantly and, when taking into account the part exchange value, it has become difficult to buy a younger car

It's gives us a chance to purchase cheaper vehicles and and cheaper tax..

Buying a new vehicle has increased dramatically

Vehicles are MOT every year and have to pass a compliance test therefore the vehicle is roadworthy

No guarantee that a new vehicle will more reliable than slightly older one

Because everyone can get easy car

Vehicle prices have more than doubled eg 2017 8 seater minibus was 11500 now same type with same miles are ranging 26 to 33 thousand

as it stands its very difficult and expensive for new people joining the trade .to keeo the taxi trade live ,we need to make it as easy as possible and cheap for new applicants .

Older vehicles have more problems you are paying for a bit of comfort and reliability