

**Subject:** FW: Consultation Response - Taxi Licensing

Good afternoon Sophie,

Firstly, apologies for the delay in responding to you. I hope my responses clarify the proposed policy changes.

- For Options A and B, the consultation states that “Slough Borough Council will cease to license diesel vehicles. This applies to vehicle grant applications only”. Does this mean that non-grant diesel vehicles will be eligible for a license or will the Council cease to grant any diesel taxi licenses? **Yes, currently diesel vehicles could be renewed and remain licensed until the vehicle reaches 9 years of age.**
- It is not mentioned in the consultation what emission standard a vehicle must be if applying for a new license before 2025-2026. Will the emission standard requirements from the original taxi licensing policy still apply? **The policy removes the requirement for any vehicle to meet a specific emission standard.**
- In terms of preferred options, Option A is likely to bring about emission improvements quicker than Option B, therefore this is my preferred option.
- Will you be publishing the consultation feedback? I am due to develop Slough’s Air Quality Action Plan this year and this info would be really helpful. **The report and consultation results will be published mid-October and the Licensing Committee meeting is scheduled for 30 October.**

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards

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Please note my usual working days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Hi Licencing Team,

I have reviewed the consultation document regarding taxi licencing changes. Please see questions and comments below:

- For Options A and B, the consultation states that “Slough Borough Council will cease to license diesel vehicles. This applies to vehicle grant applications only”. Does this mean that non-grant diesel vehicles will eligible for a license or will the Council cease to grant any diesel taxi licenses?
- It is not mentioned in the consultation what emission standard a vehicle must be if applying for a new license before 2025-2026. Will the emission standard requirements from the original taxi licencing policy still apply?
- In terms of preferred options, Option A is likely to bring about emission improvements quicker than Option B, therefore this is my preferred option.
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Kind regards,

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