Tamworth Taxi Licensing

The Tamworth Taxi and Private Hire Association representing over 50% of the current drivers would like to formally object to the changes that have been proposed within the new taxi driver guidelines. these have been raised and voted on at the latest meeting that was held Tuesday 10th January these are as follows.

The proposed removal of the age limit to place a new vehicles on the fleet. We would like this to be left in place as it is currently 4 years or newer, we would like an amendment added to enable the upgrading/replacement of any current licensed taxi or private hire (The 4 year age limit will not apply to existing vehicle proprietors that are upgrading their vehicle to a newer vehicle, there must be no break in the licensed period and the the new vehicle will be subject to a new vehicle application procedure and fee.)

The changes to the taxi fitness test, We would like this to be kept at the current guidelines 1 test every 6 months for vehicles under 4 years old and 1 every 4 months for vehicles over 4 years old. We feel this is a safety issue as some vehicles can travel over fifty thousand miles in 6 months.

There are two other concerns that we have in regards to the amendments that were made in 2019 despite a meeting held with John Morgan. The points system and dress code seam to have been implemented without our objections being taken into consideration.

The dress code. While we feel that a dress code is a good idea in principal, a drivers comfort should come above all else. If you're sitting for 10-14 hours per day, stiff trousers or jeans can become very uncomfortable, elasticated bottoms are very much the choice of a lot of drivers.

The points system, again we are not fully opposed to the points system we feel this needs to be further discussed and that some points are overlapping and excessive. If we could sit down with yourselves and amend these we feel this would have a much more of a positive acceptance from the drivers.

Yours Faithfully

Tamworth Taxi and Private Hire Association.

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