

Annex 3

The Taxi Association met and discussed the situation regarding de-regulation and the majority agreed that they remain disappointed that a full survey has not been supported by the council. They are frustrated that the Council continue to push the point that it will be de-regulating eventually, even when Government policy only 'recommends' this action.

There is also concern that the consultation's lack of replies will result in a decision to go ahead with de-regulation. Having given People/Organisations the opportunity to complain, they failed to reply, suggesting to us that no one has any real problem with the current level of availability.

There was an element of support for the idea that if de-regulation does go ahead, the issue of a limit[ed] number of plates issued with criteria could be considered. However the unfortunate handling surrounding the issue of the last plate to be released, has left many with a complete distrust in this route.

It is therefore the Taxi Association's intention to continue to oppose de-regulation.