

ANNEX 1

**Test Valley Borough Council
Consultation on Hackney Carriage (taxi) Licensing – Consultation
Questionnaire - results**

Numbers returned Hackney Carriage proprietor/driver 3, Private Hire Vehicle driver/operator 3, Parish/Town Council 2, Borough Councillor 4, Other 5.

1. Do you believe there are currently a sufficient number of licensed hackney carriages available in Test Valley?

Yes 7 No 9 Don't know 1

2. Do you believe there are currently a sufficient number of licensed wheelchair accessible hackney carriages available in Test Valley?

Yes 7 No 7 Don't know 3

3. Please read the following options and indicate with a tick the one with which you agree most:

a) The Borough Council should maintain the current policy of restricting hackney carriage numbers 4

b) The Borough Council should issue a set number of licences either immediately or over a period of time 5

If so, please indicate how many more licences you think the Council should issue:

One – 1

Two – 1

Three – 0

Four – 1

Five – 0

Don't know – 2

c) The Borough Council should remove the current restriction and move to a policy of complete de-restriction with no forms of control (other than existing licence conditions/ requirements) 0

d) The Borough Council should remove the current restriction and move to a policy of complete de-restriction but with some form of control. 8

If so, which of the following controls should be in place?

Vehicles must be of a certain age - 5

Vehicles must be of a certain colour – 1 (+ 1 possibly)

Vehicles should be identifiable in some other way - 6

Plate showing expiry date

TVBC signage

Roof sign

Door or boot/bonnet signage

Signage as to whether they are wheelchair accessible.

Vehicles must be capable of carrying a wheelchair user - 1

4. Are there any comments you wish to add regarding your preferred option or any other comments you wish to make?

Current needs in Romsey are met by the current provider except at very busy times. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are the only market not catered for at present.

This Parish Council is of the view that a few licences should be issued at a time and that this should continue as required.

The Borough [Council] may wish to ensure that sufficient wheelchair accessible vehicles are available amongst the licensed fleet.

I will admit that there are certain times i.e. end of the month weekends when taxis are difficult for the public to obtain.

Option [3] d) should be used but ensure there is a correct percentage of wheelchair accessible vehicles available.

I believe by restricting numbers we will ensure that drivers will not have to work excessive hours chasing business therefore passenger safety will be improved.

Most people who use our service only do so at certain times of the day; most taxis have school runs so when they are not on the rank the private hire get the business.

Our taxis and drivers are of a high standard in my opinion. It is important to maintain a limit to ensure this quality of service remains high.