

**APPENDIX B**

**Consultation Responses.**

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Say for example we buy an eclass or a Toyota Prius. For one just under 5 year old is around average price of £13,000 This is no a joke. This is a lot of money to buy a car for. And to use for taxi. Works been affected to much after uber has been around that lot of drivers are thinking of getting tfl badges made.

Drivers are already frustrated and stressed about the fact uber was able to operate in slough. On top if you was to change to a car under 3 years. This will now cost over £16,000 to buy. And honesty after all expenses wear tear rent etc. We ate just about struggling to make nearly 10k per year.

I am willing to have a council member to sit on my car for one week so u can get an idea of what kind of money we are making. Seriously things are very hard on top it seems like every couple of years the council puts policy in place that targets drivers to reach far and borrow more money just to renew there cars. You think if I earn £80 On a shift.

£80. Earning.

£20 radio rent.

£15 diesel.

£5 car wash etc wear tear.

Already we are down to £40 to £50 a day if we are lucky after all our expenses.

I would urge the council not to take such step and to leave the minimum age to 5years upon renewal.

Already drivers are experienced very very hard times. Any such measure will have a big impact. As for myself I have been considering making another council badge but was always happy with slough.

But some times we need to put things into prospective that is it really worth it.

I along with a lot of drivers will be against the idea of the proposal. And I will be happy to get you signatures to show u tue affect and thoughts of others.

Sorry I would like to add to my message.

On one hand u proposing cars under 3 years. And on other drivers can driver car Upto 12 Years.

Driving a car for that long that has been driven in taxi has done a lot of mileage so to keep the car and standards still to a good limit. My opinion how was before

<p>was a bee fair system.  New cars under 5 years of age. Max can drive up to 10 Years.  But this 3 year proposal really needs to be thought about from a drivers point of view also.  If such proposal was to go through the way I feel I think I would personally take this to court and put my case forward. Or a strike for 3 days would bring slough to a halt.  It seems like the council is always doing things to make things hard for every driving livelihood. And this is not fair.</p>	
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<p>I have received a letter regarding Ultra Low Emission.  I run a chauffeur company and I have look at this proposal Ultra Low Emission on all Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriage.  Chauffeur company's use different cars like Audi A8LWB and BMW 7 series L and Mercedes which now there Co2/km does not meet your proposal.  I have look at a few cars and there Co2/km are around the 155 -314 Co2/km which full outside.  I think we should be given an exemption until these cars become more available at a reasonable price to allow us to change in a few years' time.  I would like a meeting in the further to discuss the above matter as Chauffeur company's seem to get forgot when it comes to Licensing.</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder  Email Response x1</p>

I have had more time to think and do research about items in your letter. Please can you consider my following points as follows.

The costs of buying a new or replacing current car for one with regulations for your letter 01/09/2019 is very expensive. The cost of buying a new car with your requirements for 01/09/2018 is approx £18,000 to £25,000.(thousand) I do not have that much money to spend on a car. This means i may have to change jobs or go on benefits.

The availability or stock of new/replacement cars to meet your requirements for 01/09/2019 is very small and limited. I made a visit to a Ford dealership, and they advise me none of their petrol or diesel car meets the requirements for you .i.e. 75g of C02/km. They have only one car in the CAZ/ULEV range and the C02/km reading is 108. This car is a Mondeo hybrid. Ford will not be engaging with CAZ/ULEV cars until 2022 i was advised

Another expamle is the vauxhall ASTRA. The cost of a new ULEV ASTRA IS £22,000.(thousand) The C02/km reading is 88. This does not meet your requirement.

Another example is the Nissan LEAF. This is a ULEV car, but has range of only 155 miles on a full charge. What will happen if on a long journey job and car runs out of charge? There is not enough charging points for cars. The infrastructure is not in place for CAZ/ULEV cars.

What about the cost of having a charge point fitted at or outside home for car. What about if someone lives in flats , second or third floor, etc. How will they charge car overnight. What about if someone can not park outside their property and have to park , eg 50/100/200 meters away. How will they charge car?

There is only one car i have found that meets your requirements. the Toyota PIRUS. This car , new or to replace under 3 years old comes in at approx £18,000 to

Current Licence Holder  
Email Response x2

<p>£25,000 (thousand). Like i have said before , i cannot afford this.</p> <p>I understand the need to move forward, ref C02, etc. I feel above points need looking at before you make your decisions.</p> <p>Please can you look into or pass on my comments in this e-mail and previous before you make your decision.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and help with this matter.</p>	
<p>Ulev from 1september 2025</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder Email Response</p>
<p>Please can you note my points to the new rules you wish to engage. My car does not meet the criteria for the new rule, i.e. 1/09/2019 , CAZ , 75g of C02. This means i will have to purchase a new car. What about the cost of a new car with the regulations you require? I still have approx 2 years use with my car with present conditions. Changing my car is going to cost me a lot of expense, time, stress. My present car will be wasted if i have to get rid off. What about if one of the other drivers purchased a vehicle in the last one or two years, and the car does not meet your regulations for 1/09/2019. If they have to replace car, they will lose a lot of money. I understand the need for the new regulations. Please can the costs involved to the drivers be considered. How about bringing the new regulations as follows. Current drivers can use present car they have up to maximum usage as per present rules, i.e. 5 to 9 years approx. After this , they then have to purchase new car with your new regulations. This i feel would be more cost effective and would be more understanding with the drivers Please can you consider my points. Thank you for your time and help with this matter.</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder Email Response</p>
<p>I am a more than a little concerned by the suggested new rules as currently I have an AUDI A8 which is a high end large car I have to have to service my clients. With the suggested changes it would be impossible for me to actually continue to</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder Email Response</p>

<p>use this type of car as there are no alternatives in car size that will come close to meeting your suggested new regulations (Mercedes S Class BMW 7 Series Audi A8 would all fall very short). This seems very unfair as my business is based on supplying high end cars and high end service, With this in mind I do understand why Slough would like to bring in these changes but feel that once again you are not considering all of your licensed drivers but just using a 'one size fits all' approach to everyone. I do not run a 'taxi' business and these suggested changes would mean I would not be able to operate my business</p> <p>I would be more than happy to discuss this with anyone and explain my position (it might be clearer than trying to put down on an email)</p>	
<p>I am emailing regarding a letter we have received outlining your consultation in licensing ultra low emission vehicles for existing drivers from September, 2019. We are vehemently opposed to the idea. Primarily, the taxi trade is very competitive; most drivers are struggling with the rising cost of fuel, insurance and general maintenance of the vehicle. Is it fair and appropriate to now burden us with further expenditure? This is an extremely selfish and disheartening decision from the Council.</p> <p>In addition, how will drivers make a living if their costs are higher than their profit margin? Is this something you have accounted for? You need to consider the impact of the increasing fare prices to help bridge the gap so that drivers are able to make a decent living. On the other hand, can our calibre of customers afford the financial burden which comes with your new plans? I do not think they require a recent model because new cars require respect and mutual care. However, on the whole, we do not have those type of customers. If drivers are constantly cleaning vomit and beer stains from their cars (another added cost), it is counterproductive and a waste of our money. This is the reality of our line of work and it cannot be sidelined.</p> <p>Moreover, you need to consider the financial implications of this initiative as most drivers shall have to buy the new</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder Email Response</p>

<p>vehicle on a finance package because, irrespective of the government grant, I (and many others) cannot afford to purchase it outright. This is a debt which is avoidable and unnecessary.</p> <p>Most cars function up to 3 years and, inevitably, hereafter start causing mechanical problems. Therefore, it is highly unlikely the ULEV vehicle will last up to 12 years as a taxi because of the sheer amount of usage and maintenance of the vehicle over a prolonged period of time.</p> <p>It is glaringly transparent that the drivers' needs have not been considered and this is the underlying issue: we are always at the brunt of financial ruin. We are exasperated by the Council's schemes which debilitate our livelihood; we have had enough and this has to stop.</p> <p>You need to appreciate this industry is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain a profitable income due to the many rising costs. As a council, protector of its people, you should be considering the impact of your decision from all angles and try to facilitate the needs of the drivers' as opposed to creating more financial worries for us. I urge you to discard this unjust and unfair policy and provide the committee members with our argument.</p>	
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<p>If I buy a car under 5 years old now and only drive it for 1 year and then have to change it in a year due to the new policy if effective is behind belief. I haven't got that much money to keep changing cars. As you are aware we are self employed. So forking our now and</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder Email Response</p>



<p>then after a year doesn't make sense .  Already a under 5 year old car doesn't come cheap.  Because of this I be losing a month of work.  I would like to know can we drivers attend this meeting and give our views how we feel about this ?  As you know that it will effect all of us and some of us even more ,even London taxi councils are not even this tight .  Also the low emission cars are not cheap to buy and the government funding if there is any is not a helpful amount .  Let's hope it doesn't go through.  If all the taxi are on low emissions what about the rest of Slough's millions of cars on the road.  Who ever designs these policy we should find out what cars they drive.  Whether there cars are 75g km under.</p>	
<p>We only operate contract home to school transport and specialize in wheelchair accessible vehicles, and feel there should be special dispensation/ exceptions for this type of vehicle, as the type of vehicle which we operate are specially manufactured and not readily available to purchase.</p>	<p>Current Licence Holder  Email Response</p>