

Comments broadly supportive of the proposal (11)

Good to have a good new fleet of cars within budget

Times are reasonable

All licensed vehicles must be less than 7 years old

Seems sensible especially at the rate at which motor technology is changing

Reasonable to have vehicles that aren't too old

Good not to require an unreasonable investment up front, and this balances that with the need to have vehicles in decent condition and reasonably up to date.

Mostly agree on basis of reducing the harmful emissions.

Vehicles should be good condition and not too old.

Should all be, at most, 7 years old.

The limits should be same across engine sizes. 7 years limit seems reasonable.

Should simplify and in line with the recent Council decision to be Carbon neutral, develop one high standard for all circumstances i.e. at time of first licensing as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle a vehicle must be no more than 7 years old at the date of application. They will ensure only the newest and least polluting cars are on the streets of Watford. Vehicles should be much newer.

Comments broadly against the proposal (25)

Vehicle should be no more than 5 years old

To be honest as long as the car is safe to travel in and is well maintained then I don't really see a problem about the age of the vehicle or its engine.

I don't understand why electric and hybrid vehicles can be much older than combustion engine vehicles. The mechanics of the non-motor parts wear the same for all vehicles so if the motors have been replaced I don't see what the difference is.

The vehicles should be newer to have more eco-friendly or green options.

For safety reasons taxis should be new or only two years old when first registered.

Doesn't matter if it's safe and works.

They are too old, these are vehicles being used as a business they should not be allowed to get a licence that old. I think 5 years should be the max.

This throws the door wide open to low standard vehicles. Should be tighter.

IF THE VEHICLES ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND KEPT CLEAN THE AGE IS NOT SO CRITICAL

This does not go far enough to support clean air, and limit climate change when we have signed up to a climate change emergency. Watford must be more ambitious with its targets for cleaner taxi cabs. Private companies could sponsor such taxi's to help drivers cover the costs and allow the customer to choose.

If the vehicle is safe and meets criteria then age is not the issue

These age limits are too generous

Many taxis operating in Watford seem old and in poor condition internally. I do not have a strong opinion on the maximum age of a vehicle for first registration but 7-15 years seems quite old to me. Perhaps there should be a maximum age of a licensed taxi too. Alternatively there could be a test regarding the standard of internal furnishings that must be passed if a car older than some threshold, say 10 years, is to continue to operate.

It's the condition of the vehicle that counts - not what year it was registered.

All depends what condition it is in.

Newer cabs would be better so that they are still clean emissions after a couple of years

These vehicle ages are TOO old it should be dropped to 5 or 6 years

Far too old should be 2015 so Euro6 compliant.

No vehicle of any type or classification older the 10 years should be used for the transporting of paying passengers especially, when such a vehicle has been used as a taxi, as they will have much more than the average mileage and be more likely to break down.

Let's make it easy. All new vehicles must be cat 6 emission standards and maximum of 10 years old.

Have you seen the state of a taxi older than 6 years?

I'd much rather have a ride in a 1940s Bentley than a modern Toyota, frankly.

No more than 5 years old vehicles please.

I presume these age limits have been set following detailed consultation or research into how long cars of each description can reasonably be used for taxis/Hackney cab/private hire use before becoming less effective and potentially less safe.

Want proper petrol or diesel cars not zero emission

Comments not directly answering the proposal (6)

I feel more time must be given to drivers who have purpose built wheelchair accessible cars. If these vehicles are taken out of the system disabled customers will suffer with the lack of purpose built Taxis

Some vehicles are probably quite old

Again not clear for people not in the trade -USE PLAIN ENGLISH ! Wording Too complex for 'normal everyday people ' who have no specific vehicle knowledge

All future licensed should be for zero emissions vehicles or the new London Electric Vehicle Company taxis only.

All hackney carriages or private hire vehicles must be licensed up to a maximum of 12 years.

We must think Eco-friendly.