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Hello,

Further to Suzanne's email below....

Despite it previously cost me in the region of £200 to have tints removed from the windows of two of our vehicles I have no issues whatsoever with regards to the current policy and fully understand the need for such an approach.

However when attending schools in the borough (as part of our school contract work) it's very noticeable that a large proportion of the mini-buses being used by various operators do not conform to this policy. Similarly many of the Private Hire Vehicles who work for large operators but who themselves are licensed outside of Telford & Wrekin jurisdiction are also not compliant.

I do appreciate it's a difficult one to manage (and I understand the frustration felt by Telford & Wrekin Licensing Dept) but the current system whereby Operators can be awarded Transport Contracts in Telford and utilise vehicles from elsewhere and which are not compliant with this policy is very frustrating, particularly for small companies like ourselves who are trying to compete with large scale operators.

I welcome your thoughts/feedback

Kind Regards

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Subject: Consultation on Tinted Windows in Taxis 4th March 2020 to 1st April 2020

Dear Vehicle Proprietor

Telford & Wrekin Council is undertaking a review of its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle condition of licence on tinted windows:

The following condition of licence has been in place for standard private hire and hackney carriage vehicles since 1st July 2017:

Any vehicle submitted for licence which is fitted with tinted windows must have windows which are factory fitted options at the time of the manufacture of the vehicle; **and**

The vehicle shall be constructed and/or designed so as to enable passengers to be seen in the vehicle from any direction when observed from outside of the vehicle; **and**

Glass shall have a minimum light transmittance of 75% for the front windscreen, 70% for the front side windows and 34% for all other vehicle window glass.

The Council's main consideration in reviewing the Council's policies and conditions of licence is to ensure that public safety is not compromised. The Council's priorities of Protecting and Creating Jobs as a Business Winning Council and of Protecting and Supporting our most Vulnerable Children and Adults form an integral part of the review.

I would be pleased to receive any comments you might wish to make in writing to the address below or email licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk by midnight on 1st April 2020.

Regards

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