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**From:** sharon@lawleyoverdale.org.uk  
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**Subject:** RE: Consultation on Tinted Windows in Taxis 4th March 2020 to 1st April 2020

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Hi Suzanne

We discussed the tinted windows on taxis at our Full Council meeting and it was noted that numerous taxis operating in the parish are now fitted with windows sufficiently tinted as to obscure the view of passengers from outside, which represents a safety risk and is concerning.

A discussion was had about **Telford & Wrekin Council's licencing requirements, with which we fully agree**, but it was noted that many taxis operating in Telford & Wrekin are registered in Shropshire and Wolverhampton.

This raised a couple of questions:

- When undertaking spot checks on taxis operating within the Borough area that are not compliant with the tinting condition applied by TWC licencing – is that taxi then given notice to make adjustments to ensure visibility of passengers from any angle? Is this applicable if licensed in a different area?
- Taxi companies are going outside the borough to obtain their licences. Is the licencing criteria applied by Wolverhampton and Shropshire authorities compared to TWC not as stringent? Is it down to cost? Should they not have to licence in their primary working area/office base?

If you are able to answer the above questions I will pass the information on to my Councillors.

Regards

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Dear Councillors

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:licensingconsultation@telford.gov.uk) by midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Kind regards

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