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Submitted to **Age Limitation of Taxis and Private Hire Cars (Air Quality)**

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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign

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4 Do you agree that the City of Edinburgh Council should consider adopting a maximum/minimum age of licensed vehicle policy?

Neither agree or disagree

5 Do you agree that the City of Edinburgh Council should consider setting minimum emissions standards for vehicles to improve air quality ?

Strongly agree

6 To address concerns about air pollution, should we adopt a maximum age of vehicles, adopt the Euro Emission Standards, or both?

max age or Euro emissions - Taxis:

Both

max age or Euro emissions - PHCs:

Both

7 Do you agree that we should have the same maximum age policy for both taxis and PHCs?

Agree

8 If the maximum age of the vehicle is adopted as a limiting factor – at what age should that be set for existing licensed vehicles?

what age? - Taxis:

Other age (please give details below)

what age? - PHCs:

Other age (please give details below)

Please enter text:

The determining factor should be the vehicle's performance 'on the road', not the manufacturers' claims about emissions

9 If Euro Emissions Standards are adopted as a limiting factor - what should be the minimum standard?

Which Euro standard? - Taxis:

Euro 5

Which Euro standard? - PHCs:

Euro 5

10 Do you agree that all vehicles at time of application for a new vehicle licence, including applications for replacement vehicles, must be less than three years old at the time of application?

new app - must be less than 3 - Taxis:

Agree

new app - must be less than 3 - PHCs:

Agree

11 Do you agree that the City of Edinburgh Council should allow existing licensed taxis or licensed PHCs to continue to be licensed regardless of age, if the vehicle complies with the conditions of fitness?

Agree

12 Do you agree that any changes to the policy should remove the oldest vehicles that emit the highest levels of pollution first?

Yes

13 Do you agree that new vehicle licences should only permit an electric vehicle from an approved list (where available)?

Taxis/PHCs new electric only? - Taxis:

Agree

Taxis/PHCs new electric only? - PHCs:

Agree

14 Do you agree that older vehicles (5+ yrs) should have to have more than one inspection per year, to allow for an increased frequency of emissions and roadworthiness testing?

more inspections for older - Taxis:

Agree

more inspections for older - PHCs:

Agree

15 Do you agree that diesel engine PHCs should be phased out and no replacement diesel engine PHCs should be allowed?

Strongly agree

16 If you are a vehicle owner, would any of the proposed changes to licensing policy require you to replace your vehicle(s)? If you are not a vehicle owner please select 'Not a vehicle owner'.

Not a vehicle owner

17 The cost of buying a new taxi or private hire vehicle is likely to be substantial. If you are a licensed vehicle owner or driver, would you consider renting or hiring a vehicle as an alternative to buying one?

Not relevant/not a vehicle owner

18 If you answered no to the last question, what was your reason for saying no?

Enter text here:

19 Do you agree that Edinburgh should aim for all of its licensed taxi and private hire vehicles to be zero-emission vehicles by 2030?

Strongly agree

20 Is there anything that you think the City of Edinburgh Council or the Scottish Government can do to help vehicle owners to drive cleaner, less polluting vehicles or to reduce levels of air pollution in the city?

Enter text here:

Emissions can be partly reduced through better driving; accelerate gently; brake gently; anticipate the need to brake; keep within the speed limits. Taxis should be fitted with GPS and 'black boxes' to record and monitor driver behaviour in relation to location.

Vehicle emissions should be monitored on the basis of performance 'on the road', which is often widely different from performance as claimed by manufacturers.

21 Please use the space below for any additional information, comments or suggestions about the proposed age limitation for licensed taxis and private hire cars that you have not said so far.

Additional information, comments or suggestions:

Cyclists and pedestrians take the brunt of vehicle emissions. Vehicles with excessive emissions should be removed from the roads immediately. They are killing everyone.

22 Are you:

Member of the public

More information about respondent:

About you

23 Which age group applies to you?

Not Answered

24 What is your gender?

Not Answered

25 What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

Not Answered

If you answered 'Other' please specify:

26 What is your sexual orientation?

Not Answered

27 What is your ethnic group? (Choose ONE section from A to E, then tick ONE box which best describes your ethnic group or background)

Not Answered

Other white ethnic group, please write in:

Not Answered

Any mixed or multiple ethnic groups, please write in:

Not Answered

Other, please write in:

Not Answered

Other, please write in:

Not Answered

Other, please write in: