

**Surrey Las HC&PH Emissions and Window Tinting policies questionnaire.**

Information collected post Licensing Forum meeting in May 2019. Circulated July 2019.

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Guildford	n/a	<p>Max 5 years old for initial licensing.</p> <p>Max age of 10 years for saloon vehicles and 15 for W/AVs.</p> <p>However, will renew vehicles for a full year before age limit reached. Will allow departure from age policy for 'exceptional' vehicles.</p>	<p>Unknown, but awaiting Surrey position for consistency. New Council members are very keen to address air quality, however there is a lack of infrastructure for EVs. The 'exceptional' vehicle rule is contentious and 'muddies the waters'. Intend to remove this in next policy review.</p>	<p>The windows of any vehicle shall not have been treated so that anything other than the manufacturer's original fitted windows are in use (privacy glass is excluded).</p> <p>The windows of any vehicle shall not have been treated with any tint other than that originally fitted to the vehicle, i.e. tinting film. All windows let enough light through for a person 20 meters away to be able to see the number of passengers in the vehicle in daylight.</p>
Runnymede	<p>6.84. Environmental vehicle standards</p> <p>6.85. General environmental policy approach</p>	<p>6.81. Age of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles</p>	<p>I think we would have to be guided by either Government or Surrey policy on emissions. Having standalone emissions policies in the 11 different</p>	<p>6.46. Tinted windows</p> <p>6.47. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 as</p>

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	<p>6.86. In recognition of the RBC's wider role, the licensing authority will normally seek to promote and encourage vehicle proprietors to invest in vehicles and related technologies that offer the best environmental standards in terms of emissions, the use of cleaner fuels, fuel and engine efficiency (i.e. performance) and end-of-life recycling etc.</p> <p>6.87. RBC will monitor the developments of less polluting internal combustion engines and their effect on the local environment and in keeping with the RBC's Air Quality Action Plan, will in due course, consider a requirement for all hackney carriages and private hire vehicles to meet certain emission control standards, i.e. Euro 5, Euro 6.</p>	<p>6.82. The licensing authority has taken the view that vehicle age limits are not justifiable and can produce an environment where competing proprietors and operators from other boroughs can gain an advantage.</p> <p>Providing vehicles meet the requirements of the licensing authority they can be considered for licensing.</p>	<p>Surrey authorities is not the way forward.</p> <p>We are not convinced Vehicle age limits are justifiable, we have not had an age limit for the last 4 years, our approach concentrates on the condition of the vehicle.</p> <p>Our policy states at 6.87—</p> <p>RBC will monitor the developments of less polluting internal combustion engines and their effect on the local environment and in keeping with the RBC's Air Quality Action Plan, will in due course, consider a requirement for all hackney carriages and private hire vehicles to meet certain emission control standards, i.e. Euro 5, Euro 6.</p>	<p>6.58. The licensing authority recognises that many manufacturers fit tinted windows as standard original fittings as either 'dark tint' or 'light tint'.</p> <p>6.59. There is a distinct difference between standard tinted windows which meet the legal requirements and what is commonly known as 'privacy glass' which is much darker and lets a minimum of light through as well as</p>

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	<p>6.88. <b>Alternative fuels</b></p> <p>6.89. In recognition of their comparatively clean emissions, any vehicle that runs or has been suitably adapted to run on Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Hydrogen, electric power or Bio methane will be considered providing it is of original manufacture.</p> <p>6.90. <b>Modifications to enhance environmental standards of vehicles</b></p> <p>6.91. In recognition of the RBC's wider role, the licensing authority will, subject to all other requirements being met and, subject to conditions, where these may be appropriate, normally look sympathetically on the</p>			<p>6.60. To address public safety concerns around the use of 'privacy' glass and to allow as wide a range of vehicles as possible to be used by the trade the following conditions apply to vehicle windows on the rear windscreen / rear side windows:-</p> <p>(a) All rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through them.</p> <p>(b) An <b>exception</b> will be made for 8 seater MPV vehicles, tinted windows will be permitted on</p>

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	<p>conversion to, installation and use of green/alternative fuels and other enviro-friendly features.</p> <p>6.92. However, In recognition that fuel conversions can be dangerous if not done correctly, the licensing authority will normally accept vehicles that have been converted to use alternative fuels only where, in addition to all other requirements having been met, the vehicle is –</p> <p>(a) listed on the <u>UKLPG</u> vehicle register; and</p> <p>(b) supported by an inspection and test certificate by a <u>UKLPG</u> Approved Auto gas Installer dated within the last 12 months or</p>			<p>(c) this type of vehicle.</p> <p>No vehicle shall be fitted with any form of additional film to darken or tint the windows on any part of the vehicle.</p> <p>(d) Front side windows and the front windscreen must meet the requirements of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.</p> <p>(e) Privacy glass shall only be acceptable where fitted to plate exempt vehicles</p> <p>6.60(i) In order to avoid unnecessary expense</p>

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	<p>(c) subject to a satisfactory Voluntary Individual Vehicle Assessment (DVSA individual vehicle type approval) (or suitable equivalent), that certifies the safety of the vehicle as a whole and the modifications made.</p>			<p>being caused to the trade through this policy. It is proposed that any existing licensed vehicles which currently have factory fitted privacy glass be allowed to continue to be licensed on a yearly basis until such time as the vehicle is replaced or changes ownership (by change of ownership this includes the regular use of the vehicle by another driver). This will also allow time for drivers to make other arrangements for those customers who insist on vehicles with privacy glass.</p> <p>6.60(ii) In relation to 6.60(b) above, in recognition that the larger MPV type vehicles are limited in choice and widely used as wheelchair accessible vehicles any restriction on these may have an adverse</p>

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				<p>effect on the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles in Runnymede. As such an exception has been made for this type of vehicle.</p>
Woking	<p>Private Hire Vehicles must be Euro Emissions 5 (or higher). There is no Emissions policy for the Hackneys as the larger wheelchair accessible vehicles often do not meet Euro Emissions requirements. (Though this is often no longer the case due to pretty much every modern vehicle being Euro 5 or higher)</p>	<p>Hackney Carriage Vehicles must be brand new at date of plating (i.e. whatever the most recent VRN date is) and will only be licenced up until the 12<sup>th</sup> year of their age.</p>	<p>As from the 20 January 2022, all PHV's must be Euro Emissions 6 or higher. There is no current changes planned for age limits.</p>	<p>Woking Borough does not currently have a policy on window tinting.</p>
Elmbridge	<p>2 x MOT per year for vehicles over 5 years inc. emissions test Reduction in licence fee for hybrid vehicles</p>	N/A	<p>The Council recognises the need to ensure the health and wellbeing of our residents and through this policy aims to improve air quality by encouraging the use of low emission taxi and private hire vehicles, such as electric, hybrid or liquified petroleum gas (LPG). By 1 January 2025, we intend to phase out the use of all diesel vehicles and petrol vehicles that</p>	<p>All vehicles must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction &amp; Use) Regulations 1986 and in particular the requirements relating to tinted windows, which state that as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For vehicles first used before 01 April 1985 the windscreen and front side windows must allow at</li> </ul>

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			<p>do not meet the latest Euro emissions standard.</p> <p>The Council encourages the use of vehicles powered by alternative fuels such as electric, hybrid or liquified petroleum gas (LPG).</p> <p>The Council will not issue any new licences for diesel vehicles or petrol vehicles that do not meet the latest Euro emissions standard.</p> <p><b>Exhaust emission standards</b></p> <p>The Council will not issue a new licence for any diesel vehicles.</p> <p>The Council will only issue a new licence for a petrol vehicle that meets the latest Euro emissions standard.</p> <p>The Council will not issue a licence for a replacement vehicle if the replacement vehicle is diesel.</p> <p>The Council will only issue a licence for a replacement petrol</p>	<p>least 70% of light to be transmitted through them;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For vehicles first used on or after 01 April 1985, the light transmitted through the windscreen must be at least 75% and the front side windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through them.</li> </ul> <p>Newly licensed vehicles will only be considered suitable where all rear side windows allow at least 22% of light to be transmitted through them.</p> <p>There is no minimum transmission requirement for the rear windscreen.</p>

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			<p>vehicle that meets the latest Euro emissions standard.</p> <p>After 30 December 2024, the Council will not renew any existing licences for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diesel vehicles or</li> <li>petrol vehicles that do not meet the latest Euro emissions standard</li> </ul>	
Waverley	No current emissions policy	<p><b>Age of the vehicle</b></p> <p>As from 1 March 2016, there will be no age limit for a new vehicle submitted for a licence provided the vehicle is fit for purpose. However, if at the date of first licensing or renewal date, the vehicle is 5 years or older then, it becomes subject to 6-monthly tests.</p>	<p>It is something that has been discussed but the way forward will depend on the new incoming councillors and we would also have to be guided by either Government or Surrey policy on emissions.</p>	<p>A minimum light transmission value of 70% shall be maintained in all windows except a windscreen, which shall have a minimum light transmission of 75%. Tinted films applied to the vehicle windows are not permitted</p>
MVDC	None	<p>Max 6 years for initial licensing. Reicensing up to 9 years old.</p>	Unknown at moment.	<p>Accept all manufacturer tinting. No specific policy re after manufacture tinting.</p>



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Epsom & Ewell	New licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles to be Euro 5 compliant	<p>Will allow departure from age policy for 'exceptional' vehicles</p> <p>All vehicles which are being presented for first licensing by the Authority may be no older than six years old as of the date of application. An exception may be made for older vehicles if considered by an Authorised Officer to be in an excellent condition ie. bodywork which is free from scratches, dents and rust, a cosmetically clean interior and good service history records</p> <p>Max 3 years for initial licensing both HC &amp; PH</p> <p>Max age 6 years but exception for WAVs, max 10 years0</p>	<p>No current plans to change policy</p> <p>Discussions ongoing regarding the installation of charging points on the High Street Rank during forthcoming redevelopment but nothing confirmed.</p> <p>Following May 2019 local elections, the new political structure may influence a different approach to lower emissions.</p>	<p>Any vehicles which are brought in to be licensed must meet a minimum of 70% light transmission for front glass and to both sides of the driver.</p> <p>Currently no restrictions on privacy glass.</p> <p>Tinting of windscreen and front side windows controlled by national legislation.</p>
Surrey Heath	<p>No specific policy but this is controlled by vehicle age limits.</p> <p>All diesel vehicles new to licensing must be Euro 6 or better</p> <p>All diesel vehicles currently licensed will be Euro 6 or better by 2020 due to age restrictions</p> <p>With the exception of WAVs (currently just 5)</p>			

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Spelthorne	No restriction on minimum engine capacity for hybrid vehicles  Nothing at the minute in our policy regarding emissions	At present time, our age limit on vehicles is 10 years. The latest a licence can be issued is on the 9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the vehicle's date of registration.	Officers have concerns over limited range of all-electric vehicles.	6.5 Tinted Windows  All vehicles must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 and in particular the requirements relating to tinted windows, which state that as a minimum:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The light transmitted through the windscreen must be at least 75% and the front side windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through them.</li> </ul> Newly licensed vehicles will only be considered suitable where all rear side windows allow at least 22% of light to be transmitted through them. There is no minimum transmission requirement for the rear windscreen.

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Reigate & Banstead	n/a	<p>Max 7 years old for initial licensing.</p> <p>Max age of 9 years for initial licensing of WAVs.</p> <p>Will allow vehicles to renew beyond if in 'showroom condition'.</p>	<p>No set plans however the majority of vehicles are 3 to 5 years old.</p> <p>Considering fewer mechanical inspections and older age for first licencing to encourage 'all electric' vehicles</p> <p>New policy will be written when Government Guidance has been issued, following consultation.</p>	<p>Factory fitted tinted windows only</p>
Tandridge DC	None	No age limit	<p>Considering fewer mechanical inspections and older age for first licencing to encourage 'all electric' vehicles</p> <p>New policy will be written when Government Guidance has been issued, following consultation.</p>	<p>We use the Tinted Windows law</p> <p>Front windows – Front windscreen, Vehicles first used on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1985 or later at least 75% Front side windows at least 70% light.</p> <p>Rear windows, if they are manufacturers fitted tinted windows then we allow. Drivers are advised of the dangers of these tinted rear windows.</p>

