



## Licensing Consultation

### Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence Knowledge Tests

**Start date:** [ ] **Closing Date:** [ ]

The Council periodically undertakes reviews of its policies and wishes to actively encourage feedback to ensure the safety of the travelling public of Allerdale and nearby areas.

The aims of all licensing consultations are:

- to ensure that no unnecessary or unreasonable burdens are placed on licence holders; and
- All procedures and policies, once reviewed, are transparent, reasonable, fair, and as easy as possible for licence holders and service users to understand and accept.

On this occasion the Council wants to know your views on the introduction of a driver knowledge test for hackney carriage drivers and private hire drivers.

All responses received will be submitted to the Licensing Committee to assist them in making an informed decision on the future policy relating to hackney carriage and private hire knowledge tests in Allerdale. The future policy will affect not only the relevant businesses within Allerdale but also the general public and other service users within Allerdale.

If you wish to comment on this particular consultation please complete as appropriate. If your comments require further space please add the question number(s) to the supplementary sheet and return the whole completed questionnaire before the closing date of [ ] either by:

- email to [licensing@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@allerdale.gov.uk) OR;
- in person to any of Allerdale Borough Council's offices OR;
- by post to:

**Licensing Consultation Responses**  
**Allerdale Borough Council**  
**Allerdale House**  
**Workington**  
**Cumbria**  
**CA14 3YJ**

**PLEASE MARK ONE ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION, SELECTING THE MOST APPROPRIATE OPTION FOR YOU**

<b>1</b>	<b>Select the main capacity in which you are responding?</b>		
	Hackney Carriage Driver		Hackney Carriage Owner
	Hackney Carriage Owner/ Driver		Private Hire Driver
	Private Hire Owner		Private Hire Owner/Driver
	Allerdale Resident		Service user within Allerdale
	Other <i>(please specify)</i>		

<b>2</b>	<b>Should a knowledge test be introduced for hackney carriage and private hire drivers?</b>		
	Yes		
	No		

<b>3</b>	<b>Please state briefly the reasons for your answer:</b>		
	<p><i>(e.g. you may consider that the knowledge test would help customers get better service because drivers know the area better; that applicants have to study and so value a licence more when they finally obtain one; or that it would help to weed out applicants who would not conduct themselves in a professional manner.</i></p> <p><i>Alternatively, you may feel that the test would prevent enough drivers being licensed to effectively service the customer demand; that the test does not guarantee that drivers can navigate the area; or that modern satellite navigation technology make the knowledge test unnecessary.)</i></p>		

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Any resultant report will include details of responses to this consultation.**

**Additional Comments:**

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