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Gloucester City Council

Proposed changes to Licensed Drivers road safety assessment

Name of respondent <b>1</b> [REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable) [REDACTED]
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest) <i>trade</i>
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment? <del>YES</del> /NO ( please delete as appropriate ) <i>P.T.O. For comments.</i>
if 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter
Q1.
Q2
Q3
Q4
Q5
Q6

If you have any other comments to make please write these overleaf.

I would like to consent as follows: -

I have said no to this question because I have already done the following: -

- ① I have done a ~~driving~~ test to obtain the badge.
- ② I have done a ~~NSQ~~ 2.
- ③ I have done a recent knowledge <sup>and literary</sup> test.

I believe I have done everything necessary and have been a private hire driver for 14 years with no points against me. I have to ask "what's it all going to end".

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Name of respondent	2
Organisation (if applicable)	
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest)	TRADE
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment? YES/NO ( please delete as appropriate ) If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter	
Q1.	BASIC
Q2	YES.
Q3	YES
Q4	only new applicants
Q5	YES
Q6	10 YEARS.

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Name of respondent	3
Organisation (if applicable) taxi	
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest) trade	
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment ?	
YES/ ( please delete as appropriate )	
If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter	
Q1.	enhanced
Q2	yes
Q3	yes
Q4	no
Q5	yes
Q6	9 years

Please return your response by 07 November 2014

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Name of respondent	4
Organisation (if applicable)	
Interest (e.g. trade; local authority; passenger interest)	Trade
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment?	<b>YES</b>
If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter	
Q1 The test should be the wheelchair test if the driver is driving a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) and a basic test if the vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. If the driver has not done a wheelchair test and wishes to start driving a WAV, a wheelchair vehicle test should be passed. It should not be necessary for the driver to do both components of the test together unless they wish to do so.	
Q2 Yes	
Q3 Yes	
Q4 No. Drivers who are currently licensed by Gloucester City Council and have had no endorsements on their DVLA issued licence are to be considered safe and competent drivers and therefore require no further testing of their ability unless there is a change in their status.	
Q5 Yes. Since the standards were lowered regarding length of time a licence is held, there needs to be a suitable counterweight such as this DVSA test. Any driver who manages to accrue a large number of points in a short time should face retesting. This assumes that any points given by the Council are correctly applied.	
Q6 There should not be any need to retest any driver who has successfully passed the DVSA test as long as the driver is still licensed by the City Council. With the exception of legal proceedings, when any driver takes a driving test, it is deemed to be valid until the driver is 70 and even then there is currently no retest, merely a renewal of the licence for another 3 years. The taxi test is that same test but to a higher standard, so any expectation of retesting is absurd unless the driver is subject to disciplinary proceedings.	

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**Darren Mountford**

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**From:** Licence Team  
**Sent:** 02 October 2014 15:57  
**To:** Darren Mountford  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed changes to Licensed Driver's road safety assessment

[REDACTED]  
Licensing And Enforcement Officer  
Public Protection

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 October 2014 14:25  
**To:** Licence Team  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to Licensed Driver's road safety assessment

I respond as follows:

**Gloucester City Council**

**Proposed changes to Licensed Drivers road safety assessment**

<i>Name of respondent</i> (S)
<i>Organisation (if applicable)</i>
<i>Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest)</i> <i>Taxi driver's response</i>
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment ?  YES 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter
Q1. The basic one plus adequate testing for the ability to deal with the vast majority of disabled persons and not just the minority who are wheelchair bound.
Q2 Of course it should.
Q3 Yes

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Name of respondent [REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable) [REDACTED]
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest) [REDACTED]
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES/NO ( please delete as appropriate ) If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter
Q1. BASIC
Q2 YES
Q3 YES
Q4 NO
Q5 YES
Q6 9 YEARS

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HEALTH

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Name of respondent	(7)
Organisation (if applicable)	
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest)	Trade
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment? YES/NO ( please delete as appropriate ) If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter	ENVIRONMENTAL 30 OCT 2014 HEALTH
Q1.	The test should cover both a driver may decide to adopt the wheelchair Trade in the future
Q2	yes
Q3	No Driver with 2 years or less
Q4	As Above
Q5	This Assessment should be Introduced - No Question
Q6	Every 5 years - Driving is a perishable skill - All Drivers should be tested

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Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest) <i>TRADE</i>
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Name of respondent	 9
Organisation (if applicable)	
Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger interest)	TAXI DRIVER
Do you think that the Council should adopt the DVSA taxi/private hire driver's assessment ?	
YES/NO ( please delete as appropriate )	
If 'YES' please record below your answers to the questions in the attached letter	
Q1.	DEPENDS ON VEHICLE USED BY DRIVER
Q2	YES
Q3	YES
Q4	NO
Q5	YES
Q6	NO EXPIRY. DRIVING LICENCE CONTINUES UNTIL 70 WITH NO RETEST.



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Q4  
No

Q5

Yes, this is the correct idea. Anyone guilty of a serious offence should be required to undergo all and every test relative to status i.e. taxi or private hire driver. That is to say that taxi drivers should also face retesting of the knowledge requirements. A full medical should also be required.


Q6

The full life of the tested person, as long as a valid Gloucester City driving licence is held, subject to good behaviour and obeying the right and proper rules as decided by the Licensing committee but not those made up and applied to the whim of Licensing Officers.

New licensing officers should also pass this test to be truly aware of all requirements.

Please return your response by 07 November 2014

**I also repeat my objection to being classed as both taxi and private hire driver. I am a taxi driver and cling to my rights and privileges as such when acting as a 'taxi driver acting as private hire driver' under the aegis and stipulations of the relevant laws and statutes. I do not surrender any of those rights and requirements and will act accordingly. If you do not understand this position then I suggest you further read and fully understand the relevant law. I do not subscribe to local government officers' private arrangements organized simply for their own convenience.**

  
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